

**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 May 4, 2010 through May 9, 2010.

**TUESDAY**

05/04/2010

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Albert Christiansen will be present for morning duties and shall author the week's minutes.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were drawn for Friday's program. Four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races complete the card.

**WEDNESDAY**

05/05/2010

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One scratch and three rider changes completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were drawn for Saturday's program. Three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races make up the card.

**THURSDAY**

05/06/2010

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One rider change completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Nine races were drawn for Sunday's program. Two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races make up the card.

**FRIDAY**

05/07/2010

(1) **SCRATCHES**

One scratch and a blinkers off completed scratch time at 9:00 a.m.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The seventh race on the card for maidens, fillies two years old, going 300 yards, failed to fill Cal-Bred but was used open with four Cal-Breds in a ten-horse field.

(3) RULING SET ASIDE

RULING #43

IN THE MATTER OF: LUIS ESQUIVEL

HAVING NOW APPEARED TO ADDRESS CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD CASE #10LA0052, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (h) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE - METHAMPHETAMINE) THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF EXERCISE RIDER LUIS ESQUIVEL ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #41, DATED MAY 1, 2010, SUSPENDING LUIS ESQUIVEL FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR), IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Esquivel appeared to address a methamphetamine positive.

(4) INFORMAL HEARING

After being re-uped Mr. Esquivel agreed to an informal hearing and signed a waiver of a recorded hearing form. Accompanied by trainer/ interpreter Eloy Navarro, Mr. Esquivel admitted to using meth in an attempt to get his weight down.

(5) ESQUIVEL RULING

RULING #44

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION) EXERCISE RIDER LUIS ESQUIVEL, IS SUSPENDED THIRTY DAYS (30) (MAY 10, 2010 THROUGH JUNE 8, 2010), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – POSSESSION AND USE OF METHAMPHETAMINE).

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 LUIS ESQUIVEL SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD. SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH JULY 31, 2010.

This ruling was issued after completing the above informal hearing.

(6) GARCIA RULING

RULING #45

GROOM EDGAR GARCIA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT -INTOXICATION) ON MAY 5, 2010.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia appeared to address a Security violation. Mr. Garcia was intoxicated in the Grandstand and was conducting himself in a disorderly manner. As this was Edgar's second such violation within five weeks, the fine was doubled.

(7) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the fifth race (Thoroughbred – 4½ furlongs) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were the winner #6 “Nationwide Family” (jockey Cheryl Charlton) and #3 “Andrew's Courage” (jockey Eulices Gomez), the fifth place horse. After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 from first and place him fifth, behind #3, for interference in the stretch. Replays show #6 on the lead, drift in about the sixteenth pole, causing #3 to steady and lose the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: (6) – 8 – 4 – 5 – 3  
Official Order of Finish 8 – 4 – 5 – 3 – (6)

(8) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT/ NO CHANGE

After the finish of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) the Stewards posted the Inquiry to review an accident. Replays verify that #10 “Tis Snowing” (jockey Eulices Gomez) suddenly bolts and crashes into the gate at the Paddock, unseating the rider. No other horses were involved. The rider walked to the Jockey's Room and the horse was vanned back to her barn.

(9) NINTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the ninth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start. Replays show #4 “Mortons” (jockey Santiago Mendez) take one step from the gate and slips or ends up in a tangle, unseating the rider. Both rider and horse appeared to be okay.

(10) LATE DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 5 Skimmintherail (Tr. P. Schiewe) rider refused to ride, Stewards.  
Refund: \$14,698.00.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 9 Fun's Top Hit (Tr. L. Melton) rider refused to ride, Stewards.  
Refund: \$4,298.00.  
5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Midnight Excess (Tr. H. J. Hernandez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$568.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,571	On Track Handle:	\$155,133
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,474</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$407,553
Total:	5,045	Out of State:	<u>\$835,549</u>
		Total:	\$1,398,235

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$428,137

**SATURDAY**

05/08/2010

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The seventh race in the book for fillies and mares three years old and upward, claiming price \$10,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill Cal-Bred.

