

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD4961 E. Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 15, 2015 through September 20, 2015.

TUESDAY

09/15/2015

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Ruben Moreno will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Eight races were drawn for Friday night's program consisting of three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 2:15 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book for Friday, California-bred maidens, fillies two years old, going 300 yards, went open with several entries with CAL-BRED maidens preferred (3 CAL-BREDS).

WEDNESDAY

09/16/2015

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Friday scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, four rider changes, and no equipment changes for Friday evening's program.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Eight races were drawn for Saturday night's card consisting of one Thoroughbred, one Arabian, and six Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 1:00 p.m.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The fourth race in the book for Saturday, California-bred maidens, two years old, going 300 yards, failed to fill with four entries (1 CAL-BRED). The seventh race in the book also for Saturday, California-bred three year olds and upward, claiming price \$10,000, going 330 yards, failed to fill with no entries (0 CAL-BREDS).

THURSDAY

09/17/2015

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted promptly at 9:00 a.m. resulting in one also-eligible scratch, two first time gelding changes, no rider changes and no equipment changes for Saturday evening's program.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Eight races were drawn for Sunday night's card consisting of one Arabian and seven Quarter Horse events. The draw was completed at 12:00p.m.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book for Sunday, California-bred three year olds which have never won two races, claiming price \$12,500, going 330 yards, failed to fill with one entry (1 CAL-BRED).

FRIDAY

09/18/2015

(1) SCRATCHES

Sunday scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in no scratches, one rider change, and no equipment changes for Sunday evening's program.

(2) SAFETY STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward David Nuesch replaced Safety Steward Randy Winick for the evening.

(3) NICASIO RULING

RULING #149

JOCKEY EDUARDO B. NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 - SECOND OFFENSE), DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2015.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Eduardo Nicasio violated Rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop) in the first race on September 13, 2015. Jockey Eduardo Nicasio failed to appear to review films with the Stewards.

(4) GARCIA FORMAL HEARING

Trainer Mario Garcia appeared to address Case #15LA0145, alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843(a&d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding), #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). At issue was the positive finding of Boldenone in the urine sample taken from "Pink Berreta," the third race winner at Los Alamitos on July 12, 2015. Present at the hearing was Respondent Trainer Mario Garcia, Supervising Investigator Tom Blake, Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg, and Stewards George Slender, James Dreyer, and Ruben Moreno.

Trainer Mario Garcia testified that he has never used the drug Boldenone on any of the horses under his care and that "Pink Berreta" was a ship-in arriving one day prior to racing, having been stabled at Balgo Racing's ranch in Hemet under the care of Jorge Silva. Trainer Garcia stated that he was not the trainer of "Pink Berreta" other than to be listed as the Trainer of Record on the program, further explaining that "Pink Berreta's" owner, Jose Gonzalez, would call when a horse was ready to run and then ship them in. No other defense was offered.

The hearing was adjourned, and Mr. Garcia was informed a decision would follow.

(5) GONZALEZ FORMAL HEARING

Immediately following Trainer Mario Garcia's departure, Owner Jose Gonzalez appeared before the Stewards to address similar complaints filed against him in corresponding Case #15LA0149. Still present were the above-named officials.

Owner Jose Gonzalez confirmed the testimony given by Mario Garcia, adding that he had sold "Pink Berreta" in May of 2015 for \$20,000 but ended up with her being returned a month later due to non-payment. "Pink Berreta" had been sold to match race in Mexico and was in good health both before and after her return. Mr. Gonzalez testified that he did not know the horse tested positive for Boldenone.

Owner Jose Gonzalez was also informed a decision would follow, and the hearing was adjourned.

(6) SECOND RACE – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted by the Stewards to review two separate incidents in the second race

(Quarter Horse – 300 yards): one involving a disqualification and the other an accident. The first incident involved #6 “Lucky Charm Ack” (4th – Arana) who broke in directly out of the gate, impeding #5 “Mighty Bad Girl” (5th – Mendez). After thorough review of replays and speaking with the riders involved, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 “Lucky Charm Ack.”

