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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 4, 2009 through August 9, 2009.

TUESDAY

08/04/2009

(1) DUTY STEWARD

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

(2) SCRATCHES

Thursday scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with one equipment adjustment and one rider change.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races were carded for Friday's program consisting of six Quarter horse and three Thoroughbred races. This event took place at 12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

08/05/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with two declarations and one rider change.

(2) THE DRAW

The card for Saturday was completed at 11:45 a.m. and was comprised of ten Quarter Horse races.

THURSDAY

08/06/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

The only modification for Saturday's program was one jockey correction.

(2) THE DRAW

The draw was conducted at 12:00 p.m. and the card was a combination of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races.

(3) LOZA RULING (REFER 08/02/09 (3))

RULING #150

JOCKEY ADRIAN LOZA, WHO RODE "ANY HIGH" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS

RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, AND 16TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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 Mr. Loza met with the Stewards to discuss a riding infraction. The Stewards could not find any other explanation for this mishap except for the lack of effort by Mr. Loza to guide his mount properly. He accepted the penalty without argument and stated he would be more aware in controlling his rides in the future.

(4) HERNANDEZ RULING

RULING #151

GROOM JULIO CASTILLO HERNANDEZ IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - ILLEGAL PARKING) ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009.

This ruling was posted after Mr. Hernandez met with the Stewards with a Security violation notice and admitted his miscalculation in not removing his vehicle from the Stable Area by the appropriate designated time.

(5) NICASIO RULING (REFER 08/02/09 (3))

RULING #152

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO, WHO RODE "VGW VEGAS MIRACLE" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, AND 16TH, 2009) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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 distributed after a review of the films with jockey Nicasio. He admitted he was not aware of the drift his mount was taking down the lane, and by his lack of effort to correct, he respectfully accepted the issuance of days. He stated he will try to do better in the future.

(6) ROUTINE RACING

Other than a late declaration, the Thursday night program was performed without a reportable mishap.

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 Tricks The Chicks (Tr. D. Ekins) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$223.00.

7 Buck El Up (Tr. D. Fama) Stewards – loose post parade.
Refund: \$1,286.00.

2nd Race - # 5 Mudistique (Tr. C. Treece) vanned off post race.

7 Extended (Tr. B. Koriner) vanned off post race.

8 Juliesdiorbracelet (Tr. J. Frousiakis) jockey Jesse Chavis replaced jockey Dihigi Gladney (injured).

4th Race - # 3 Wanted Separatist (Tr. A. Farias) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$548.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	747	On Track Handle:	\$202,239
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,274</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$456,652
Total:	3,021	Out of State:	<u>\$487,583</u>
		Total:	\$1,146,474

FRIDAY

08/07/2009

(1) SCRATCHES

9:00 a.m. scratch time was completed with three rider changes.

(2) HUERTA HEARING – SECURITY VIOLATION NOTICE #3681

Jockey Carlos Huerta who is currently rehabbing after a knee injury has a handicap placard that is good until August 23, 2009. His brother borrowed his truck and removed the placard from sight while he used it. Upon returning the vehicle to the handicapped location, he forgot to replace the placard where it was in plain sight, causing the issuance of the violation. Mr. Huerta was given a warning.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Ramon Sanchez met with the Stewards to review the first race on August 2, 2009. Mr. Sanchez brought Guild representatives Jeff Jerman and Dihigi Gladney to give their opinion on the incident in question. The race was a 300-yard dash and Mr. Sanchez was on #7 in a nine-horse field. About thirty yards out of the gate jockey Sanchez hit his mount three times on the nose. He stated this was done to prevent his mount from drifting out. The Stewards felt this action was not warranted, due to the fact that the horse had not made any indication of veering outward before it was hit with the whip. Decision to follow.

