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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 8, 2008 through January 13, 2008.

TUESDAY

01/08/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Martin Hamilton was the duty Steward this week and attended to all morning office matters and recorded the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

Due to jockey injuries over the weekend, eleven riders were renamed for Thursday's program. One declaration and one equipment change were also made at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

Two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races were drawn for Friday. The draw was completed at 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

01/09/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

One equipment change and two rider changes comprised scratch time for Friday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Eleven races consisting of one Arabian, one Thoroughbred and nine Quarter Horse races were drawn for Saturday at 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

01/10/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

One equipment change, two rider changes and three declarations were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Ten races were slated for Sunday with two Arabian, three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races filling out the card. The draw was completed at noon.

(3) FREDDIE MARTINEZ RULING**RULING # 4**

JOCKEY FREDDIE MARTINEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2008.

The above ruling was issued when jockey Martinez called and stated that a flight delay caused his tardiness. His booking schedule left a very small window for error which ultimately resulted in a late rider change.

(4) DON COLLINS RULING**RULING # 5**

TRAINER DON COLLINS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THE HORSE "SKIMMING BYE" TREATED WITH LASIX IN A TIMELY MANNER, NECESSITATING A LATE DECLARATION IN THE SECOND RACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008, WHICH IS A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION).

The foregoing ruling was written when trainer Collins related to the Stewards that he sent the horse over to trainer Curley Ortiz to run and no one insured that he was treated with lasix in a timely manner. Mr. Collins accepted the responsibility without question.

(5) JAMES VON WALDEGG II RULING**RULING # 6**

IN THE MATTER OF: JAMES VON WALDEGG II

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$547.00, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER JAMES VON WALDEGG II, ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING # 259, DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2007, SUSPENDING MR. VON WALDEGG II FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued when Equine Sports Medicine reported that Mr. Von Waldegg II had paid his debt in full.

(6) EULICES GOMEZ RULING**RULING # 7**

JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ WHO RODE "CURLY MO" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2008, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 17th, 18th, 19th, AND 20th, 2008) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE DOWN THE BACKSIDE, 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.

The above listed ruling was issued after Mr. Gomez reviewed the films of the race in question with the Stewards. He allowed his mount to come in, bump, and jostle another rival which was deemed careless in light that he was cautioned for two similar incidents earlier in the week.

(7) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Carlos Huerta was in to review the eleventh race from Saturday where he was cautioned and warned to make a more assertive effort in maintaining a straight course.

(8) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for fillies three years old, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards was called off with one entry.

(9) INQUIRY – 3RD RACE – NO CHANGE

Immediately following the third race the Stewards illuminated the Inquiry sign in order to evaluate an observed incident at the start.

Films show # 3 “Des Pues Boots Fa” with jockey Ramon Guce was fractious just prior to the start, which prompted the rider to steady himself against the hand railing of the starting gate. As the doors opened, Guce was half off forcing him to part company with his mount.

Following a thorough film review and after talking with starter John Baker, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1420(X), # 3 was declared a starter as he was the cause of his own problem.

(10) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 1 Hi My Lies (Tr. Jesus Nunez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$90.00.

8 Eye Am Burning (Tr. Angela Aquino) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$660.00.

7th Race - # 6 Grande Awnee (Tr. Rodolfo Viramontes) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$825.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	667	On Track Handle:	\$130,871
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,727</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$271,635
Total:	2,394	Out of State:	<u>\$442,185</u>
		Total:	\$844,691

FRIDAY

01/11/2008

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

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

(2) HEIDI LOPEZ RULING

RULING # 8

OWNER HEIDI LOPEZ, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO WRITTEN NOTICE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 10, 2008, TO ANSWER CHARGES OF ALLEGED VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF HEIDI LOPEZ 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 when owner Heidi Lopez failed to respond to the above noted complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1876 (financial responsibility). The complaint alleges indebtedness to trainer Paul Jones in the amount of \$515 for services rendered.

(3) ALBERTO QUEVEDO (CASE# 07LA0252)

An informal hearing was conducted to address the above referenced complaint alleging Mr. Quevedo violated California Horse Racing Board rule # 1874 (disorderly conduct). Quevedo admitted that he threatened neighboring groom Damien Mendoza with a knife after he repeatedly refused to turn down his television. Mr. Mendoza admitted that he was asked more than once to do so before the confrontation occurred. Mr. Mendoza did contact Security for protection, however, refused to press charges against Quevedo. As Mr. Quevedo's past history shows no previous behavior, the following ruling was deemed proper.

RULING # 9

GROOM ALBERTO QUEVEDO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – FIGHTING) ON DECEMBER 25, 2007.

FURTHERMORE, MR. ALBERTO QUEVEDO IS PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

(4) GUILLERMO RULING

RULING # 10

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008.