The second incident involved #4 “La Victoria Light” (DNF – Suarez) who broke down at or about the 1/16th pole and fell to the track surface, catapulting Jockey Guillermo Suarez over her head. Jockey Guillermo Suarez was attended to E.M.T.’s trackside and transported back to the Jockey’s Room unharmed. “La Victoria Light” was transported to the Receiving Barn where she was later euthanized.

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

(7) THIRD RACE - DELAY

Friday evening’s third race was delayed briefly due to “Jess Good Reason’s” attempting to flip in the starting gate, breaking Jockey Cody Jensen’s nose in the process. “Jess Good Reason” was returned to the Saddling Paddock for a change of rider. With replacement, Jockey Oscar Peinado, at the helm, “Jess Good Reason” returned to the starting gates, where she again became fractious, this time injuring herself and was ultimately scratched.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 6 Seven Demons (Tr. J. Metz) claimed, Tr. G. Morales.
- 3rd Race - # 7 Jess Good Reason (Tr. P. Jones) flipped in gate, Stewards.
Refund: \$28,236.00.
- 4th Race - # 4 Brookstone K (Tr. P. Jones) Jockey Nicasio replaced Jockey Cody Jensen (injured).
- 5th Race - # 3 Danzatleca (Tr. H. Loma) claimed, Tr. G. Morales.
4 Wickedly Sassy (Tr. A. Aquino) claimed, Tr. D. Vickery.
- 6th Race - # 4 Prieto (Tr. J. Hernandez) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$187.00.
- 7th Race - # 1 LA Lite My Fire (Tr. L. Melton) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$123.00.
- 8th Race - # 1 Slated For Royalty (Tr. R. Orozco) broke thru gates, Stewards.
Refund: \$10,064.05
6 TR Brian (Tr. J. Aleman) Jockey Jose Nicasio replaced Jockey Eduardo Nicasio (sick).

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	758	On Track Handle:	\$102,809.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,895</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$348,674.80
Total:	2,653	Out of State:	<u>\$630,836.70</u>
		Total:	\$1,082,321.00

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$316,653

SATURDAY
09/19/2015

(1) SAFETY STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward David Nuesch replaced Safety Steward Randy Winick.

(2) MONTES INFORMAL HEARING AND RULING

Trainer Danny Montes appeared before the Stewards to address Case #15LA0199. At issue was Trainer Montes’ failure to submit Form 194 requesting “Im Jess Baby” be placed on the Authorized Bleeder Medication List prior to entry. Trainer Montes stated that he originally did not have plans to enter “Im Jess Baby” but did so at the last minute at the Racing Office’s request, and the mistake was made. The following ruling was issued:

RULING #150

TRAINER DANNY T. MONTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (A) (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION – CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD FORM 194 WAS NOT

RECEIVED BY THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN).

(3) ARANA FILM REVIEW AND RULING

Jockey Minor Arana reviewed films with the Stewards concerning his disqualification in Friday evening's second race aboard #6 "Lucky Charm Ack" who broke in sharply at the start. The Stewards pointed out to Jockey Arana that he was once again negligent in straightening his mount in a timely manner and issued the following ruling:

RULING #151

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA WHO RODE "LUCKY CHARM ACK" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 26TH, 27TH, AND OCTOBER 2ND, 2015) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AND CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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.

(4) NICASIO FILM REVIEW AND RULING

Jockey Jose Nicasio came in at the Stewards' request to review film of his ride in the eighth race on Friday, September 18, 2015 aboard #6 "TR Brian" who broke in at the start. Of disappointment to the Stewards was Jockey Nicasio's failure to demonstrate an effort to keep his mount straight. The Stewards unanimously agreed on a three-day suspension:

RULING #152

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO WHO RODE "TR BRIAN" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 26TH, 27TH, AND OCTOBER 2ND, 2015) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AND CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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.

(5) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the sixth race (Quarter Horse – 300 yards), the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident at the start where #4 "Cesna" (2nd – DeAlba) veered in, bumping #3 "Apollitical Dream" (5th – Nicasio), costing him the opportunity of a better placing. The Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify "Cesna" and place him behind "Apollitical Dream."

