

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 12, 2008 through February 17, 2008.

TUESDAY

02/12/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Kim Sawyer was available for the morning duties and recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES

Thursday scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration, one equipment adjustment, and six rider changes.

(3) THE DRAW

Ten races were drawn at 12:30 p.m. for Friday's program consisting of four Quarter Horse, four Thoroughbred, and two Arabian races.

WEDNESDAY

02/13/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration and one rider adjustment.

(2) THE DRAW

The races for Saturday were drawn at 1:00 p.m. with a combination of seven Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY

02/14/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

9:00 a.m. scratch time produced one declaration, one weight correction, two equipment adjustments, and two rider changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for Thursday; three year olds claiming price \$3,200, going 300 yards, failed to fill with one entry.

(3) THE DRAW

The draw was conducted at 11:45 a.m. and the card was a combination of six Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and one Arabian race.

(4) RAMIREZ RULING CASE #08LA0003 (REFERENCE 1-26-08 (5))RULING # 55

EXERCISE RIDER DOMINGO RAMIREZ IS HEREBY SUSPENDED FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FEBRUARY 18, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 3, 2008) AND PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH APRIL 30, 2009 FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – FIGHTING) ON JANUARY 1, 2008.

PRIOR TO REINSTATEMENT OF HIS LICENSE PRIVILEGES DOMINGO RAMIREZ MUST SHOW PROOF OF HIS ATTENDANCE TO ANGER MANAGEMENT COUNSELING AS RECOMMENDED BY CHAPLAIN AURIO BERMEO. AS CONDITIONS OF PROBATION MR. RAMIREZ MUST ABIDE BY THE TERMS OF A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD. ANY VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF PROBATION SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF MR. RAMIREZ'S LICENSE PRIVILEGES.

DURING THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF DOMINGO RAMIREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS), SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez along with his wife and attorney Mr. Scott, came forward to receive the penalty. Mr. Ramirez apologized for his misbehavior and accepted the requirement of the ruling without argument.

(5) RAMIREZ AND RAMIREZ INFORMAL HEARINGS - CASE # 08LA0048 & CASE #08LA0049

Jockey J.R. Ramirez and his brother Trainer Robert Ramirez who agreed to waive his right to a proper notice, appeared to explain why after being warned not to shoe horses on the grounds they chose to do so. Both J.R. and Robert testified they had previously shipped horses off the grounds to shoe. They stated this event occurred because of circumstances which prevented them from transporting the horse off the grounds to shoe who was scheduled to race on the day in question. – Decision to follow.

(6) QUIET EVENING OUT

This evening's eight-race card was conducted with no reportable incident.

(7) DECLARATION, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Apollo's Magic (Tr. G.P. Frousiakis) Vet-sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$40.00.

2nd Race - # 4 Peakaboos (Tr. P. Visscher) euthanized on track.

3rd Race - # 3 Beautiful Storm claimed, Tr. J. Aleman.

8 Whippet jockey V. Navarro replaced M. Segundo (DJF)
claimed, Tr. S. Carter.

- 4th Race - # 1 Designer First claimed, Tr. H. Sanchez.
 # 5 A Tempting Strawfly claimed, Tr. S. Carter.
 # 6 Sabrinus Straw Alert claimed, Tr. K. Rynearson.
 # 7 Heros And Villans claimed, Tr. A. Farias.
 # 8 He Roves claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	685	On Track Handle:	\$117,882
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,595</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$247,535
Total:	2,280	Out of State:	<u>\$399,825</u>
		Total:	\$791,859

FRIDAY

02/15/2008

(1) STEWARDS REPLACEMENT

Jim Dreyer replaced Kim Sawyer on Friday and Saturday due to a personal agenda.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for Friday maiden three-year old fillies going 220 yards was called off with four entries.

(3) GARCIA RULINGRULING # 56

OWNER ADRIAN GARCIA, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0023, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,106.78) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ADRIAN GARCIA 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 Adrian Garcia failed to appear for his scheduled hearing on February 14, 2008

(4) RULINGS # 57 & # 58RULING # 57

JOCKEY J.R. RAMIREZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1481 (11) (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND FEES—SHOEING WITHOUT A LICENSE).

RULING # 58

TRAINER ROBERTO RAMIREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1895 (TRAINER'S DUTY TO INSURE LICENSED PARTICIPATION – EMPLOYING AN UNLICENSED HORSESHOER).

The above rulings were issued following an informal hearing; refer to February 14, 2008 (5).

(5) ARIAS RULINGRULING # 59

JOCKEY JUAN ARIAS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Juan Arias failed to appear to explain his failure to fulfill his riding engagements on February 10, 2008.

