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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of April 14, 2009 through April 19, 2009.

**TUESDAY**

04/14/2009

(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 declaration and two rider changes comprised the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Thursday.

(3) ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY

Nine races were drawn for Friday consisting of three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 1:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

04/15/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

One blinker change was the only correction to Friday's program.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

One Arabian, four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races comprise the ten-race program for Saturday, drawn at 1:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

04/16/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

One declaration and three rider changes were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Saturday.

(2) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Nine races were drawn for Sunday's program, completed at 2:00 p.m. One Arabian, three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races fill out the card.

(3) JESUS NUNEZ (CASE# 09LA0042)

An informal hearing was conducted to address the above noted complaint filed when Jesus' horse,

"Cioccolato," tested for the double NSAIDs, Phenylbutazone and Flunixin, following the fourth race on March 8, 2009.

Jesus stated that the groom gave the horse oral Banamine one day before said race instead of two days out as instructed and the veterinarian followed up with a pre-race bute injection. At the conclusion, Mr. Nunez accepted the following ruling.

RULING # 55

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CIOCCOLATO" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON MARCH 8, 2009, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED 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) AND CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1844 (C) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves was in, as directed, to review the seventh race from Saturday evening where his mount drifted out on another rival mid-race. Films show Rodrigo's mount was bearing out somewhat. However, the Stewards felt a better effort could have been made. Rodrigo concurred and promised to do better.

Jockeys Santiago Mendez, Jeff Jerman, and Cesar De Alba were in to review the seventh race on Sunday where De Alba's mount was jostled about in the closing strides while racing in tight quarters. Mendez was warned and counseled to maintain a straight course as he tightened the gap on Cesar while Jerman's mount continued to bear out. Jockey Jerman was counseled to assert more effort to correct an errant mount. Both riders were receptive to our admonitions. (Refer 04/12/09 (7))

(5) SIXTH RACE – LATE DECLARATION – REFUND

During the warm-up period prior to the sixth race, # 7 "Go The Limite" unseated jockey Maggie Carter and ran off, vacating the course, prompting a late declaration. Both rider and horse escaped injury. Refund: \$4,466.00.

(6) NO PROBLEMS

Other than the loose horse, as mentioned above, the eight-race program was completed problem-free with no reportable incidents.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Jans (Tr. E. January) identification, Stewards.  
Refund: \$145.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Go The Limite (Tr. H. Shelley) lost rider in post parade – ran off, Stewards.  
Refund: \$4,466.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	811	On Track Handle:	\$106,977
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,965</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$192,455
Total:	<u>2,776</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$411,890</u>
		Total:	<u>\$711,322</u>

**FRIDAY**

04/17/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

One declaration and one rider change comprised the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Sunday.

(2) VIOLATION HEARING

Grooms Jose Castillo and Fredi Arrana were afforded an informal hearing to address Los Alamitos Security Violation notices. They were issued as a result of an altercation between the two. Castillo was observed driving on the premises while intoxicated and participating in the fight with Arrana. The latter was cited for instigating the altercation when Castillo returned without the beer Arrana paid him to go purchase. Both admitted to their deeds of the evening, and the following rulings were

RULING # 56

GROOM JOSE CASTILLO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

RULING # 57

GROOM FREDI CHAVEZ ARANA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

(3) ANGEL TEJEDA (CASE# 09LA0060)

Exercise Rider Angel Tejada appeared to address the above noted complaint filed when he tested positive for cocaine and marijuana during a routine drug test. California Horse Racing Board Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake administered the test to satisfy the terms of a signed testing agreement. Tejada admitted to using and agreed to an informal hearing on the matter.

Investigator Blake presented the case before Stewards Kim Sawyer, Randy Winick, and Martin Hamilton with Security Officer Jorge Avina serving as interpreter. Chaplain Aurio Bermeo offered his assistance as he is familiar with Mr. Tejada.

Mr. Tejada was advised of his rights and then stated he would go forward and accept the decision of the Board of Stewards. At the conclusion, the Stewards deliberated and meted out the following ruling.

RULING # 58

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) EXERCISE RIDER ANGEL TEJEDA, IS SUSPENDED THIRTY DAYS (30) (APRIL 28, 2009, THROUGH MAY 27, 2009), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – USE OF MARIJUANA, COCAINE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF SUBJECT 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.

