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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 18, 2014 through March 23, 2014.

TUESDAY

03/18/2014

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Ruben Moreno will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Eight races were drawn for Friday night's card consisting of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 1:15 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The third race in the book for Friday, California-bred maidens, three year olds, going 330 yards, failed to fill with three entries (3 CAL-BREDS). The sixth race in the book also for Friday, California-bred maidens, four year olds and upward, claiming price \$6,250, going 300 yards, failed to fill with one entry (1 CAL-BRED).

WEDNESDAY

03/19/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in one scratch, no rider changes, and one equipment change for Friday evening's program.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Eight races were drawn for Saturday night's card consisting of six Thoroughbred and two Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 2:45 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book for Saturday, California-bred maidens, fillies three years old, going 300 yards, failed to fill with no entries (0 CAL-BREDS). The fourth race in the book also for Saturday, California-bred maidens, four years old and upward, claiming price \$12,500, going 330 yards, failed to fill with three entries (3 CAL-BREDS).

THURSDAY

03/20/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Saturday scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, one rider change, and

no equipment changes for Saturday evening's program.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Eight races were finally drawn for Sunday night's card consisting of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 4:30 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book for Sunday, California-bred maidens, four year olds and upwards, going 330 yards, failed to fill with no entries (0 CAL-BREDS). Sub #1 in the book also for Sunday, California-bred three year olds, claiming price \$4,000, going 330 yards, also failed to fill with no entries (0 CAL-BREDS).

FRIDAY

03/21/2014

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Sunday were held at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, no rider changes, and one equipment change for Sunday evening's program.

(2) VALENZUELA FILM REVIEW

Jockey Raul Valenzuela appeared before the Stewards to review his ride in the fourth race on Sunday, March 16, 2014, aboard #6 "Perrys Affair." Leaving the gate, "Perrys Affair" veered in, interfering with both #5 "Blistering Speed" and #4 "Betty Gun," warranting him a disqualification from second to fifth place. Jockey Raul Valenzuela explained that he pulled "Perrys Affair" off of #5 "Blistering Speed" as soon as he possibly could. After film review, the Stewards felt Jockey Valenzuela made an adequate effort and placed the blame on his mount. No penalty was assessed.

(3) INFORMAL MEETING

The Stewards met with Owner Mark Hanson and his brother, Trainer Ryan Hanson. At issue was the claim made on "Red Boots" in the second race on Saturday, March 15, 2014, which was voided by the Stewards on the grounds that it appeared to be a protection claim. Joining in the conversation telephonically was the Hansons' attorney, Rubin Dunn. Explanations were offered by the Hanson's and Attorney Robin Dunn for the circumstances leading the voided claim. In respect to this matter, the Stewards felt California Horse Racing Board Rule #1652 (Prohibited Actions with Respect to Claims) ultimately applied.

(4) SCHADICK RULING

RULING #49

OWNER DAVID S. SCHADICK IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

The above ruling was issued to Owner David Schadick for a parking lot incident with General Manager Mike Monji on Friday, March 14, 2014. At issue was Mr. Schadick's use of loud and obscene language in the verbal altercation that ensued.

(5) PRECIADO RULING

RULING #50

GROOM JOSE M. PRECIADO IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

The above ruling was issued to Groom Jose Preciado after he admitted to smoking in the barn area.

(6) FIRST RACE – VOIDED CLAIM

Trainer Ryan Hanson's first race \$5,000 claim on #4 "Cajun Gent" (Tr. C. Treece) was voided by the Stewards after Track Veterinarian Dr. Beck's examination of the nine-year-old gelding at the Receiving Barn post-race found him to be unsound. "Cajun Gent" was placed on the Vet's List and returned to Trainer Chuck Treece's barn.

(7) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted following the running of the eighth race (Quarter Horse – 330 yards) to review the running of the entire race in which #6 “Bring Me Home” (2nd – R. Valenzuela) repeatedly bumped #5 “Front And Center” (3rd – C. Mendez), costing him the opportunity of a better placing. After film review and talking with the jockeys involved, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 “Bring Me Home” and place him behind #5 “Front And Center.”

Original Order of Finish: 1 – (6) – 5 – [2 – 4] – 3

Official Order of Finish: 1 – 5 – (6) – [2 – 4] – 3

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race - # 4 Cajun Gent (Tr. C. Treece) claimed, Tr. R. Hanson – VOIDED.
 3rd Race - # 1 Sweet Separatist (Tr. D. Montes) claimed, Tr. A. Soto.
 # 5 Bet On Snow (Tr. C. Treece) entered back, Stewards.
 Refund: \$364.00.
 4th Race- # 2 Mitey Garfield (Tr. M. Gonzalez) broke through gate, Stewards.
 Refund: \$28,731.00.
 # 7 Montana Red (Tr. J. Gomez) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$293.00.
 5th Race - # 1 Atta Boy Lucky (Tr. L. Diaz) claimed, Tr. J. Metz.
 # 3 Bold Renegade (Tr. C. Treece) claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle.
 6th Race - # 1 Graduator (Tr. B. Vickery) sick, Dr. Ftizgerald.
 Refund: \$1,936.00.
 # 2 Windago (Tr. S. Morrow) claimed, Tr. J. Godinez.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	836	On Track Handle:	\$108,712.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,044</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$293,795.00
Total:	2,880	Out of State:	<u>\$694,808.86</u>
		Total:	\$1,097,316.36

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$350,336

SATURDAY

03/22/2014

(1) DAVIS RULINGRULING #51

OWNER JAMES A. DAVIS, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 21, 2014, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #14LA0037, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JAMES A. DAVIS ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after Owner James A. Davis failed to appear to address financial complaints alleging money owed to Equine Sports Medicine.

