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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 5, 2013 through March 10, 2013.

TUESDAY

03/05/2013

(1) DUTY STEWARD

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

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED, neither of which filled. The first race in the book for three year olds, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards, had two entries. Sub race #2, for four year olds and upward, claiming price \$4,000, going 330 yards, was called off.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Friday's program. Four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races complete the card.

WEDNESDAY

03/06/2013

(1) SCRATCHES

One scratch and a blinkers off completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED, and they failed to receive an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were drawn for Saturday's program. Five Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races make up the card.

THURSDAY

03/07/2013

(1) SCRATCHES

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

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races were offered CAL-BRED, neither of which filled. The third race in the book for maidens, three year olds, going 350 yards, had two entries. Sub race #1 for three year olds, claiming price \$20,000, going 330 yards, attracted one entry.

(3) THE DRAW

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

FRIDAY

03/08/2013

(1) SCRATCHES

At scratch time of 9:00 a.m. there were no changes on the overnight.

(2) GONZALEZ RULINGRULING #43

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), JOCKEY LEONARDO GONZALEZ, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN TRIALS IN ARIZONA ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2013 SHALL SERVE AN ADDITIONAL SUSPENSION DAY – SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013, IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERMS OF L.A.Q.H. RULING #35, DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2013.

This ruling was issued after jockey Gonzalez rode trials in Tucson, Arizona on Saturday, March 2, 2013.

(3) SANTANA RULINGRULING #44

GROOM RAFAEL B. SANTANA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1875 (FIREARMS – PELLET RIFLE).

The above ruling was issued after an informal hearing was afforded Mr. Santana. The groom stated the pellet gun found in his tack room was not ever used on the backside. He used the gun at ranches he has worked. He was informed the gun was not allowed in the barn area under any circumstances.

(4) RULINGS #45 AND #47RULING #45

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1875 (FIREARMS – PELLET RIFLE).

RULING #47

OWNER BIANCA MENDEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1875 (FIREARMS – PELLET RIFLE).

These rulings were issued after an informal hearing was held concerning a pellet gun in a tack room. Both Santiago and Bianca knew the gun was in the tack room. However, Bianca stated she bought the gun at Wal-Mart to shoot the rats at her barn. Fining both of them seemed to be the best way to handle the situation.

(5) MARIN RULINGRULING #46

GROOM MARTIN MARIN IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS – EXCESS SPEEDING).

This ruling was agreed upon after hearing Mr. Marin's explanation of a Security violation for excess speed in the enclosure. Respondent seemed candid and did not think he was going too fast. Mr. Marin has not been in any trouble before.

(6) PARTIAL HEARING

Jockey Eddie Garcia appeared to address a Security accusation alleging disorderly conduct. The morning outrider and Security personnel accused Mr. Garcia of swearing and verbal abuse. The hearing was postponed when the accusers could not be present.

(7) LOPEZ RULINGRULING #48

IN THE MATTER OF: DIANE LOPEZ

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER DIANE LOPEZ ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING # 19, DATED JANUARY 27, 2013, SUSPENDING DIANE LOPEZ FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND DIANE LOPEZ IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

The above ruling was issued when Ms. Lopez appeared to address an alleged debt to Equine Sports Medicine. After much discussion, both parties agreed to payment of \$265.

(8) JOCKEYS REVIEW RACES

Jockeys Cesar De Alba and Abel Ramirez appeared to review separate races. Jockey De Alba reviewed last Sunday's third race and was cautioned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course. Mr. Ramirez reviewed last Friday's second race and was reminded to be more aware of keeping straight.

(9) HIGH BUTE

Trainer Elmer January appeared for an informal hearing concerning a bute overage. The trainer, who is 86 years old and has not had a bute violation since 2008 (a warning), was issued a warning because the overage was 2.72 ug/mL.

(10) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the first race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident approaching the eighth pole. Involved were the fifth place finisher #7 "Baja Cal" (apprentice jockey Efrain Hernandez) and the seventh place horse #2 "Charles" (jockey Alex Jimenez). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #7 from fifth and place him seventh, behind #2, for interference just past the three-sixteenths pole. Replays show #7 attempting to pass between #1 and #2 through a non-existent hole, bumping #2, costing the latter an opportunity at better placement.

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

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

(11) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 4 Gold Expression (Tr. J. Wallace) enter back, Stewards.
Refund: \$676.00.

