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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 14 through August 19, 2007.

**TUESDAY**  
08/14/2007

- (1) DUTY STEWARD  
Martin Hamilton is the duty Steward this week and will attend to all office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY  
One equipment change and one rider change were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Thursday.
- (3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY  
Two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races filled out the ten race card for Friday. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
08/15/2007

- (1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY  
Five rider changes were made at scratch time for Friday.
- (2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY  
Eleven races were drawn for Saturday, comprised of three Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 11:40 a.m.

**THURSDAY**

08/16/2007

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

One declaration, one weight correction, two equipment changes and three rider changes were made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Two Arabian, three Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races made up the nine race program for Sunday. The draw was completed at 12:30 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The CAL-BRED race offered for maiden two year olds, claiming price \$16,000, going 300 yards failed to fill with five entries.

(4) BERNICE CORCORAN HEARING (CASE# 07LA0134)

Trainer Bernice Corcoran was afforded an informal hearing to address the above referenced complaint concerning alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (animal welfare).

Present at the hearing in addition to Mrs. Corcoran, who waived her right to counsel, was husband Jay Corcoran and testimony accepted telephonically from Stall Superintendent Scott Craigmyle. Senior Special Investigator Dennis Drulias presented the case before Stewards Kim Sawyer, George Slender, and Martin Hamilton.

Following the hearing, the Board of Stewards adjourned for deliberation which rendered a warning being issued. The Stewards heard conflicting testimony and deemed only minor culpability be placed with the respondent.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jeff Williams came in and represented Jockey Cody Jensen, who is out of town, concerning the second race from Sunday evening where his mount was disqualified from first to last place (refer 08/12/07 (3)).

Films show Jockey Jensen made sufficient effort to correct his errant mount and was held blameless.

(6) INQUIRY ACCIDENT – 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE – NO CHANGE

Following the first race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign for a review of an accident near the 3/16 pole.

Films show # 1 "Peaks End" with jockey Adan Fuentes bore out and clipped heels with # 4 "Trail Scout" and jockey Victor Navarro. As Stewards deemed # 1 was the cause of his own problem, no change was warranted. Jockey Fuentes was transported to Los Alamitos Medical Center with neck and back pain while "Peaks End" regained his feet and galloped off on his own. Accident report attached.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Adashin Shoer (Tr. J. De La Torre) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$71.00.

# 5 Tacerrac (Tr. A. Aquino) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$39.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 WCR Ima Sweet Willie (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$52.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Fly Thru Dash (Tr. J. Bassett) injured in starting gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$8,645.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	807	On Track Handle:	\$151,961
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2279</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$271,685
Total:	3086	Out of State:	<u>\$455,357</u>
		Total:	\$879,003

FRIDAY

08/17/2007

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

This morning's scratch time for Sunday produced one declaration, one equipment change, and two weight corrections.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$2500, at a distance of 220 yards failed to fill with two entries.

(3) ROUTINE DAY

All matters through the course of the afternoon and evenings racing program were routine with nothing of significance to report.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 4 Glitterbend (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$210.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 2 Lost in Lexington (Tr. J. Frousiakis) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$232.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Jerokey Pokey (Tr. A. Soto) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$94.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1261	On Track Handle:	\$222,894
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3733</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$561,818
Total:	4994	Out of State:	<u>\$831,982</u>
		Total:	\$1,616,695

SATURDAY

08/18/2007

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

One Arabian, one Thoroughbred, and six Quarter Horse races were drawn for Thursday, completed at 12:15pm.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for three year olds, claiming price \$10,000, at a distance of 300 yards was called off with four entries.

(3) ANTONIO SOTO HEARING (CASE #07LA0110)

A formal hearing was conducted for trainer Antonio Soto to address the above referenced complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (A, B & d) (medications drugs and other substances) #1844(E) (authorized medication) and #1887(A) (trainer to insure condition of horse). Mr. Soto's starter "Boo Boo Buckaroo" tested for albuterol in excess of the permitted level following the first race on May 26, 2007. Present at the hearing in addition to Mr. Soto, who waived his right to counsel, was Senior Special Investigator Dennis Drulias, who presented the case before Stewards Kim Sawyer, George Slender and Martin Hamilton. Court reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings.

The record was opened for the gathering of documentary evidence and testimony then closed for decision.

(4) QUIET EVENING

This evening's eleven race program progressed quietly without notable incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 4 Straw Dash Effort (Tr. J. Godinez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$112.00

# 7 Seis Tres Bien (Tr. A. Soto) sick, Dr. Guillen.

Refund: \$100.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Slogan (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$232.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1483	On Track Handle:	\$232,517
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3384</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$445,465
Total:	4867	Out of State:	<u>\$740,015</u>
		Total:	\$1,417,999

**SUNDAY**

08/19/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maiden two year olds, claiming price \$8,000, going 300 yards failed to fill with five entries passing the entry box.