(2) ACUNA RULINGRULING #52

TRAINER NICOLAS ACUNA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1482 (EMPLOYMENT OF UNLICENSED PERSON).

The above ruling was issued to address a Security Violation for employment of an unlicensed person. The employee in question was Trainer Nick Acuna's brother. Mr. Acuna

stated that he knew better and apologized for the violation.

(3) VALENZUELA FILM REVIEW AND RULING

Jockey Raul Valenzuela was in as requested by the Stewards to review his eighth race ride on Friday, March 21, 2014, in which his mount, #6 "Bring Me Home" repeatedly bumped #5 "Front And Center," resulting in his disqualification from second to third place. Jockey Valenzuela was brought to task for having made very little effort to straighten his mount and for his excessive use of the whip. The following ruling was issued:

RULING #53

JOCKEY RAUL A. VALENZUELA WHO RODE "BRING ME HOME" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 29TH, 30TH, AND APRIL 4TH, 2014) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO THIRD POSITION. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

(4) FAILURE TO APPEAR

Jockey Guillermo Suarez failed to appear before the Stewards as requested to review his ride in the third race on Friday, March 21, 2014, aboard #8 "Signature Rocket." Mr. Suarez has made a habit of not appearing as requested and will not be allowed to accept mounts until he addresses his problem with the Stewards.

(5) SIXTH RACE – JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Shortly after the running of the sixth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), Jockey Dionicio Navarro, who was aboard the fourth place finisher, #4 "Warren's Cole," contacted the Stewards to lodge a complaint against #6 "Mr Superstition" (3rd – E. Hernandez), alleging to have been put in tight quarters. After thorough film review, the Stewards failed to find any evidence of interference and unanimously voted no change in the order of finish.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 5 Hollywood Icon (Tr. R. Hess Jr.) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$1,442.00.
6 Very Thankful (Tr. J. Carava) claimed, Tr. E. January.
2nd Race - # 3 Democratic Sweep (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed, Tr. B. Vickery.
3rd Race - # 2 Nezi O's Gold (Tr. B. Grayson) claimed, Tr. R. Hanson.
4 Unrelenting Heat (Tr. E. January) entered back, Stewards.
Refund: \$318.00.
6th Race - # 5 Captain Camelot (Tr. G. Morales) claimed, Tr. J. Wallace.
7th Race - # 3 Teasing Bernie (Tr. C. O'Callaghan) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$460.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	959	On Track Handle:	\$99,128.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,005</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$276,703.50
Total:	2,964	Out of State:	<u>\$657,959.62</u>
		Total:	\$1,033,791.32

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$327,914

SUNDAY
03/23/2014

(1) HARRINGTON SECURITY VIOLATION

Trainer Mike Harrington appeared before the Stewards to explain why he had cut the wires and removed an electrical box at the end of his shedrow, which inadvertently also cut the power to the Main Stable Gate's telephone line and speaker system. Trainer Harrington was very remorseful for the problems his actions caused and explained he was only trying to tidy

up his barn area. Trainer Harrington offered to reimburse any costs incurred for the replacement of the box. The Stewards sympathized with his bad luck over his good intentions but advised that a ruling may follow.

(2) INFORMAL MEETING – STARTER BAKER

Starter Johnny Baker appeared before the Stewards to address the improper placement of the starting gates for the fourth race on Friday, March 21, 2014. Mr. Baker explained that there was a chaotic situation going on prior to the running of the race, and he failed to notice the erroneous placement of the gates. Starter Baker informed the Stewards that he has since implemented procedures to ensure a similar situation will not occur again. Mr. Baker was informed of the following ruling:

RULING #54

STARTER JOHNNY RAY BAKER IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS – FAILURE TO SET STARTING GATE AT PROPER DISTANCE.

(3) SECOND RACE – VOIDED CLAIM

Trainer Herbert Ho's \$5,000 claim on "Bet On Snow" was voided after Track Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck found the four-year-old mare to be unsound post-race. "Bet On Snow" was placed on the Vet's List and returned to Trainer Chuck Treece's barn.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 5 Expensive Pens (Tr. R. Gomez) Jockey Juan Gallardo replaced Jockey Efrain Hernandez (trainer preference).

2nd Race - # 3 Bet On Snow (Tr. C. Treece) claimed, Tr. H. Ho – VOIDED.

3rd Race - # 5 Red Minstrel (Tr. S. Morrow) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$997.00.

5th Race - # 5 Thatsa Blazin Fire (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$1,663.00.

6th Race - # 2 Ciacchi's Angel (Tr. S. Martinez) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$429.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	694	On Track Handle:	\$118,052.40
Off Track Attendance:	1,684	Off Track Handle:	\$368,173.10
Total:	2,378	Out of State:	\$696,921.08
		Total:	\$1,183,146.58

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$373,424.46

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
3/21/2014	4	7	Montana Red	J. Gomez	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$293
	6	1	Graduator	B. Vickery	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$1,936
3/22/2014	1	5	Hollywood Icon	R. Hess Jr.	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$1,442
	7	3	Teasing Bernie	C. O'Callaghan	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$460
3/23/2014	3	5	Red Minstrel	S. Morrow	Sick	Beck	\$997
	5	5	Thatsa Blazin Fire	J. Flores	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$1,663
	6	2	Ciacchi's Angel	S. Martinez	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$429

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 23, 2014. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eleven horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: three for soundness, one for injury, three for sickness, two for medication, none for bleeding, two for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Ruben Moreno.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/21	SAT 03/22	SUN 03/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		4	4	0	8	115
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	5
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	0	2	11
REFUNDS		A			4	3	3	10	82
RULINGS			Y		2	3	1	6	54

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ruben Moreno, George Slender, James Dreyer and Safety Steward Randy Winick were in attendance during this reporting period.

Ruben Moreno (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Safety Steward)