



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS WINTER THOROUGHBRED MEET**

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**WEEK 2 - Thursday, December 7, 2017 through Sunday, December 10, 2017.**

**WEDNESDAY**

12/06/17<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on duty today overseeing entries and scratches for the Saturday Card. A total of nine races were carded, with two Grade I races - \$300,000 Cash Call Futurity and \$300,000 Starlet.

**THURSDAY**

12/07/17<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

6<sup>th</sup> Race BRIGHT AUTISM MIND (Vet – sick)

#9 SUNRISE JOURNEY (Vet – sick)

REFUND \$899.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race

#7 ADORNED (Vet – sick) Refund \$274.00

12/07/17<sup>2</sup>

**RODOLFO CASTRO RAMOS RULING LWTL #009**

Groom RODOLFO CASTRO RAMOS is suspended for FIFTEEN (15) days (December 8 to December 21, inclusively) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1489(A) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – methamphetamine positive). Mr. Ramos is further ordered to enter into a contract with the Winners' Foundation and sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Lastly, Mr. Ramos' license will be probationary for its term. This Board recommends that Mr. Ramos' license be suspended for its term should he have any further drug violations. During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges RODOLFO CASTRO RAMOS are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), RODOLFO CASTRO RAMOS is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after we discussed the case against MR. RAMOS. He will be attending Winners Foundation meetings during his suspension to have support in his recovery.

12/07/17<sup>3</sup>**ALFREDO MARQUEZ RULING LWTL #010**

Trainer ALFREDO MARQUEZ who started the horse MUCHO CHROME first place finisher in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on September 10, 2017 is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (trainer to insure condition of horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 ( c ) (1) (Authorized Medication) and California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs And Other Substances: phenylbutazone – in excess of permitted level [2.70 ug/ml]).

The preceding ruling was issued to close out the complaint against MR. MARQUEZ for a Phenylbutazone overage. His record made him eligible for the minimum penalty.

12/07/17<sup>4</sup>**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim deposited by trainer Mark Glatt prior to the first race for #5 AMERICAN CURRENCY was voided as Official Veterinarian Will Farmer reported that the horse was unsound in the right foreleg during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Eddie Truman.

12/07/17<sup>5</sup>**EMERGENCY / CALAMITY SITUATION AT SAN LUIS REY DOWNS**

During the course of the afternoon, reports filtered in that a portion of the stable area at San Luis Rey Downs was on fire, horses were removed from their stables and were running loose on the grounds. Video received by Steward Luis Jauregui revealed an apocalyptic scene, with thick smoke covering the area. We are hoping for the best.

12/07/17<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	892	\$236,585.10
Off Track	3,184	\$895,407.90
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,984,405.54
Total	4,076	\$4,116,398.54

**FRIDAY**12/08/17<sup>1</sup>**RACING CARD CANCELLED**

Management at this venue issued a statement saying that the Friday racing card has been cancelled out of respect for the humans injured and the horses who lost their lives in the San Luis Rey Downs fire. Reports indicate that there were 25 equine deaths so far, but that number may increase. Two trainers were seriously injured; Joe Herrick and Martine Bellocq.

Additionally, a number of stable workers were suffering from smoke inhalation. The Del Mar stable area has been opened to accommodate the displaced animals from San Luis Rey Downs.

**SATURDAY**12/09/17<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

Unless otherwise listed, the following scratches were horses stabled at San Luis Rey Downs.

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#4 MIDNIGHT SUMMER	Refund \$1,264.72
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 WAR HEROINE	Refund of \$2,883.90
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 COUNTRY FAST	Refund of \$300.70
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 PRIME ISSUE	
	#2 PACKIN HEAT	
	#7 MATRICULATE	Refund of \$1,811.89
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 STORM COMIN THRU	(Vet-injured)
	#9 INCENSED	Refund of \$913.82

12/09/17<sup>2</sup>**STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

Luis Jauregui will be out of the stand for the remainder of the week as he is at Del Mar helping to coordinate rescue efforts for horses saved from the horrific San Luis Rey Downs fire which started on Thursday. Safety Steward Ron Church will fill the position.

12/09/17<sup>3</sup>**GOLD RULING LWTL #011**

Owner ABRAHAM GOLD, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Keith Desormeaux - \$1,652.50) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure To Appear). During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ABRAHAM GOLD are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction Of Stewards To Suspend And Fine), ABRAHAM GOLD is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Gold failed to respond to a complaint filed by trainer J. Keith Desormeaux for training fees in the amount of \$1,652.50.

12/09/17<sup>4</sup>**SECOND RACE**

Shortly after the start of the second race, #2 SALDAMENTE, with Kyle Frey aboard, suffered a major injury to the left foreleg and was pulled up shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, the injury was to the point that the horse was euthanized by trainer Brian Koriner's attending veterinarian. The rider was not injured.

12/09/17<sup>5</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race (Grade I Cash Call Futurity) to review contact inside the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole between the top three finishers - #3 SOLOMINI, 1<sup>st</sup> (F. Prat), #5 MCKINZIE, 2<sup>nd</sup> (M. Smith), and #1 INSTILLED REGARD, 3<sup>rd</sup> (D. VanDyke). After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges, speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the stretch run, by majority decision, Mr. Chaney dissenting, #3 SOLOMINI was disqualified from first to third position. Video review verified that the winner came in just past 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole to make solid contact with INSTILLED REGARD and knock that horse off stride. INSTILLED REGARD, who was running second at the time of the incident, continued to be a factor after the contact and was beaten a "head" for second position. Watching the race live, it appeared that the horse on the inside, #5 MCKINZIE, might have contributed to the contact. However, after further review, it was apparent that MCKINZIE was not at fault as all of the interference came from the winner.

