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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
 Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor
 Honorable Keith Brackpool, Chairman
 Honorable David Israel, Vice Chairman
 Honorable Jesse Choper, Member
 Honorable Bo Derek, Member
 Honorable Jerome Moss, Member
 Honorable Richard Rosenberg, Member
 Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director

THIRD WEEK: Wednesday, September 21, 2011, through closing day, Sunday, September 25, 2011.

WEDNESDAY

9/21/11¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA was in to review his ride in the 7th race aboard #8 DISTINCTLY on Sunday, September 18. DISTINCTLY drifted in down the backstretch of the four-furlong race causing tight quarters to inside rivals. He was reminded to always maintain a straight course unless sufficiently clear. He promised he would. Warning issued.

9/21/11²

CASE DISMISSED

CHRB Case No. 11DM004 was dismissed when complainant ANTULIANO QUEVEDO failed to appear to testify against trainer HENRY MORENO, whom he claimed owed back wages.

9/21/11³

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1 st race – #6 LARAS STAR QUEST (Tr. Art Riesgo)	
Sick – Dr. BAILEY	Refund: \$204.80
2 nd race - #6 SENSATIONAL JACOB (Tr. Sam Scolamieri)	
Sick – Dr. BAILEY	Refund: \$769.30
7 th race - #7 LOOKING FOR CANDY (Tr. Bill Bainum)	
Injured – Dr. BAILEY	Refund: \$734.20
8 th race - #4 JANA GAIL (Tr. George Lopez)	
Injured – Dr. BAILEY	
8 th race - #6 JAX EL (Tr. Barry Abrams)	
Sick – Dr. BAILEY	Total race refund: \$1,225.00
10 th race- #2 NUTMEG NED (Tr. Paul Aguirre)	
Stewards – entered back	Refund: \$11,358.80

- 9/21/11⁴ **JOCKEY CHANGES**
1st race – O’NEILL MULLINGS for BILLY LEWIS (personal) on #4 AMAZING SAWASKA
- 9/21/11⁵ **GOOD RACING**
The afternoon’s card was almost perfect, other than #5 LUCKY SIS being pulled up (walked off) in the fourth race. The remainder of Wednesday’s card was conducted without incident.
- 9.21/11⁶ **LATE SCRATCH - REFUND – SIXTH RACE**
At approximately one minute to post, track veterinarian DANA STEAD recommended #4 MISS CAYOKE (unsound during warm up) be scratched. She was 38-1. The refund was \$10,737.76.
- 9/21/11⁷ **CLAIMS**
5th race - #1 CLOSE TO THE EDGE (Spawr)
6th race - #5 SEEKITANA (Troger)
- 9/21/11⁸ **LATE SCRATCH – REFUND – TENTH RACE**
At approximately six minutes to post, the Stewards scratched #10 SEANY’S COURAGE (unruly in paddock). He was 38-1. Refund: \$11,358.80
- 9/21/11⁹ **SATELLITE ATTENDANCE**

Barona	92
Cabazon	65
Commerce Casino	233
Hollywood Park	773
Lake Perris	101
Lancaster	96
Los Alamitos	555
Orange County Tavern	105
San Bernardino	167
Santa Anita	584
Santa Maria	0
Shalimar	58
Surfside (Del Mar)	330
Sycuan	63
Ventura	114
Victorville	103
Viejas	86

9/21/11¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	4,174	\$397,317.00
Barretts	212	
ITW	3,525	\$1,415,754.00
Out of State	N/A	\$1,864,549.00
Total	7,911	\$3,677,620.00

THURSDAY9/22/11¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2 nd race - #9 FREE BET –	Also Eligible	Stewards	
#10 WARRIORS TWO TO ONE –	Also Eligible	Stewards	
#11 ONEBAD BOY -	Also Eligible	Stewards	
#12 FRIENDLY HAYS -	Also Eligible	Stewards	Refunds: \$749.10
4 th race - #1 JIMINI CHRISTMAS – sick –		Dr. STEAD	
#5 RINO S - injured –		Dr. BAILEY	Refund: \$602.00
8 th race - #3 KIM'S LEADING MAN – sick –		Dr. BAILEY	
#4 VERY FAIR – sick –		Dr. BAILEY	
#7 OBSESS – sick –	Dr. BAILEY		Refund: \$1,843.80

9/22/11²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO was in to review his ride on #5 INITIAL IMPRESSION in the 8th race on September 21.

