

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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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 5, 2008 through February 10, 2008.

**TUESDAY**

02/05/2008

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

George Slender will be the duty Steward this week and will attend to morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **DARK DAY**

Scratch time for Thursday was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m. Entries consisted of two Thoroughbred races and eight Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 1:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

02/06/2008

(1) **SCRATCHES**

9:00 a.m. scratch time was completed without noteworthy incident.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Eleven races were used for Saturday's card, which consisted of one Arabian, two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 12:45 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

02/07/2008

**(1) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race offered for this date failed to fill.

**(2) NUNEZ RULING****RULING # 43**

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SPOONED," SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2007 IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)\* AND SUSPENDED FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (FEBRUARY 8, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 22, 2008) 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 – PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (12.07 UG/ML) – 6<sup>TH</sup> NSAID VIOLATION).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSE AND LINCENSE PRIVILEGES OF JESUS NUNEZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS), SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued following due deliberation over the facts pertaining to case #07LA0250 heard on January 26, 2008 (refer 01/26/08 (4)).

**(3) RULINGS # 44, # 45 AND #46****RULING # 44**

ASSISTANT TRAINER JORGE FARIAS IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA PARKING REGULATIONS. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

**RULING # 45**

GROOM JUAN GARCIA IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA PARKING REGULATIONS. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

**RULING # 46**

GROOM ALVARO GONZALEZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA PARKING REGULATIONS. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

The preceding rulings were issued concerning stable area parking violations.

**(4) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the seventh race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the start which involved # 6 "Surf Runner" (jockey Ramon Sanchez).

After speaking with the rider, trainer Paul Jones and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards opted to make the race official.

The tapes reflect that # 6 "Surf Runner" makes a false break, causing him to roll up in the doors simultaneously to the doors opening preventing him from breaking with the field.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 792  
 Off Track Attendance: 1,792  
 Total: 2,584

On Track Handle: \$166,074  
 Off Track Handle: \$339,553  
 Out of State: \$539,348  
 Total: \$1,044,975

FRIDAY

02/08/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the condition book failed to fill with two Cal-Breds.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 Gee Whiz Gotum Again (Tr. D. Urista) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
 Refund: \$1,251.00.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Corona Buena (Tr. R. Ramirez) sick, Dr. Yacoub.  
 Refund: \$738.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Okey Dokey Olene (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Yacoub.  
 Refund: \$435.00.

(3) CONTRERAS RULINGRULING # 47

JOCKEY BALTAZAR CONTRERAS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – ALTERCATION IN THE JOCKEY’S ROOM) FOLLOWING THE THIRD RACE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after jockey Baltazar Contreras appeared before the Stewards to answer why he was the aggressor in causing a scuffle in the Jockey's Room. He admitted that he was at fault and promised to control his aggression.

(4) RULINGS #48 AND #49RULING # 48

OWNER JORGE GARFIAS, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0018, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$628.41) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JORGE GARFIAS 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 # 49

OWNER MARK WHITAKER, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0016, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,386.73) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARK WHITAKER 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 both subjects failed to appear concerning financial obligations to Equine Sports Medicine.

(5) BAUTISTA RULING

RULING # 50

PONY RIDER JUAN BAUTISTA IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA PARKING REGULATIONS. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

The above ruling was issued. Pony person Juan Bautista was cited to the Stewards for violating a stable area parking regulation.

(6) LATE DECLARATION - REFUND

A refund was ordered in the tenth race as a # 7 "Ca Nuther Malone" (Tr. B. Schvaneveldt) became fractious in the starting gate and injured himself. The horse was declared on recommendation of Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn.

Refund: \$14,725.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 1,305        | On Track Handle:  | \$226,472        |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>2,934</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$524,379        |
| Total:                | 4,239        | Out of State:     | <u>\$757,981</u> |
|                       |              | Total:            | \$1,508,831      |

**SATURDAY**

02/09/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for this date failed to fill.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCH

3<sup>rd</sup> race - # 7 Skeeter Cat (Tr. H.L. Ho) Lamé, per Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$169.00

(3) GARCIA RULING # 51

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EXERCISE RIDER HENRY GARCIA IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA PARKING REGULATIONS. CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS).

The above ruling was issued after subject was afforded an informal hearing concerning a stable area security violation.

