

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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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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HON: JERRY MOSS, MEMBER  
INGRID J. FERMIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
RICHARD "BON" SMITH, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of August 28, 2007 through September 2, 2007.

**TUESDAY**

08/28/2007

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

George Slender is the duty Steward this week and will attend to morning office matters and record the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **DARK DAY**

Scratch time for Thursday was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m. Entries consisted of one Arabian, two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races for Friday's card.

**WEDNESDAY**

08/29/2007

(1) **SCRATCHES**

9:00 a.m. scratch time was completed without noteworthy incident.

(2) **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Eleven races were used for Saturday's evening card, which consisted of three Thoroughbred and eight Quarter Horse races. The draw was completed at 12:20 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

08/30/2007

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The third race in the condition book for CAL-BREDS failed to fill with four entries.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 4 Making Bucks (Tr. S. Willoughby) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$239.00.

(3) FINANCIAL RESOLVED

A financial complaint # 07LA0147 tendered by T&R Tack and Supply against trainer Fidencio Jimenez has been paid in full in the amount of \$549.00.

(4) BUJANDA RULINGRULING # 184

HAVING SATISFIED A DEBT TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, OWNER LUIS BUJANDA IS HEREBY RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #138 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 29, 2007, FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR, IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Bujanda settled a debt owed to Equine Sports Medicine in the amount of \$1,100.00.

(5) JOCKEY MEETING

The Stewards met with The Jockey Colony in their quarters for a review of procedures and discussion of mutual concerns. Also present were Mike Marten and Mike Kilpack of the California Horse Racing Board. Among topics discussed were riding infractions, California Horse Racing Board riding rules for Quarter Horse racing and appeal procedures.

A regular review was scheduled with the jockeys to analyze races with the Stewards which was encouraged.

It was a productive exchange and more meetings are being planned for the future.

(6) LATE DECLARATION – REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race when # 4 “How Sweet I Am” (Trainer W. R. Whitehouse) became fractious in the starting gate and injured herself. Declared by the Stewards on recommendation of Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn.

Refund: \$11,891.00.

(7) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as # 7 “Brigett Cee” (Trainer H. Hernandez) was off in front and was declared on advice of Track Veterinarian Tom Hackathorn.

Refund: \$28,845.00.

(8) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was immediately posted by the Stewards following the sixth race to review an observed incident at the start involving # 4 “Ah Randy” (Trainer H. Sanchez – Jockey R. Aceves).

Films reflect # 4 while racing in a flipping halter, momentarily held the starting gate doors closed simultaneously to the start. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1696 (the start) the horse was declared a starter.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,089	On Track Handle:	\$137,044
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,809</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$229,316
Total:	2,898	Out of State:	<u>\$491,924</u>
		Total:	<u>\$858,285</u>

**FRIDAY**  
08/31/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book failed to fill with five CAL-BREDS and went open.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCH

9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 Master Call (Tr. P. Jones) Stewards, stake.  
Refund: \$253.00.

(3) FINANCIALS RESOLVED

The following financial complaints were resolved in the Stewards office this evening.

- 1) Daryn Charlton complaint: #07LA0152 vs. T&R Tack Shop – paid in full in the amount \$63.45.
- 2) Trainer Danny Montes complaint: #07LA0148 vs. T&R Tack Shop – paid in full in amount \$159.63.
- 3) Owner Raul Sosa complaint: #07LA0151 vs. T&R Tack Shop – paid in full in amount \$438.94.

(4) ROJAS HEARING

RULING # 185

GROOM OCTAVIO ROJAS IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 3, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 2007) AND PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE (01/2008). FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) AND RULE # 1594 (REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES TO REFLECT CORRECT OWNERSHIP) ON AUGUST 27, 2007.

The preceding ruling was issued after subject appeared in response to a security violation perpetrated by an ongoing dispute with his estranged partner. He was also involved in a hidden ownership transaction which went awry.

