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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of May 26, 2009 through May 31, 2009.

**TUESDAY**

05/26/2009

(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) **ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY**

Nine races were drawn for Friday consisting of three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 12:30 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race offered for fillies and mares, three and up at 300 yards failed to fill.

**WEDNESDAY**

05/27/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY**

One declaration and four rider changes were made to complete the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Friday.

(2) **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Two Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races comprise the ten-race card for Saturday. The draw was completed at 12:00 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race written for three and up maidens, claiming price \$3,200, at 350 yards failed to fill.

**THURSDAY**

05/28/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY**

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

(2) **ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY**

One Arabian, two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races fill out the card for Sunday. The draw was completed at noon.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for maidens, three years old and upward, claiming price \$2,500, at the distance of 300 yards failed to fill.

(4) NO THURSDAY RACING

Due to the cancellation of racing at Hollywood Park and Golden Gate Fields, Los Alamitos sought and obtained clearance from the California Horse Racing Board to cancel its Thursday program.

FRIDAY

05/29/2009

(1) SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

One declaration and three rider changes were approved at the 9:00 a.m. scratch time for Sunday's card.

(2) CARLOS ORANTES RULING

RULING # 90

GROOM CARLOS ORANTES IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - ILLEGAL ENTRY TO STABLE AREA) ON SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2009.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Orantes appeared and stated that the gate was unlocked, however, a witness and Security Captain Rick Castaneda had knowledge to the contrary.

(3) CARLOS CERVANTES, D.V.M. (CASE# 09LA0100)

Veterinarian Dr. Carlos Cervantes, D.V.M., appeared in response to the above referenced complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration).

Dr. Cervantes opted to handle the matter informally and waived his right to counsel. Senior Special Investigator Thomas Blake presented the case before Stewards Albert Christiansen, Randy Winick, and Martin Hamilton.

At issue, Dr. Cervantes went to trainer Jesus Nunez's barn to administer bute to the horse "Derby Del" who was in to race on April 25, 2009 and groom Frailan Velazquez led out "My Hero Jr" who was in that evening. When Valezquez quizzed the veterinarian as to when he would be by to treat "Derby Del" with bute for tomorrow's race, Cervantes stated that "he just did." The groom assumed he was there to treat "My Hero Jr" with lasix, however, that horse does not run on lasix, and he inadvertently led out the wrong horse. Dr. Cervantes, realizing that "My Hero Jr" was double treated, immediately filled out the scratch card stating that there was an error made.

At the conclusion of testimony and the offering of documentary evidence, the hearing was adjourned for decision.

(4) RAMON SANCHEZ

Jockey Ramon Sanchez appeared, as directed, to review the eighth race from Sunday evening where his mount was disqualified from first to last place (refer 05/24/09 (3)). Trainer Lissette Hernandez and owner Ramiro Liera also appeared for an explanation regarding the disqualification. Following a lengthy review the owner and trainer left with a clearer understanding of our decision. Jockey Sanchez remained and following a brief discussion concurred with the Stewards' assessment that with more effort the interference could have been avoided. Accordingly, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 91

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ, WHO RODE "PAPPYSCORONALILBRO" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (JUNE 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, AND 11TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO LAST 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.

(5) NO PROBLEMS

This evening's nine-race program was completed problem-free with no reportable incidents.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 4 Without Cause (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$1,434.00.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 2 Utility Man (Tr. J. Nunez) injured in starting gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$6,888.00.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Runaway Flores (Tr. J. Flores) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$334.00.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Cash Flow SBL (Tr. C. Treece) loose post parade – ran off, Stewards.  
Refund: \$1,093.00.
- # 4 Shes Miz Miracle (Tr. F. Quintero) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$112.00.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Gator Hater (Tr. D. Frey) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$342.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 1,677        | On Track Handle:  | \$164,312        |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>4,551</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$497,446        |
| Total:                | 6,228        | Out of State:     | <u>\$736,107</u> |
|                       |              | Total:            | \$1,397,865      |

**SATURDAY**

05/30/2009

(1) ENTRIES FOR THURSDAY

An eight race card was assembled for Thursday consisting of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 11:45 a.m.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race offered for Cal-Bred three-year-olds, claiming price \$5,000, going 300 yards, was called off with insufficient entries.

