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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 9, 2010 through March 14, 2010.

TUESDAY

03/09/2010 (1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Randy Winick will be responsible for recording the minutes of this week's activities as well as attend to morning office matters.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Eight races were drawn at 1:30 p.m. for Friday evening's program consisting of four Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred events.

WEDNESDAY

03/10/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Friday's card was at 9:00 a.m. promptly, resulting in one equipment and three rider changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The eight race program for Saturday evening was drawn at 12:00 p.m. with three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse contests assembled.

THURSDAY

03/11/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

There were no scratches or changes to Saturday's program at the official 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Eight races were drawn at 12:30 p.m. for Sunday and a program of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred puzzles will face the starter.

FRIDAY

03/12/2010 (1) SCRATCHES

9:00 a.m. scratch time produced six rider changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The eighth race in the book for Friday, the "Ivan Ashment Handicap," for mares, four years old and upward at a distance of 400 yards, failed to attract an entry and was called off.

(3) HEAP RULING

RULING #26

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) OWNER/ TRAINER/ OUTFRIDER BLAKE HEAP IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING HIS COMPLIANCE WITH LOS ALAMITOS BOARD OF STEWARDS RULING # 223, MUST SIGN TEST AGREEMENT.

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.

The above ruling was issued by the Los Alamitos Board of Stewards due to trainer Blake Heap not complying with the conditions and agreements set forth in ruling #223 issued on December 12, 2009 at Los Alamitos Race Course. (Signed testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board).

(4) SOTO HEARING (CASE #10LA0001)

Trainer Antonio Soto appeared to answer the above referenced complaint regarding a high post race Phenylbutazone reading (11.07 ug/mL) on December 18, 2009. An informal hearing was held at Mr. Soto's request after he signed a Waiver of Recorded Hearing document. Present at this hearing were the Board of Stewards, Albert Christiansen, James Dreyer, and Randy Winick, Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake and trainer Antonio Soto.

Antonio Soto explained that the overage was due to his assistant treating the horse mistakenly with the same amount from the Phenylbutazone dose syringe as he would from the Banamine oral syringe and discovered that they were not the same dosage and was therefore given too much. While this was understandable, Antonio knows that he is ultimately responsible for these mistakes.

While this was Mr. Soto's first offense in twelve months, it was a substantially high reading which qualified for the \$1,000 minimum fine level according to the California Horse Racing Board guidelines. The following ruling was issued by the Stewards.

RULING #27

TRAINER ANTONIO R. SOTO WHO STARTED THE HORSE "HOTSIE" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON DECEMBER 18, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1887(A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND # 1844 (c-1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (11.07 UG/ML - CLASS IV - FIRST OFFENSE).

(5) SALLER HEARING (CASE #10LA0048)

Owner Joseph Saller was in to address the above financial complaint filed by trainer Danny Urista regarding nonpayment of training services. After a lively back and forth debate of numerous topics and purported facts, the two parties slipped out of the Stewards office after being at loggerhead's for some time and worked out an amicable arrangement for \$1,750, or slightly less than half of the original disputed amount, which will be due in ten business days. Stay tuned!

(6) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign just as the field passed the finish line of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 330 yards) to review an incident just after the start. #1 "Ought To Be Higher" (1st – E.

Garcia) broke sharply outward, making contact with #2 "CA Nuther Malone" (4th – J. Andrade) who in turn came out into #4 "Dash Dinastia" (5th – R. Sanchez), causing both these horses to take up in a sandwich type motion, which was enhanced by #5 "JW Marshall"(3rd – C. Huerta) coming in significantly from his outside position, making contact with #4. After a thorough review of the taped replays and talking to the four riders involved, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify both #1 and #5 from their respective first and third place finishes and put them in order behind the horses they interfered with, #2 and #4.

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

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

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 5 Exotic Story (Tr. J. Hanson) jockey Matt Garcia replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (legal issues).

2nd Race - # 4 My Silver Ransome (Tr. C. Treece) jockey Matt Garcia replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (legal issues).

3rd Race - # 5 Tracy Seis (Tr. S. Fiscal) pulled up lame – vanned off.

6 Dustem All (Tr. M. Rodriguez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$321.00.

7 Hawk Fox (Tr. P. Jones) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,493.00.

4th Race - # 3 Polkatime Band (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Chris Russell replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (legal issues).

5th Race - # 5 Card's Gold (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (legal issues).

6th Race - # 3 Genuine Oaktree (Tr. D. McArthur) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$167.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	978	On Track Handle:	\$123,264
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,567</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$234,918
Total:	3,545	Out of State:	<u>\$674,016</u>
		Total:	\$1,032,198

SATURDAY

03/13/2010 (1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the book for California-bred three year olds, for a claiming price of \$2,500 at 300 yards, did not draw an entry and was called off.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Carlos Huerta was in to review a race in which he was disqualified the previous evening from third to fifth place for interference. Mr. Huerta's mount came inward from the outside causing the horse to his inside to take up. Carlos said the trainer told him to be aggressive leaving the gate and that it was the first time he rode this horse, as well as the horse to his inside came out and bumped him. The Stewards thought Mr. Huerta could have done a better job in keeping the horse straight and that he probably should have refrained from hitting the horse on the shoulder immediately leaving the gate. The following ruling was issued for failing to maintain a straight course and causing interference, which resulted in a disqualification.

