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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 January 19, 2010 through January 24, 2010.

TUESDAY

01/19/2010

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Albert Christiansen will be present for morning duties and shall author the week's minutes.

(2) SCRATCHES

There were no changes at scratch time completed at 9:00 a.m.

(3) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Friday's program. Five Thoroughbred and three Quarter Horse races complete the card.

WEDNESDAY

01/20/2010

(1) SCRATCHES

Three rider changes completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Saturday's program. Four Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races complete the card.

THURSDAY

01/21/2010

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes at scratch time, 9:00 a.m., for Saturday's races.

(2) THE DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Sunday's program. Four Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races make up the card.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race on the card, for three year olds, claiming price \$2,500, going 300 yards, failed to fill Cal-Bred but was used open. There were three Cal-Breds in a six horse field.

(4) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

Following the finish of the eighth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an accident about halfway through the race. Replays verify that #1 “Looking For A Lady,” racing erratically from the start, ducks in toward the rail and unseats jockey Santiago Mendez. No other horses were involved. The rider was transported to the hospital complaining of neck and back pain.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 1 Ourtequilasunrise (Tr. J. Alcalá) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$2,056.00.

3rd race - # 1 The Bengal Bus (Tr. C. Treece) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$413.00.
4 Pop Icon (Tr. J. Nunez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$229.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	487	On Track Handle:	\$65,594
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,006</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$184,062
Total:	2,493	Out of State:	<u>\$366,958</u>
		Total:	\$616,614

FRIDAY

01/22/2010

(1) SCRATCHES

One rider change completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The eighth race on the card, for three year olds and upward, had four Cal-Breds in a six horse field, going 300 yards.

(3) DE LA TORRE RULING

RULING #9

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE, WHO RODE “STEVEN DREAM” IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 24TH, 28TH, 29TH, AND 30TH, 2010) 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 TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was agreed upon after Jockey Guild Representative Cesar De Alba reviewed last Saturday's sixth race with the Stewards. Jockey De Alba represented jockey Julio De La Torre, who could not appear due to transportation problems. Jockey De La Torre permitted his mount to continually drift in until he forced a rival to check off his heels. Representative De Alba agreed with the Stewards' assessment of the race.

(4) GOOD RACING

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 1 Andrew's Courage (Tr. S. Willoughby) enter back, Stewards.
Refund: \$785.00.
3 Pace To Burn (Tr. R. Free) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$425.00.

4th Race - # 1 Hawk Kue Pie (Tr. M. Casselman) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,232.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	709	On Track Handle:	\$95,713
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,366</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$215,185
Total:	3,075	Out of State:	<u>\$529,385</u>
		Total:	\$840,283

SATURDAY

01/23/2010

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for three year olds, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill.

(2) INFORMAL HEARING

Groom Jose Vasquez appeared to address complaint #09LA0286, that alleged use of meth. Mr. Vasquez had a hearing scheduled on January 14, 2010 and failed to appear. The groom agreed to an informal hearing and signed a "Waiver of a Recorded Hearing" form. Security Officer G. Angel acted as an interpreter for groom Vasquez. Senior Investigator Tom Blake presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board. Jose Vasquez testified he had taken crystal meth on December 21, 2009 and also admitted smoking marijuana. The groom testified he has smoked marijuana since he was eleven years old. In August of 2008, Jose Vasquez had the same problem.

(3) VASQUEZ RULING

RULING #10

GROOM JOSE R. VASQUEZ, HAVING NOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1489 (h) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING # 5 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 16, 2010 FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued when groom Vasquez appeared to address the complaint against him.

(4) VASQUEZ RULING (CONT.)

RULING #11

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) GROOM JOSE R. VASQUEZ, IS SUSPENDED SIXTY DAYS (60) (JANUARY 25, 2010, THROUGH MARCH 25, 2010), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (h) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – USE OF METHAMPHETAMINE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SUBJECT 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.

FURTHERMORE, AS A CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT JOSE R. VASQUEZ SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD. SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH THE TERM OF THE LICENSE.

As this was Mr. Vasquez's second offense within the last two years, this ruling was deemed appropriate.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 7 El Notre (Tr. T. Bazley) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$2,400.00.

4th Race - # 2 RGR Magic Miss (Tr. A. Farias) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$398.00.

5th Race - # 6 Graceful Dude (Tr. V. Farris) rider refused to ride, Stewards.
Refund: \$7,155.00.

7th Race - # 3 Yakeeta Yak (Tr. C. Hall) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$461.00.

(6)NO PROBLEMS

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

(7)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,266	On Track Handle:	\$131,741
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,707</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$244,073
Total:	3,973	Out of State:	<u>\$619,987</u>
		Total:	\$995,801

SUNDAY

01/24/2010

(1)CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for maidens three years old, claiming price \$12,500, going 300 yards, failed to fill.

(2)SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the sixth race, the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident approaching the quarter pole turn. Involved were the winner #6 “El Chapo” (jockey Dionicio Navarro) and the third place finisher #2 “Serioussideeffects” (jockey Matt Garcia). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 from first and place him third, behind #2, for interference down the backside. Replays show #6 on the outside of a three horse spread approaching the turn, bear in, forcing #2 to check and lose the opportunity at a better placing. #2 was beaten a half length for second place and the interference he suffered from #6 cost him more than the half length.

Original Order of Finish: (6) – 1 – 2

Official Order of Finish: 1 – 2 – (6)

(3)ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	586	On Track Handle:	\$94,389
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,291</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$225,677
Total:	2,877	Out of State:	<u>\$583,265</u>
		Total:	\$903,331

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>
1/21/2010	1	1	Ourtequilasunrise	J. Alcalá	Sick	Beck	\$2,056
	3	1	The Bengal Bus	C. Treece	Injured	Hackathorn	\$413
	3	4	Pop Icon	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$229
1/22/2010	2	3	Pace To Burn	R. Free	Injured	Hackathorn	\$425
	4	1	Hawk Kue Pie	M. Casselman	Sick	Beck	\$1,232
1/23/2010	1	7	El Notre	T. Bazley	Injured	Beck	\$2,400
	4	2	RGR Magic Miss	A. Farias	Injured	Hackathorn	\$398
	7	3	Yakeeta Yak	C. Hall	Sick	Hackathorn	\$461

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 29, 2010.

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

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

List as follows: six for soundness, six for injury, three for sickness,

three for medication, none for coggins, and one for ESWT.

Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and

removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Albert Christiansen.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 01/21	FRI 01/22	SAT 01/23	SUN 01/24	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			1	0	0	0	1	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	3	5	7	2	17	67
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	1	1	3
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	1	2	9
REFUNDS		A		3	3	4	0	10	52
RULINGS			Y	0	1	2	0	3	11

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

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)