The Stewards felt that Mr. DELGADILLO did not ride his mount through the wire, potentially costing himself a better placing. He agreed and promised to make a better effort in the future.

9/22/11³**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JORGE HERRERA was in to review his ride on #8 UNUSUALLY BRITE in the 4th race on September 21.

At issue was Mr. HERRERA's excessive use of the whip on a horse that had reached its maximum placing. He was warned and informed that a similar occurrence will result in a fine.

9/22/11⁴**FORMAL HEARING**

Trainer LINDA MIKUS appeared in response to CHRB Case #11DM0047. The Board alleges that on August 20, 2011, the horse EXUMA, trained by LINDA MIKUS was tested after finishing first in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track. Sample #DM04063 was tested by U.C. Davis Laboratories and found to contain the Class four substance Dexamethasone.

Present were Stewards KIM SAWYER, SCOTT CHANEY, and VIC STAUFFER. CHRB Investigator PHILIP MIYAZAKI presented the case. Proceedings were recorded by MICHELLE DERIEG from Weinstein Court Reporters. Testimony was heard. Hearing adjourned. Decision to follow.

9/22/11⁵**KEEN RULING – LAFP #012**

Trainer DALLAS KEEN is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) (SPARKLING KEAT) in the fifth race at Fairplex Park on September 21, 2011.

Mr. KEEN took full responsibility for this infraction.

9/22/11⁶**HOUCHIN RULING – LAFP #013**

Owner CHRIS L. HOUCHIN is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – JAMES SAYLER \$19,010.00).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of CHRIS L. HOUCHIN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. HOUCHIN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. HOUCHIN failed to send payment, as instructed by the Stewards, to trainer JAMES SAYLER. Payment was due by the end of the day on Wednesday, September 21.

9/22/11⁷**REYES RULING – LAFP #014**

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES is suspended THREE RACING DAYS (September 30, October 1 and 2, 2011) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – late to jockeys' room without permission for five consecutive days) and rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – Failure to meet with the Stewards for four consecutive days).

This ruling was issued after Mr. REYES was instructed to attend morning meetings and film review. He failed to attend on four consecutive mornings despite repeated phone calls and clearly understood face to face instructions. After the fourth day of non-attendance, he was told he could be facing a suspension if he did not comply. He didn't.

9/22/11⁸**GOOD RACING**

This time it **WAS** perfect. All ten races went off without incident.

9/22/11⁹**SATELLITE ATTENDANCE**

Barona	83
Cabazon	75
Commerce Casino	185
Hollywood Park	721
Lake Perris	112
Lancaster	96
Los Alamitos	809
Orange County Tavern	93
San Bernardino	193
Santa Anita	689
Santa Maria	0
Shalimar	54
Surfside (Del Mar)	277
Sycuan	65
Ventura	170
Victorville	74
Viejas	76

9/22/11¹⁰**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	3,448	\$307,209.00
Barretts	264	
ITW	3,572	\$1,424,633.00
Out of State	N/A	\$1,449,480.00
Total	7,284	\$3,181,322.00

FRIDAY9/23/11¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #12 NEZI O'S GOLD - Also Eligible Stewards Refund: \$271.30

3 rd race - #5 JOYFUL SUCCESS – sick – Dr. BAILEY	Refund: \$969.64
4 th race - #9 BARBARY COAST GIRL – Also Eligible	Stewards
#11 AURELIA D – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 WHEATY’S WELL – Also Eligible	Stewards
5 th race- #11 ALE’S EMERALD – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 ONE LUCKY LADY – Also Eligible	Stewards
	Refund: \$51.30

9/23/11²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CESAR DeALBA and ESWAN FLORES were in to review their rides on #4 MELO LASER (DeAlba) and #6 CHI CHA CHA (Flores) in the 2nd race on September 22. Both riders were cautioned to maintain a straight path and be aware of other rivals. Both promised to do a better job.

9/23/11³**O’RILEY WARNING**

The complaint against massage therapist MICHAEL O’RILEY (formal hearing at Del Mar, case number 11DM004) resulted in a warning, by majority vote. The case involved allegations that Mr. O’RILEY was working out of his massage therapist license category, violating existing protocol for such work, and disobeyed a direct order from the Official Veterinarian. The majority believed that a technical rule violation was somewhat tenuous and that an official warning would first be appropriate. Steward CHANEY voted for a \$300.00 fine.