(6) NO PROBLEMS

This evening's program was conducted with nothing of significance to report.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 8 Happy Barretts (Tr. H. Ho) Steward-failure to medicate (lasix).
Refund: \$555.00.

9th Race - # 6 Dashing Ways (Tr. R. Ramirez) Vet-injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$256.00.

10th Race - # 5 Katella Dude (Tr. H. Sanchez) Vet-sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$304.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,110	On Track Handle:	\$204,397
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,904</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$538,390
Total:	4,014	Out of State:	<u>\$650,911</u>
		Total:	\$1,393,699

SATURDAY

02/16/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the book for Saturday three year olds and upwards, claiming price of \$16,000.00 going 300 yards, was withdrawn with one entry.

(2) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn at 12:45 p.m. consisting of one Thoroughbred, and seven Quarter Horse races.

(3) RULING # 60RULING # 60

TRAINER HERBERT HO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THE HORSE "HAPPY BARRETTS" TREATED WITH LASIX IN A TIMELY MANNER, NECESSITATING A LATE DECLARATION IN THE FIRST RACE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008, WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION).

The above ruling was issued after a series of miscommunications between Mr. Ho and trainer Susan Carter and their vet resulted in "Happy Barretts" missing his lasix injection.

(4) PAUL AGUIRRE HEARING – CASE # 07LA0228

Present at this afternoons formal hearing were Barbara Weinstein, Dr. Rick Arthur, investigator Tom Blake, trainer Paul Aguirre, and Stewards George Slender, Martin Hamilton, and James Dreyer. Dr. Arthur testified that in his opinion for the Flunixin to have been that high it almost had to have been given on a race day. He stated that Flunixin dissipates at a rate that even a high dose given twenty four hours out would have diminished to the point that the reading would have been much lower than 2747 ng/ml. Trainer Aguirre testified that he has no idea how Flunixin showed up in "Soda Pop SYD's" test. He stated that the horse runs on Bute not Flunixin. Mr. Aguirre was advised the Stewards will take the

(5) INCIDENT FREE EVENING

This evening's eleven-race program was conducted with nothing of any consequence to report.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 2 Streakin Heaven BR (Tr. R. Dominguez) Vet-sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$105.00

3rd Race - # 7 Lady Bug (Tr. Q. Miller) Vet-sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$93.00

8th Race - # 5 New Headliner (Tr. V. Smith) Vet-injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$52.00

10th Race - # 9 Tokay Flame (Tr. D. Ekins) Vet-sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$172.00

11th Race - # 2 Ariana Bono (Tr. A. Farias) Vet-sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$228.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1179	On Track Handle:	\$245,526
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3008</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$531,225
Total:	4187	Out of State:	<u>\$696,430</u>
		Total:	\$1,473,182

SUNDAY
02/17/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the book for Sunday, Fillies and Mares three year olds and upward, claiming price \$100,000- going 300 yards was called off with zero entries.

(2) NELSON HEARING CASE #08LA0024

An informal hearing was conducted to give Mr. Harry Nelson the opportunity to explain why his horse was listed as a colt on the program and was reported to the Stewards by the Horse Identifier in the receiving barn that the animal was in fact a gelding. Mr. Nelson produced a letter from Rebecca L. Blair, DVM stating that the horse in question had been castrated in 2005 as a yearling. Decision to follow.

(3) INQUIRY 3RD RACE (350 YARDS)

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start wherein the # 1 "Polar Country" (5th – J.R. Ramirez) stall doors did not open in unison with the others. After a review of the film it was a unanimous decision that the # 1 horse that was racing with a flipping halter leaned against the doors at the break, holding them closed momentarily, therefore causing his own dilemma. The original order of finish was made official.

(4) INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – 5TH RACE (4 ½ FURLONGS/THOROUGHBRED)

Following the race the inquiry sign was lit to review the start wherein # 5 "Convenient Marquet" stumbled and unseated jockey Ramon Guce. After a review of the film it was a unanimous vote that no other horses were involved therefore the race was made official without any changes. Accident report attached.

(5) INQUIRY – 6TH RACE (4 ½ FURLONGS/ ARABIAN)

As the horses crossed the finish line the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred at the top of the stretch that involved # 7 "Extended Leave" who went wrong, fell and unseated jockey Dorothy Williams. After verification by the Stewards via the films that no other horses were involved, the race was made official. Accident report attached.

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 17, 2008.

Three 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: four for soundness, three for injury and six for sickness.

Six 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 02/14	FRI 02/15	SAT 02/16	SUN 02/17	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	2	2	10
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	7	9	6	6	28	137
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	9
INQUIRIES	D			0	0	0	3	3	16
REFUNDS		A		1	3	5	3	12	78
RULINGS			Y	1	4	1	0	6	60

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

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)