

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of July 28, 2009 through August 2, 2009.

TUESDAY

07/28/2009

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Kim Sawyer was available for the morning duties and recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) **SCRATCHES**

Thursday's scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with four jockey changes and two declarations.

(3) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were carded for Friday's program consisting of five Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred races. The races were drawn at 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

07/29/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration and one jockey change.

(2) **THE DRAW**

The card for Saturday was completed at 1:15 p.m. and was comprised of seven Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY

07/30/2009

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratches for Saturday's program at 9:00 a.m. were officially complete with one jockey change and one equipment adjustment.

(2) **THE DRAW**

The draw for Sunday was conducted at 3:00 p.m. and the card was a combination of seven Quarter Horse and two Thoroughbred races.

(3) **FILM REVIEW**

Eight jockeys were summoned to the Stewards office to review and discuss incidents that occurred Sunday evening involving their capabilities to correct their mounts and make racing safer. The group included both Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred riders. They all agreed they could do better and would make the effort in the future.

(4) BERNAL RULINGRULING #141

GROOM JUAN BERNAL IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - OVERNIGHT PARKING).

This ruling was published after Mr. Bernal appeared with a Security notice and testified that he had fallen asleep in the stable area, thus forgetting to remove his vehicle from that location before midnight.

(5) DE LA TORRE RULINGRULING #142

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE, WHO RODE "DASH BEDUINA" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 6TH, 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE SHORTLY AFTER THE START CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO SEVENTH PLACE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES - CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was posted after a film review with Mr. De La Torre where he admitted he was at fault for letting his mount drift without a proper effort to correct.

(6) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was posted following the running of the race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) to review an incident that occurred in the stretch run. Involved were the winner #1 "Sienna Gold" (C. Charlton) and #4 "Warren'sgoldengirl" (2nd – R. Guce). The winner, #1, did continually drift out down the lane pushing #4 outward in the process. After a review of the tapes and conversation with both jockeys involved, it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. The Board of Stewards felt that #4 was not compromised a better position.

(7) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of this race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Inquiry sign was lit to review an incident which occurred mid-race. Involved were #5 "Figgie" (1st – A. Bautista) who stepped out slightly, #6 "Squeezed By" (6th – S. Mendez) who was hard to control, got squeezed and had to take back, #8 "Dashin By Special" (5th – J. Valadez) and #9 "A Lucky Man" (3rd – E. Nicasio) who both shifted inward. After reviewing the tapes and talking to all riders involved, it was a collective decision not to make any changes. All of the horses involved contributed to this infraction.

(8) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the horses crossed the finish line of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Inquiry sign was placed on the tote board. The infraction occurred soon after the start and involved #6 "Denny Domingo" (2nd – A. Luna) and #5 "La Chayito" (5th – S. Mendez). Soon after the start, #6 ducked from a right-handed stick, giving a hard bump to #5, removing that one's opportunity for a better placing. The Stewards agreed to disqualify #6 from second and placed fifth.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – (6) – 3 – 1 – 5 – 4

Official Order of Finish: 2 – 3 – 1 – 5 – (6) – 4

(9) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 4 Ming Rose (Tr. F. Jimenez) Stewards – medication (no lasix).
Refund: \$301.00.

2nd Race - # 3 Dustem All (Tr. M. Rodriguez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$286.00.

7 Willie Filly (Tr. J. L. Cooper) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (sick).

3rd Race - # 6 Jaded Illusion (Tr. V. Farris) claimed by Tr. D. Montes.

- 4th Race - # 1 Call Me General (Tr. P. C. Jones) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.
3 Check Him Fast (Tr. J. A. Flores) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$273.00.
- 5th Race - # 3 Torcedora (Tr. M. Perez) Stewards – jockey unavailable.
Refund: \$528.00.
4 Count'n Tears (Tr. K. Craigmyle) vanned off post race.
8 Cool Spool (Tr. J. Periban) Stewards – transportation.
Refund: \$182.00.
- 6th Race - # 6 Denny Domingo (Tr. J. H. Gomez) claimed by Tr. M. Rodriguez.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,949	On Track Handle:	\$110,761
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,263</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$276,751
Total:	5,212	Out of State:	<u>\$497,554</u>
		Total:	\$885,066

FRIDAY07/31/2009 (1) BAUTISTA RULING (REFER 7/25/09 (3))RULING #143

JOCKEY CARLOS BAUTISTA, WHO RODE "KEPT A SECRET" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 6TH, 7TH, 8TH AND 9TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE SHORTLY AFTER THE START CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO NINTH 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.

