

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 15, 2008 through January 20, 2008.

**TUESDAY**

01/15/2008

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Kim Sawyer was available for the morning duties and recorded the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) SCRATCHES

Thursday scratches were completed at 9:00 a.m. with one declaration and four rider changes.

(3) THE DRAW

Ten races were carded for Friday's program consisting of eight Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred and one Arabian race which was concluded at 12:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

01/16/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

Friday scratches were conducted at 9:00 a.m. with three rider changes.

(2) THE DRAW

The program for Saturday was drawn at 2:00 p.m. with six Quarter Horse, four Thoroughbred and one Arabian race completing the card.

**THURSDAY**

01/17/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no changes for Saturday's program.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Seventh race in the book, for mares four years old and upwards claiming price \$6,250, going 300 yards, failed to fill with two entries.

(3) THE DRAW

The draw was conducted at 12:30 p.m. Sunday's card was a combination of six Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred and one Arabian race.

(4) RAMIREZ DECISION – CASE# 08LA0011

Upon the appearance of jockey Jose Ramirez, and after waiving his right to a proper notice, a stern warning was issued including the possible ramifications if he chooses to shoe horses on the backside without being properly licensed. Mr. Ramirez promised it would not happen again.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Raul Ramirez appeared as requested by the Stewards to review the ninth race on January 3, 2008. After a viewing of the films Mr. Ramirez agreed he should have made a better effort to maintain a straight line leaving the gate and assured us he would do so in the future. He was dismissed without penalty.

(6) ROBERTSON RULINGRULING # 16

HAVING SATISFIED A DEBT TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, TRAINER CASH ROBERTSON IS HEREBY RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING # 271 ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2007, FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR, IS HEREBY SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after verification that Equine Sports Medicine had received a payment satisfying the debt of \$11,103.31 owed to them by Mr. Robertson.

(7) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE (4½ FURLONGS)

After the finish of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review a possible infraction nearing the wire wherein # 9 "Tutto Va Bene" (2<sup>nd</sup> – R. Guce) drifted in bumping # 1 "Bar Talk" (3<sup>rd</sup> – D. Gladney). After a review of the films, talking to the Patrol Judge and both jockeys involved it was a unanimous decision that # 9 impeded # 1's forward progress therefore costing him the chance at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 4 – 9 – 1 – 5 – 8 – 10 – 2 – 3 – 7 – 6

Official Order of Finish: 4 – 1 – 9 – 5 – 8 – 10 – 2 – 3 – 7 – 6

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 10 Tutto Va Bene claimed, Tr. C. Treece.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 4 Carry Jig claimed, Tr. D. Fama.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 4 Girls Eye Too claimed, Tr. R. Dominguez.

4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 South With A Roar claimed, Tr. D. Urista.

5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Just Fax Bob (Tr. J. Godinez) Vet - unsound, Dr. Hackathorn.

Refund: \$78.00.

# 4 Tellmeiwadreaming claimed, Tr. J. Clark.

6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 RGR First Intents claimed, Tr. R. Dominguez.

# 2 Devil Dashin claimed, Tr. K. Ryneerson.

# 6 Corona D Lite (Tr. A. Farias) Vet - sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$540.00.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Handle: 708  
Off Track Handle: 1,754  
Total: 2,462

On Track Handle: \$137,858  
Off Track Handle: \$296,038  
Out of State: \$489,231  
Total: \$923,128

**FRIDAY**

01/18/2008

(1) SCRATCHES

9:00 a.m. scratches for Sunday were completed with two declarations and one rider change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Second race in the book for maiden three year olds, claiming price \$6,250 going 300 yards was discarded after only two entries were available.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Rodrigo Aceves, Joel Cruz and J.R. Ramirez filed in individually to review and reconfirm minor incidents involving reaction time and the ability to maintain a straight path when in the clear. All were in agreement and vowed to produce necessary efforts in the future.

Jockey Ramon Guce was available to review the disqualification of his mount in the first race on January 17, 2008. Mr. Guce was not held accountable due to the fact the drift was very slight and the incident was not so much negligence, as it was just an occurrence involving only a nose of separation in the finish.

(4) OPEN DOOR

The Stewards were available for an open forum with the Jockey Colony and no one chose to visit. The Stewards have been active with film reviews in general to help pursue the application of a clean and safe riding pattern. The Stewards are pleased with the results that the jockeys are producing with their efforts.

(5) NAVARRO HEARING

After an informal hearing to address two security citations concerning Mr. Navarro's conduct pertaining to his flamboyant reaction to the parking availability for trainers, Mr. Navarro stated he would choose a different path next time in voicing his opinion. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 17

TRAINER ELOY NAVARRO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – VERBAL ALTERCATION WITH GATE GUARD).