12/09/17<sup>6</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race to review an incident in the stretch involving the winner, #7 BIG HUNK (D. VanDyke), and the third place finisher, #6 MAC MCLOVIN (M. Garcia). After taking reports from the Patrol Judges, speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video showed that Mr. Garcia steadied for one stride when the winner drifted in, but also that he was not cost the chance for a better placing.

12/09/17<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,041	\$688,682.90
Off Track	5,738	\$1,783,516.10
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,403,178.84
Total	7,779	\$6,875,377.84

**SUNDAY**12/10/17<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

Unless otherwise noted all scratches are horses which were stabled at San Luis Rey Downs.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#6 CHIEF HOSA	Refund \$1263.70
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#11 HEAD OF THE LINE (Also eligible) #12 SCENE ENUF (Also eligible)	Refund \$932.62
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 PARTY AT MIDNIGHT # 9 DIALED TO GO	Refund \$2,401.28
8 <sup>th</sup> race	#4 WHAT WHAT WHAT	Refund \$1,757.66
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 LOVELY FINISH #9 LADY CALIFORNIA #10 SMOOVIE #12 COPPER COWBOY (Also eligible)	Refund \$2,359.43

12/10/17<sup>2</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Three riders were in to review races from the Saturday card. FLAVIEN PRAT looked at the third race as his mount was disqualified (Ref. 12-9-2017<sup>5</sup>). After review, it was our opinion that the fault lay with MR.PRAT'S horse and not with the rider. DRAYDEN VANDYKE was the subject of a Stewards' inquiry in the sixth race (Ref. 12-9-2017<sup>6</sup>). MR. VANDYKE escaped with a warning as he was marginally clear when he drifted in late in the race. Lastly, FELIPE MARTINEZ took notice of the seventh race as he drifted in slightly entering the far turn. While he was the cause of tight quarters, he did react to the point that a sanction was not necessary.

12/10/17<sup>3</sup>**JOCKEY VALET MICHEL POINCELET LWT #012**

Jockey valet MICHEL POINCELET is suspended THIRTY (30) days retroactively (November 4 to December 3, 2017, inclusively) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – assaulting a racing official). MR. POINCELET is also fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* and ordered to contract with the Winners' Foundation regarding anger management education. Lastly, MR. POINCELET'S license is considered probationary and any further California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 violations shall result in suspension for its term.

This ruling was issued to finalize the complaint filed against MR. POINCELET for his actions at Del Mar last month.

12/10/17<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race to review an incident near the ½ mile pole involving the winner, #1 RAFTER ONE (M. Garcia), and horses to his outside. After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges, speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. While the winner did come out from behind the leader, causing crowding midway on the backstretch, we felt that the finish positions of the horses which suffered interference were not impacted.

12/10/17<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,405	\$427,735.20
Off Track	5,183	\$1,665,026.70
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,530,496.74
Total	6,588	\$6,623,258.64

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/4/17 TO 12/10/17**

Horses on Vet List	7
Horses off Vet List	3
Shock Wave Therapy	10
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 12/7	Fri 12/8	Sat 12/9	Sun 12/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	<b>C</b>	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	<b>A</b>	1	1	4	7
Claims	5	<b>N</b>	0	2	7	16
Disqualifications	0	<b>C</b>	1	0	1	2
Inquiries	0	<b>E</b>	2	1	3	7
Refunds	2	<b>LL</b>	6	5	13	26
Rulings	2	<b>E</b>	1	1	4	11
Voided Claims	1	<b>D</b>	0	0	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Steward

## NOTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR SERIOUS RACING AND TRAINING ACCIDENTS/FATALITIES

RACING OR TRAINING LOCATION: <b>Los Alamitos (day time thoroughbreds)</b>
DATE OF INCIDENT: <b>9 December 2017</b>
RACE NUMBER: <b>2</b>
NAME OF HORSE: <b>#2 SALDAMENTE</b>
NAME OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: <b>Kyle Frey</b>
CONDITION/STATUS OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (NOTE IF TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHAT IS THEIR CONDITION) <b>Not injured.</b>
ACTIONS OF THE HORSE AND JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (HORSE FELL, JOCKEY PULLED UP, VANNED OFF, ETC.) <b>#2 Saldamente was injured and was pulled up by her rider.</b>
CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE INCIDENT: (EXPLAIN HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AND WHY) <b>#2 Saldamente was not influenced by any other runner.</b>
WAS THE HORSE CLAIMED? <b>No</b>
WAS THE CLAIM VOIDED? <b>N/A</b>
NAME OF THE TRAINER: <b>Brian Koriner</b>
NAME OF THE OWNER: <b>Legacy Ranch, Inc.</b>
TRACK SURFACE: (MAIN, TURF OR TRAINING TRACK) <b>Dirt</b>
SPECIFIC LOCATION OF INCIDENT: (E.G. QUARTER-POLE, FAR TURN, ETC.) <b>¾ pole</b>
TYPE OF RACE/CLASS: (CLAIMING \$5,000; ALLOWANCE; MAIDEN, ETC.) <b>Starter Allowance.</b>
BASED ON THE PAST PERFORMANCES OF THE HORSE INDICATE ANYTHING NOTEWORTHY: (DROP IN CLASS, ETC.) <b>Nothing notable.</b>