(2) LUA RULING

RULING #46

OWNER ROBERTO VALENCIA LUA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2010, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 10LA0070, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489 (H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE - COCAINE) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PENDING APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF THE SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ROBERTO VALENCIA LUA 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.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Lua failed to appear. Reportedly he is in jail.

(3) ROMO RULING

RULING #47

ASSISTANT TRAINER JUAN ROMO, JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT -INTOXICATION) ON APRIL 24, 2010.

Mr. Romo appeared, accompanied by his friend trainer Felix Gonzalez, to answer a Security complaint alleging intoxication. Mr. Romo stated he drinks too much and gets belligerent.

(4) SANCHEZ RULING

RULING #48

TRAINER SERGIO SANCHEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (e) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION - HORSE NOT PROPERLY TREATED) ON APRIL 11, 2010.

Trainer Sergio Sanchez appeared to explain why his horse did not receive lasix. Mr. Sanchez stated he uses two vets and he got confused and did not specify which vet would administer the lasix. As it turns out neither vet treated the horse.

(5) CHARLTON RULING

RULING #49

JOCKEY CHERYL CHARLTON, WHO RODE "NATIONWIDE FAMILY" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 15TH, 16TH, AND 21ST, 2010) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF

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MOUNT FROM FIRST TO FIFTH 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.

Jockey Cheryl Charlton appeared to review last night's disqualification of her mount in the fifth race. After thorough review of the stretch run the Stewards were of the opinion Ms. Charlton could have prevented the interference. The rider left, sort of understanding the situation.

(6) DELAY

As the horses were loaded in the starting gate for the seventh race the starter informed the Stewards there was a problem. The horses were unloaded while the starter replaced the cable to the starting button. Approximately a five minute delay was caused by the incident.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 1A Lovely Cricket (Tr. J. Nunez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$0.00 – No refund; part of entry.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 In Blues Honor (Tr. J. Hanson) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$261.00.
- # 4 Proudly Dashing (Tr. C. Bloomquist) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$482.00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Out of Seattle (Tr. C. Treece) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$304.00.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Red Hot Genes (Tr. J. Aleman) ran off, Stewards.  
Refund: \$7,733.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,101	On Track Handle:	\$138,651
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,852</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$263,407
Total:	3,953	Out of State:	<u>\$843,052</u>
		Total:	\$1,245,110

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$421,883

**SUNDAY**

05/09/2010

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for maidens two years old, claiming price \$16,000, going 300 yards, failed to fill Cal-Bred.

(2) RIDER REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Gerardo Martin appeared to review last night's first race with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to have better control of his mount.

(3) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fourth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review the start. Replays verify that #6 "Speed Snowbound" (jockey Zacharie Kelsey) throws himself to the side of the gate, unseating the rider. The horse caused his own problem and was declared a starter.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Epic Rule (Tr. J. Enriquez) lame, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$614.00.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Kingcoronaswiftetta (Tr. F. Quintero) colic, Dr. Beck.  
Refund: \$441.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	723	On Track Handle:	\$93,328
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,142</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$245,905
Total:	2,865	Out of State:	<u>\$718,471</u>
		Total:	\$1,057,704

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$408,804

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>
5/7/2010	5	1	Midnight Excess	H. J. Hernandez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$568
5/8/2010	1	1A	Lovely Cricket	J. Nunez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$0
	2	3	In Blues Honor	J. Hanson	Sick	Hackathorn	\$261
	2	4	Proudly Dashing	C. Bloomquist	Injured	Hackathorn	\$482
	5	3	Out Of Seattle	C. Treece	Injured	Hackathorn	\$304
5/9/2010	3	1	Epic Rule	J. Enriquez	Lame	Hackathorn	\$614
	4	3	Kingscoronaswiftetta	F. Quintero	Colic	Hackathorn	\$441

## TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 14, 2010.

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries.

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

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

five for sickness, two for medication, none for bleeding,

and two 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 Albert Christiansen.

### **CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	FRI 05/07	SAT 05/08	SUN 05/10	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			1	0	0	1	12
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	7	7	3	17	244
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		1	0	0	1	17
INQUIRIES	D			3	0	1	4	42
REFUNDS		A		3	4	2	9	152
RULINGS			Y	3	4	0	7	49

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

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)