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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 20, 2014 through May 25, 2014.

**TUESDAY**

05/20/2014

(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**

Nine races were drawn for Friday night's card consisting of two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 3:00 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book for Friday, California-bred maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$6,250, going 330 yards, failed to fill with two entries (2 CAL-BREDS).

**WEDNESDAY**

05/21/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

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

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Nine races were drawn for Saturday night's card consisting of one Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for Saturday, California-bred maidens, two years old, claiming price \$16,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill with three entries (3 CAL-BREDS). The fifth race in the book, also for Saturday, California-bred maidens, fillies and mares, three years old and upward, going 330 yards, failed to fill with three entries (3 CAL-BREDS).

**THURSDAY**

05/22/2014

(1) **SCRATCHES**

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

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Sunday night's card consisting of four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 2:45 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book for Sunday, California-bred maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$16,000, going 330 yards, failed to fill with no entries (0 CAL-BREDS). The eighth race in the book, also for Sunday, California-bred three year olds and upward, claiming price \$5,000, going 350 yards, failed to fill with no entries (0 CAL-BREDS).

**FRIDAY**

05/23/2014

(1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) DUKES INFORMAL MEETING

Owner Ernesto Dukes met with the Stewards to discuss reinstatement of his owner's license, which was terminated based on California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Originally, Mr. Dukes had been ordered to appear before the Stewards to address Case #14LA0089 on April 26, 2014, an appointment for which he failed to appear. Allegedly, Mr. Dukes had been arrested on drug transportation charges. While Mr. Dukes never explained the reason for his failure to appear, he did discuss the status of his legal problems, stating that he felt all charges would be dropped. Based on the unsettled nature of Mr. Dukes' circumstances, the Stewards denied reinstatement of his license and advised Mr. Dukes to keep the Stewards informed on his ongoing legal matters.

(3) WILLOUGHBY HEARING

An informal hearing was conducted to address California Horse Racing Board Case #14LA0083. The case involved the presence of two nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, Phenylbutazone and Flunixin, which were found in the official blood sample taken from the horse "Once Over," who won the eighth race at Los Alamitos on March 23, 2014. Scott Willoughby was the trainer of record.

Present at the hearing were Trainer Scott Willoughby, Supervising Investigator Tom Blake, Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Stewards George Slender, James Dreyer, and Ruben Moreno, and Safety Steward Randy Winick.

Trainer Scott Willoughby stated that he did not know why the presence of Flunixin was found in "Once Over" and explained that possibly the veterinarian administered the drug by mistake thinking it was Phenylbutazone. Trainer Willoughby also mentioned that he has since changed the oral administration of drugs at his barn, and his veterinarian would also be changing his methodology in administering medications to insure that mistakes like this could not happen in the future.

After review of Trainer Willoughby's medication record, which is clear of any medication violations since 2009, Mr. Willoughby was advised that as the trainer of record, he would be held the responsible party. The following ruling was issued.

RULING #97

TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY WHO STARTED THE HORSE " ONCE OVER" IN THE EIGHTH RACE ON MARCH 23, 2014, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), #1844 (c) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION) AND #1843 (a&d) MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE (0.96ug/ml) AND FLUNIXIN (22.0 ng/ml – CLASS IV).

(4) TORRES RULING

RULING #98

JOCKEY DEVAN TORRES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, MAY 18,2014. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE

#1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued due to Jockey Devan Torres' failure to ride in the fourth race on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Jockey Torres explained telephonically that he was involved in a commercial shoot at Del Mar and would not make it to Los Alamitos to fulfill his riding engagement.

(5) VALENZULEA RULING

Jockey Raul Valenzuela appeared before the Stewards to review his ride in the third race on Sunday, May 18, 2014 aboard #3 "Catcher Dasher" for which he was disqualified. Film review showed "Catcher Dasher" drifting out into the path of #5 "Seis Pac," causing him to clip heels and unseat his rider. Jockey Valenzuela explained that he felt "Catcher Dasher" was shying away from #1 "Altanero Ways," which caused the incident. The Stewards pointed out that film replays failed to show much effort being made to correct his mount. Since Jockey Valenzuela had conversed with the Stewards on prior occasions concerning his lack of effort to straight his mounts, the following ruling was issued.