The foregoing ruling was written when Guillermo failed to honor his commitment aboard #10 "Hawaiian Lion" in the first race on Sunday, January 6, 2008. Guillermo stated that he asked his agent to remove him from the mount – *after scratch time*.

(5) CIRO VILLEGAS (CASE# 07LA0253)

An informal hearing was conducted to address the above referenced complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1874 (disorderly conduct). California Horse Racing Board Senior Investigator Dennis Drulias presented the case in concert with Los Alamitos Security Captain Rick Castaneda. Also present in addition to Villegas who appeared without counsel was victim Jesus Ramos and owner Juan Romo, Jr. who appeared as a witness. Security Officer Fernando Gomez served as interpreter. At the conclusion of testimony and having received documentary evidence the Stewards adjourned for decision.

(6) WEEKLY MEETING

Three members of the Jockey Colony stopped in the Steward's Office this afternoon for the weekly meeting. Several areas of interest were discussed in open dialogue.

(7) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maiden three year olds, claiming price \$6,250, going 300 yards failed to fill with three entries.

(8) INQUIRY/OBJECTION – 10TH RACE – DOUBLE DQ

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign and the objection sign at the behest of jockey Cody Jensen to evaluate multiple incidents in the early going of the 300 yard 10th race.

Films show # 4 “Countess Carter” (8th – Ramon Guce) broke in on # 3 “Reckless And Traffic” (3rd – Saul Ramirez, Jr.) who gets turned out pushing # 4 “Back Out Into” # 5 “Phoebe Bebe” (10th – Cody Jensen). # 7 “Streak a Peak” (5th – Rodrigo Aceves) bore in after the start and impeded # 6 “Bonos Jazz Singer” (9th – Ramon Sanchez).

Following a thorough review of the films and after talking with the riders involved both # 4 and # 7 were disqualified from 8th to 10th, and 5th to 9th respectively, in a unanimous decision.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 4 Special Tim (Tr. D. Montes) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: 7,581.00

5th Race - # 4 Move With Ease (Tr. D. Francisco) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$385.00

7th Race - # 7 Zoomin Eye Catcher (Tr. E. Navarro) unlicensed owner, Stewards.
Refund: \$192.00

9th Race - # 4 Splashin On (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$99.00

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1011	On Track Handle:	\$195,594
Off Track Attendance:	2865	Off Track Handle:	\$518,239
Total:	3876	Out of State:	<u>\$712,788</u>
		Total:	\$1,426,622

SATURDAY

01/12/2008

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Eight races consisting of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races were drawn for Thursday, completed at 12:15 p. m.

(2) STEVE BERRY (CASE #07LA0251)

Owner Steve Berry responded telephonically to address the above referenced complaint filed by Linda Godinez on behalf of trainer Jesse Godinez for training services rendered in the amount of \$1,415.00. Mr. Berry's partner Chris Mitchell provided statements that showed money had been transferred to the Godinez account. Upon further analysis, the debt was reduced to \$37.50, which the Godinezs' agreed to absorb. Case dismissed.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey's Gary Boag, Rodrigo Aceves, and Ramon Guce were in, as directed, to review races from last evening.

In the first race jockey Boag's mount # 2 bore out into another rider repeatedly down the backstretch and far turn. All attempts to correct his path failed. Gary stated that the connections plan to add an extended blinker in the next training session in an attempt to gain control.

In the eleventh race both Aceves and Guce were disqualified for interference. Each made sufficient effort to avoid sanction.

(4) FABIAN GRIEGO RULING

RULING # 11

PONY RIDER FABIAN GRIEGO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) AS HIS ACTIONS CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF PROBATION IN RULING LAQL# 257 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2007.

FURTHERMORE, FABIAN GRIEGO MUST COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH BY CHAPLAIN AURIO BERMEO AND HIS PROBATION IS EXTENDED THROUGH THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Griego was cited for getting belligerent with police during an altercation break up in the Grandstand. Griego was trying to separate two friends, however, when the police arrived he misdirected his energy. As this is the subject's third similar alcohol related occurrence, he was ordered to counsel with the Chaplain in hopes of gaining control. Management has also excluded him from the Grandstand area until further notice.

(5) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maiden three year olds, claiming price \$12,500, at a distance of 300 yards failed to fill Cal-Bred, it went open with ten going postward.

(6) INQUIRY – 4TH RACE – NO CAHNGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the 4th race for a review of the start.

