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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of June 16, 2009 through June 21, 2009.

TUESDAY

06/16/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Martin Hamilton is the duty Steward this week and will attend to all morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY**

One medication change and three rider changes comprised the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Thursday.

(3) **ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY**

Four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races comprise the nine-race program for Friday. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

(4) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race written for maiden two year olds at 300 yards filled Cal-Bred with nine juvenile colts headed postward.

WEDNESDAY

06/17/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY**

There were no changes to Friday's card.

(2) **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Three Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races fill out the card for Saturday. The draw was completed at noon.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race offered for Saturday for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$5,000, at the distance of 330 yards failed to fill.

THURSDAY

06/18/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY**

One declaration, one jockey change and one equipment change was approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Nine races were drawn for Sunday consisting of one Arabian, one Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 2:00 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for maiden two year olds at the distance of 300 yards failed to fill.

(4) LOMELI RULING (REFER 06/14/09 (2))RULING #109

JOCKEY MARTIN LOMELI, WHO RODE "ALLURING CHICK" IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JUNE 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, AND 28TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO FOURTH 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.

Jockey Martin Lomeli was directed to appear before the Board of Stewards this afternoon to review the ninth race from Sunday evening when his mount was disqualified from first to fourth position for causing interference. When Mr. Lomeli failed to appear, Jockey's Guild Representative Carlos Bautista was summoned to appear in his stead. Upon a thorough film review, Mr. Bautista could offer nothing to mitigate Lomeli's actions, and the foregoing ruling was issued.

(5) VALADEZ RULING (REFER 06/14/09 (3))RULING #110

JOCKEY JOEL VALADEZ, WHO RODE "RUTH RUTHLESS" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JUNE 25TH, 26TH, 27TH, AND 28TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO TENTH 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.

The above ruling was issued after jockey Valadez reviewed the first race from Sunday evening with the Stewards and through the interpreter, Jockey's Guild Representative Carlos Bautista, failed to convince the Board of Stewards that his efforts to correct his errant mount were sufficient to avoid the sanction.

(6) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the first race, the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident at the top of the stretch involving #2 "Bein Breezy" (2nd – Eulices Gomez) and #3 "Herecometheirish" (4th – Apprentice Cheryl Charlton). Films show #2 drifted in under right-hand urging and took the path of #3 causing the latter to steady off heels, losing momentum and position which in the unanimous opinion of the Stewards compromised their opportunity at a better placing. After a thorough review and after talking to the riders involved, #2 was disqualified from second and placed fourth behind #3.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 8 Media Maker (Tr. R. Martinez) late lasix administration, Stewards.
Refund: \$409.00.

8th Race - # 4 Penn And Teller (Tr. P. Jones) unsound, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$12,637.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 3,182
 Off Track Attendance: 2,389
 Total: 5,571

On Track Handle: \$151,134
 Off Track Handle: \$299,481
 Out of State: \$490,910
 Total: \$941,525

FRIDAY

06/19/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

One equipment change, two rider changes and two geldings were registered at scratch time for Sunday's program, conducted at 9:00 a.m.

(2) MARTINEZ RULING**RULING #111**

TRAINER RAFAEL MARTINEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION - LATE LASIX) ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009.

The above ruling was issued when Martinez's horse "Media Maker" arrived too late for lasix administration in preparation for the first race last evening, necessitating a late declaration. Rafael stated that he was unaware of the early post time on Thursday's, however, this is the third week with the new schedule.

(3) SANCHEZ RULING (CASE# 09LA0115)

Trainer Hector Sanchez appeared to address the above referenced complaint filed when California Horse Racing Board Investigator Dennis Drulias observed a horse in an outdoor pen with no bedding. Association rules dictate there must be straw bedding in every stall or pen that is occupied by a horse.

Trainer Sanchez stated that he threw the horse in the pen at the last minute as he had a family emergency at home, however, he understands the rules and accepted the following ruling.