9/23/11⁴**MIKUS RULING – LAFP #015**

Trainer LINDA MIKUS, who started the horse EXUMA in the fourth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 20, 2011, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances, Dexamethasone).

Refer: 9/22/11⁴ – Ms. MIKUS was informed of her penalty the morning following the hearing.

9/23/11⁵**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES was in to review films from two of his rides on Wednesday, September 21. Mr. REYES continues to improve his riding skills and is enjoying a very productive meeting (2nd in the standings). Occasionally some prior bad habits, insufficient clearance and not maintaining a straight course, creep back into his work. He acknowledged that he must remain focused to continue to improve. We trust he will.

9/23/11⁶**JOCKEY CHANGE**

6th race – CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES for JOSE VALDIVIA, Jr. (personal) on #10 TANNINGATTHEBEACH.

9/23/11⁷**HORSE PULLED UP – SECOND RACE**

#3 SPECIAL EFFECT was pulled up by jockey BILLY LEWIS a few strides out of the gate after racing very erratically. She was walked off the track and placed on the Starter’s List.

9/23/11⁸**CLAIMS**

8th race - #5 SUFI DANCER (Jeff Metz)

9/23/11⁹**TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – ELEVENTH RACE**

Soon after the finish of the 11th race, trainer WILTON WHITEHOUSE (#7 STORMIN AHEAD, 3rd) lodged an Objection against jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES who rode the winner, #4 VALUATION. Mr. WHITEHOUSE alleged interference into the backstretch the second time of the 1-1/16 mile race.

After reviewing the video tapes, consulting the patrol judges and speaking to the riders involved, no change was made to the original order of finish. While #7 did steady sharply, it was as a result of running up onto heels of tiring rivals. #4 was always clear and not involved in the incident.

9/23/11¹⁰**SATELLITE ATTENDANCE**

Barona	111
Cabazon	80
Commerce Casino	221
Hollywood Park	812
Lake Perris	138
Lancaster	107
Los Alamitos	768
Orange County Tavern	106
San Bernardino	270
Santa Anita	754
Santa Maria	0
Shalimar	67
Surfside (Del Mar)	431
Sycuan	76
Ventura	135
Victorville	84
Viejas	98

9/23/11¹¹**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	3,090	\$370,117.00
Barretts	274	
ITW	4,258	\$1,925,557.00
Out of State	N/A	\$2,315,460.00
Total	7,622	\$4,611,134.00

SATURDAY9/24/11¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #7 WARREN'S BABY WALK (unsound) Dr. STEAD
 #9 WIND IN MOTION – Also Eligible - Stewards
 #10 MR. DAY TRIPPER – Also Eligible - Stewards
 #12 JACKSON'S HONOUR - Also Eligible – Stewards Refund: \$3,706.34
 3rd race - #3 HONEYCOMB (sick) Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$621.30
 5th race - #5 FRONT PAGE DANCER (sick) Dr. BAILEY
 #9 WARREN'S MORGAN -Also Eligible – Stewards Refund: \$1,466.56
 6th race - #12 OUR JUKE BOX HERO Also Eligible – Stewards Refund: \$71.40
 12th race- #3 LOVELY LAUREN (unsound) Dr. BAILEY Refund: \$1,069.20

9/24/11²**ACUNA RULING – LAFP #016**

Trainer NICOLAS ACUNA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) (LAKES AND FLOWERS) in the seventh race at Fairplex Park on September 23, 2011.

Mr. ACUNA did not contest this sanction.

9/24/11³

PEREZ HEARING

Groom HUMBERTO PEREZ was present at an informal hearing concerning case #11DM0035 and ruling DMTD #085. Mr. PEREZ had been suspended for failure to appear and wished to have his license reinstated. In addition to the Stewards, CHRB Investigator RICK AMIEVA sat in representing the Board and pitched in as an interpreter. The case is dismissed with prejudice. It will be revisited when the criminal case involving Mr. PEREZ runs its course. Additionally, Mr. PEREZ was required to sign a testing agreement as a condition of reinstatement. The following ruling, LAFP #017, was issued:

Groom HUMBERTO PEREZ, having appeared as ordered, is restored to good standing. Ruling DMTD #085, issued at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on September 3, 2011, is set aside.

