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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
HOLLYWOOD PARK RACING ASSOCIATION  
Hollywood Park**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
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**For the period: Wednesday, November 26, 2008, through, Sunday, November 30, 2008.**

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**WEDNESDAY**

11/26/08<sup>1</sup>

**CASE SETTLED**

Owner Robert Spasiano paid trainer Rafael DeLeon an overdue training bill of \$5,272. The owner had been hospitalized and had requested additional time until November 23 to pay the bill. The original hearing was scheduled November 13, 2008.

11/26/08<sup>2</sup>

**MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Jorge Alcala appeared and agreed to an informal hearing. The case involves a positive test for the muscle relaxant Dantrolene. Mr. Alcala stated he feeds the Dantrolene in pill form and this particular horse was slow in cleaning up its feed. The split sample was confirmed by the Pennsylvania Lab. The trainer also offered that his situation was made difficult because his stable is split between Pomona and Hollywood Park. The filly was receiving the medication for tying up problems. Decision regarding penalty to follow.

11/26/08<sup>3</sup>

**RIDER APPEARS**

Jockey Pedro Arambula appeared to review Sunday's fifth race. The rider was cautioned to have complete control of his mount at all times.

11/26/08<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

11/26/08<sup>5</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Asperity (Tr. Neil Drysdale) off turf, Stewards  
#3 Man to Man (Tr. Beau Greeley) off turf, Stewards  
Refund \$2,498.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Tempting Treasures (T. Jose Hernandez Sr.) injured – Dr. Bailey  
#6 Union Scale (Tr. J. Sadler) injured – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$960.32
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Brave Justice (Tr. Gary Stute) injured – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$1,030.70
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Joking Sam (Tr. Bob Baffert) off turf, Stewards  
#11 Savu (Tr. Neil Drysdale) off turf, Stewards  
Refund \$2,573.20

11/26/08<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,636	771,978.10
Satellites	5,207	2,339,886.10
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	825,830.30
Out- of - State	n/a	3,788,614.41
Total	7,843	\$7,726,308.91

**THURSDAY**

11/27/08<sup>1</sup>

**RIDER REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Danny Sorenson appeared to review yesterday’s fifth race with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to make a better effort in maintaining a straight course.

11/27/08<sup>2</sup>

**ANOTHER RIDER**

Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. reviewed last Sunday’s seventh race with the Stewards. The rider explained that he moved his horse out to be more competitive nearing the finish. However, Valdivia was arguably clear. He was cautioned to be clear when changing lanes.

11/27/08<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD THANKSGIVING**

Eight races were contested on Thanksgiving Day without a reportable incident.

11/27/08<sup>4</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Octoberfest (Tr. Mike Harrington) injured –Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$8,310.69
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Mac One (Tr. Andrew Harris) sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$1,232.30
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Lightning Hit (Tr. Ronald McAnally) off turf – Stewards  
Refund \$2,761.08
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Ten Meropa (Tr. Jeff Mullins) off turf – Stewards  
#7 Moral Compass (tr. Jack Carava) off turf – Stewards  
#8 Liberian Freighter (Tr. Neil Drysdale) off turf – Stewards  
Refund \$4,574.24

8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Game A.P. (Tr. Dan Hendricks) injured – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$4,143.32

11/27/08<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,734	972,959.10
Satellites	4,919	1,900,331.00
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	908,755.60
Out- of - State	n/a	2,145,830.86
Total	8,653	\$5,927,876.56

**FRIDAY**11/28/08<sup>1</sup>**GROOMS APPEAR**

Grooms Jesus Banuelos and Miguel Mendoza appeared to address the financial complaints they filed against trainer George Papaprodromou for wages owed. The trainer called and stated he could not be present for today's hearing. He requested the Stewards direct the grooms to see him at Pomona tomorrow. Mr. Papaprodromou admitted he owed these grooms wages, but a lesser amount than they have claimed. Banuelos and Mendoza were advised to call the Stewards if the parties are unable to come to an agreement, and the case was put on hold for the time being.

11/28/08<sup>2</sup>**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**

Trainer Gerardo Contreras appeared in response to a complaint filed by San Luis Rey Downs that alleged he owed stall rent of \$9,858.00. The trainer signed a financial agreement to pay \$500 per month towards the debt, which was acceptable to both parties.

11/28/08<sup>3</sup>**RULING #14 (ref 11/26/08<sup>2</sup>)****HRTH #014**

Trainer JORGE ALCALA, who started the horse "Ourtequilasunrise" which finished first in the thirteenth race at Fairplex Park on September 14, 2008, is fined ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$1,500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (A) (D) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Hydroxydantrolene – Class IV, Second Offense).

This ruling was agreed upon after due deliberation. Mr. Alcala's record was considered in arriving at a penalty. The trainer's testimony, in an attempt at mitigation, was not credible.

11/28/08<sup>4</sup>**NO PROBLEMS**

Ten races were completed without a reportable incident.

11/28/08<sup>5</sup>**LATE DECLARATIONS**

8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Galantas (Tr. H. Graham Motion) stake – Stewards  
Refund \$8,226.91

11/28/08<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,213	1,580,667.80
Satellites	6,874	3,278,966.20
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,518,602.50
Out- of - State	n/a	6,419,033.47
Total	12,087	\$12,797,269.97

**SATURDAY**11/29/08<sup>1</sup>**APPRENTICE JOCKEY'S WOES**

Apprentice jockey Tabitha Morrison appeared as requested this morning. Of immediate concern was yesterday's fifth race in which Ms. Morrison rode #1 Premier Yank. The rider explained she lost an iron at the start, was out of control for about one hundred yards, ran up on a horse and clipped heels. Morrison got the iron back at about the three-eighths pole, and finished the race without further problems.

