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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 17, 2012 through January 22, 2012.

**TUESDAY**

01/17/2012

(1) DUTY STEWARD

George Slender will be present for morning duties and will record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Three races were carded for CAL-BREDS on this date. The fourth race in the condition book was called off with two entries; sub 2 was off with one entry; and sub 4 was off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Ten races were drawn for Friday's racing program which consisted of ten Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 1:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

01/18/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Friday was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the condition book for Saturday was called off with one entry. Also sub 1 was off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Saturday's ten race program consisted of five Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

**THURSDAY**

01/19/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time was completed at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The CAL-BRED race scheduled for this date failed to fill.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were carded for Sunday's program which consisted of four Thoroughbred races and five Quarter Horse races.

FRIDAY

01/20/2012

(1) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 8 First To Deal (Tr. E. Sirin) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$132.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Check This Doll Out (Tr. L. Ruiz) injured, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$500.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Chicks A Snappin (Tr. E. Navarro) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$102.00.

# 7 Dammienlittlebug (Tr. E. Navarro) entered back, Stewards.  
Refund: \$177.00.

(2) SOTO RULINGRULING #18

TRAINER ANTONIO SOTO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012.

The foregoing ruling was issued after speaking with trainer Antonio Soto by phone in which he accepted full responsibility for having his horse improperly shod, necessitating a late declaration.

(3) GODINEZ HEARING (CASE #11LA0367)

Trainer Jesse Godinez appeared before the Board of Stewards for a formal hearing to address the above referenced complaint for a positive test finding of (o-desmethyltramadol) a metabolite of (tramadol) for the horse "Mr Bills Secret" who finished second in the fourth race on November 11, 2011 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards Albert Christiansen, James Dreyer and George Slender, Senior Supervising Investigator Dennis Drulias who presented the case, Safety Steward Randy Winick, Certified Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein and the respondent Jesse Godinez along with his wife Linda Godinez.

Trainer Godinez testified that several years ago he was severely injured in a training accident. Since then the doctors have been trying different medications to relieve his chronic back pain which has been very debilitating since the incident. The most effective treatment for this pain has been the prescription medication "tramadol," which his doctors have him take on a daily basis.

Trainer Godinez surmised the possibility of a secondary transfer from the daily handling of his pain medication through several possible avenues such as mixing the feed, bridling or tying the horse's tongue.

He also stated that the same horse ran ten days earlier, had won and was tested with no problem. Godinez has a good record for rule compliance, including medication. Following the gathering of testimonial and documentary evidence the record was closed for decision.

(4) SECOND RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the second race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) to evaluate an observed incident near the 1/8 pole which involved #3 "Oneladyatime" (4<sup>th</sup> – jockey L. R. Gonzalez) and #4 "Bebopchoice" (5<sup>th</sup> – G. Arriaga). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the race tapes, the Stewards determined that #3 drifts out, bumping and impeding #4 costing the latter a chance of better placement. In a unanimous decision #3 was disqualified from fourth to fifth position.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	920	On Track Handle:	\$134,961.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,137</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$350,545.00
Total:	3,057	Out of State:	<u>\$655,719.02</u>
		Total:	\$1,141,225.92

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$364,140

**SATURDAY**

01/21/2012

(1) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 O S Wilson (Tr. D. Francisco) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$520.00.

(2) GODINEZ RULINGRULING #19

TRAINER JESSE RAY GODINEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MR BILLS SECRET" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2011 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)\* AND SUSPENDED ONE YEAR (365 DAYS) (JANUARY 22, 2012 THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2013) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A&B) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (O-DESMETHYLTRAMADOL (TRAMADOL) CLASS II) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE (335) OF THE DAYS OF SUSPENSION AND NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) OF THE FINE ARE STAYED. JESSE RAY GODINEZ IS PLACED ON PROBATION UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VIOLATIONS FOR CLASS I, II OR III SUBSTANCES. IF PROBATION IS VIOLATED SUBJECT SHALL SERVE THE THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE (335) STAYED DAYS AND PAY THE NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) STAYED FINE. ACTUAL DAYS OF SUSPENSION WILL BE JANUARY 22, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 20, 2012 AND ACTUAL FINE WILL BE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00).

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

The foregoing ruling was issued following due deliberation concerning testimony and documents offered in yesterday's hearing. Mr. Godinez had no explanation as to how or why the positive test showing. He could only surmise that contamination through his medication he is taking could be the answer. Statement of decision to follow.

(3) FIRST RACE – LATE DECLARATION - REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #6 "Street Rat Crazy" (Trainer V. Farris) became fractious in the starting gate and injured herself. Declared on recommendation of Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn. Refund: \$17,699.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	859	On Track Handle:	\$154,823.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,367</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$421,174.60
Total:	3,226	Out of State:	<u>\$786,491.42</u>
		Total:	\$1,362,489.22

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$392,726

**SUNDAY**

01/22/2012

(1) **EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCH**

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Red Hot Runaway (Tr. D. Ekins) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$709.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Brendas Dash (Tr. F. Gonzalez) horse identifier, Stewards.  
Refund: \$407.00.

# 6 LR Biglow (Tr. F. Vallejo) no papers, Stewards.  
Refund: \$284.00.

(2) **VALLEJO RULING****RULING #20**

TRAINER FRANCISCO VALLEJO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012.

The preceding ruling was issued when the trainer failed to have the horse's papers on file in the Racing Office. When contacted, Mr. Vallejo took responsibility for his error.

(3) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	635	On Track Handle:	\$122,124.80
Off Track Attendance:	1,851	Off Track Handle:	\$343,896.50
Total:	2,486	Out of State:	\$709,422.24
		Total:	\$1,175,443.54

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$373,842.42

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Race</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Horse</u></b>	<b><u>Trainer</u></b>	<b><u>Reason</u></b>	<b><u>Vet</u></b>	<b><u>Refund</u></b>
1/20/2012	2	8	First To Deal	E. Sirin	Injured	Hackathorn	\$132
	6	3	Check This Doll Out	L. Ruiz	Injured	Beck	\$500
	7	6	Chicks A Snappin	E. Navarro	Sick	Hackathorn	\$102
1/21/2012	4	2	O S Wilson	D. Francisco	Injured	Hackathorn	\$520
	1	6	Street Rat Crazy	V. Farris	Injured in starting gate	Hackathorn	\$17,699
1/22/2012	4	5	Red Hot Runaway	D. Ekins	Sick	Hackathorn	\$709

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 22, 2012. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period fifteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: six for soundness, four for injury, two for sickness, two for medication, one for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward George Slender.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**  
**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 01/20	SAT 01/21	SUN 01/22	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	3	12	17	59
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	3
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	5
REFUNDS		A			4	2	3	9	24
RULINGS			Y		1	1	1	3	20

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

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George Slender (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Safety Steward)