9/24/11⁴

HEADLEY HEARING

After a brief informal hearing concerning CHRB case #11PM0008, trainer GUS HEADLEY and groom JOSE COLINDRES reached a final agreement of \$450.00. Case dismissed.

9/24/11⁵

ARTHUR VISIT

CHRB Equine Medical Director Dr. RICK ARTHUR stopped by the Stewards' office Saturday morning. Informative and productive discussions ensued.

9/24/11⁶

JOCKEY CHANGES

1st race – F. J. RUBIO for JOSE CRUZ (personal) on #3 MAKE THE GREEN

9/24/11⁷

CLAIMS

2nd race - #4 SAN DARINO (Howey)

4th race - #3 MARK OF A WARRIOR (Diodoro)

#4 WARRENS HEARTTHROB (Craigmyle)

#5 CAFÉ CON LECHE (Glatt)

6th race – #8 B'S LUCKY STRIKE (Fulmer)

8th race - #3 PEACOCK ALLIANCE (Dan Morgan)

9/24/11⁸

LATE SCRATCH – REFUND – TENTH RACE

At approximately one minute to post the Stewards scratched #12 HIGH WATER CAT (unseated rider, ran off post parade). She was 99-1 on the tote board. Refund: \$7,247.46.

9/24/11⁹

GOOD RACING

All twelve races were conducted without mishap.

9/25/11¹⁰

SATELLITE ATTENDANCE

Barona 170

Cabazon 143

Commerce Casino 287

Hollywood Park	1,352
Lake Perris	143
Lancaster	140
Los Alamitos	1,210
Orange County Tavern	94
San Bernardino	316
Santa Anita	1,320
Santa Maria	0
Shalimar	70
Surfside (Del Mar)	613
Sycuan	114
Ventura	234
Victorville	80
Viejas	137

9/25/11¹¹**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On Track	5,834	\$650,230.00
Barretts	390	
ITW	6,423	\$2,998,143.00
Out of State	N/A	\$2,470,749.00
Total	12,647	\$6,119,122.00

CLOSING DAY**SUNDAY**9/25/11¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 st race - #10 TRULY A MIST – Also Eligible	Stewards
#11 CARLA DORADA – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 SINGLE IN MAY – Also Eligible	Stewards Refund: \$628.90
2 nd race - #9 BRITEBURG – Also Eligible	Stewards
#10 SMOKIN BOMB – Also Eligible	Stewards
#11 LAST CHANCE BOBBY – Also Eligible	Stewards Refund: \$219.90
4 th race - #10 MUSTACHE CHARLIE – Also Eligible	Stewards
#11 BIG HANDS AL – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 I FEEL FREE – Also Eligible	Stewards Refund: \$1,065.90
5 th race - #7 FLEMINGSTOUCHGOLD – Sick	Dr. STEAD Refund: \$217.20
7 th race - #11 BRENDA GOLDENNUGET – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 WARRENS EXTRABONUS – Also Eligible	Stewards Refund: \$687.20
8 th race - #11 ORIENT ROSE – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 VICE SIZED – Also Eligible	Stewards Refund: \$4,011.49
12 th race - #11 SEANY'S COURAGE – Also Eligible	Stewards
#12 RIVERSMITH – Also Eligible	Stewards Refund: \$116.20

9/25/11²**SHOWALTER HEARING**

Trainer DAVID SHOWALTER and exercise rider TONY RUBALCAVA appeared to negotiate a settlement to CHRB case #11PM0003. After hearing testimony from both gentlemen, we made the following decision. DAVID SHOWALTER owes TONY RUBALCAVA \$2,250.00. That amount must be paid in full by the end of the day on Sunday, October 2, 2011.

9/25/11³**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA was in to discuss his ride on #3 MARK OF A WARRIOR, winner of the 4th race, Saturday, September 24. Mr. PEDROZA continues to ride a very fine line between clever race riding and careless race riding. This time he barely stayed on the safe side of the line. Calls this close won't always go his way.

9/25/11⁴**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys RAMON GUCE and ANGEL FELIX were both in to discuss their rides in the 2nd race on Saturday, September 24. Both could have done a better job maintaining a straight path through the stretch. Both promised to be more careful.