(5) ALVAREZ HEARING

RULING # 186

GROOM/ OWNER SERGIO ALVAREZ IS SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 3, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 2007) AND PLACED ON PROBATION THROUGH THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE (07/2008). FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – FIGHTING IN BARN AREA) AND # 1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND) ON AUGUST 27, 2007.

The foregoing ruling was issued after subject was afforded a hearing. California Horse Racing Board Investigator Dennis Drulias presented the case. Also present were Chief of Security Rick Castenada and Interpreter Fernando Gomez.

At issue was the contraband found in Mr. Alvarez's tack room. This consisted of needles, syringes and antibiotics used for human consumption. He was also cited for disorderly conduct involving an altercation between he and another licensee.

(6) LATE DECLARATION - REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race when the Receiving Barn reported that the groom of trainer # 3 "Charleene" (Adan Farias) brought over the wrong horse. Identifier Glen Walker caught the mistake. Declared by the Stewards.

Refund: \$815.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,240	On Track Handle:	\$230,765
Off Track Attendance:	3,738	Off Track Handle:	\$582,657
Total:	4,978	Out of State:	\$818,329
		Total:	\$1,631,751

**SATURDAY**  
09/01/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book for CAL-BREDS failed to fill.

(2) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 5 Sign of Dawn (Tr. H. Sanchez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$157.00.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Music Recital (Tr. K. Nettles) injured, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$300.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Rosy Bubbles (Tr. J. H. Gomez) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$174.00.

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Holland Opener (Tr. J. H. Gomez) stake, Stewards.  
Refund: \$183.00.

(3) HO RULING

RULING # 187

TRAINER HERBERT HO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1865 (ALTERING SEX OF HORSE) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Ho accepted a telephonic hearing wherein he conceded guilt.

(4) FARIAS RULING

RULING # 188

TRAINER JORGE FARIAS, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 30, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0149, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) 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 JORGE FARIAS ARE SUSPENDED 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.

The foregoing ruling was issued after subject failed to appear to answer a financial complaint that he owes T&R Tack Supply in the amount of \$869.72.

(5) JAUREGUI RULING

RULING # 189

OWNER CARINA JAUREGUI, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 31, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0153, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) 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 CARINA JAUREGUI ARE SUSPENDED 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.

The above ruling was issued after Ms. Jauregui failed to appear to answer a financial complaint that she is indebted to Equine Sports Medicine in the amount of \$460.00.

(6) GONZALEZ RULINGRULING # 190

GROOM PEDRO GONZALEZ IS FINED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO STABLE AREA.

The above ruling was issued after subject appeared before the Stewards in response to a stable area security notice for jumping the fence into the barn area. Pedro admitted his guilt and was admonished for his action.

(7) GOMEZ RULINGRULING # 191

APPRENTICE JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ, IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007.

The foregoing ruling was issued after jockey Gomez failed to appear for his riding engagement in the third race on Friday, August 31, 2007. His excuse was that the plane was late. He was informed that the onus is on him when riding in another area. (2<sup>nd</sup> offense).

(8) FARIAS RULINGRULING # 192

TRAINER ADAN FARIAS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Farias was given a telephone hearing as to why the wrong horse was inadvertently brought to the Receiving Barn. His excuse was that the two horses are similar in identity and the groom brought over the wrong horse.

(9) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race when Plating Inspector James Stump reported # 10 "Northern Anziyan" (Trainer Ramon Gonzalez) arrived at the Receiving Barn wearing toe grabs with a height greater than four millimeters and was therefore declared. Mr. Gonzalez stated that his regular horseshoer shod the horse and he never thought to check it.

Refund: \$1,510.00.

(10) INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the fourth race the Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident near the 1/16.

Tapes show # 3 while racing in the clear broke down and fell, unseating jockey Guillermo Gutierrez. As no other horses were involved, the race was declared official. Gutierrez was transported to Los Alamitos General Hospital for observation. Unfortunately, # 3 "Excessaryoptional" was humanely destroyed.