(4) SECOND RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was posted after the running of the race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) to review an incident folding into the turn near the quarter pole. Involved were #6 “Sock It To 'Em” (3rd – J. Chavis) and #7 “Branquino” (1st – D. Navarro). The #6 horse was on the fence driving trying to maintain his spot but was losing ground approaching the bend of the turn. #7 when changing leads does drop over not quite clear of the horse to his inside causing the latter to have to take up and shift to the outside. In the Stewards' opinion, the #6 who was beaten 1½ length for second was not compromised a better placing and the original order of finish was made official. Both riders involved were placed on the film board to visit the Stewards the following day.

(5) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was lit to review the start of the race (Quarter Horse – 440 yards) wherein #5 “Make It Rhythm” (7th – G. Suarez) was very tardy leaving the gate. The film verified that the gates did open in unison and #5 chose to turn his head at the same time. The race was made official.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 7 Branquino (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed by Tr. C. Treece.

3rd Race - # 1 Bring The Money (Tr. J. Hanson) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$302.00.

6 Red Beach (Tr. A. Soto) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$499.00.

6th Race - # 1 Brians Girl (Tr. J. Aleman) Stewards – loose post parade.
Refund: \$22,819.00.

9th Race - # 2 Strap Hanger (Tr. P. C. Jones) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$114.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,116	On Track Handle:	\$155,761
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,864</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$328,055
Total:	3,980	Out of State:	<u>\$697,084</u>
		Total:	\$1,180,900

SATURDAY

08/08/2009 (1) THE DRAW

The pulling of pills for post positions for Thursday took place at approximately 11:45 a.m. The card contained nine Quarter Horse races.

(2) FILM REVIEW (REFER 08/07/09 (4))

Trainer Jim Hanson who had been upset with a Stewards decision in the second race on Friday met with the Stewards to review and discuss the incident. It was explained to trainer Hanson that although his trainee did have to alter course the Stewards felt he was not compromised a better placing. It was also verified on film with Mr. Hanson that his jockey made a late decision to take back and retreat from an advancing tight spot approaching the quarter pole.

Jockey Jesse Chavis later joined the Stewards to analyze the same incident. Mr. Chavis agreed he should have eased back when he realized his mount was losing ground before folding into the turn. He stated he would be more aware of these scenarios in the future and make the proper corrections.

(3) SANCHEZ RULING (REFER 08/07/09 (3))

RULING #153

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1688 (USE OF WHIPS) IN THE FIRST RACE ON AUGUST 2, 2009.

This ruling was posted after Mr. Sanchez had been informed of the Stewards decision.

(4) SEVENTH RACE – TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 400 yards), the trainer of #7 “Blue Piranha” (5th – D. Means) Justin Clark lodged an objection against #8 “Hope To See Ya Zoom” (D.H. 3Rd – A. Luna) for a possible infraction one hundred yards into the race. The #8 horse did drift in crossing in front of #7 who simultaneously chose to drift out. After a review of the tapes and conversation with both riders involved, the Stewards felt there was sufficient clearance; the original order of finish was made official.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 4 Mummsy (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. R. Dominguez.
5 Whitewater Ranch (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr.) jockey Dennis Means replaced jockey Eulices Gomez (sick).
- 2nd Race - # 6 Eyema Blues Man (Tr. J. Bassett) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. (transportation).
7 Nickle And Dimer (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$489.00.
- 3rd Race - # 2 Wylackie Leter Rip (Tr. G. Morales) jockey Jeff Jerman replaced jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. (transportation).
- 6th Race - # 2 Blues Man Too (Tr. D. Montes) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$185.00.
- 9th Race - # 1 Totally Hawkinson (Tr. L. Melton) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. (transportation).
- 10th Race - # 3 JDBS Royal Rona (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$254.00.
7 She Thinks (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. J. De La Torre.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,255	On Track Handle:	\$189,802
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,809</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$353,217
Total:	4,064	Out of State:	<u>\$726,476</u>
		Total:	\$1,269,495

SUNDAY

08/09/2009 (1) NAVARRO RULING (REFER 08/07/09 (4))

RULING #154

JOCKEY DIONICIO NAVARRO WHO RODE "BRANQUINO" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009, IS SUSPENDED FOUR (4) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 15TH, 16TH, 20TH AND 21ST, 2009) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE APPROACHING THE FAR TURN AND CAUSING INTERFERENCE, WHICH IS 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 posted after a film review with Dionicio Navarro who had created an unsafe riding condition. He was warned winning efforts are expected but not when another jockey is put in harm's way. He accepted the penalty without argument.