4th Race - # 1 A Mere Fortune (Tr. J. Moreno) enter back, Stewards.
Refund: \$468.00.

6th Race - # 5 Hi Sunshine (Tr. D. Showalter) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$907.00.

(12) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	806	On Track Handle:	\$130,689.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,011</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$326,565.10
Total:	2,817	Out of State:	<u>\$785,426.58</u>
		Total:	\$1,242,680.88

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$419,750

SATURDAY
03/09/2013

(1) WARNING ISSUED

Trainer Silverio Martinez appeared to address an overage of bute complaint. As the reading was 2.68 ug/mL, the trainer was eligible for a warning under the class D penalties guidelines.

(2) HERNANDEZ RULINGRULING #49

APPRENTICE JOCKEY EFRAIN HERNANDEZ WHO RODE "BAJA CAL" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 16TH, 17TH, AND 22ND, 2013) FOR ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE INTO A NON-EXISTENT HOLE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO SEVENTH POSITION. 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 reviewing last night's first race with jockey representatives Dee Dee Williams and Alex Jimenez. Apprentice jockey Efrain Hernandez could not appear as he rode the last race at Santa Anita. The young rider attempted to drive between horses where no hole existed, shoved a horse outwards, costing that rival, and then caused his own horse to clip heels. This was an obvious case of careless riding.

(3) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fourth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review a dramatic incident at the top of the stretch. Involved were the winner #5 "Ray's Storm" (jockey Dee Dee Williams), the third place horse #1 "Taylor's Journey" (jockey Alex Jimenez) and the fourth place finisher #2 "Valley Spirit" (jockey Dionicio Navarro). After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #2, on the inside, drift out at the point of the turn, force #1 in the middle, out into #5, causing the latter to dive inwards. The incident was the fault of #2. Since #5 and #1 finished ahead of #2, there was no need for a change.

(4) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the sixth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an accident inside the sixteenth pole. Replays verify #5 "Celena" (jockey Alex Jimenez), laying second in the clear, suddenly breaks down and falls about fifty yards from the wire. Trailing the field, #1 "Bella Marino" (apprentice jockey Efrain Hernandez) fell over the prone #5. Rider Jimenez appeared okay and apprentice Hernandez had the wind knocked out of him but was taken to the hospital for pre-cautionary measures.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 7 Lil Dish (Tr. L. Melton) ran off, Stewards.
Refund: \$2,419.00.

8th Race - # 4 Your Valentino (Tr. J. Godinez) rider refused, Stewards.
Refund: \$14,677.00.

9th Race - # 3 Frankly Too (Tr. J. Moreno) tied up, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$11,524.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,308	On Track Handle:	\$132,471.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,005</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$344,765.50
Total:	3,313	Out of State:	<u>\$769,706.74</u>
		Total:	\$1,246,943.64

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$418,361

SUNDAY
03/10/2013

(1) NAVARRO RULINGRULING #50

JOCKEY DIONICIO NAVARRO WHO RODE "VALLEY SPIRIT" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013, IS SUSPENDED

THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 17TH, 22ND, AND 23RD, 2013) FOR FAILURE 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 decided upon after reviewing replays of last night's fourth race. Jockey Dionicio Navarro, accompanied by his valet/interpreter "Pepe" Magana, agreed with the Stewards that he was responsible for the incident by straightening the turn for home.

(2) NO PROBLEMS

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

5th Race - # 6 Mr Zip It (Tr. E. January) rider refused, Stewards.
Refund: \$5,960.00.

6th Race - # 6 Really Must Go (Tr. S. Willoughby) ran off, Stewards.
Refund: \$10,687.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	794	On Track Handle:	\$138,586.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,713</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$418,151.80
Total:	<u>2,507</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$827,921.02</u>
		Total:	\$1,384,659.12

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$451,044.61

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>
3/8/2013	6	5	Hi Sunshine	D. Showalter	Sick	Beck	\$907
3/9/2013	9	3	Frankly Too	J. Moreno	Tied up	Hackathorn	\$11,524

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted March 10, 2013. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: two for soundness, one for injury, one for sickness, three for medication, none for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Eighteen 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	FRI 03/08	SAT 03/09	SUN 03/10	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		6	9	4	19	174
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	12
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	0	3	25
REFUNDS		A			3	3	2	8	77
RULINGS			Y		6	1	1	8	50

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

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Safety Steward)