Separate from the previous incident # 1A "Stompin Gia" (Trainer L. Espinoza) went wrong while pulling up and was vanned off. See attached accident report.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,397	On Track Handle:	\$216,699
Off Track Attendance:	<u>3,361</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$507,186
Total:	4,758	Out of State:	<u>\$709,470</u>
		Total:	\$1,433,354

**SUNDAY**  
09/02/2007

(1) CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the condition book failed to fill with one CAL-BRED.

(2) SAUCEDO RULING

RULING # 193

OWNER PALEMON SAUCEDO, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0154, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) 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 PALEMON SAUCEDO ARE SUSPENDED 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.

Subject failed to appear to a answer a financial complaint that he owes Equine Sports Medicine \$2,159.00 for services.

(3) SALAZAR RULING

RULING # 194

OWNER CEASAR SALAZAR, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0155, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) 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 CEASAR SALAZAR ARE SUSPENDED 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.

The above ruling was issued after subject failed to appear to answer a financial complaint that he owes D.V.M. Brian Saathoff \$397.00.

(4) RAMON GONZALEZ RULING (REFER 09/01/07 (9))

RULING # 195

TRAINER RAMON GONZALEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007.

The above ruling was issued after subject was given a hearing and accepted full responsibility for his error.

(5) EARLY PROGRAM SCRATCHES

10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 Cast And Blast (Tr. R. Viramontes) unsound, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$506.00.

(6) ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the third race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident nearing the 1/16 pole in which # 6 "Spectacular Milli" (jockey Victor Navarro) propped and duck out, unseating jockey Navarro while racing in the clear. The horse galloped out and appeared to be okay. Jockey Navarro was taken to Los Alamitos General for observation. No action by the Stewards was warranted.

(7) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards immediately posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the fourth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards) to review an incident at the start. Involved were # 7 “Cookies Dash” (4<sup>th</sup> – jockey Alex Bautista), # 6 “RGR First Intent” (7<sup>th</sup> – jockey Rodrigo Aceves) and # 5 “Storm Ranger” (8<sup>th</sup> – jockey Ramon Guce).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 7 from fourth to eighth position. Replays show # 7 swerving into # 6 bumping and impeding # 6 down and into # 5, costing the latter two an opportunity at a better placing.

(8) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the seventh race the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 3/16 pole which involved # 1 “Yo Da Man” (2<sup>nd</sup> – jockey Joel Cruz) and # 3 “Precisionist RM” (7<sup>th</sup> – jockey Alex Bautista).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify # 1 from second to seventh position. Tapes reflect # 1 drifts out on the turn bumping # 3 off stride causing the latter to take up.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,021	On Track Handle:	\$246,560
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,183</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$623,861
Total:	3,204	Out of State:	<u>\$638,712</u>
		Total:	\$1,509,133

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>
8/30/2007	2	4	Making Bucks	S. Willoughby	Injured	Hackathorn	\$239
9/1/2007	3	5	Sign of Dawn	H. Sanchez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$157
	4	5	Music Recital	K. Nettles	Injured	Guillen	\$300
	7	5	Rosy Bubbles	J.H. Gomez	Sick	Hackathorn	\$174
9/2/2007	10	6	Cast and Blast	R. Viramontes	Unsound	Hackathorn	\$506

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 2, 2007.

Five equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian list as follows: four for soundness, three for injury and two for sickness.

Seventeen horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list.

## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

## SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 08/30	FRI 08/31	SAT 09/01	SUN 09/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	0	1	0	1	17
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	31
CLAIMS			R	5	2	2	2	11	54
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		0	0	0	2	2	58
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	1	3	5	117
REFUNDS		A		3	2	5	1	11	549
RULINGS			Y	1	2	6	3	12	195

Stewards' Attendance: George Slender, Marie Peluso, and James Dreyer, were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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George Slender (Steward)

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Marie Peluso (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)