RULING #112

TRAINER HECTOR SANCHEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1870 (CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES - UNBEDDED PEN) ON JUNE 7, 2009.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Dionicio Navarro was in, as directed, to review the third race from last evening where he was cautioned and warned concerning dropping over while marginally clear.

(5) GOMEZ RULING (REFER 06/18/09 (6))

Jockey Eulices Gomez appeared, as directed, to review the first race from last evening with the Stewards, where his mount was disqualified from second to fourth place. Eulices conceded to tightening it up on the rival to his inside, however, maintained the opinion that he left ample space along the rail. Of this assertion the Stewards did not agree. After deliberation, the following ruling was delivered.

RULING #113

JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ, WHO RODE "BEIN BREEZY" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JUNE 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, AND JULY 2ND, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FOURTH 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.

(6) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards illuminated the Inquiry sign following the fifth race in order to evaluate an observed bumping incident at the start of the 4½ furlong affair.

Films validate that #1 “Figo” (3rd – Alex Bautista) made a right-hand turn at the start and bumped #2 “Hot On The Trail” (6th – Dionicio Navarro) into #3 “Anecdotal” (4th – Baltazar Contreras), costing both rivals any chance at better placings.

For that action #1 was disqualified from third and placed sixth (last) in a unanimous decision.

(7) SEVENTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign for a review of the start. Films show #5 “Fish On The Move” whipped his head simultaneously to the start causing him to get left at the post. The tapes also confirmed that the gate operated properly, accordingly, #5 was considered a starter.

(8) EIGHTH RACE – OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the eighth race, jockey Jeff Jerman astride eighth place finisher #6 “Really A First” lodged a claim of foul against third place finisher #8 “Fighter On Fire” for interference mid-race in the 400-yard “Vessels Maturity.”

Films show #8 drifted in steadily and encroached into the path of #6, causing the rider to steady back and alter course.

Following a thorough review of the tapes of the race and after talking to the riders involved, #8 was disqualified from third and placed eighth in a unanimous decision.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 4 For Contrast (Tr. J. Barnes) sick, Dr. Durenberger.
Refund: \$1,928.00.

3rd Race - # 1 Without Dispute (Tr. R. Dominguez) unsound at the gate, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$120.00.

5th Race - # 4 Graphic Press (Tr. W. Wilmont) unsound at the gate, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$7,959.00.

9th Race - # 7 Cash Flow SBL (Tr. C. Treece) no rider available, Stewards.
Refund: \$682.00.

8 Checkish (Tr. J. Flores) identification, Stewards.
Refund: \$76.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,779	On Track Handle:	\$171,583
Off Track Attendance:	<u>5,467</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$466,504
Total:	7,246	Out of State:	<u>\$693,410</u>
		Total:	\$1,331,497

SATURDAY**06/20/2009 (1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY**

Two thoroughbred and six quarter horse races make up the eight races for Thursday. The draw was completed at 12:20 p.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for Fillies and Mares three years old and upward, claiming price \$5,000, at the distance of 300 yards failed to fill.

RULING # 114

JOCKEY G. R. CARTER, JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009.

The foregoing ruling was issued after stewards spoke with G.R.'s agent who stated that the rider knew that he was engaged to ride the previous evening and accepted the sanction on his behalf.

(4) RODRIGO ACEVES (REFER 06/19/09 (8))

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves was in, as directed, to review the 8th race from last evening where his mount was disqualified from third to eighth place in the "Vessels Maturity". Rodrigo was very candid in his assessment of the incident in that he felt that he was clear at the time, however, further review provided a different opinion. Rodrigo accepted the following ruling without debate.

RULING # 115

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES, WHO RODE "FIGHTER ON FIRE" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JUNE 27TH, 28TH AND JULY 2ND AND 3RD, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO EIGHTH 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.

(5) FILM REVIEW (REFER 06/19/09 (6))

Jockey Alex Bautista was in, as directed, to review the 5th race from last evening where his mount was disqualified from third to sixth (last) place. Films show his mount broke out sharply at the start and caused the interference in spite of his efforts to correct his errant mount, accordingly, the rider was held blameless in the incident.