Films show # 7 "A Dash of Orange" with jockey Rodrigo Aceves threw his head simultaneous to the start then dwelt, coming out of the gate far behind the field. Following a thorough review, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1420 (x), "A Dash of Orange" was ruled a starter.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

4th Race - # 1 CG Random Play (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$234.00

5th Race - # 3 Big Starr (Tr. H. Shelley) injured in Paddock, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,166.00

8th Race - # 7 Sketchers (Tr. P. Jones) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$812.00

8 Grants Royal Host (Tr. D. Montes) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$100.00

10th Race - # 1 LDS Little Redcorvet (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$153.00

11th Race - # 10 Judys Blurr (Tr. J. Romo, Jr.) sick, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$714.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1240
Off Track attendance: 2894
Total: 4134

On Track Handle: \$205,370
Off Track Handle: \$497,025
Out of State: \$647,769
Total: \$1,350,135

SUNDAY
01/13/2008

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race written for four year olds and upward, claiming price \$2,000, going 300 yards failed to fill with three entries passing the entry box.

(2) ROMO/BAUTISTA RULINGS

RULING # 12

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).

RULING # 13

OWNER JUAN ROMO 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 listed rulings were written as a result of security violation notices that were issued when owner Juan Romo and pony rider Juan Bautista left their vehicles in the stable area over night having been previously warned.

(3) RON KING (CASE #07LA0255)

RULING # 14

OWNER RON KING, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 12, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0255, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) 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 RON KING 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 ruling was issued when subject failed to respond to the above referenced complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1876 (financial responsibility). The complaint alleges Mr. King's indebtedness to trainer Chris O'Dell for training services rendered.

(4) ALEX BAUTISTA

Jockey Alex Bautista appeared, as directed, to explain his late arrival last evening. Mr. Bautista failed to call prior to his first engagement on the evening and was removed from his remaining mounts when he hadn't arrived by his second mount. When he did arrive just prior to the 4th race he provided evidence that he in fact did have car trouble on the road. Mr. Bautista has repeatedly been told to call if he encountered problems and again failed to do so. Accordingly, the following ruling was deemed appropriate.

RULING # 15

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008.

(5) JOCKEY OBJECTION – 1ST RACE – NO CHANGE

Following the 1st race jockey Otto Arriaga astride # 4 "Stormy Stenovec" the sixth place finisher, lodged a claim of foul against fifth place finisher # 3 "Gold Beach Express" and jockey Gary Boag for alleged interference at the top of the stretch.

Films do not substantiate the interference; accordingly, no change was made in the placings in a unanimous decision.

(6) DELAY 2nd RACE

During the warm up period prior to the 2nd race, apprentice jockey Eulices Gomez, mounted on # 7 "Slide Home", felt that the horse was not traveling to his satisfaction and went to Dr. Tom Hackathorn, DVM, for evaluation. Dr. Hackathorn certified the horse sound and he was returned to the paddock for a replacement rider. Jockey Willy Lopez picked up the mount, which ultimately finished seventh. The delay amounted to 9 minutes.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd race - # 1 Crown and Eyes (Tr. H. Hernandez) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$21,882.00

6 Fast Dollars Winning (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$112.00

5th Race - # 7 Scydaddle (Tr. R. Lopez) injured, Dr. Guillen.
Refund: \$1,386.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 807
Off Track Attendance: 2347
Total: 3154

On Track Handle: \$167,883
Off Track Handle: \$379,019
Out of State: \$612,016
Total: \$1,158,919

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>
1/10/2008	3	1	Hi My Lies	J. Nunez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$90
	3	8	Eye Am Burning	A. Aquino	Injured	Hackathorn	\$660
	7	6	Grande Awnee	R. Viramontes	Sick	Guillen	\$825
1/11/2008	2	4	Special Tim	D. Montes	Lame at Gate	Hackathorn	\$7,581
	5	4	Move With Ease	D. Francisco	Sick	Hackathorn	\$385
	9	4	Splashin On	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$99
1/12/2008	4	1	CG Random Play	H. Sanchez	Sick	Guillen	\$234
	5	3	Big Starr	H. Shelley	Injured	Hackathorn	\$1,166
	8	7	Sketchers	P. Jones	Sick	Guillen	\$812
		8	Grants Royal Host	D. Montes	Sick	Guillen	\$100
	10	1	LDS Little Redcorvet	A. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$153
	11	10	Judys Blurr	J. Romo, Jr.	Sick	Guillen	\$714
1/13/2008	3	1	Crown and Eyes	H. Hernandez	Flipped in Gate	Hackathorn	\$21,882
		6	Fast Dollars Winning	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$112
	5	7	Scydaddle	\$1,386	\$1,386	\$1,386	\$1,386

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 13, 2008.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period twenty-one horses were added to the Veterinarian's

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

Nineteen 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 01/10	FRI 01/11	SAT 01/12	SUN 01/13	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	6	7	4	3	20	44
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	2	0	0	2	4
INQUIRIES	D			1	2	1	1	5	14
REFUNDS		A		3	4	6	3	16	48
RULINGS			Y	4	3	1	4	12	15

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

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)