(6) PADRON – CASE # 07LA0245

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Padron failed to appear for the financial complaint filed by Equine Sports Medicine in the amount of \$874.45.

RULING # 18

OWNER JOSE CRUZ PADRON, HAVING RECEIVED NOTICE, AND HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 17, 2008, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE NUMBER 07LA0245, 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 JOSE CRUZ PADRON 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)

(7) ACCIDENT – THIRD RACE

After crossing the finish line # 7 “Katysall” (6<sup>th</sup> – J.R. Ramirez) (Tr. P. Visscher) went wrong falling and unseated jockey Ramirez. Accident report attached.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 4 Single Effort (Tr. J. Aleman) Vet - flipped in gate injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$26,711.00.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 6 Classy Be Gone (Tr. H. Nelson) Vet - sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$2,432.00.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Finders First (Tr. P. Jones) jockey A. Bautista replaced S. Ramirez (sick).
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 6 SJM Fowler First (Tr. P. Visscher) jockey C. Huerta replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 5 Make It Rhythm claimed, Tr. M. Rodriguez.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Rey Moro (Tr. H. Hernandez) jockey A. Bautista replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).  
# 3 Sangiovese (Tr. D. Montes) Vet sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$134.00.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 Jettin Rocky Road claimed, Tr. J. Hansen/ jockey R. Ramirez replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Nofishinonafullmoon (Tr. P. Visscher) jockey R. Aceves replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).  
# 5 Flysix (Tr. R. Ramirez) Vet - injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$132.00.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 8 Fruitstand Rhythm claimed, Tr. E. Navarro.  
# 9 Pepe Splash (Tr. V. Smith) Vet - injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$151.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Handle:	1,022	On Track Handle:	\$182,185
Off Track Handle:	<u>2,946</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$452,680
Total:	3,968	Out of State:	<u>\$674,116</u>
		Total:	\$1,308,981

**SATURDAY**

01/19/2008

(1) THE DRAW

The draw was completed at 12:15 p.m. with a mix of four Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred and one Arabian race.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Peter Artieda joined the Stewards to be reminded he needs to be aware when drifting and to make proper correction. Mr. Artieda stated he would be more cognizant in the future.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

Second race in the book for four year olds and upward claiming price \$2,500, going 300 yards was called off with three entries.

(4) PEREZ HEARING – CASE #08LA0013

After agreeing to waive his right to proper notice Mr. Perez pled guilty and took full responsibility for his employment of unlicensed help. Thus the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 19

TRAINER DAGOBERTO PEREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1482 (EMPLOYMENT OF UNLICENSED PERSON) ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 8 Marks Lady (Tr. D. Luna) A. Bautista replaced J. Cruz (sick).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race - # 3 Fail Safe (Tr. J. McElroy) jockey R. Guce replaced G. Boag (DJF).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 5 Wylackie Leter Rip (Tr. G. Morales) Vet -sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$355.00  
# 6 Easy Separate SA (Tr. F. Gonzalez) C. Huerta replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Impressive Flight (Tr. T. Bazley) Vet -sick, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$557.00  
# 2 Todayana claimed, Tr. E. January.  
# 4 Crown of Pearls (Tr. A. Riesgo) no show, Stewards.  
Refund: \$770.00  
# 5 Sidepocket Win (Tr. K. Craigmyle) A. Rodriguez replaced J. Cruz (sick).  
# 6 Kickin Fast claimed, Tr. M. Hill.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 No Mentira claimed, Tr. C. O'Dell.  
# 5 Skimtheexcess (Tr. T. West) Vet injured, Dr. Guillen.  
Refund: \$419.00  
# 6 Dixie's Ruler claimed, Tr. D. Fama.  
# 8 Tomathan (Tr. D. Fama) Vet sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$269.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Kind Thru Traffic (Tr. J.A. Flores) R. Sanchez replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).  
# 5 Zoomin Thru claimed, Tr. D. Montes.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Chick N Dales Dancer (Tr. J.W. Glenn Jr.) jockey R. Guce replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured)  
# 4 Pylon (Tr. R.Z. Lopez) jockey C. Estrella replaced J. Cruz (sick)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Counting Fast (Tr. D. Frey) jockey R. Guce replaced J.R. Sanchez (injured).  
# 6 Shesmyfire (Tr. D. Ekins) Vet sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$68.00
- 11<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Long John Silver SBL (Tr. J.R. Godinez) Vet - sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$109.00  
# 2 Preemptive Strick (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey G. Suarez replaced J.R. Ramirez (injured).  
# 4 First Names First (Tr. J.J. Romo Jr.) Vet sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$485.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 1196  
 Off Track Attendance: 3159  
 Total: 4355

On Track Handle: \$209,773  
 Off Track Handle: \$504,111  
 Out of State: \$614,865  
 Total: \$1,328,749

SUNDAY

01/20/2008

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Ramon Guce came before the Stewards, and was informed his reaction time correcting his mount leaving the gate needs to be sooner. He acknowledged his error and said he would make the proper adjustments.