(4) RULINGS # 52 & # 53

RULING # 52

OWNER HECTOR G. ORNELAS, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0015, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,501.75) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING AN APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF HECTOR G. ORNELAS 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 # 53

OWNER APOLINAR MINERO, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 8, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 08LA0020, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,658.00) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF APOLINAR MINERO 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 preceding rulings were issued after both subjects failed to appear regarding financial obligations to Equine Sports Medicine.

(4) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards had the inquiry sign posted following the running of the fourth race (870 yards) to review incident near the finish. Involved were # 6 “Good Jazz” (3<sup>rd</sup> – jockey Baltazar Contreras) and # 1 “Pdiddy Dash” (5<sup>th</sup> – jockey Alex Bautista).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 6 from third to fifth position.

Replays reflect # 6 drifts in under right handed whip impeding and causing # 1 to take up and lose an opportunity of better placement.

(5) ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the ninth race (350 yards) the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident where # 6 “Amstel” (Alex Bautista) went wrong and fell unseating the jockey 30 yards before the wire. It was a unanimous decision that # 6 was in the clear when the accident occurred, and the original order of finish was made official. Accident report attached.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |             |                   |                  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 1334        | On Track Handle:  | \$228,037        |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>3021</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$584,523        |
| Total:                | 4355        | Out of State:     | <u>\$761,572</u> |
|                       |             | Total:            | \$1,574,133      |

SUNDAY  
02/10/2008

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Shirley SBL (Tr. C. Treece) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$375.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Eyesa Bac (Tr. C.S. Treece) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$169.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 One For The Ladies (Tr. E. Andrade) sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$513.00

(2) CONTRERAS RULINGRULING # 54

JOCKEY BALTAZAR CONTRERAS, WHO RODE "GOOD JAZZ" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup>, AND 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2008) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH 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

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Contreras came before the Stewards to review the fourth race (870 yards) on February 9, 2008. Mr. Contreras made a weak effort to control his mount down the lane while drifting in. The Stewards were in agreement that Mr. Contreras was to blame for the occurrence of the incident.

(3) VETERINARIAN REPLACEMENT

Dr. Karen Peyser replaced Dr. Tom Hackathorn, who is out for personal reasons.

(4) QUIET EVENING

The Sunday night program was performed without a notable incident.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 876  
Off Track Attendance: 2169  
Total: 3045

On Track Handle: \$202,352  
Off Track Handle: \$522,790  
Out of State: \$587,211  
Total: \$1,312,354

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> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 2/8/2008    | 2           | 3         | Gee Whiz Gotum Again | D. Urista      | Sick          | Hackathorn | \$1,251       |
|             | 5           | 2         | Corona Buena         | R. Ramirez     | Sick          | Yacoub     | \$738         |
|             | 6           | 3         | Okey Dokey Olene     | H. Sanchez     | Sick          | Yacoub     | \$435         |
| 2/9/2008    | 3           | 7         | Skeeter Cat          | H. Ho          | Lame          | Hackathorn | \$169         |
| 2/10/2008   | 5           | 5         | Shirley SBL          | C. Treece      | Injured       | Hackathorn | \$375         |
|             | 7           | 5         | Eyesa Bac            | C. Treece      | Sick          | Hackathorn | \$169         |
|             | 9           | 2         | One For The Ladies   | E. Andrade     | Sick          | Guillen    | \$513         |
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**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 10, 2008.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

List as follows: six for soundness, three for injury and five for sickness.

Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and  
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Martin Hamilton.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY**

|                   | MON | TUE | WED | THU<br>02/07 | FRI<br>02/08 | SAT<br>02/09 | SUN<br>02/10 | WEEK<br>TOTAL | MEET<br>TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENTS         | D   |     |     | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1             | 8             |
| CAL-BRED RACES    |     | A   |     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0             |
| CLAIMS            |     |     | R   | 3            | 2            | 4            | 4            | 13            | 109           |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS |     | K   |     | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1             | 9             |
| INQUIRIES         | D   |     |     | 1            | 0            | 2            | 0            | 3             | 13            |
| REFUNDS           |     | A   |     | 0            | 4            | 1            | 3            | 8             | 66            |
| RULINGS           |     |     | Y   | 4            | 4            | 3            | 1            | 12            | 54            |

Stewards' Attendance: George Slender, Kim Sawyer, and Martin Hamilton were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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George Slender (Steward)

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Kim Sawyer (Steward)

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Martin Hamilton (Steward)