FURTHERMORE, AS A CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT ANGEL TEJEDA SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM (30 DAY IN HOUSE, 60 DAY OUTPATIENT) ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD. SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010, AND WILL REMAIN ON PROBATION UPON RENEWAL OF CHRB LICENSE.

(4) LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE (CASE# 09LA0047)

A formal tape-recorded hearing was conducted to address the above noted complaint filed after it came to light during the Sam Thompson accident investigation that certain points of Los Alamitos license application regarding emergency medical procedures were not in total compliance.

In attendance were Edward C. Allred, Los Alamitos Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Brad McKenzie, Finish Line Insurance Consultant, and Allie Rodriguez, Finish Line Office Manager. Supervising Investigator Michael Kilpack presented the case to Stewards Kim Sawyer, Randy Winick, and Martin Hamilton.

After much dialogue and testimony, it was determined that Los Alamitos had rectified the problems presented, and Mr. Allred agreed to amend his application to name Mr. Ron Church as the evening health and safety manager during the live racing program. With these matters addressed, the Board of Stewards saw no need for further action.

(5) BILLY LEWIS, JR. (CASE# 09LA0056)

Trainer Billy Lewis, Jr. appeared to address the above referenced complaint, alleging his

indebtedness to groom Jose L. Medina for services rendered. After much negotiation, Mr. Medina accepted a settlement agreement in the amount of \$2,500. Mr. Lewis owes \$1,000 on April 19 and May 19 and \$500 on June 19.

(6) ROUTINE EVENING

This evening's nine races were completed in routine fashion with no reportable incidents.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 1 Fly Scaper (Tr. J. Gomez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$218.00.

# 7 Shesnomorningbreeze (Tr. J. Flores) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$10,802.00.

# 8 Shakita Chic (Tr. M. Rodriguez) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$13,653.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Pride And Class (Tr. K. Craigmyle) injured, Dr. Hackathorn  
Refund: None – part of entry.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Fishin Party (Tr. D. Francisco) identification, Stewards.  
Refund: \$271.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Stunning Star (Tr. J. Romo, Jr.) re-enter, Stewards.  
Refund: \$111.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,123	On Track Handle:	\$139,811
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,057</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$241,721
Total:	4,180	Out of State:	<u>\$550,875</u>
		Total:	\$932,407

**SATURDAY**

04/18/2009

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races round out the eight-race card for Thursday. The draw was completed at 1:30 p.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

All four Cal-Bred races offered this week failed to fill with the exception of Sunday when the maiden three years old and up, claiming price \$6,250, going 300 yards was used open with eight scheduled starters.

(3) FELIX GONZALEZ (CASE# 09LA0049)

Trainer Felix Gonzalez appeared in response to the above referenced complaint alleging that his starter, "Rhinstone Cat," tested positive for Dexamethasone following the first race on March 12, 2009.

Felix stated that the groom inadvertently fed the Azium too close to the race and it failed to clear in a timely manner. The Stewards cautioned Mr. Gonzalez concerning the handling of medications around the barn and issued the following ruling.

RULING # 59

TRAINER FELIX L. GONZALEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "RHINESTONE CAT" IN THE FIRST RACE ON MARCH 12, 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 – DEXAMETHASONE).

(4) FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Dee Dee Williams was in, as directed, to review the third race from last evening where she shaved a competitor just past the point of the far turn. Ms. Williams was cautioned and warned to allow more room when going by tiring horses. The young rider promised to be more vigilant.

(5) SECURITY VIOLATIONS

The following rulings were issued to satisfy security violation citations.

RULING # 60

ASSISTANT STARTER ISAIAS RODRIGUEZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - SPEEDING IN BARN AREA).

RULING # 61

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

(6) THIRD RACE – TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the third race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), trainer Jesus Nunez, conditioner of # 5 "Moonshine Momma" (7<sup>th</sup> – jockey Joel Valadez), lodged an objection against # 4 "El Fugas" (3<sup>rd</sup> – Eduardo Nicasio) for interference after the start.