9/25/11⁵**FLORES RULING – LAFP #018**

Apprentice Jockey ESWAN FLORES is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1922 (Identification Required – CHRB license not in possession) and rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – speeding in barn area) on August 27, 2011, at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

This ruling was issued after discussion with young Mr. FLORES. We urged him to act in a professional manner at all times, both on and off the race track. He promised he would.

9/25/2011⁶**DUFFEL RULING – LAFP #019**

Owner JOSEPH DUFFEL is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – ROBERT TROEGER - \$35,105.00).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JOSEPH DUFFEL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. DUFFEL is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. DUFFEL failed to satisfy his debt to trainer ROBERT TROEGER which he had promised to pay by Friday, September 23.

9/25/11⁷**REYES RULING – LAFP #020**

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES who rode ALWAYS IN STYLE in the eleventh race at Fairplex Park on September 24, 2011, is suspended for SEVEN (7) racing days (October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14, 2011), for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the backstretch and in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

Jockey REYES attended film review Sunday morning concerning his rides in races 3, 4, 6, 11, and 12. It is our opinion that Mr. REYES did a very poor job of riding in five of his nine races. Frankly, his rides in races 4 and 6 were borderline calls as to whether suspensions and/or fines were warranted.

However, the main focus was race 11 and his ride on the second place finisher ALWAYS IN STYLE. The seven suspension days assigned in the ruling are a combination of two

incidents. The first incident was crossing over without sufficient clearance into the path of #1 LILLY FA POOTZ (5th) causing that rival to check sharply on the backstretch the second time of the 1-1/16 mile race. The second incident was through the final stretch drive to the finish when he made no effort to stop his mount from drifting out and solidly bumped the eventual winner, #6 PURE CLASS. Also at issue in this ruling was deciding whether these two infractions were deliberate, which would have resulted in a much more significant penalty. After careful consideration, we chose to give Mr. REYES the benefit of the doubt.

9/25/11⁸**SANCHEZ RULING – LAFP #021**

Trainer SERGIO SANCHEZ, pursuant to CHRB rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – failed to receive authorized bleeder medication) (SALT AIR SCENT) for the third race Sunday, September 18, 2011.

Mr. SANCHEZ was informed of this ruling on Sunday afternoon, September 25.

9/25/11⁹**LATE SCRATCH – REFUND – EIGHTH RACE**

At approximately 10 minutes to post, track veterinarian Dr. STEAD recommended #8 QUALITY TOC (fell in paddock) be scratched. She was 19-1. Refund: \$4,011.49

9/25/11¹⁰**CLAIMS**

5th race - #3 SARA VA'S WILD AGAIN (Dan Morgan)

#5 WHIRLING THUNDER (John Sadler)

7th race - #9 THINKING OF GIRLS (D. Breuer)

10th race – FORTY DATES (D. Shidaker)

9/25/11¹¹**GOOD RACING**

All twelve races were contested without mishap.

9/25/11¹²**KIM LLOYD**

Sincere thanks to Fairplex Equine Manager KIM LLOYD and his excellent staff for being so helpful to this Board of Stewards and running an excellent racing fair.

9/25/11¹³**SATELLITE ATTENDANCE**

Barona	146
Cabazon	140
Commerce Casino	269
Hollywood Park	1,289
Lake Perris	160
Lancaster	129
Los Alamitos	1,177
Orange County Tavern	117
San Bernardino	279
Santa Anita	1,419
Santa Maria	0
Shalimar	60
Surfside (Del Mar)	460
Sycuan	90
Ventura	202

Victorville 85
 Viejas 126

9/25/11¹⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	5,254	\$591,538.00
Barretts	600	
ITW	6	\$2,298,954.00
Out of State	148	\$2,936,895.00
Total	6,008	\$5,827,387.00

Total attendance for the meet - change from 2010 -6.45%
 Total handle for the meet - change from 2010 -8.69%

The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each day of this reporting period.

SUMMARY

	Wed 9/21/11	Thurs 9/22/11	Fri 9/23/11	Sat 9/24/11	Sun 9/25/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	0	0	0	3	11
Claims	2	0	1	6	4	13	31
Inquires	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	2	9	7	9	16	43	78
Rulings	1	3	1	2	4	11	21

Respectfully submitted,

Victor J. Stauffer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Attachment
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