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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 2, 2011 through August 7, 2011.

**TUESDAY**

08/02/2011

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Randy Winick will record the minutes of this week's activities as well as attend to morning office matters.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

A ten race program was drawn at 12:15 p.m. for Friday evening, consisting of seven Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races.

**WEDNESDAY**

08/03/2011

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no scratches or changes requested by the 9:00 a.m. deadline for Friday's program.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Saturday occurred at 1:00 p.m. and the resulting ten race program will be composed of seven Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races.

**THURSDAY**

08/04/2011

(1) SCRATCHES

There was only a single rider change at the 9:00 a.m. scratch deadline this morning.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Sunday's races took place at 1:00 p.m., and the ten race card will be composed of five Quarter Horse and five Thoroughbred events.

**FRIDAY**

08/05/2011

(1) SCRATCHES

9:00 a.m. scratch time yielded only one equipment change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California-bred race scheduled for Friday evening for three year olds and upward with a claiming price of \$8,000 at a distance of 330 yards was called off with only four entries, two CAL-BRED and two open.

(3) NUNEZ RULING

RULING #152

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSES "TIMBERMAN" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON MARCH 18, 2011, "A MERE CHOCOLATE" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON MARCH 19, 2011, AND "CHECK N OUT SAMMIES" IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON MARCH 20, 2011 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, HAVING ENTERED INTO A STIPULATED AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, IS FINED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500)\* AND SUSPENDED FOR ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS (AUGUST 8, 2011 THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2012) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A) (D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – CLENBUTEROL - CLASS III) AND #1844 (E) (9) & (F) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE STIPULATED AGREEMENT, NINETY (90) DAYS OF THE SUSPENSION ARE STAYED PENDING THE PASSAGE OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, DURING WHICH TIME THE SUBJECT IS PLACED ON PROBATION AND SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VIOLATIONS FOR CLASS I, II, OR III SUBSTANCES. ACTUAL SUSPENSION DAYS SERVED WILL BE AUGUST 8, 2011 THROUGH NOVEMBER 5, 2011.

The above referenced ruling was issued to trainer Jesus Nunez to reflect the terms of a stipulated agreement entered into with the California Horse Racing Board for three positive test findings for clenbuterol.

(4) RODRIGUEZ RULING

RULING #153

TRAINER YANET RODRIGUEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - LATE TO RECEIVING BARN) ON SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011.

The above ruling was issued to trainer Yanet Rodriguez for being extremely late to the Receiving Barn for the second race on Sunday evening, July 31, 2011. Yanet said she only has one employee (groom) and that he left the barn without the blinkers and then had to turn around and go back to get them, which caused the delay. The Stewards told her that it is her responsibility to be on time and that these things should be taken care of ahead of time. Yanet was apologetic for the tardiness.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez appeared to review the tenth race from Sunday evening in which his mount broke sharply inward and caused interference after making contact with the horse to his inside which resulted in a disqualification. Cruz thought he made a good effort while the Stewards thought it was questionable but did think the horse played a significant role in the abrupt inward direction immediately out of the gate. No suspension was given but a strong warning was, that he needs to give a better effort in similar situations in the future. Jockey Mendez responded in the affirmative.

Jockey Jay Conklin was in as instructed to review the ninth race from Sunday evening to discuss his mount breaking inward and that he needs to make a bit quicker effort in getting the horse back on course. This issue was somewhat mitigated by the fact that the horse to his inside broke very slow and left an open space to fill. Jay understood the critique and affirmed he would do better in the future. No sanction was deemed necessary.

(6) CRUZ RULING

RULING #154

JOCKEY JOEL CRUZ WHO RODE "DJS FEARLESS HEART" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH, 2011) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO SIXTH. 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.

The above ruling was issued to jockey Joel Cruz for allowing his mount to drift in through the stretch and cause interference, resulting in his disqualification. Jockey Cruz thought he did the best he could and that the horse to his outside was coming in and spooking his mount, causing him to lug in. The film shows and the Stewards feel that this was a weak excuse as was his effort. The Stewards thought three days was appropriate here, but the days will increase if his riding does not improve.

