

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300****SACRAMENTO, CA 95825****(916) 263-6000****FAX (916) 263-6042****REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 14, 2012 through February 19, 2012.

TUESDAY

02/14/2012

(1) DUTY STEWARD

James Dreyer will be present during morning entries and will author the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The eighth race in the book for Friday, four and up, for an \$8,000 claiming price, was called off with two (1 CAL-BRED). Sub 3 in the book, four and up for a claiming price of \$2,500, failed to attract an entry.

(3) THE DRAW

Nine races will be on tap Friday evening consisting of three Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

WEDNESDAY

02/15/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

One equipment change completed Friday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fifth race in the book for Saturday, four year olds and up, for a \$4,000 tag, was called off with no entries. Sub 6 for Saturday, four and up for a claiming price of \$10,000, also failed to attract any interest and was called off with no entries.

(3) THE DRAW

Saturday's nine race card will be comprised of four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races. The program feature will be the \$200,000 Los Alamitos Winter Derby.

THURSDAY

02/16/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratches were completed at 9:00 am with five rider, one weight, one equipment change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for Sunday, maiden three year olds for a claiming price of \$4,000, was called off with one (0 CAL-BREDS). Sub 5 in the book, four and up for a claiming price of \$2,000, was called off with one (0 CAL-BREDS).

(3) THE DRAW

Highlighting the evening will be the \$226,050 Los Alamitos Winter Championship. Two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races will make up Sunday's program.

FRIDAY

02/17/2012

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no scratches or changes on Sunday's card.

(2) JESSE GONZALEZ PRE-HEARING

Valet Jesse Gonzalez met with Security Officer Keith Hicks, Investigator Tom Blake and this Board of Stewards to discuss an incident in the Jockey's Room February 11, 2012. Mr. Gonzalez was served by Investigator Blake and the incident will be addressed March 2, 2012.

(3) GUILLERMO SUAREZ VISITS

Jockey Guillermo Suarez was in to explain his late arrival Sunday causing him to miss the second race. After listening to his lengthy plea the Stewards felt that a warning would suffice.

(4) OROZCO RULINGRULING #34

APPRENTICE JOCKEY IRVING OROZCO WHO RODE "CHECK OVER HOPE" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 24TH, 25TH, AND 26TH, 2012) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO SIXTH POSITION. 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.

Represented by Alex Bautista and being unable to find any defensible excuse for Irving Orozco the foregoing ruling was issued.

(5) FILMS

After representing Orozco, Alex Bautista defended himself over an incident in the fourth race in which he allowed his mount to drift out at the wire. In this case he prevailed, leaving our office with a warning.

(6) NO PROBLEMS

Friday's nine race program was conducted with nothing of significance arising.

(7) LATE DECLARATION

5th Race - # 6 Jan's Gold (Tr. E. January) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$723.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,051	On Track Handle:	\$149,619.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,247</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$402,897.20
Total:	3,298	Out of State:	<u>\$800,415.27</u>
		Total:	\$1,352,932.37

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$427,890

SATURDAY

02/18/2012

(1) YANET RODRIGUEZ HEARING (CASE #12LA0021)

Following an informal hearing with trainer Yanet Rodriguez and in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1844 (c)(1) a warning was issued.

(2) SECOND RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry following the second race to examine an incident at the start. Involved were #8 "Leilani Wave" (5th – R. Sanchez) and #7 "Snow At Dawn" (6th – R. Lozano). "Leilani Wave" broke in bumping "Snow At Dawn," knocking her off stride. The margin separating the two horses at the wire was a head prompting the Stewards in a unanimous decision to disqualify "Leilani Wave."

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

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

(3) THIRD RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

Following the third race the Inquiry was hung to review the stretch run. #5 "Hostile Reaction" (3rd – C. Charlton) was observed bumping #6 "Dellas Valentine" (4th – A. Bautista) a number of times throughout the stretch run. After speaking with the involved riders and a thorough examination of the race the Stewards voted unanimously to place "Hostile Reaction" behind "Dellas Valentine" having cost her the opportunity at a better placing.

