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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 18, 2014 through February 23, 2014.

**TUESDAY**

02/18/2014

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer has morning duty and will preside over entries during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Friday, three year olds maidens for \$5,000, was called off with three (0 CAL-BREDS).

(3) THE DRAW

Friday's card will be comprised of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

**WEDNESDAY**

02/19/2014

(1) SCRATCHES

One scratch, one rider change and one equipment change completed Friday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book, mares four and up for a \$12,500 claim, was off with one (1 CAL-BRED). The eighth race in the book, The Denim N Diamonds Handicap, went CAL-BRED with six. Sub #1 in the book, three year olds for a claiming price of \$10,000, was called off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

A late afternoon draw produced five Thoroughbred and three Quarter Horse races.

**THURSDAY**

02/20/2014

(1) SCRATCHES

Two rider changes completed Saturday's program corrections.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$20,000 tag, was off with no entries. Sub #1 in the book, three year olds for a \$4,000 claim, also failed to attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

The \$112,000 Los Alamitos Maiden Stakes will be one of three Quarter Horse and five Thoroughbred races Sunday evening.

**FRIDAY**

02/21/2014

(1) SCRATCHES

No changes or declarations.

(2) AGUILAR RULINGRULING #29

IN THE MATTER OF: FRANCISCO AGUILAR

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER FRANCISCO AGUILAR ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #19, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2014, SUSPENDING MR. AGUILAR FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND FRANCISCO AGUILAR IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

The above ruling was issued after receiving confirmation from Equine Sports Medicine that Mr. Aguilar's outstanding debt to them had been satisfied.

(3) FLORES RULINGRULING #30

TRAINER JOSE FLORES WHO STARTED THE HORSE "EASYIST" IN THE SIXTH RACE ON JANUARY 3, 2013, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), AND #1843 (a&d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – METHYLPREDNISOLONE - CLASS IV).

The foregoing ruling was issued following an informal hearing to address case #14LA0011. Trainer Flores admitted having the vet inject the horse but testified he has never varied from his routine and until this incident has never had a problem. He stated he will reevaluate his routine.

(4) PURSE REDISTRIBUTIONRULING #31

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY OF THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD THAT URINE SAMPLE# LA25087, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "VIBRANT," THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 5, 2014, TESTED POSITIVE FOR ZILPATEROL (CLASS III). IT IS ORDERED THAT "VIBRANT" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$2,640.00) EARNED BY OWNER LA BOTELLA RACING STABLE, TRAINER GERARDO AMEZCUA AND JOCKEY RAUL VALENZUELA BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY MARCH 23, 2014 FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITH HELD)

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1ST	BET ON SNOW
2ND	EL INGENIERO
3RD	HIGH AND SPECIAL
4TH	WINDSOR BEACH
5TH	EL SOLECITO

ALL

RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARI-MUTUEL PAYOFFS.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the post race urine sample of "Vibrant" confirmed the presence of the class III prohibited drug zilpaterol.

(5) WARNING ISSUED

Following an informal hearing to address case #14LA0017, a warning was issued to Roberto Dominguez in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1844 (c)(1).

(6) FILMS

Jockey Roberto Hernandez reviewed Sunday's seventh race with the Stewards this afternoon. His mount broke in at the start, and he did a commendable job correcting him. However, further down track, the gelding ducked in again and his effort was rather lacking. He was warned that in the future a better effort would be expected of him.

(7) FILMS

Jockey Ramon Sanchez was in to review Sunday's second race. The Stewards all felt he could have made a better effort to straighten his mount but felt it fell short of warranting a suspension.

(8) CLAIM VOIDED

The fifth race claim of "No Mistress" by Trainer Bret Vickery was voided after being advised by Dr. Beck he was placing the horse on the Vet's List. The horse was returned to Trainer Gerardo Amezcua's barn.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

None.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,056	On Track Handle:	\$107,968.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,984</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$269,486.10
Total:	3,040	Out of State:	<u>\$619,741.14</u>
		Total:	\$997,196.14

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$360,182

**SATURDAY**

02/22/2014

(1) RULINGS #32-34

RULING #32

OWNER SAMUEL CHRISTENSEN, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2014, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #14LA0022, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SAMUEL CHRISTENSEN 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.

RULING #33

OWNER DIANE M. HEATH, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2014, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #14LA0021, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547

(FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF DIANE M. HEATH 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.

RULING #34

OWNER JULIO ENCINAS, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 22, 2014, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #14LA0023, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JULIO ENCINAS 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 foregoing rulings were issued after the individuals named failed to appear to answer the alleged charges listed in the complaints.

(2) NO PROBLEMS

Excluding an incident that will be discussed, the evening was problem-free.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Surelylu's Andante (Tr. R. Lucas) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.  
Refund: \$306.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,089	On Track Handle:	\$112,573.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,994</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$267,324.30
Total:	3,083	Out of State:	<u>\$718,043.29</u>
		Total:	\$1,097,940.79

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$366,826

SUNDAY

02/23/2014

(1) SUAREZ VISITS

Jockey Guillermo Suarez came in to review a film and explain his apparent disregard for the Stewards' authority. The first day he was asked to come in and review a film with the Stewards, he did not show up at all. The second day, he sent in a representative but failed to notify the Stewards. The third day, with the threat that he would not be allowed to name on horses, he showed up. We have had trouble with him in the past, and it was the same weak excuses, such as traffic. He was warned that if there was another incident, sanctions would be meted out.

(2) SEVENTH RACE - INCIDENT

Jockey Raul Valenzuela was questioned as to why he stood up on his mount approaching the finish in the seventh race. The horse was definitely in contention. He explained that his mount took a bad step, and he feared he may have been breaking down. The Stewards had State Veterinarian Dr. Beck examine the horse, and he found a rather bad laceration on the horse's right leg, which is consistent with a horse hitting and supported Valenzuela's opinion that the horse was in distress. With that evaluation, the Stewards felt Raul Valenzuela acted appropriately.

(3) CLEAR SAILING

Sunday was another incident-free evening with nothing of significance to report.

**(4) LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 3 Perfect Genius (Tr. E. January) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.  
Refund: \$757.00.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 6 Distinctive Dude (Tr. S. Martinez) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.  
Refund: \$890.00.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Wild Luna (Tr. J. Metz) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$892.00.
- # 5 Nava Nataly (Tr. G. Vallejo) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$492.00.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Gray Satin (Tr. K. Craigmyle) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.  
Refund: \$883.00.

**(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	773	On Track Handle:	\$112,158.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,694</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$313,400.50
Total:	<u>2,467</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$837,063.01</u>
		Total:	\$1,262,621.91

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$489,936

**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>
2/22/2014	4	3	Surelylu's Andante	R. Lucas	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$306
2/23/2014	1	3	Perfect Genius	E. January	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$757
	3	6	Distinctive Dude	S. Martinez	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$890
	4	3	Wild Luna	J. Metz	Sick	Beck	\$892
	4	5	Nava Nataly	G. Vallejo	Sick	Beck	\$492
	6	6	Gray Satin	K. Craigmyle	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$883

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 23, 2014. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eleven horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: four for soundness, two for injury, four for sickness, none for medication, none for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 02/21	SAT 02/22	SUN 02/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	1	0	1	1
CLAIMS			R		6	2	1	9	80
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	3
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	8
REFUNDS		A			0	1	5	6	58
RULINGS			Y		3	3	0	6	34

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

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Ruben Moreno (Steward)

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George Slender (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Safety Steward)