(6) INQUIRY - ACCIDENT - 1ST RACE - NO CHANGE

The Stewards immediately posted the inquiry sign following the 1st race (4 ½ Furlong Thoroughbred) to determine the cause and effect of a four horse spill approaching the ¼ pole.

Films show #10 "Howards's Gift" ridden by jockey Gerardo Gavica went wrong in her right foreleg and fell while racing on the lead. Thereafter #1 "Ms Paint It Black" with jockey Cayetano Chaparro, unable to avoid the downed horse, stumbled over the hind quarts unseating her rider as did #7 "Sottovoce" with jockey Dionicio Navarro. #6 "Mischabel" while racing mid-pack along the rail stumbled over the neck of the downed filly and unseated jockey Dorothy Williams.

Following a thorough review the Stewards could find no cause to declare the race a "No Contest" and went official with the original numbers posted.

Jockey Chaparro was transported to Los Alamitos Medical Center with neck and back pain for further evaluation. Jockey Williams was cleared to ride the third race then was excused from her remaining mount and was transported to Los Alamitos Medical Center for evaluation of a persistent headache. Jockey Gavica was excused for unspecified soreness and stiffness while jockey Navarro was cleared by EMT'S and completed the evening. Unfortunately Howard's Gift was euthanized at the scene for humane reasons.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

9th Race - # 5 Jitter Done (Tr. P. Jones) stakes / Stewards.
Refund: \$390.00.

6 Miss Eye Socks (Tr. D. Francisco) injured, Dr. Durenberger.
Refunded: \$152.00

11th Race - # 3 Regal Choice Chic (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) unsound at the gate, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$10,448.00.

(-) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,436	On Track Handle:	\$220,961
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,385</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$374,825
Total:	3,821	Out of State:	<u>\$830,278</u>
		Total:	\$1,426,064

SUNDAY

06/21/2009 (1) ROUTINE DAY

All afternoon office matters and evening's nine race program was conducted in routine fashion with nothing of significance to report.

(2) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 3 Smashing Waves (Tr. L. Melton) injured, Dr. Durenberger..
Refund: \$320.00.

5 Karats For Kim (Tr. S. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Durenberger.
Refunded: \$361.00

3rd Race - # 4 Splendents Firstdown (Tr. D. Ekins) sick, Dr. Durenberger.
Refund: \$119.00.

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	946	On Track Handle:	\$117,229
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,880</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$222,334
Total:	2,826	Out of State:	<u>\$571,819</u>
		Total:	\$911,382

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
06/18/2009	8	4	Penn And Teller	P. Jones	Unsound	Beck	\$12,637
06/19/2009	2	4	For Contrast	J. Barnes	Sick	Durenberger	\$1,928
	3	1	Without Dispute	R. Dominguez	Unsound at gate	Beck	\$120
	5	4	Graphic Press	W. Wilmont	Unsound at gate	Beck	\$7,959
06/20/2009	9	5	Jitter Done	P. Jones	Stakes	Steward	\$390
	9	6	Miss Eye Socks	D. Francisco	Injured	Durenberger	\$152
	11	3	Regal Choice Chic	B. Schvaneveldt	Unsound at gate	Beck	\$10,448
06/21/2009	1	3	Smashing Waves	L. Melton	Injured	Durenberger	\$320
	1	5	Karats For Kim	S. Sanchez	Sick	Durenberger	\$361
	3	4	Splendents Firstdown	D. Ekins	Sick	Durenberger	\$119

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 21, 2009.

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

During this reporting period 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: 6 for soundness, 6 for injury and 3 for sickness.

9 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 06/18	FRI 06/19	SAT 06/20	SUN 06/21	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	1	0	1	20
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	1	0	0	1	1
CLAIMS			R	2	1	4	2	9	282
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		1	2	0	0	3	30
INQUIRIES	D			1	3	1	0	5	63
REFUNDS		A		2	5	3	3	13	295
RULINGS			Y	2	3	2	0	7	115

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

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)