(2) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 550 yards), the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred approximately one hundred yards after the start. Involved were #4 "Denali Dash" (4th – C. De Alba) and #5 "Prince Snowbound" (5th – D. Gladney). The films revealed that #4 veered out into and impeded #5, causing the latter to change course. The #5 was beaten by a neck for third place. After talking to both jockeys involved the Stewards were in agreement to disqualify #4 from fourth to fifth place.

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

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

(3) EIGHTH RACE – TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the race (Quarter Horse – 550 yards), Chuck Treece, trainer of #5 "The Blue Thriller" (4th – S. Mendez), phoned the Stewards and requested a claim of foul be lodged against #6 "Aimed For Fame" (2nd – D. Means). Others involved were #3 "Apollos Sensation" (6th – M. Lomeli) and #4 "Reddydashn" (1st – D. Navarro). After a review of the films and talking to the riders involved, it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish remain as posted. In actuality, the #3 horse broke outward pushing #4 into #5 who was forced over the heels of #6. The #3 horse was the culprit and finished last.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 2 Tikolino (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. J. Hanson.

2nd Race - # 1 Digthisdash (Tr. D. Montes) jockey Dionicio Navarro replaced jockey Raul Ramirez, Jr. (DJF).

2 La Changa (Tr. F. Jimenez) jockey Martin Lomeli replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (sick).

3rd Race - # 1 Buster With A K (Tr. F. Martin, Jr.) jockey Maggie Carter replaced jockey Adolfo Rodriguez (no call).

7 El Machino (Tr. J. Lopez) veterinarian – unsound in post parade, Dr. Hackathorn. Refund: \$11,879.00.

9th Race - # 5 Multi Tasker (Tr. S. Willoughby) claimed by Tr. E. Andrade.

7 Lass Eyesa (Tr. F. Gonzalez) jockey Jay Conklin replaced jockey Guillermo Suarez (sick).

(5) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred races offered during this reporting period were not used due to lack of sufficient status in these conditions.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	862	On Track Handle:	\$134,567
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,578</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$286,383
Total:	3,440	Out of State:	<u>\$593,693</u>
		Total:	\$1,014,643

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>
8/6/2009	1	2	Tricks The Chicks	D. Ekins	Sick	Hackathorn	\$223
	4	3	Wanted Separatist	A. Farias	Sick	Hackathorn	\$548
8/7/2009	3	1	Bring The Money	J. Hanson	Injured	Hackathorn	\$302
	3	6	Red Beach	A. Soto	Injured	Beck	\$499
	9	2	Strap Hanger	P. C. Jones	Injured	Hackathorn	\$114
8/8/2009	2	7	Nickle And Dimer	C. Treece	Injured	Hackathorn	\$489
	6	2	Blues Man Too	D. Montes	Sick	Hackathorn	\$185
	10	3	JDBS Royal Rona	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$254
8/9/2009	3	7	EI Machino	J. Lopez	Unsound in post parade	Hackathorn	\$11,879

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 9, 2009.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

List as follows: four for soundness, four for injury, four for sickness,

three for shock wave therapy, and two for the bleeder's list.

Nineteen 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 08/06	FRI 08/07	SAT 08/08	SUN 08/09	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	0	0	0	24
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS			R	0	1	2	2	5	343
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	1	1	38
INQUIRIES	D			0	2	1	2	5	84
REFUNDS		A		3	4	3	1	11	366
RULINGS			Y	3	0	1	1	5	154

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)