(2) ANTONIO SOTO RULINGS (CASE #07LA0110) (REFER 8/18/07)

RULING #173

BASED UPON AN ORDER BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS LABORATORIES, AN OFFICAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT URINE SAMPLE #LA04854, OBTAINED FROM THE HORSE "BOO BOO BUCKAROO", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE TRACK ON MAY 26, 2007, CONTAINED THE CLASS 3 DRUG ALBUTEROL, ABOVE THE AUTHORIZED DECISION LEVEL, IT IS ORDERED THAT "BOO BOO BUCKAROO" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT THE PURSE MONEY EARNED IN SAID RACE BE RETURNED BY OWNER PETE GALLEGOS, TRAINER ANTONIO SOTO, AND JOCKEY DOROTHY WILLIAMS TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2007, AND BE REDISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REVISED ORDER OF FINISH.

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH

1<sup>ST</sup> – BE PERSISTENT  
 2<sup>ND</sup> – MOUTHY  
 3<sup>RD</sup> – FORCING THE ISSUE  
 4<sup>TH</sup> – QUICK CONVERSATION  
 5<sup>TH</sup> – HAWKISHLY

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED CHANGED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), NEITHER THE

PARI-MUTUEL PAYOUT NOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ANY PARI-MUTUEL POOL SHALL BE AFFECTED.

RULING #174

TRAINER ANTONIO R. SOTO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "BOO BOO BUCKAROO", WHICH FINISHED FIRST IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 26, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN DAYS (15) (AUGUST 20, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2007) AND FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00)\* PURSUANT TO C.H.R.B. RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF C.H.R.B. RULE #1843 (A) (B) & (D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – ALBUTEROL – SECOND CLASS III OFFENSE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL PRIVILEGES OF ANTONIO R. SOTO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO C.H.R.B. RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS) HE IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION.

The foregoing rulings were issued after due deliberation concerning the facts of the above referenced hearing from yesterday. The severe penalty assessed is deemed appropriate, in light of this is his second class III violation within a one year period.

(3) ANTONIO SOTO RULING

RULING #175

HAVING VIOLATED A CONDITION OF PROBATION IN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL RELEASE (AGREEMENT) BY HAVING RECEIVED A SECOND CLASS III VIOLATION WITHIN A YEAR, AND PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS #1405 (PUNISHMENT BY THE BOARD), RESPONDENT TRAINER ANTONIO R. SOTO IS ORDERED TO PAY THE STAYED FINE IN THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (3,000.00)\*.

The above ruling was written when it was determined that Mr. Soto violated his Stipulated Settlement Agreement when he received a second class III positive test result within a one year period. In that agreement Mr. Soto was placed on probation for a one-year period with a stayed fine of \$3,000.00.

(4) JOEL VALADEZ RULING

RULING # 176

JOCKEY JOEL VALADEZ, WHO RODE "TEAM YUCAIPA" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>, 30<sup>TH</sup>, 31<sup>ST</sup>, AND SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2007) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

The above ruling was issued after jockey Valadez reviewed the 5<sup>th</sup> race from last evening, with the Board of Stewards, where he could give no plausible excuse for his failure to correct his errant mount.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jimmy Vail was in, as directed, to review the 1<sup>st</sup> race from last evening where his mount drifted in and out down the backstretch run. Mr. Vail stated that his first time starter raced greenly was difficult to handle. The Stewards concurred in part, however, cautioned Mr. Vail to take more control of these types of horses.

Jockey Juan Andrade was in, as directed, to review two races from Friday night and was cautioned and warned to respond more quickly to correct his mounts.

(6) GOOD RACING

The evening's nine races were completed without incident worthy of note.

(7) LATE DECLARATION

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 1 Eight Team (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$1,304.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 7 River Lane (Tr. J. Mullins) 24-hour rule, Stewards.  
Refund: \$609.00  
# 8 Bye Sweetie (Tr. A. Aquino) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$518.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Mei Sing Star (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$616.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 9 Painted Silk (Tr. D. Ekins) stake, Stewards.  
Refund: \$97.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Willie Bud (Tr. E. Navarro) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$438.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	897	On Track Handle:	\$212,478
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2273</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$526,204
Total:	3170	Out of State:	<u>\$697,799</u>
		Total:	\$1,436,482



**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 19, 2007.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period seventeen horses were added to the Veterinarian list as follows: two for soundness, three for injury and twelve for sickness.

Seventeen horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

## SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 08/16	FRI 08/17	SAT 08/18	SUN 08/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			1	0	0	0	1	16
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	31
CLAIMS			R	3	0	5	2	10	541
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	55
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	0	1	111
REFUNDS		A		4	3	3	6	16	518
RULINGS			Y	0	0	0	4	4	176

Stewards' Attendance: Martin Hamilton, Kim Sawyer, and George Slender, were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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Martin Hamilton (Steward)

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Kim Sawyer (Steward)

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George Slender (Steward)