The Stewards then reviewed the fourth race from Wednesday, November 26, 2008. In this race, the apprentice rode #2 Red Lollipop and had trouble with her cross at the start, then struggled with the horse bearing out down the backside. Ms. Morrison has ridden about forty races and has two wins. Currently she is riding mostly at Los Alamitos. When contacted, the Los Alamitos Stewards stated they felt the rider was green, but otherwise had not drawn attention to herself.

After discussing the situation, the Stewards informed the rider that she will need more experience before riding at Hollywood Park again. It appears to the Stewards the young rider is overwhelmed and may be intimidated riding here. Ms. Morrison agreed not to accept any further mounts for the remainder of the meet, and to work on her riding skills.

11/29/08<sup>2</sup>**JOCKEY REVIEWS REPLAY**

Jockey Luis Contreras appeared to review Thursday's seventh race with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to make sure he was clear when passing another horse and then dropping inwards.

11/29/08<sup>3</sup>**RULING #015**

This ruling was issued after telephonically conversing with Mr. Avila. The trainer has not had a bute overage for more than a year. However, he has had numerous high butes in previous years, which was taken into account when arriving at the penalty.

**HRTH #015**

Trainer **A. C. AVILA**, who started the horse "Winky" which finished second in the first race at Oak Tree Racing Association on October 26, 2008, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$750.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1844 (1) (Authorized Medication – Phenylbutazone -Class IV, in excess of permitted level) and rule 1843 (A) (D) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances).

11/29/08<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY / ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the first race (six furlongs) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an accident just past the eighth pole. Replays verify that #7 Captain Cash (jockey Martin Garcia) suddenly veers in, hits the inside rail, and unseats jockey Garcia. Reports indicated the horse and rider were uninjured. Jockey Garcia rode

the next race as well as his remaining mounts on the card. Accident report attached.

11/29/08<sup>5</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

At the conclusion of the seventh race, the Stewards once again posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the top of the stretch. Involved were the winner #4 Taxi Fleet (jockey Rafael Bejarano) and the ninth place finisher, #9 Hoist the Sail (jockey Victor Espinoza). After talking with these riders, receiving the patrol judges' reports and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed no change was in order. The tapes show #4, on the inside, angle out and head for a hole as #9 drifts down and closes the hole that #4 is in. Both horses contributed to the incident, thus no change was warranted.

11/29/08<sup>6</sup>**LATE DECLARATIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Majestic Diamond (Tr. Leonard Powell) stake –Stewards  
 #6 Hurry Up Austin (Tr. Melvin Stute) stake – Stewards  
 #7 Towzee (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) stake – Stewards  
 Refund \$6,419.10

11/29/08<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,758	1,749,463.70
Satellites	8,355	3,799,140.60
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,364,218.70
Out- of - State	n/a	6,209,383.94
Total	14,113	\$13,122,206.94

**SUNDAY**11/30/08<sup>1</sup>**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE (ref 11/29/08<sup>5</sup>)**

Jockey Victor Espinoza appeared to review yesterday's seventh race with the Stewards, in which he was involved in an inquiry. The Stewards explained the incident as they viewed it and Mr. Espinoza voiced his opinion of events. The jockey agreed that he contributed to the problem but thought the other rider, Rafael Bejarano, could have given him more help in avoiding a dangerous situation. The truth of the matter lies somewhere in between these versions.

11/30/08<sup>2</sup>**THE OTHER JOCKEY (ref 11/29/08<sup>5</sup>)**

Jockey Rafael Bejarano reviewed the same race as Mr. Espinoza. Mr. Bejarano, of course, voiced a different opinion than Mr. Espinoza had. From the point of view of the Stewards, both horses and jockeys contributed to the incident. Additionally, it was felt the performance of the riders did not merit suspension days.

11/30/08<sup>3</sup>**HORSE FATALITY**

As the first race was underway, the horse "Tiffanyspringsroad" ridden by Aaron Gryder, was eased and pulled up. As jockey Gryder dismounted, his mount collapsed from a heart attack and died. Mr. Gryder did not ride the rest of the card. Accident report attached.

11/30/08<sup>4</sup>**LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #9 No Place Like Home (Tr. J. Paco Gonzalez) sick – Dr. Connor  
 Refund \$1,685.90

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #9 Kneeling's Pride (Tr. James Kasparoff) owner suspended – Stewards  
Refund \$1,282.80
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Kruger Park (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) sick – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$2,284.80
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Lemon (Tr. Declan Jackson) unsound – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$175,903.20
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Black Mamba (Tr. John Sadler) stake – Stewards  
Refund \$1,220.80

11/30/08<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,733	1,880,535.80
Satellites	8,509	3,537,887.90
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,663,490.20
Out- of - State	n/a	6,244,362.90
Total	17,242	\$13,326,276.80

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**Week of 11/26/08 – 11/30/08**

- Horses on Vet List 14
- Horses off Vet List 14
- Shock Wave Therapy 20
- Deceased 4
- Medication 14

**SUMMARY**

	Wed. 11/26	Thurs. 11/27	Fri. 11/28	Sat. 11/29	Sun. 11/30		Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	0	2	0		2	10
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
Rulings	0	0	1	1	0		2	15
Refunds	0	0	1	1	0		2	58
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0		1	3
Claims	0	0	2	5	2		9	41
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	2	1		5	26

Respectfully submitted,

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Albert Christiansen, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Randy Winick, Steward

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