RULING #99

JOCKEY RAUL A VALENZUELA WHO RODE "CATCHER DASHER" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2014, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, AND JUNE 1, 2014) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO UNPLACED. 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.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 2 Never Afraid (Tr. C. Treece) claimed, Tr. T. Bazley.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 A Penny Saved (Tr. S. Willoughby) Jockey Juan Andrade replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 4 Backstreet Boss (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Cant Contain Her (Tr. B. Vickery) Jockey Raul Valenzuela replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 No Secret Chicks (Tr. S. Willoughby) Jockey Carlos Huerta replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 How And Why (Tr. S. Willoughby) Jockey Eulices Gomez replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Look Of A Dasher (Tr. S. Willoughby) Jockey Eulices Gomez replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	925	On Track Handle:	\$163,199.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,922</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$415,785.50
Total:	2,847	Out of State:	<u>\$825,999.25</u>
		Total:	\$1,404,983.95

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$490,947

SATURDAY  
05/24/2014

(1) SAAVEDRA INFORMAL HEARING

Trainer Anthony Saavedra appeared before the Stewards to address Case #14LA0106 in which Saavedra's urine test came back positive for marijuana. Present at the informal hearing were Trainer Anthony Saavedra, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Stewards George Slender, James Dreyer, and Ruben Moreno, and Safety Steward Randy Winick.

Trainer Anthony Saavedra presented a medical marijuana card and admitted to ingesting a marijuana brownie approximately a week before being tested. Further discussion revealed

that the medical card had been issued for stress relief and to help Trainer Saavedra sleep at night.

The Stewards advised Trainer Saavedra that marijuana usage was prohibited at the race track and, even though he could legally indulge, marijuana would not be permitted on the grounds in any form nor would any drug paraphernalia be allowed. A warning was issued.

(2) MOLINA RULING

RULING #100

OWNER JAVIER MOLINA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2014, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #14LA0113, 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 JAVIER MOLINA 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 Javier Molina failed to appear to address financial complaints alleging money owed to Equine Sports Medicine.

(3) SOTO HEARING

Trainer Antonio Soto appeared before the Stewards to address Case #14LA0084 in which the official urine sample taken after the running of the third race on March 21, 2014 from the horse "Signature Rocket" was found to be positive for Clenbuterol. Antonio Soto was the trainer of record.

Present at the hearing were Trainer Antonio Soto, Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Stewards George Slender, James Dreyer, and Ruben Moreno, Safety Steward Randy Winick, and Court Reporter Dawn Young, who transcribed the proceedings.

Trainer Soto testified that he had no idea how "Signature Rocket" could have tested positive for Clenbuterol as he does not use the drug at his barn. His thoughts were that possibly the drug had been administered at the Duke's ranch in Ramona, California prior to being shipped to Los Alamitos.

After hearing all testimony, Trainer Antonio Soto was advised that as the trainer of record he would be held the responsible party for the condition of a horse entering a race. The hearing was concluded, and Trainer Soto was informed a decision would follow.

(4) FIRST RACE – JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

After the running of the first race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) Jockey Brandon Boulanger, who rode #3 "Alteezo" (5<sup>th</sup>) lodged a complaint against Jockey Guillermo Suarez, who was aboard #2 "Right On Schedule" (3<sup>rd</sup>) for alleged interference into the turn. Film review failed to show any compromise to the order of finish. The Stewards unanimously agreed no change was warranted.

(5) FIFTH RACE – VOIDED CLAIM

Trainer Mario Loza's fifth race \$6,250 claim on #6 "Seducer" (Tr. R. Viramontes) was voided by the Stewards after Track Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck's examination of the two-year-old colt at the Receiving Barn post-race found him to be unsound. "Seducer" was placed on the Vet's List and returned to Trainer Mario Loza's barn.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 6 Max The Cash (Tr. L. Diaz) Jockey Osvaldo Macias replaced Jockey Vinnie Bednar (personal reasons).  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 Bonos Lucky Jeans (Tr. V. Smith) Jockey Guillermo Suarez replaced Jockey

- Eddie Garcia (sick).  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Urgency (Tr. S. Willoughby) Jockey Carlos Huerta replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).  
 # 3 Wilson Wheelz (Tr. P. Jones) injured, Dr. Beck. Refund: \$585.00.  
 # 4 A Mere Patron (Tr. J. Moreno) colic, Dr. Beck. Refund: \$718.00.  
 # 5 D Separatist (Tr. B. Vickery) entered back, Stewards. Refund: \$143.00.  
 # 6 Golden Rabbit (Tr. P. Jones) entered back, Stewards. Refund: \$107.00.