(2) VILLEGAS RULING REFERENCE 1-11-08 (5)RULING # 20

GROOM CIRO VILLEGAS IS SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN DAYS (JANUARY 21, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2008) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT), AS HIS ACTION CONSTITUTED A VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF HIS PROBATION ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 18, 2007.

ADDITIONALLY, SUBJECT MUST ATTEND ANGER MANAGEMENT COUNSELING AS DETERMINED BY CHAPLAIN AURIO BERMO. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE STIPULATIONS SHALL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF HIS LICENSE. HIS PROBATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2009.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CIRO VILLEGAS ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS OR FINE), HE IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Villegas appeared to accept the Stewards decision from the hearing pursuant to case # 07LA0253. Mr. Villegas acknowledged he has to comply with the terms and any more outbreaks of temper are not acceptable.

(3) RIESGO RULINGRULING # 21

TRAINER ART RIESGO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION – HORSE FAILED TO APPEAR AT RECEIVING BARN) ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Riesgo accepted full responsibility for the failure of his horse not making the receiving barn in time to adjourn to the paddock.

(4) ACCIDENT – 9<sup>TH</sup> RACE – 220 YARDS

Nearing the wire # 2 “High Pitch Eric” (jockey Alex Bautista) went wrong, fell and unseated his rider. Accident report attached.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 1 Peaks End (Tr. A. Soto) jockey J. Olivares replaced J. Cruz (personal).  
 # 6 Aspen High claimed Tr. K. Craigmyle.  
 # 8 Heads Up Good Luck claimed Tr. J. Hanson.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 7 Beat The Traffic claimed Tr. C. Treece.  
 # 9 Styledtocarryon (Tr. J. Nunez) jockey J. Olivera replaced J. Cruz (personal).

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Dash O Magic (Tr. A. Aquino) jockey J. Valadez replaced E. Garcia (personal).  
# 3 Hawks Dancing Straw claimed Tr. J. Hanson.
  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 Nobodywantsmud (Tr. J. Nunez) Vet – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$619.00  
# 5 Distorted claimed, Tr. J. De La Torre.  
# 7 Headliner claimed, Tr. J. Hanson.
  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 1 A Brilllent Czech claimed Tr. J. Flores.  
# 4 Ladiesniteout (Tr. H.J. Hernandez) jockey R. Guce replaced J. Cruz (personal).  
Claimed Tr. J. Flores.  
# 5 StridinEffort claimed Tr. H. Morales.
  
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 Royal Enclosure (Tr. R.R. Glass) jockey W. Lopez replaced J. Dominguez (sick).
  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Tacotyme (Tr. B. Schvanevelt) Vet – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$86.00  
# 5 Eye Am Running (Tr. A. Aquino) jockey J. Valdez replaced E. Garcia (personal).
  
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race - # 4 DS Begin Zoomin (Tr. A. Soto) Vet – injured, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$177.00
  
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Downright Secret (Tr. A. Farias) jockey J. Valadez replaced A. Bautista (injured).  
# 6 Tags Classic Joy (Tr. H.J. Sanchez) Vet – sick, Dr. Hackathorn.  
Refund: \$561.00  
# 7 Hard Four Hoppin (Tr. H.J. Sanchez) jockey G. Suarez replaced E. Garcia  
(personal).

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 902	On Track Handle: \$157,894
Off Track Attendance: <u>2135</u>	Off Track Handle: \$380,903
Total: 3037	Out of State: <u>\$602,058</u>
	Total: \$1,140,855



**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 24, 2008.

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

During this reporting period twenty-three horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: five for soundness, six for injury and twelve for sickness.

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

This report was submitted by Steward Kim Sawyer.

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

	MON	TUE	WED	THU 01/17	FRI 01/18	SAT 01/19	SUN 01/20	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D			0	1	0	1	2	6
CAL-BRED RACES		A		0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R	7	3	5	9	24	68
DISQUALIFICATIONS		K		1	0	0	0	1	5
INQUIRIES	D			1	0	0	0	1	15
REFUNDS		A		2	5	8	5	20	68
RULINGS			Y	1	2	1	2	6	21

Stewards' Attendance: Kim Sawyer, Martin Hamilton, and Randy Winick were in daily attendance during this reporting period.

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Kim Sawyer (Steward)

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Martin Hamilton (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)