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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 10, 2019 through December 15, 2019.

**Tuesday**

12/10/2019

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer has the call the final week before Christmas pause which will also include authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$2,500 claim, was off with two. Both Cal-Bred.

**(3) THE DRAW**

Tonight's feature will be the \$168,700 Southern California Derby.

**Wednesday**

12/11/2019

**(1) SCRATCHES**

One scratch and one rider switch completed Friday's program changes.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$16,000 tag, was off with one Cal-Bred.

**(3) THE DRAW**

This evening, the top older horses will vie for the winner's share of the \$600,000 Champion of Champions.

**Thursday**

12/12/2019

**(1) SCRATCHES**

Scratch time was completed at 9:00 am with no changes on Saturday's nine race program.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book, maidens three and up for \$8,000, was called off. 1 Cal-Bred.

**(3) THE DRAW**

Two-year olds have the spotlight this evening competing for the lion's share of the \$1,903,275 Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity.

**Friday**  
12/13/2019

**(1) SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in no changes.

**(2) RULINGS #332, #333, #334**

Ruling # 332

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES, WHO RODE "MR. KELLY" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2019, IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-POST PARADE).

Ruling # 333

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA, WHO RODE "HITTERS LAST SWING" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2019, IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-POST PARADE).

Ruling # 334

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2019.

These rulings were issued after the above riders were all guilty of violating various sections of Rule #1688.

**(3) RULING #335**

Ruling # 335

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ, WHO RODE "LA VITA DOLCE" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (3) (DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO SIXTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING). PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards reviewed Sunday's fifth race and could see no redeeming effort by Jockey Lopez to relieve the pressure on #2 Hawks Main Interest, causing La Vita Dolce's disqualification.

**(4) RULING #336**

Ruling # 336

TRAINER SALVADOR NARANJO, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "CHIC CLEMENTINE" AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2019, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* PURSUANT

TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE), AND #1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST).

An informal hearing was convened today to address complaint #19LA0262. Trainer Naranjo insisted that Phenylbutazone is a medication he never uses. Mr. Naranjo said he had done some investigating of his own and learned that his neighbor, Justin Joiner, had items stolen from his shed row. One of the items was Phenylbutazone paste that had been put out to be given to one of Mr. Joiner's horses. Mr. Joiner's groom speculated that it was Mr. Naranjo's groom that had taken the items. Why he would have taken the Phenylbutazone paste and fed it a horse he was rubbing defied explanation. The groom has since been fired and Mr. Naranjo accepted responsibility for the incident.

**(5) RULING #337**

An informal hearing was conducted today to address complaint #19LA0282. Mr. Ponce appeared sincere about wishing to get clean. When he came in this afternoon, he informed us he had already enrolled in the Winner's Foundation drug program. When he tested this afternoon, he was clean.

**(6) GOOD EVENING**

Friday night was a good evening at Los Alamitos with nothing of significance to note.

**(7) LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Lovely Storm (J. Mendoza) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$95.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Bread N Budded (S. Rivera) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$189.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Rousing Freight (J. Flores) – Entered Back – Stewards'. Refund \$89.00

**(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	736	\$98,161.80
Off track	1,799	\$225,680.10
Out of state	N/A	\$805,400.16
Total	2,535	\$1,129,242.06

**Saturday**  
 12/14/2019

**(1) RULING #338**

Ruling # 338

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA44517, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "CLEAN LIVING", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019, TESTED POSITIVE FOR LIDOCAINE (CLASS II), IT IS ORDERED THAT "CLEAN LIVING" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$2,790.00) EARNED BY OWNERS KELLY CASTANEDA AND SILVIA SOTO, TRAINER KELLY CASTANEDA, AND JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY JANUARY 13, 2020, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – CHAMPAGNE HONEY  
 2nd –SPECTACULAR STORM  
 3rd – MARIE'S MYSTERE  
 4th – BETDESILVERGOLD

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956

(RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

The foregoing ruling was issued after receiving complaint #19LA0251 regarding a Class II positive test on Clean Living.

**(2) RULING #339**

Ruling # 339

TRAINER RODOLFO VIRAMONTES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FLYEN HIGH", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 2, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE).

Trainer Rodolfo Viramontes was contacted by phone when he didn't appear for his scheduled hearing. He claimed he did not receive the complaint, but was willing to move forward telephonically. After reading the complaint, Mr. Viramontes accepted responsibility for the overage and the hearing was concluded.

**(3) RULING #340**

Ruling # 340

JOCKEY ALFREDO RAMOS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) \* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (a)(8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) AND #1900 (GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION).

FURTHERMORE, ALFREDO RAMOS SHALL SHOW PROOF OF AN ANGER MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

The above ruling was issued after the second of the two pugilists, (refer 12/13/19-#5) appeared before us today. As with Roberto Ponce, Mr. Ramos has already entered into a drug and anger management program. The Stewards felt this was a positive sign.

**(4) CLAIM VOIDED**

The fifth race claim of Hangar 24 by trainer Sally Rivera was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck for the second time in three starts.

**(5) LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Lady Maxi (T. Limon) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$428.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Myfavoritestreaker (J. Cooper) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$416.00  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Estelline (H. Magallanes) – Injured in the gate– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$20,762.03  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Katies Easy Moves (M. Arrossa) – Stakes – Stewards'. Refund \$5,419.04

**(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,671	\$178,098.80
Off track	1,859	\$277,586.30
Out of state	N/A	\$973,498.16
Total	3,530	\$1,429,183.26

**Sunday**  
12/15/2019

**(1) RULINGS #341, #342**

Ruling # 341

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2019.

Ruling # 342

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2019.

Once again, for crop violations Rule #1688 (b)(6) was invoked to address the incidents.

**(2) RULING #343**

Ruling # 343

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE #LA44859, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "ANGRY BOBBY", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2019, TESTED POSITIVE FOR LIDOCAINE (CLASS II), IT IS ORDERED THAT "ANGRY BOBBY" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$1,565.00) EARNED BY OWNER RANDY CANO, TRAINER KELLY CASTANEDA, AND JOCKEY JUAN E. SANCHEZ BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY JANUARY 14, 2020, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANTTO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – FANDAREL DANCER  
2nd –ROCK N DOC  
3rd – YODELERS WAY  
4th – P TOWN TITAN  
5<sup>TH</sup> - BALLYCASTLE

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

When the involved parties chose not to be present, the Stewards moved forward with the above ruling.

**(3) THE END**

This evening was the final program of the 2019 Los Alamitos Quarter Horse meet. The evening went quite smoothly. Happy Holidays Everyone.

**(4) LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Don Elias Quest (A. Vallejo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$287.00  
#3 Princess Bye (J. Lopez) – Colic – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$8,124.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #8 Heat Score (R. Saldana) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$1,450.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 St. Reno – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$183.00  
#7 Cal Cal Li Gowchis (R. Lucas) - Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$6,586.00

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,002	\$177,018.80
Off track	1,671	\$335,781.40
Out of state	N/A	\$990,758.94
Total	2,673	\$1,503,559.14

## TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 15, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

### SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 12/13	Sat 12/14	Sun 12/15	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	9
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	23
<b>Claims</b>	R		0	1	3	4	284
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K		0	0	0	0	32
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	0	0	0	0	76
<b>Refunds</b>		A	3	4	5	12	461
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	6	3	3	12	334
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	1	0	1	58

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards James Dreyer, David Nuesch, Ron Church and Safety Steward Grant Baker were in attendance during this reporting period.

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James Dreyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Grant Baker, Safety Steward