(3) CERVANTES DECISION (CASE# 09LA0100 – REFER 05/29/09 (3))

After due deliberation over the facts of yesterday's hearing, the Board of Stewards opined, for a practicing veterinarian to know every horse in his practice would be an impossible task and so he must rely on those at each barn to supply accurate information. In this instant case that did not happen. The groom presented the wrong horse for treatment which caused the problem. Dr. Cervantes reacted properly when it was discovered that the wrong horse had been treated and filed a scratch card, protecting both the betting public and the trainer. To hold Dr. Cervantes responsible for the late declaration would be unreasonable, accordingly, this case was unanimously dismissed.

(4) ROUTINE EVENING

This evening's ten-race program, including three divisions of the "Vessels Maturity Trials," proceeded in routine fashion with nothing of significance to report.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 6 Pallotolla (Tr. W. Solis) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$285.00.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 1 Connive (Tr. C. Gonzalez) flipped in gate, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$31,865.00.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Imcheckn (Tr. F. Quintero) stake, Stewards.  
Refund: \$201.00.

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 This Chick Can Bet (Tr. C. Treece) sick, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$883.00.

# 10 Apollo's Mister Twist (Tr. M. Casselman) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$281.00.

**(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance: 1,348  
Off Track Attendance: 3,132  
Total: 4,480

On Track Handle: \$190,702  
Off Track Handle: \$319,809  
Out of State: \$632,609  
Total: \$1,143,120

**SUNDAY**

05/31/2009 (1) QUIET DAY

All afternoon business and nine races conducted were carried out in a routine manner with no remarkable incidents.

**(2) LATE DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 Aimed For Fame (Tr. J. Flores) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$567.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 5 RJ's Peanut (Tr. J. Hernandez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$203.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Smoothe As Silk (Tr. B. Lewis) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$84.00.

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Moncheri (Tr. B. Vickery) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$499.00.

**(2) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance: 778  
Off Track Attendance: 2,645  
Total: 3,423

On Track Handle: \$143,682  
Off Track Handle: \$345,719  
Out of State: \$713,852  
Total: \$1,203,253

**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> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 05/29/2009  | 2           | 4         | Without Cause         | J. Flores      | Sick                     | Beck       | \$1,434       |
|             | 3           | 2         | Utility Man           | J. Nunez       | Injured in starting gate | Hackathorn | \$6,888       |
|             | 4           | 3         | Runaway Flores        | J. Flores      | Injured                  | Hackathorn | \$334         |
|             | 6           | 4         | Shex Miz Miracle      | F. Quintero    | Injured                  | Hackathorn | \$112         |
|             | 9           | 1         | Gator Hater           | D. Frey        | Injured                  | Hackathorn | \$342         |
| 05/30/2009  | 1           | 6         | Pallotolla            | W. Solis       | Injured                  | Hackathorn | \$285         |
|             | 2           | 1         | Connive               | C. Gonzalez    | Flipped in gate          | Hackathorn | \$31,865      |
|             | 10          | 7         | This Chick Can Bet    | C. Treece      | Sick                     | Beck       | \$883         |
|             | 10          | 10        | Apollo's Mister Twist | M. Casselman   | Sick                     | Hackathorn | \$281         |
| 05/31/2009  | 2           | 3         | Aimed For Fame        | J. Flores      | Injured                  | Hackathorn | \$567         |
|             | 3           | 5         | RJ's Peanut           | J. Hernandez   | Injured                  | Hackathorn | \$203         |
|             | 7           | 2         | Smoothe As Silk       | B. Lewis       | Sick                     | Hackathorn | \$84          |
|             | 9           | 3         | Moncheri              | B. Vickery     | Sick                     | Hackathorn | \$499         |

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 31, 2009.

No 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: two for soundness, nine for injury and five for sickness.

Sixteen 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<br>05/28 | FRI<br>05/29 | SAT<br>05/30 | SUN<br>05/31 | WEEK<br>TOTAL | MEET<br>TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENTS         | D   |     |     | -            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 16            |
| CAL-BRED RACES    |     | A   |     | -            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 0             |
| CLAIMS            |     |     | R   | -            | 2            | 0            | 3            | 5             | 249           |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS |     | K   |     | -            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 23            |
| INQUIRIES         | D   |     |     | -            | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 53            |
| REFUNDS           |     | A   |     | -            | 6            | 5            | 4            | 15            | 267           |
| RULINGS           |     |     | Y   | -            | 2            | 0            | 0            | 2             | 91            |

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

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Martin Hamilton (Steward)

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)