(7) RACING PROGRAM

Friday evening's racing was conducted without problem or incident.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 2 Kish Kish (Tr. M. Loza) jockey Jose Vizcarra replaced jockey Jorge Cortez (overweight).  
 # 3 Flare For Jerry (Tr. E. Navarro) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
 Refund: \$116.00.  
 # 4 Moon Valley Babe claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 3 Seacret Diva claimed, Tr. U. De La Torre.  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Two Corona (Tr. M. Loza) Stewards – identification marks.  
 Refund: \$241.00.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Private Policy claimed, Tr. E. Navarro.  
 # 4 Kingcoronaswiftetta claimed, Tr. J. Moreno.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 One For Chivato (Tr. G. Morales) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
 Refund: \$102.00.  
 # 5 Stormbound (Tr. S. Willoughby) Stewards – entered back.  
 Refund: N/A  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Check Kongo (Tr. A. Farias) Stewards – entered back.  
 Refund: \$153.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,301	On Track Handle:	\$213,882.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,630</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$587,433.20
Total:	3,931	Out of State:	<u>\$842,228.28</u>
		Total:	\$1,643,543.88

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$435,170

SATURDAY

08/06/2011

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races for California-breds were offered for Saturday evening. The first in the book was for maiden two year olds, claiming price \$8,000 at 300 yards. It divided, with one half going open with eight runners and the other half attracting six California-breds.

The fifth in the book, for maiden three year olds and upward, claiming price \$3,200 going 300 yards, failed to attract any entries and was called off.

(2) MORENO RULING

RULING #155

TRAINER JOSE A. MORENO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS - LATE TO RECEIVING BARN) ON SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011.

The above ruling was issued to trainer Jose Moreno for not having his horse arrive on time to the Receiving Barn for the second race on Sunday, July 31, 2011. Mr. Moreno had no valid excuse other than his groom was late leaving the barn and that he has since fired him. Jose promised not to do this again.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Gary Boag was in to review the second race from Friday concerning his being a little quicker to correct his mount after he made a sudden move to the left out of the gate. Gary said he would do a better job when this situation presents itself in the future. No penalty was given this time.

(4) CASTILLO – SECURITY VIOLATION

Groom Rodolfo Castillo was in to see the Stewards in an informal setting to address a disorderly conduct citation issued by Los Alamitos Security for being intoxicated and fighting with a trainer over wages owed. After testimony by both sides, it was discovered that the trainer he accused was not in fact who he worked for and that the trainer had already paid him. After a lot of back and forth banter and arguments, the Stewards decided that this issue along with previous run-ins with Security and other backside licensees over disorderly conduct matters, and that he is not currently employed by anyone, Mr. Castillo should be suspended which is reflected in the following ruling.

RULING #156

GROOM RODOLFO CASTILLO IS SUSPENDED TWENTY-FIVE (25) DAYS (AUGUST 7, 2011 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2011) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

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.

(5) FOURTH RACE – INQUIRY – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards immediately had the Inquiry lamp lit following the finish of the 300 yard Quarter Horse fourth race to review two possible incidents of interference just out of the starting gate. The first event involved #3 "Cashes Version" (4<sup>th</sup> – C. Mendez) breaking out into #4 "Bound First" (8<sup>th</sup> – F. J. Rubio) causing that one to take up and lose position, and the second incident involved #7 "Babybluedash" (5<sup>th</sup> – G. Boag) stepping in away from #8 "Expressorockem" (7<sup>th</sup> – F. C. Rubio) and into #6 "Fancy Is Dashin" (9<sup>th</sup> – I. Orozco) who was squeezed between horses and briefly stumbled, losing his best chance. After a review of the taped replays and talking to all riders involved, the Stewards unanimously disqualified both horses in two separate incidents for interference, costing their victims any opportunity of better placings.

Original Order of Finish: 5 – 1 – 2 – (3) – (7) – 9 – 8 – 4 – 6

Official Order of Finish: 5 – 1 – 2 – 9 – 8 – 4 – (3) – 6 – (7)

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 5 Cristaland claimed, Tr. C. Robertson.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Sumalee claimed, Tr. J. Aleman.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Latte Lady claimed, Tr. M. Loza.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 River's Chapel claimed, Tr. D. Vickery.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 GC Blondie claimed, Tr. J. Moreno.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,169	On Track Handle:	\$203,492.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,387</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$521,541.30
Total:	3,556	Out of State:	<u>\$735,964.56</u>
		Total:	\$1,460,998.26

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$394,109

**SUNDAY**

08/07/2011

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for California-bred two year old maidens, with a claiming price of \$4,000 going 330 yards, drew only one CAL-BRED entry and was called off. The fourth in the book, for CAL-BRED two year old allowance maidens going 330 yards, failed to attract any entries and was also called off.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez reviewed the video of his fourth race disqualification from the previous evening, where his mount broke hard to the right coming out of the starting gate, bumping and interfering with the horse immediately to his outside. It was apparent that it would have been very difficult to have corrected this any quicker than he did, and much of the blame was put on the horse and the direction he came out of the gate. No sanction was given, however the Stewards were firm in telling Mr. Mendez to keep his horses straight to the best of his ability.