The above declarations reduced the wagering field to four horses, which resulted in the cancellation and refund of show wagering as stated in California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954 (Pari-Mutuel Pools).

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Carteller (Tr. D. Ekins) colic, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$868.00.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Seducer (Tr. M. Loza) claimed, Tr. R. Viramontes – VOIDED.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Short Hot Czech (Tr. F. Vallejo) claimed, Tr. C. Treece.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Hidalgo Crunch (Tr. F. Vallejo) claimed, Tr. R. Viramontes.  
 # 6 R Flashy Charger (Tr. D. Montes) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$174.00.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Candies Coconut (Tr. B. Vickery) Jockey Cruz Mendez replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Boogies Bullet (Tr. J. Gomez) claimed, Tr. S. Fiscal.  
 # 1 Boogies Bullet (Tr. J. Gomez) Jockey Osvaldo Macias replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).  
 # 4 A Mere Dynasty (Tr. J. Moreno) claimed, Tr. D. Givens.  
 # 5 Perrys Affair (Tr. J. Aleman) claimed, Tr. L. Hernandez.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,237	On Track Handle:	\$145,167.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,869</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$420,586.90
Total:	3,106	Out of State:	<u>\$669,075.72</u>
		Total:	\$1,234,830.12

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$393,855

**SUNDAY**  
 05/25/2014

(1) WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Clerk of Scales Glen Miki and Stewards Secretary Janine Brown, who were married this morning at a lovely wedding held at the Disneyland Hotel.

(2) GOOD DAY OF RACING

Today's racing was conducted with no notable incidents.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGE AND REFUNDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 2 Rio Good (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed, Tr. C. Treece.  
 # 4 Hiya Hiya (Tr. E. Salas) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$393.00.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 4 Sudden Quest (Tr. A. Soto) Jockey Gerardo Martin replaced Jockey Cesar Moreno (transportation problems).  
 # 6 Purple Starduster (Tr. H. Loma) claimed, Tr. C. Treece.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 El Kadu (Tr. S. Perez) Jockey Guillermo Suarez replaced Jockey Juan Andrade (injured).  
 # 7 Fast Moving Fire (Tr. D. Montes) broke through starting gate, Stewards. Refund: \$28,105.00.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Ms Jessee (Tr. J. Aleman) claimed, Tr. C. Figueroa.  
 # 3 Replication (Tr. A. Soto) Jockey Dionicio Navarro replaced Jockey Cesar Moreno (transportation problems).  
 # 4 Midnight Foose (Tr. A. Aquino) Jockey Roberto Hernandez replaced Jockey Juan Andrade (injured).  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Separatist (Tr. B. Vickery) Jockey Roberto Hernandez replaced Jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	932	On Track Handle:	\$130,668.60
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Off Track Attendance: 1,656  
 Total: 2,588

Off Track Handle: \$349,915.10  
 Out of State: \$842,475.78  
 Total: \$1,323,059.48

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$503,523

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
5/24/2014	3	3	Wilson Wheelz	P. Jones	Injured	Beck	\$585
	3	4	A Mere Patron	J. Moreno	Colic	Beck	\$718
	4	6	Carteller	D. Ekins	Colic	Fitzgerald	\$868
	7	6	R Flashy Charger	D. Montes	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$174
5/25/2014	1	4	Hiya Hiya	K. Craigmyle	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$393

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 25, 2014. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period thirteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: three for soundness, two for injury, four for sickness, one for medication, one for bleeding, two for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins. Six 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 05/23	SAT 05/24	SUN 05/25	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		2	5	3	10	195
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	16
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	26
REFUNDS		A			0	6	2	8	148
RULINGS			Y		3	1	0	4	100

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

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 Ruben Moreno (Steward)

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 George Slender (Steward)

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 James Dreyer (Steward)

