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

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 31, 2009 through April 5, 2009.

TUESDAY

03/31/2009

(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 two jockey changes, one declaration, and one equipment correction.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were carded for Friday's program consisting of five Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred and one Arabian race. The races were drawn at 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

04/01/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. and involved two declarations, one jockey change, one equipment adjustment, and one medication notation.

(2) THE DRAW

The card for Saturday was completed at 1:15 p.m. and was comprised of five Quarter Horse and five Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY

04/02/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches for Saturday's program at 9:00 a.m. were officially complete after four jockey corrections.

(2) THE DRAW

The draw for Sunday was conducted at 3:00 p.m. and the card was a combination of six Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred and one Arabian race.

(3) MORALES HEARING (CASE# 09LA0036)

An informal hearing was held to adjudicate a possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rules # 1845 and # 1894.

Mr. Morales was not aware he had error in the proper registration of his trainee due to the fact that his horse had previously raced three times on lasix at Los Alamitos. After being made aware, Mr. Morales promptly rectified this issue and will continue to do so in the future.

The Stewards felt an official warning was the appropriate discipline.

(4) COFFEE HEARING (CASE# 09LA0035)

Trainer Coffee, with permission from the Stewards, telephonically attended an informal hearing involving California Horse Racing Board rules # 1845 and # 1894 filed by California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian Gary Beck, with an accusation of improper bleeder registration.

Ms. Coffee admitted an oversight in her responsibility, but after her horse had raced four times on lasix prior to this start, she was unaware of her misstep. The penalty issued by the Stewards was an official warning.

(5) THIRD RACE – RACE DELAY

As the field entered the track for the third race, it was reported to the Stewards that two jockey saddles had been switched in the saddling process. The outrider was directed to return the entire field back to the Paddock to reverse the two saddles, all the jockey weight was taken off the horses during this time. The delay time was approximately seven minutes, which was absorbed by the posting of the following race.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

4th Race - # 5 Lupe Franco (Tr. L. Hernandez) Stewards – ineligible.
Refund: \$545.00.

7 My Hero Jr (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Santiago Mendez replaced Eduardo Nicasio (sick).

5th Race - # 1 Warren'sgoldengirl (Tr. T. West) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.

2 Red Lollipop (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

6 Caper Slew (Tr. C. Sierra) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$336.00.

6th Race - # 2 Dixie's Ruler (Tr. J. Davis III) veterinarian – unsound in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$9,114.00.

4 Stag On The Run (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. J. Aleman.

8th Race - # 1 Que Caliente (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	710	On Track Handle:	\$115,233
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,025</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$209,336
Total:	2,735	Out of State:	<u>\$537,390</u>
		Total:	\$861,959

FRIDAY

04/03/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes at the scratch time for Sunday's program.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio met with the Stewards to review the second race on April 2, 2009. Mr. Nicasio had drifted inward during the running of the race. No harm was done, but jockey Nicasio was warned that in the future he needs to correct his mount sooner. He left the office in full agreement.

(3) DAVIS III RULINGRULING # 44

TRAINER JAMES DAVIS III IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION - HORSE NOT REGISTERED AT TIME OF ENTRY) AND # 1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER) ON MARCH 8, 2009.

This ruling was published after an informal hearing via the telephone. Mr. Davis had no sellable excuse for his failure to properly register his horse but reassured the Stewards it will not be overlooked in the future.

(4) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the fourth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the Inquiry sign was posted to examine an incident approaching the quarter pole involving the first and third place finishers. Films showed the first place finisher # 6 “El Gato Guapo” (jockey Chris Russell) shifted inward going into the turn, causing the third place finisher # 5 “Robert's Star” (jockey Eulices Gomez) to check and lose his forward momentum. After conferring with both riders involved, it was a unanimous decision to disqualify # 6 and place him third behind # 5.

Original Order of Finish: (6) – 4 – 5 – 2 – 7 – 1 – 3 – 8

Official Order of Finish: 4 – 5 – (6) – 2 – 7 – 1 – 3 – 8

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

4th Race - # 6 El Gato Guapo (Tr. S. Morrow) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

9th Race - # 6 Seperatestar (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. C. Hall.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	965	On Track Handle:	\$164,560
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,315</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$383,215
Total:	4,280	Out of State:	<u>\$772,455</u>
		Total:	\$1,320,230

SATURDAY

04/04/2009 (1) RUSSELL RULING (REFER 04/03/09 (4))

RULING # 45

JOCKEY CHRIS RUSSELL WHO RODE “EL GATO GUAPO” IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (APRIL 11TH, 12TH, 16TH AND 17TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE APPROACHING THE FAR TURN, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO THIRD PLACE. 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.

This ruling was published after a film review with jockey Russell who was very candid and in agreement with the Stewards in the assessment of the scenario that led to the disqualification of his mount Friday night. He accepted penalty without contention.

(2) HERNANDEZ HEARING (CASE# 09LA0041)

In attendance for an informal hearing were the respondent, trainer Lissett Hernandez, her mother Elizabeth Gutierrez, the shed row foreman Adaberto Aceves, and complainant Uriel Rodriguez Villegas.

After considerable dialogue among all involved and admittance from Mr. Villegas that he had received a minimum amount of salary satisfactory for a groom in training, the Stewards felt a dismissal of the complaint was the appropriate decision.