This ruling was issued after a film review with jockey Cesar De Alba (Jockey's Guild Representative) representing Carlos Bautista. Mr. De Alba agreed with the Stewards in their assessment of Mr. Bautista's lack of effort to make the proper correction of his mount during the running of the race.

(2) HO RULING (CASE# 09LA0163)RULING #144

TRAINER HERBERT HO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1846 (RACING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION) AND #1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER).

This ruling was released after an informal telephonic hearing with Mr. Ho. Trainer Ho put the blame on his groom for not being in attendance for the pre-race veterinarian examination. He was reminded that as trainer he is responsible for having someone present for these exams.

(3) ROBLES RULING (CASE# 09LA0160)RULING #145

OWNER HELIODORO ROBLES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1870 (CONDITIONS OF MEETING BINDING UPON LICENSEES – UNBEDDED PEN) ON JULY 18, 2009.

This ruling was issued after an informal hearing with Mr. Robles. In attendance before the Stewards was his interpreter Rosie Carrillo and representing the California Horse Racing Board was Investigator Dennis Drulias. Mr. Robles stated he had moved two horses to outside pens to rearrange his stall allotments after the arrival of two new horses. The two horses in the outside pens had food and water but were without bedding which was in violation of a rule implemented by Los Alamitos Race Course. When notified he immediately rectified the situation and stated this negligence would not come about in the future.

(4) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cheryl Charlton joined the Stewards to discuss her involvement in an Inquiry the previous evening. She stated she was doing all she could to correct the continual drift of her mount down the stretch. The majority believed her lack of effort did not afford a suspension; Steward Sawyer felt a penalty of days was applicable. She was warned she needs to improve her efforts.

Jockey Martin Lomeli met with the Stewards and was given a warning that he needs to guide his mounts with the reins and not the stick. He stated he would be more aware in the future.

Jockey Guillermo Suarez was in to review a film involving a disqualification of his mount in the third race on Sunday night (refer 7/26/09 (5)). The Stewards were in agreement that Mr. Suarez was not culpable for this interference and was dismissed without penalty.

(5) JESSIE GODINEZ (CASE# 09LA0158) & LINDA GODINEZ (CASE# 09LA0159)

These two cases involving a financial court judgment submitted by blacksmith James H. Stump, Jr. were dismissed after Mr. Stump received his payment in full.

(6) GOOD RACING

It was a routine Thursday evening of racing which unfolded without mishap.

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 1 Catifornya Dreamin (Tr. H. J. Sanchez) claimed by Tr. J. Flores.

3rd Race - # 1 Dixies Mystery (Tr. C. Sierra) Stewards – medication.
Refund: \$466.00.

4th Race - # 1 Flaming Out (Tr. L. Melton) Stewards – re-enter.
Refund: \$239.00.

8 Jus Ledoux It (Tr. A. Farias) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$461.00.

5th Race - # 6 Howling Storm (Tr. J. De La Torre) Stewards – re-enter.
Refund: \$177.00.

6th Race - # 1 Sailable (Tr. R. Martinez) Stewards – re-enter.
Refund: \$217.00.

8th Race - # 8 She Spends (Tr. S. Willoughby) veterinarian – flipped in starting gate, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$11,408.00.

9th Race - # 3 Quick Intent (Tr. S. Sanchez) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$843.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,125	On Track Handle:	\$154,780
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,787</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$354,312
Total:	3,912	Out of State:	<u>\$848,835</u>
		Total:	\$1,357,927

SATURDAY08/01/2009 (1) THE DRAW

The entries for Thursday were drawn at 12:15 p.m. with a combination of seven Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred race.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jesse Chavis met with the Stewards to review the second race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) on Friday. Mr. Chavis was slow to correct his horse soon after the break. He stated he can and will make better efforts.

(3) JIMENEZ RULINGRULING #146

TRAINER FIDENCIO JIMENEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION - FAILED TO ADMINISTER LASIX) ON THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009.

This ruling was posted after Mr. Jimenez admitted his lack of responsibility of not procuring the listed medication for his entered horse.