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

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

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 3 American Charm (Tr. R. Guillen) Jockey Cassidy Clerisse replaced Jockey Samuel Mendez (traffic).
3 American Charm (Tr. R. Guillen) claimed, Tr. G. Morales.
4th Race - # 2 My Fair Lady (Tr. P. Jones) Jockey Oscar Peinado replaced Jockey Cody Jensen (injured).
5th Race - # 6 Stella Corona (Tr. P. Jones) Jockey Cruz Mendez replaced Jockey Cody Jensen (injured).
6th Race - # 3 Apollitical Dream (Tr. J. Aleman) Jockey Jose Nicasio replaced Jockey Eduardo Nicasio (sick).
6 Loves Two Coronas (Tr. J. Moreno) injured, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$146.00.
7th Race - # 6 Closing Time (Tr. G. Amezcua) sick, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$116.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,014	On Track Handle:	\$117,189.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,969</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$289,237.80
Total:	2,983	Out of State:	<u>\$513,477.17</u>

Total: \$919,904.87

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$281,695

SUNDAY
09/20/2015

(1) SAFETY STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward David Nuesch replaced Safety Steward Randy Winick for the evening.

(2) DE ALBA FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cesar DeAlba came in as requested to review Saturday night's disqualification of his mount "Cesna" in the sixth race. After much discussion and review of the replays, Jockey DeAlba left with the warning that a better effort was expected in the future to maintain a straight course.

(3) MARQUEZ FILM REVIEW

Also in to review Saturday night's sixth race was Jockey Carlos Marquez, whose mount, #2 "Seis Pirata," lugged out the entire race. Jockey Marquez was cautioned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course.

(4) FIFTH RACE – INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after the finish of the sixth race (Arabian – 6 furlongs) to review an incident that occurred into the clubhouse turn, where #2 "True Grit SA" (1st – Clerisse) came over and impeded #1 "Sandicheeks" (2nd – Purcell) who in turn propped, causing #4 "Burning Raine" (DNF – Boag) to throw Jockey Gary Boag to the track surface. Jockey Boag, uninjured, was transported by E.M.T.'s back to the Jockey's Room. "Burning Raine" was caught by the outrider and returned unharmed to the Saddling Paddock. After talking with the jockeys involved and reviewing replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify "True Grit SA" and place him behind "Sandicheeks."

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

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

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - # 1 Hand Me That Seis (Tr. J. Moreno) unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald.
Refund: \$57.00.

4 Tempting Diva (Tr. P. Jones) Jockey Jesus Ayala replaced Jockey Eduardo Nicasio (sick).

5th Race - # 3 Southerland (Tr. M. Powell) transportation problems, Stewards.
Refund: NA

6th Race - # 1 Foosilame (Tr. T. Schvaneveldt) owner's license, Stewards.
Refund: \$132.00.

7th Race - # 1 Shes Walking Away (Tr. D. Ekins) Jockey Jesus Ayala replaced Jockey Cody Jensen (injured).

5 Reasonable (Tr. P. Jones) wrong horse, Stewards.
Refund: \$1,761.00.

8th Race - # 5 Far Niente (Tr. J. Hernandez, Jr.) stake scratch, Stewards.
Refund: \$1,473.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	747	On Track Handle:	\$108,088.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,894</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$287,063.50
Total:	2,641	Out of State:	<u>\$527,359.37</u>
		Total:	\$922,511.67

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$323,894

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>
9/18/2015	6	4	Prieto	J. Hernandez	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$187
	7	1	L A Lite My Fire	L. Melton	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$123
9/19/2015	6	6	Loves Two Coronas	J. Moreno	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$146
	7	6	Closing Time	G. Amezcua	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$116
9/20/2015	2	1	Hand Me That Seis	J. Moreno	Unsound	Fitzgerald	\$57

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 20, 2015. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: two for soundness, three for injury, two for sickness, none for medication, none for bleeding, none for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Ruben Moreno.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 09/18	SAT 09/19	SUN 09/20	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				2	0	1	3	13
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		4	1	0	5	381
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	1	1	3	31
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	1	3	60
REFUNDS		A			4	2	5	11	319
RULINGS			Y		1	3	0	4	152

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Ruben Moreno, George Slender, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Ruben Moreno (Steward)

George Slender (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)