Jockey Gary Boag was also in to review the fourth race in which his mount was disqualified in a separate incident out of the starting gate. This situation was about coming inward on the horse to his inside and causing him to be squeezed between horses. A mitigating factor was that the horse to his outside drifted in somewhat on him but then straightened. Gary did make some attempt to straighten up, however the Stewards told him he needs to react a bit quicker in the future. Mr. Boag got a pass this time, however he is about out of second chances.

(3) MENDEZ RULINGRULING #152

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B-1) (USE OF WHIPS – WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011.

The above ruling was issued to jockey Santiago Mendez for whipping his mount in the post parade multiple times. Jockey Mendez has been fined for this previously (April) and warned that the monetary amount would quite possibly increase as is the case here. Santiago said his horse has a tendency to lug in and thought a couple of left handed reminders would help. The Stewards told him that hitting a horse in the post parade is unacceptable. Santiago seemed to get the message.

(4) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately after the finish of the eighth race to review two separate incidents in the 300 yard Quarter Horse contest. The first and primary incident involved #5 "Corona Sugar" (4<sup>th</sup> – J. Andrade) breaking in just out of the gate into #4 "Wild Streak" (3<sup>rd</sup> – A. Alberto) who in turn came inward on #3 "Silks Azoom" (6<sup>th</sup> – J. Cruz), who came in and bumped #2 "Corona Oscura" (5<sup>th</sup> – H. Aldrete) very hard. After #2 was bumped he reacted by coming back out into #3, making contact and laying on him with significant pressure. As #2 was making contact with #3, his rider (H. Aldrete) put his right arm out attempting to push #3 off him, which caused #3 to go over #4's heels and also cause himself to almost go over #1's heels in the other direction. This was quite an unusual situation to say the least. After a thorough review of the tape replays and talking to the parties involved, the Stewards unanimously voted to make two disqualifications. The first involved #5 being placed behind #3 who finished last, for the initial incident, costing him an opportunity at a better placing and the

second disqualification involved placing #2 behind #3 for physical interference by his jockey. Both riders will be in to see the Stewards.

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

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 3 Sky Chip claimed, Tr. M. Loza.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 2 JDF Lucero (Tr. A. Ortiz) jockey Alex Bautista replaced jockey Francisco C. Rubio (transportation).

# 3 Skyuka claimed, Tr. J. Godinez.

# 4 Tough Teacher (Tr. E. Sirin) jockey Cruz Mendez replaced jockey Francisco J. Rubio (transportation).

# 5 Straight Stoli (Tr. E. Sirin) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$394.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 5 Ms Margaritaville claimed, Tr. V. Farris.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Sis Hits (Tr. P. Visscher) jockey Antonio Alberto replaced jockey Francisco C. Rubio (transportation).

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Investment Grade claimed, Tr. R. Pulido.

# 5 Self Defense claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Big City Slicker claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.

# 6 Shintaro (Tr. C. Treece) veterinarian – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$241.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Wild Streak claimed, Tr. V. Zamudio.

# 6 Stellar Teller (Tr. L. Melton) jockey Cruz Mendez replaced jockey Francisco C. Rubio (transportation).

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 Legendary Runner (Tr. J. Flores) jockey Cruz Mendez replaced jockey Francisco C. Rubio (transportation).

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Cryin The Blues claimed, Tr. V. Zamudio.

# 3 Winners Streak (Tr. J. Gomez) jockey Joel Cruz replaced jockey Francisco C. Rubio (transportation).

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	829	On Track Handle:	\$154,864.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,070</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$393,883.60
Total:	2,899	Out of State:	<u>\$690,466.10</u>
		Total:	\$1,239,214.00

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$430,529

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>
8/5/2011	2	3	Flare For Jersey	E. Navarro	Sick	Hackathorn	\$116
	7	3	One For Chivato	G. Morales	Sick	Hackathorn	\$102
8/7/2011	2	5	Straight Stoli	E. Sirin	Sick	Hackathorn	\$394
	7	6	Shintaro	C. Treece	Sick	Hackathorn	\$241

### TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 7, 2011.

One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period thirteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: three for soundness, none for injury, four for sickness, two for medication, two for bleeding, one for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Thirteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

### CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

#### SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 08/05	SAT 08/06	SUN 08/07	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	24
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	1	0	1	36
CLAIMS			R		4	5	8	17	474
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	2	2	4	41
INQUIRIES	D				0	2	2	4	84
REFUNDS		A			4	0	2	6	269
RULINGS			Y		3	2	1	6	157

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

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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George Slender (Steward)

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Albert Christiansen (Safety Steward)