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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 10, 2009 through January 15, 2009.

TUESDAY
02/10/2009

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Martin Hamilton is the duty Steward this week and will attend to all morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

One flipping halter addition was made and was the only change for Thursday's program. Scratch time was at 9:00 a.m.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

One Arabian, three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races fill out the ten-race card for Friday. The draw was completed at 1:45 p.m.

(4) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR FRIDAY

The Cal-Bred race written for three year olds, claiming price \$10,000, going 300 yards failed to fill.

WEDNESDAY
02/11/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

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

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Four Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races make up the eleven-race card for Saturday. The draw was completed at 2:15 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SATURDAY

The Cal-Bred race offered for three year olds and upward, claiming price \$3,200, going 300 yards failed to fill with two entries received.

THURSDAY
02/12/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

The 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday consisted of one rider change.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Ten races consisting of one Arabian, three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse contests were drawn for Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR SUNDAY

The Cal-Bred race offered for Sunday, a maiden three year old and upward event with a claiming price of \$2,500, at the distance of 300 yards failed to fill Cal-Bred and was used open with seven starters.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Santiago Mendez was in, as directed, with his agent to review the first race from Sunday evening where his mount broke out at the start. The horse to his outside broke a bit tardily, and the incident was of little consequence, however, Mr. Mendez was cautioned to react quicker to straighten his errant mounts.

(5) SCOTT WILLOUGHBY RULING

RULING # 25

TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON FEBRUARY 7, 2009.

The above ruling resulted when Mr. Willoughby came in and stated that his grooms, who are new to the barn, inadvertently got the two grey fillies switched that morning and brought the wrong horse to the Receiving Barn, necessitating the late declaration. Mr. Willoughby took full responsibility for the oversight.

(6) J.R. RAMIREZ RULING

RULING # 26

JOCKEY J.R. RAMIREZ IS HEREBY FINED THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The foregoing ruling was issued when J. R., who was scheduled to ride three, mounts on Saturday evening, failed to arrive in time to honor his first two engagements due to poor travel arrangements.

(7) OTTO ARRIAGA RULING

RULING # 27

JOCKEY OTTO ARRIAGA WHO RODE "SERIOUS ANGLE" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 19TH, 20TH, 21ST AND 22ND, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FOURTH 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 foregoing ruling was written after Otto reviewed the fifth race from Sunday (refer 02/08/09 (1)) with the Stewards and could offer no feasible excuse for getting his mount disqualified from second to fourth place.

(8) FIRST RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the first race in order to review an observed incident at the 1/16 pole involving # 1 “Red Beach” (3rd – jockey Otto Arriaga) and # 9 “Millistocks Jumpin” (4th – jockey Alex Bautista).

Films show # 1 drifted in steadily on # 9 through the stretch until the latter was forced to check sharply off heels losing position, momentum, and the opportunity at a better placing.

For that action # 1 was disqualified from third and placed fourth in a unanimous decision.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 3rd Race - # 5 Ona Corona Run (Tr. H. Sanchez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$982.00.
6 Now In Royale (Tr. C. Treece) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$2,086.00.
- 4th Race - # 2 Power Tool (Tr. C. Treece) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$519.00.
5 Kenneth's Warrior (Tr. J. McElroy) no show, Stewards.
Refund: \$1,928.00.
9 Brite Ruler (Tr. J. Davis, III) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$231.00.
- 5th Race - # 1-A Vino Dolce (Tr. J. Davis III) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: None – part of entry
2 High Shimer (Tr. L. Barocio) unsound, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,700.00.
- 6th Race - # 5 Shining Zoom (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$708.00.
- 7th Race - # 2 Bono Again (Tr. G. Morales) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$286.00.
- 8th Race - # 7 Fabulous Fly Bye (Tr. C. Treece) re-enter, Stewards.
Refund: \$221.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	659	On Track Handle:	\$97,857
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,891</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$182,064
Total:	2,550	Out of State:	<u>\$462,866</u>
		Total:	\$742,747

FRIDAY
02/13/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

One equipment change and two rider changes was the extent of scratch time for Sunday.

(2) JIM MCELROY RULING

RULING # 28

TRAINER JIM MCELROY IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009.

The above ruling was issued when trainer Jim McElroy's groom neglected to deliver the horse “Kenneth's Warrior” to the Receiving Barn prior to the fourth race on the evening, necessitating a late declaration.

(3) JOCKEY OTTO ARRIAGA RULING

RULING # 29

JOCKEY OTTO ARRIAGA WHO RODE "RED BEACH" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING (FEBRUARY 26TH, 27TH, 28TH AND MARCH 1ST, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FOURTH PLACE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Otto came in, as directed, and reviewed the first race from last evening, where his mount was disqualified from third to fourth place (refer 02/12/09 (8)). Otto stated that his mount was bearing out, and he was worried about bothering the horse to his outside and neglected to notice the horse along the rail. Films show that Mr. Arriaga failed to be vigilant concerning his surroundings, which warranted the above sanction. The Stewards felt it appropriate

to

withhold designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1766 (Designated Races) as this is his third similar violation this meet.

(4) QUIET EVENING

This evening's ten races were completed without noteworthy incident.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 8 Thehawkkeptflying (Tr. S. Paldanius) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$542.00.

2nd Race - # 2 Smoking Hemet (Tr. J. Davis III) lame, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$377.00.