(4) GARCIA RULINGRULING #147

GROOM ANDRES GARCIA PENA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - SPEEDING IN BARN AREA).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia presented himself before the Board of Stewards with a Security notice. He felt his vehicle skidded after driving over a rock in the road. The Stewards felt his speed was the major factor. He promised there would be no more incidents.

(5) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT

The Inquiry sign was posted after the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) to evaluate the origin of the collapse of #5 “Jitter Done” (jockey Eduardo Nicasio) approximately one hundred yards into the race. There were no other horses involved in this accident, and it was the Stewards' assessment that the horse appeared to have tried to jump or prop and in the process became tangled and unable to stay upright. The original order of finish was made official. Accident report attached.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 7 No Limit Poker (Tr. S. Morrow) claimed by Tr. S. Rodriguez.

2nd Race - # 5 Steven Dreamn (Tr. F. Quintero) jockey Adrian Loza replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (travel).

4th Race - # 5 Bronx Tail (Tr. S. Sanchez) claimed by Tr. J. Godinez.

5th Race - # 4 Speedy Swiss (Tr. H. J. Sanchez) claimed by Tr. J. Enriquez.

5 Go On Tilt (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. E. Bermin.

6th Race - # 1 Blinky Star (Tr. F. Quintero) jockey Adrian Loza replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (travel).

7th Race - # 1 Sterling Cartel (Tr. D. Montes) claimed by Tr. J. De La Torre.

9th Race - # 2 Brushpopper (Tr. P. C. Jones) jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (travel).

7 SFR Mary Louise (Tr. B. Vickery) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$118.00.

10th Race - # 2 Flying Separatist (Tr. D. Francisco) jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey Eduardo Nicasio (injured).

5 Lord Stoli (Tr. J. L. Cooper) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (travel).

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,499	On Track Handle:	\$202,560
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,795</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$472,773
Total:	4,294	Out of State:	<u>\$863,807</u>
		Total:	\$1,539,140

SUNDAY

08/02/2009 (1) SUAREZ RULING

RULING #148

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Suarez failed to fulfill his riding engagements after he missed his flight back from Arizona.

(2) SECURITY VIOLATION HEARING – VIOLATION NOTICE #8632

Mr. Verduzco joined the Stewards with his Security violation notice. He admitted he had repeated his slumber in the Stable Area and did not wake up in time to remove his vehicle before the required deadline. He promised in the future he would set his alarm. The following ruling was issued.

RULING #149

GROOM GILBERTO VERDUZCO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - ILLEGAL PARKING - SECOND OFFENSE) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2009.

(3) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident nearing the wire. Involved were #2 “VGW Vegas Miracle” (1st – E. Nicasio) and #4 “Any High” (2nd – A. Loza). The Stewards were in agreement that #2's drift out contributed to the infraction as much as #4's drift inward. The bump was hard but both horses had equal involvement. The original order of finish was made official.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 5 Red Hot 276 (Tr. A. Farias) jockey Adrian Loza replaced jockey Rodrigo Aceves (injured).

5th Race - # 5 Why Knot Us (Tr. J. Hanson) claimed by Tr. K. Craigmyle.

9th Race - # 5 Fishinforcompliments (Tr. D. Francisco) claimed by Tr. J. De La Torre.

(5) CAL-BRED REPORT

The four California-Bred races introduced in the condition book for this reporting period failed to fill.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	835	On Track Handle:	\$143,818
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,511</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$332,354
Total:	3,346	Out of State:	<u>\$717,583</u>
		Total:	\$1,193,755

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
7/30/2009	2	3	Dustem All	M. Rodriguez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$286
	4	3	Check Him Fast	J. A. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$273
7/31/2009	4	8	Jes Ledoux It	A. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$461
	8	8	She Spends	S. Willoughby	Flipped in gate	Hackathorn	\$11,408
	9	3	Quick Intent	S. Sanchez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$843
8/1/2009	9	7	SFR Mary Louise	B. Vickery	Sick	Hackathorn	\$118

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 2, 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: five for soundness, four for injury, three for sickness,
three for medication, and one for shock wave therapy.

Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Kim Sawyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 07/30	FRI 07/31	SAT 08/01	SUN 08/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	1	0	1	24
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS			R	3	1	5	2	11	338
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		1	0	0	0	1	37
INQUIRIES	D			3	0	1	1	5	79
REFUNDS		A		5	7	1	0	13	355
RULINGS			Y	2	3	2	2	9	149

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

Kim Sawyer (Steward)

Albert Christiansen (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)