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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 6, 2007 through December 9, 2007.

**THURSDAY**

12/06/2007

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will handle entries, scratches, and minutes for the coming week.

**(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 3 De Leonardi (Tr. S. Fiscal) sick, Vet.  
Refund: \$1,089.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Joe Boxer (Tr. A. Farias) sick, Vet.  
Refund: \$484.00.

**(3) HEARING POSTPONED**

The hearing scheduled this evening for Trainer John Frousiakis was postponed as the Board Investigators requested a continuance.

**(4) FILM REVIEW**

Jockey J.R. Ramirez viewed videotape of the ninth race from December 2, in which his mount was responsible for interference at the start. After review and discussion, it was determined that Ramirez made an acceptable effort to prevent interference.

(5) FLORES RULING

RULING # 263

TRAINER JOSE A. FLORES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DILLIONS BUX" IN THE 10<sup>TH</sup> RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 19, 2007 IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – METHYLAMINOANTIPYRONE – A CLASS 5 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE) AND #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE).

This ruling was issued after the trainer had a hearing into the test results from the urine sample obtained from his horse "Dillions Bux," the first place finisher in the tenth race on October 19, 2007. Results showed the presence of Class V drug Methylaminoantipyrone, a metabolite of Dipyrone.

Flores had no explanation for the findings, stating that the horse had not been given the medication found in the sample.

(6) GONZALEZ RULING

RULING # 264

TRAINER JAIME GONZALEZ, HAVING APPEARED AND PAID HIS DEBT TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

RULING # 258 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE NOVEMBER 30, 2007 IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards were informed that Gonzalez had satisfied a debt to Equine Sports Medicine.

(7) NUNEZ RULING

RULING # 265

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1865 (ALTERING OF SEX OF HORSE – FAILURE TO REPORT GELDING) ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2007.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Nunez accepted responsibility for failing to properly notify those in charge of the fact that his horse "Spooned" had been gelded since its last start. Nunez thought he had notified the Clerk of the Course as to the change in sex, but could not be certain as to the notification.

(8) STEWARDS INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the second race as the Stewards reviewed tapes of the backstretch head-on to determine the extent of interference between the first and fourth place finisher, # 3 "Liebau" (C. De Alba) and # 4 "Whosonfourth" (S. Ruiz).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judge and reviewing tapes of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify "Liebau" from first to fourth position. Tapes reflect the horse coming out approaching the far turn, taking the path of "Whosonfourth" and causing that horse to clip heels and stumble. "Whosonfourth" was beaten a neck for third money and, in the Stewards' opinion, was cost the opportunity for an improved placing.

(9) STEWARDS INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the fifth race to review incidents in the far turn and entering the stretch involving the third and fourth place finishers, # 4 "PS Shari Sage" (M. Segundo) and # 8 "Trim To Slim" (O. Arriaga).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judge and reviewing the tapes of the incidents the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify "PS Shari Sage" from third to fourth position. Tapes show the horse coming out on two occasions, forcing the rider aboard "Trim To Slim" to take up and break his forward momentum. The incidents, in the Stewards' opinion, cost Arriaga and his mount a better placing.

(10) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as # 2 "Famous Golden Chick" was off in the right foreleg during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Hackathorn. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$3,955.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	887	On Track Handle:	\$149,490
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,744</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$276,685
Total:	2,631	Out of State:	<u>\$433,278</u>
		Total:	\$859,453

**FRIDAY**

12/07/2007

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Leestown Bell (Tr. C. Hurtado, Jr.) sick, Vet.  
Refund: \$389.00.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Racket Dash (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Vet.  
Refund: \$274.00.

(2) WILLIAMS RULINGRULING # 266

JOCKEY JEFFREY WILLIAMS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1682 (WEIGHING OUT – FAILURE TO MAKE WEIGHT) ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2007.

This ruling was issued after Williams met with the Stewards to discuss his failure to make weight on Thursday, November 29, 2007. He said that his teeth had been giving him trouble earlier in the day and that he was not committed to riding that evening. Other than that, he had no excuse. Also at issue was the fact that an unsubstantiated rumor had Williams in the parking lot after the races dressed in only pajamas, issuing challenges to two other jockeys to engage in a fight. Williams denied the allegation, stating that once he left the track he was contacted by one of the riders and asked to return to the parking lot. He did so, and wound up on the short end of the fisticuffs.

At this point, there is no security report to verify the rumors.