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

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

(4) LATE DECLARATION

2nd Race - # 1 A Zig Zag Man (Tr. F. Vallejo) did not receive lasix, Stewards.
Refund: \$473.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,135	On Track Handle:	\$176,183.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,433</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$419,312.00
Total:	3,568	Out of State:	<u>\$846,411.88</u>
		Total:	\$1,441,907.58

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$445,697

SUNDAY

02/19/2012

(1) FILMS

Jockey Gregorio Arriaga was in to review last evening's seventh race during which his mount made an abrupt left turn at the start. After watching the replay the Stewards felt an adequate effort was made by Gregorio to rectify the situation.

(2) SANCHEZ RULINGRULING #35

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ, WHO RODE "LEILANI WAVE" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 26TH, MARCH 2ND, AND 3RD, 2012) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO SIXTH POSITION. 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 foregoing ruling was issued after meeting with jockey Sanchez to discuss last evening's second race. After reviewing the race with Ramon the Stewards could see no effort on his part to alleviate the situation, resulting in the suspension.

(3) CHARLTON RULINGRULING #36

JOCKEY CHERYL CHARLTON WHO RODE "HOSTILE REACTION" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 26TH, MARCH 2ND AND 3RD, 2012) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE, RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HER MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FOURTH POSITION. 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 after meeting with jockey Cheryl Charlton to discuss her disqualification in the third race last evening. Under a left-handed whip she intimidated "Dellas Valentine" throughout the stretch run.

(4) VALLEJO RULINGRULING #37

TRAINER FRANCISCO VALLEJO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012.

After meeting with trainer Francisco Vallejo and his daughter Adrianna Aceves, who translated for him, the above ruling was issued. It appears that it was merely a miscommunication with the vet who was scheduled to administer the lasix.

(5) EIGHTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry was posted following the eighth race to review an incident shortly after the start. #6 "Jess You And I" (4th – R. Sanchez) drifted out after the start causing #7 "Dash Back Perry" (7th – S. Ramirez Jr.) to take up and avoid being on heels. There was no question "Dash Back Perry" was eliminated from a better placing. After speaking with the riders involved and examining the films the Stewards in a unanimous decision vote to disqualify "Jess You And I."

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

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

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race - # 4 Miss Triple Play (Tr. D. Showalter) rider refused, Stewards.
Refund: \$14,963.00.

3rd Race - # 6 Spitting Snow (Tr. P. Jones) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$527.00.

4th Race - # 3 Wetaskiwin (Tr. A. Soto) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$1,140.00.

5th Race - # 1 Check On The Wire (Tr. L. Hernandez) injured, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$552.00.

7th Race - # 2 Fearless And First (Tr. J. Flores) sick, Dr. Hackathorn.
Refund: \$324.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,005	On Track Handle:	\$166,031.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,962</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$449,288.30
Total:	2,967	Out of State:	<u>\$835,426.81</u>
		Total:	\$1,450,746.91

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$471,780

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>
2/17/2012	5	6	Jan's Gold	E. January	Sick	Beck	\$723
2/19/2012	3	6	Spitting Snow	P. Jones	Sick	Hackathorn	\$527
	4	3	Wetaskiwin	A. Soto	Injured	Hackathorn	\$1,140
	5	1	Check On The Wire	L. Hernandez	Injured	Hackathorn	\$552
	7	2	Fearless And First	J. Flores	Sick	Hackathorn	\$324

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 19, 2012.

No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period twenty horses were added to the Veterinarian list as follows: one for soundness, four for injury, two for sickness, twelve for medication, none for bleeding, one for shock wave therapy, and none for coggins.

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

This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 02/17	SAT 02/18	SUN 02/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		8	4	5	17	110
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	2	1	3	11
INQUIRIES	D				0	2	1	3	12
REFUNDS		A			1	1	5	7	47
RULINGS			Y		1	0	3	4	37

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