(3) SECURITY WARNING VIOLATION

The issuance of two security tickets to groom Nery Gomez and horse transporter Maximiliano Quinteros came before the Stewards. After procuring the facts that both involved had unblemished records and the argument between them was minor in nature, they were both dismissed with an official warning. They equally agreed there would be no more incidents.

(4) FIFTH RACE – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY

The Inquiry sign was posted during the running of the race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) after # 4 “Touch of Ireland” (Tr. T. West) went wrong, fell, and unseated jockey Chris Russell. This occurrence took place near the 3/8 pole. After a review of the films, the Stewards agreed no other horse was involved in the mishap, and the race was made official. See attached accident report.

(5) NINTH RACE – INQUIRY

As the field crossed the wire, the Inquiry sign was lit to review the start of the race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) where it appeared the # 6 stall did not open in unison with the other stalls. After a review of the films and verbiage with Starter John Baker, # 6 “Blues Man Two” (Tr. D. Montes) ridden by jockey Alex Bautista who raced with a flipping halter (listed in the program) was leaning against the rope at the time of the break, hence he was declared a starter. There is a disclaimer in every program relevant to flipping halters.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 American Games (Tr. D. Montes) Stewards, medication.
Refund: \$29.20.

5 Aspen High (Tr. D. Montes) Stewards, medication.
Refund: \$1,526.00.

3rd Race - # 3 Jet Strip Billy (Tr. A. C. Avilia) veterinarian – unsound, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$648.00.

5th Race - # 3 Shirley Jean (Tr. D. Frey) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.

4 Touch Of Ireland (Tr. T. West) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

6th Race - # 4 Premier Yank (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.

7th Race - # 5 BNB (Tr. V. Smith) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$293.00.

8th Race - # 1 Rare Jess (Tr. F. Quintero) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$403.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,146	On Track Handle:	\$154,865
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,131</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$345,308
Total:	4,277	Out of State:	<u>\$768,706</u>
		Total:	\$1,268,879

SUNDAY
04/05/2009

(1) FISCAL HEARING (CASE# 09LA0034)

Mr. Fiscal met with the Stewards in an informal hearing to adjudicate this case involving California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a)(d), #1844 (a)(c)(2), #1866, and #1887 (a). In preparation to remove the horse from the Veterinarian's List, Mr. Fiscal admitted to treating his horse with Flunixin paste after the horse had tight muscles from its morning training the day before the workout. The amount of Flunixin was reported at a level of 442 ng/mL, which exceeds the authorized level of 50 ng/mL and also exceeded the secondary level of 100 ng/mL in the penalty guideline. This was Mr. Fiscal's second NSAID violation within a 365-day period. Decision to follow.

RULING # 46

TRAINER DANNY S. MONTES IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION-TWO VIOLATIONS) ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Montes notified the Stewards he was fearful that two of his horses on Saturday's card had been improperly medicated. He came to this conclusion after having been served a complaint that involved a medication violation of the drug Methocarbamol. The two entered horses had been treated orally on a similar time line with the same drug. The Stewards felt, due to the circumstances, the declarations were essential.

(3) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

As the horse crossed the finish line of the third race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident which occurred near the sixteenth pole. Involved were # 3 "Heart Ofmy Heart" (2nd – B. Contreras) and # 2 "Magnific Maria" (3rd – C. De Alba). After a study of the films and talking with both riders involved, it was a majority decision that # 3 drifted in, making contact and knocking # 2 off-stride, costing the latter an opportunity of a better placing, which was the difference of a nose in the photo. Consequently, # 3 was disqualified from second and placed third behind # 3.

Original Order of Finish: 8 – (3) – 2 – 1 – 5 – 4 – 6 – 7
 Official Order of Finish: 8 – 2 – (3) – 1 – 5 – 4 – 6 – 7

(4) CAL-BRED REPORT

All five races offered for this week of racing failed to fill with an insufficient number of entries.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 5 Eye Lashes (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) claimed by Tr. H. Hernandez.
- 2nd Race - # 1 A Cali Choice (Tr. J. Nunez) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$116.00.
- # 3 Cinco Bay (Tr. M. Rodriguez) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.
- 4th Race - # 2 Las Vegas Lucky (Tr. D. Montes) Stewards, jockey request at gate.
Refund: \$5,443.00.
- 9th Race - # 5 Izzies Irish Eyes (Tr. P. Jones) claimed by Tr. J. Aleman.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	730	On Track Handle:	\$129,843
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,563</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$332,435
Total:	3,293	Out of State:	<u>\$696,215</u>
		Total:	\$1,158,493

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
04/02/2009	5	6	Caper Slew	C. Sierra	Injured	Hackathorn	\$336
	6	2	Dixie's Ruler	J. Davis III	Unsound in gate	Hackathorn	\$9,114
04/04/2009	3	3	Jet Strip Billy	A. C. Avilia	Unsound	Beck	\$648
	7	5	BNB	V. Smith	Injured	Beck	\$293
	8	1	Rare Jess	F. Quintero	Sick	Hackathorn	\$403
04/05/2009	2	1	A Cali Choice	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$116

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 5, 2009.

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period twelve horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: seven for soundness, three for injury and two 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 04/01	FRI 04/02	SAT 04/03	SUN 04/04	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	1	0	1	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	2	3	3	12	177
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	1	0	1	2	15
INQUIRIES	D			0	1	2	1	4	34
REFUNDS		A		3	0	5	2	10	163
RULINGS			Y	0	1	1	1	3	46

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

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

Martin Hamilton (Steward)