Williams was ordered to submit to a urine test. He obliged, with the results coming back positive for Methamphetamine. The rider said the results were due to his using diet pills. He will submit a doctor's prescription.

(3) DE ALBA RULINGRULING # 267

JOCKEY CESAR DE ALBA WHO RODE "LIEBAU" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2007) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO FOURTH 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 issued after the rider had viewed tapes of the second race from December 6, in which his mount was disqualified for interference approaching the far turn. (Reference: 12/06/07(8))

De Alba, who was accompanied by Jockey's Guild representative Darrell Haire, felt he was clear of the horse he bothered; tapes failed to substantiate his contention.

(4) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Ramon Guce was excused after riding in the second race as he was feeling ill. Replacement riders were named.

(5) GOOD RACING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,136	On Track Handle:	\$192,407
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,101</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$458,244
Total:	4,237	Out of State:	<u>\$698,088</u>
		Total:	\$1,348,738

**SATURDAY**

12/08/2007

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 2 Opimian (Tr. D. Bernstein) injured, Vet.  
Refund: \$947.00

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Princess Chloe (Tr. M. Rodriguez) sick, Vet..  
Refund: \$72.00

(2) RULING

RULING # 268

TRAINER OSCAR C. HEREDIA, HAVING APPEARED AND MADE A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH M.O.C. INSURANCE SERVICES IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

RULING # 38 ISSUED AT HOLLYWOOD PARK DECEMBER 6, 2007 IS SET ASIDE.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards were made aware that Heredia had come to an agreement with M.O.C Insurances Services and has signed a financial agreement form.

(3) RULING

RULING # 269

OWNER ANDRES DIAZ, HAVING APPEARED AND PAID HIS DEBT TO KEITH TARABA DVM IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

RULING # 29 ISSUED AT HOLLYWOOD PARK DECEMBER 1, 2007 IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards were informed that Diaz had satisfied an outstanding debt to Dr. Keith Taraba.

(4) RULINGRULING # 270

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FSIXTEEN" IN THE SECOND RACE ON OCTOBER 6, 2007, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* 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 – TWO NSAIDS PHENYLBUTAZONE AND FLUNIXIN, NOT IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Nunez admitted to the violation as noted in the original complaint. He said that his foreman mistakenly gave a Flunixin administration to the wrong horse, resulting in the double NSAID finding.

(5) NUNEZ AGAIN

Trainer Jesus Nunez responded to a financial complaint filed against him by former employee Ramiro Lopez. Lopez claimed that he owed \$6,590.00 for monies advanced to Nunez while the latter was under suspension back in late 2006. After much discussion, it was determined that Nunez had put approximately \$5,300 into Lopez' trainers' insurance account., and that it should be available for withdrawal. Lopez will check this coming week, and will withdraw his complaint if monies are available.

(6) COMPLAINT SETTLED

A complaint filed by groom Jesus Hernandez against trainer Eloy Navarro for \$2,000.00 was settled for a compromised amount of \$500.00, after the complaint could not produce documentation to substantiate his allegation.

(7) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as # 4 "Cash Is Flying" flipped in the starting gate and became cast. Racing Veterinarian Hackathorn recommended the scratch, with the resulting refund amount to \$17,779.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1212	On Track Handle:	\$223,559
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3464</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$545,319
Total:	4676	Out of State:	<u>\$724,187</u>
		Total:	\$1,493,066

SUNDAY  
12/09/2007(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Answer The Dream (Tr. P. Jones) colic, Vet.  
Refund: \$943.00

(2) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race when # 8 "Tibu" flipped and became cast in the starting gate, prompting Racing Veterinarian Hackathorn to recommend that the horse be declared. There was a refund of \$21,871.00 from the late scratch.

(3) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the third race as Ramon Guce (3<sup>rd</sup>, #4 "Carry Jig") lodged a claim of foul against Eulices Gomez (2<sup>nd</sup>, #6 "Millistocks") for interference shortly after the start.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judge and reviewing tapes of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show



**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 9, 2007.

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

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

Twenty-one horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and  
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 12/06	FRI 12/07	SAT 12/08	SUN 12/09	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	23
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	32
CLAIMS			R	3	5	3	6	17	260
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		2	0	0	0	2	80
INQUIRIES	D			2	0	0	2	4	159
REFUNDS		A		3	2	3	2	10	719
RULINGS			Y	3	2	3	0	8	270

Stewards' Attendance: James Dreyer, Tom Ward, and Anne Alley were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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Anne Alley (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)