Films show # 4 did drift out to the path of # 5, however, the latter broke very slowly and in the unanimous opinion of the Stewards was only mildly inconvenienced, warranting no change.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 8 Prince Snowbound (Tr. J. Frousiakis) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$4,589.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Charo Rose (Tr. J. Enriquez) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$439.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,180	On Track Handle:	\$141,866
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,667</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$270,590
Total:	3,847	Out of State:	<u>\$634,418</u>
		Total:	\$1,046,874

SUNDAY

04/19/2009

(1) JOHN FROUSIAKIS (CASE# 09LA0050)

Trainer John Frousiakis was afforded a telephonic hearing regarding the above referenced complaint issued when his horse, "Take A Break," tested for Phenylbutazone in excess of the permitted level (6.28 ug/mL) on March 13, 2009.

Mr. Frousiakis stated that he has no clue how his horse tested above the limit except for the fact that the same horse had been tested following a subsequent race, and he was notified that the bute level approached the decision level, indicating he must be retaining the bute in his system.

Mr. Frousiakis was cautioned concerning making adjustments to his medication program and accepted the following ruling.

RULING # 62

TRAINER JOHN FROUSIAKIS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "TAKE A BREAK," SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 13, 2009 IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED 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) AND # 1844(C) (C-1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF THE PERMITTED LEVEL).

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio was in, as directed, to review the third race from last evening where his mount survived a trainer objection (refer 04/18/09 (6)). Eduardo's mount ducked in at the start and then came out on # 5 when over-correcting. The Stewards cautioned the young rider to return to his lane only and not exceed that line.

(3) FIRST RACE – JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the Objection sign following the first race at the behest of jockey Chris Russell aboard the third place finisher # 1 "Count'n Tears." Chris claimed that # 9 "Heart of my Heart," the first place finisher with jockey Guillermo Suarez, drifted in and forced him to check in mid-turn. None of the views of the incident substantiate the claim, accordingly, no change was warranted.

(4) SIXTH RACE – JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Jockey Cesar De Alba who finished second with # 4 "Juan Special Leader" lodged a claim of foul against first place finisher # 5 "Imazoomertoo" and jockey Eddie Garcia for allegedly striking his mount on the head mid-race in the 300-yard Quarter Horse event.

After a thorough review of the tapes of the race, including a slow-motion isolated close-up, in the unanimous opinion of the Stewards there was no contact made, and the order, as posted, was made official.

(5) TOTE FIXED (REFER 04/12/09 (2))

As a follow-up to the meeting with Scientific Games Field Service Manager, Lance Ku, the problems with the tote board operation have been rectified, and the board functioned properly all week. Attached to these minutes is a letter from Mr. Ku listing the software items that were restored.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 3 For Caper (Tr. J. Davis III) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$189.00.

# 8 Razor Cut (Tr. J. Barnes) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$1,081.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Dash Decision (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$581.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Ordination (Tr. H. Shelley) lame at gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$10,474.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 724  
Off Track Attendance: 2,448  
Total: 3,172

On Track Handle: \$116,169  
Off Track Handle: \$295,968  
Out of State: \$613,336  
Total: \$1,025,473

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>
04/17/2009	2	1	Fly Scraper	J. Gomez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$218
	2	7	Shesnomorningbreeze	J. Flores	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$10,802
	2	8	Shakita Chic	M. Rodriguez	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$13,653
	3	1	Pride And Class	K. Craigmyle	Injured	Hackathorn	\$0
04/18/2009	1	8	Prince Snowbound	J. Frousiakis	Lame at gate	Hackathorn	\$4,589
	8	3	Charo Rose	J. Enriquez	Sick	Beck	\$439
04/19/2009	3	3	For Caper	J. Davis III	Sick	Hackathorn	\$189
	3	8	Razor Cut	J. Barnes	Sick	Hackathorn	\$1,081
	6	6	Dash Decision	J. Nunez	Sick	Beck	\$581
	7	6	Ordination	H. Shelley	Lame at gate	Hackathorn	\$10,474

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 19, 2009.

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

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

List as follows: eight for soundness, four for injury and four for sickness.

Twelve 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 04/16	FRI 04/17	SAT 04/18	SUN 04/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	10
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	0	1	2	3	6	192
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	0	0	17
INQUIRIES	D			0	0	1	2	3	42
REFUNDS		A		2	5	2	4	13	189
RULINGS			Y	1	3	3	1	8	62

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

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Martin Hamilton (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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Kim Sawyer (Steward)