4th Race - # 1 Storms Whisper (Tr. J. Davis III) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$293.00.
5 Storybook Story (Tr. J. Badilla, Jr.) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$6,008.00.
6 Skimmintherail (Tr. P. Schiewe) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$8,498.00.

6th Race - # 6 Gitupn Go (Tr. H. Shelley) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,649.00.

8th Race - # 1 One Great Catch (Tr. H. Sanchez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$202.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	902	On Track Handle:	\$116,825
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,938</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$302,653
Total:	3,840	Out of State:	<u>\$654,999</u>
		Total:	\$1,074,477

SATURDAY
02/14/2009

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races comprise the racing program offered for next Thursday. The draw was completed at 1:45 p.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT FOR THURSDAY

There were two races offered for Cal-Breds for Thursday of which neither filled.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jeff Jerman was in, as directed, to review last evening's fifth race and was cautioned to react quicker to horses that break offline.

(4) JESSE GODINEZ (CASE# 09LA0017)

Assistant Trainer Linda Godinez, wife of Jesse Godinez, appeared in response to the above referenced complaint issued when his horse, "Checkthismemo," tested for Phenylbutazone in excess of the permitted level (5.31 (mcg/mL) on January 15, 2009. Jesse has been hospitalized for the past week, and Mrs. Godinez expressed his wishes to have her represent him in this case. As Mr. Godinez has had no prior NSAID violations, this case met the criteria consistent with an official warning.

(5) JAMES DAVIS III (CASE# 09LA0021)

Trainer James Davis III appeared to address the above referenced complaint, filed when his horse, "Diysem," tested for Phenylbutazone in excess of the permitted level (8.66 ug/mL) on January 25, 2009. Mr. Davis stated that the horse inadvertently received a double dose of bute due to the hire of a new groom. The problem has been rectified and should not recur. Although this is Mr. Davis' first NSAID violation, it fails to meet the warning criteria as the level exceeded the 7.5 ug/mL limit. Following an informal hearing, Mr. Davis accepted the following ruling.

RULING # 30

TRAINER JAMES DAVIS III WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DIYSEM" IN THE SECOND RACE ON JANUARY 25, 2009, 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) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (8.66 UG/ML)).

(6) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

Immediately following the sixth race, the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign in order to evaluate the cause of # 3 "Heaven's Roar" with jockey Maggie Carter to fall at the 3/16 pole.

Films show # 3 ran up on the heels of # 4 "Brite Ruler" and jockey Chris Russell and fell on his own with no other competitors involved. Accordingly, no change in the placings was warranted. Maggie returned to the Jockey's Room under her own power and was cleared by E.M.T.'s. "Heaven's Roar" quickly gained his feet and was returned to his barn. Accident report attached.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

6th Race - # 2 Curico (Tr. A. Soto) injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$339.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,164	On Track Handle:	\$146,018
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,053</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$305,292
Total:	4,217	Out of State:	<u>\$687,874</u>
		Total:	\$1,139,184

SUNDAY
02/15/2009

(1) NO REPORTABLE INCIDENTS

All business matters through the course of the afternoon and ten-race program were routine with no significant incidents to report.

(2) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race - # 1 Thunder One (Tr. E. January) injured, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$456.00.

4th Race - # 3 Azureregal Whitesox (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Peyser.
Refund: \$1,302.00.

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 820
Off Track Attendance: 2,450
Total: 3,270

On Track Handle: \$127,128
Off Track Handle: \$336,365
Out of State: \$724,036
Total: \$1,187,529

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>
02/12/2009	3	5	Ona Corona Run	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$982
	3	6	Now In Royale	C. Treece	Lame at gate	Hackathorn	\$2,086
	5	2	High Shimer	L. Barocio	Unsound	Beck	\$1,700
	6	5	Shining Zoom	J. Flores	Sick	Beck	\$708
	7	2	Bono Again	G. Morales	Injured	Hackathorn	\$286
02/13/2009	1	8	Thehawkkeptflying	S. Paldanius	Injured	Hackathorn	\$542
	2	2	Smoking Hemet	J. Davis III	Lame	Hackathorn	\$377
	4	1	Storms Whisper	J. Davis III	Injured	Hackathorn	\$293
	4	5	Storybook Story	J. Badilla, Jr.	Sick	Beck	\$6,008
	4	6	Skimmintherail	P. Schiewe	Lame at gate	Hackathorn	\$8,498
	6	6	Gitupn Go	H. Shelley	Sick	Beck	\$1,649
	8	1	One Great Catch	H. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$202
02/14/2009	6	2	Curico	A. Soto	Injured	Beck	339
02/15/2009	3	1	Thunder One	E. January	Injured	Peysen	\$456
	4	3	Azureregal Whitesox	C. Treece	Sick	Peysen	\$1,302

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 15, 2009.

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

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

List as follows: seven for soundness, nine for injury and four 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 02/12	FRI 02/13	SAT 02/14	SUN 02/15	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			1	0	1	0	2	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	4	1	3	2	10	77
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		1	0	0	0	1	9
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	1	0	2	16
REFUNDS		A		9	7	1	2	19	89
RULINGS			Y	3	2	1	0	6	30

Stewards' Attendance: Martin Hamilton, Albert Christiansen, and Will Meyers were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

Martin Hamilton (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Will Meyers (Steward)