RULING #28

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA, WHO RODE "JW MARSHALL" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS

ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2010 IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 20TH, 21ST, AND 26TH, 2010) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FIFTH 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 Eddie Garcia was in to review the sixth race from Friday evening where his mount won but was disqualified down to fourth place for interference out of the gate. Film showed that while he did interfere with the horses to his outside, it was determined in the opinion of the Stewards that his horse was the cause of his own problem and Mr. Garcia did the best he could to straighten and prevent this. No suspension was deemed necessary.

(3)HAGAN HEARING (CASE #10LA0014)

A formal hearing was conducted to address complaint #10LA0014 which involved owner/ vendor Michael Hagan entering into a plea agreement of no contest with the State of New Mexico to several felony counts. This agreement would make owner/ vendor Michael Hagan in violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation); #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing); and #1489 (b) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License).

Present at the hearing were the respondent Michael Hagan, California Horse Racing Board Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake, Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein and the Board of Stewards, Albert Christiansen, James Dreyer, and Randy Winick.

As the hearing was put on the record and Mr. Hagan and Investigator Blake were sworn in, Steward Christiansen told Mr. Hagan he had the right to an attorney, to which he said he did not and asked for a continuance for that and various other reasons. It was reminded to Mr. Hagan that he was given a continuance already over a month ago for this very reason and it was time to move on with the hearing. Mr. Hagan protested somewhat but agreed to go forward representing himself.

Testimony was heard, exhibits were entered into the record, and the hearing was closed. The respondent was advised that a decision would be forthcoming in the near future.

(4)RACING PROGRAM

This evening's program was conducted without problem or incident.

(5)DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Graphic Press (Tr. J. G. Hernandez) jockey Genaro Tapia replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (no show).

2nd Race - # 5 Ice Melt claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

3rd Race - # 6 Arm Chair QB claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.

8 San Darino (Tr. A. Soto) jockey Gerardo Gavica replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (no show).

4th Race - # 5 Sizzling PJ claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.

5th Race - # 1 Shoshone (Tr. J. Clark) jockey Jay Conklin replaced jockey Chris Russell (sick).

3 Captain Kamali (Tr. S. Sanchez) jockey Juan Briano replaced jockey Dionicio Navarro (no show).

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,006	On Track Handle:	\$125,367
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,661</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$260,164
Total:	3,667	Out of State:	<u>\$728,214</u>
		Total:	\$1,113,745

SUNDAY

03/14/2010

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book for Sunday, for California-bred four year olds and upward, claiming price \$6,250 at 400 yards failed to fill with only two entries and was therefore called off.

(2) HAGAN RULING

RULING #29

OWNER MICHAEL HAGAN IS SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (b) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) AND CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING), PLED NO CONTEST TO FELONY CHARGES ON JANUARY 4, 2010, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

DURING THIS SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MICHAEL HAGAN ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MICHAEL HAGAN IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued to owner Michael Hagan as a result of the Stewards' due deliberation of the facts involved in his hearing on Saturday, March 13, 2010 (refer 03/13/2010 (3)).

(3) RACING PROGRAM

Sunday evening's racing program was conducted without incident or problem.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 3 Chobe Chika (Tr. K. Craigmyle) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,745.00.

2nd Race - # 1 Hawk Rockinson (Tr. R. Dominguez) jockey Eulices Gomez replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (sick).

7 Masters Cartel (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$982.00.

6th Race - # 3 SFR No Comment (Tr. L. Hernandez) jockey Cesar De Alba replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (sick).

3 SFR No Comment claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	629	On Track Handle:	\$114,879
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,484</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$283,643
Total:	3,113	Out of State:	<u>\$790,322</u>
		Total:	\$1,188,844

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>
3/12/2010	3	6	Dustem All	M. Rodriguez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$321
	3	7	Hawk Fox	P. Jones	Sick	Beck	\$1,493
	6	3	Genuine Oaktree	D. McArthur	Sick	Hackathorn	\$167
3/14/2010	1	3	Chobe Chika	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Beck	\$1,745
	2	7	Masters Cartel	B. Schvaneveldt	Sick	Hackathorn	\$982

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 15, 2010.

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

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

List as follows: one for soundness, two for injury, four for sickness,

eight for medication, none for bleeding,

two for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins test.

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

removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	FRI 03/12	SAT 03/13	SUN 03/14	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	6
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	0	3	1	4	152
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		2	0	0	2	8
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	1	25
REFUNDS		A		3	0	2	5	101
RULINGS			Y	2	1	1	4	29

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)