

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 29, 2015 through January 3, 2016.

TUESDAY

12/29/2015

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will attend to morning office matters and record the minutes of this period.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The draw for Friday's program was performed at 1:30 p.m. and the eight race card was put together with seven Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred affair.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The one California Bred race offered in the condition book for three year olds, claiming price \$8,000 at 300 yards, was called off with only one entry.

WEDNESDAY

12/30/2015

(1) **SCRATCHES**

I was present for the scheduled scratch deadline of 9:00 a.m. and the only changes were one scratch and one rider adjustment.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries for Saturday's program were executed at 1:30 p.m. resulting in an eight race evening composed of six Quarter horse and two Thoroughbred affairs.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The sixth race in the condition book, for California Bred four year olds and upward which have never won two races at a distance of 330 yards, for a claiming price of \$12,500 was called off with only two entrants.

THURSDAY

12/31/2015

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time was held at 9:00 a.m. sharp and just two rider changes were requested.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Sunday's draw was completed at 2:00 p.m. with an eight race program consisting of four Quarter Horse and an equal number of Thoroughbred events.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California Bred race offered for Sunday, three year olds claiming price of \$12,500 at a distance of 300 yards, was called off without a single entry.

FRIDAY01/01/2016 (1) SCRATCHES

The regular 9:00 a.m. scratch time produced just two also eligible scratches in the eighth race.

(2) RULING #6 SILVERIO MARTINEZ

Trainer Silverio Martinez appeared before the Board of Stewards to discuss the details of his settlement agreement with the CHRB concerning a positive test finding of Clenbuterol in the first race at Los Alamitos on July 10, 2015, of the horse "Dragon Dance". Mr. Martinez had some questions concerning what he could or could not do during this suspension period. Other than that, he was very cordial, respectful and compliant. The following ruling reflects the settlement agreement.

Ruling # 6

TRAINER SILVERIO MARTINEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DRAGON DANCE" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2015, IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000)* AND SUSPENDED SIXTY (60) DAYS (JANUARY 8, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 7, 2016) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES-CLENBUTEROL-CLASS III) #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

THIRTY (30) DAYS OF SUSPENSION ARE STAYED. ADDITIONALLY, SILVERIO MARTINEZ IS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR (MARCH 6, 2017) AND SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VIOLATIONS FOR CLASS I, II OR III SUBSTANCES DURING THAT PERIOD. IF SILVERIO MARTINEZ VIOLATES THE CONDITION OF HIS PROBATION, THE THIRTY (30) DAY STAY OF SUSPENSION SHALL BE LIFTED AND THE REMAINING SUSPENSION DAYS SHALL BE IMPOSED AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING. ACTUAL DATES OF SUSPENSION SHALL BE JANUARY 8, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2016.

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

(3) BINGHAM VISIT

Newly minted trainer Theresa Bingham visited the Steward's Office with her mother, to show former Safety Steward Randy Winick that she completed part three of the trainer's exam this past summer in Northern California during Fair Season. Ms. Bingham said that she would take out an assistant trainer's license and work for her mother an already established trainer.

(4) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Santiago Mendez was in to review his ride in the eighth race from the previous Sunday evening, when he over-cropped his horse, #5 "Ivy's Storm" (2nd) approximately a dozen times without a pause. Mr. Mendez offered no excuse other than he blanked out and kept hitting the horse and forgetting the rule as he was in the heat of battle for the win. This is his first offense in the past sixty day period. The following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 7

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 27, 2015.

Jockey Vinnie Bednar was also in to see the Stewards as directed from the past Sunday program concerning his ride in the fifth race, where he swung his mount, #5 "Freaking Freckles" (1st) out rather sharply at the 1/8 pole and by so doing, cut it a little close with another horse, and almost putting that

one on his heels. A review of the film shows that he could have been a bit more patient; in that he had the best horse that went on to win convincingly. In Mr. Bednar's defense, the other horse to his outside did appear to step in slightly, contributing a bit. This Board of Stewards gave Mr. Bednar a warning to be more careful in the future. Vinnie understood.

(5) LOCAL FAVORITE BACK FOR A VISIT

Former Los Alamitos trainer Dan Francisco stopped by the Stewards office to say hello and check in for the New Year. Dan looked tan and refreshed, as he now makes home in Hawaii.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 5 In Control -Claimed, Tr. Justin Clark

2nd Race - # 1 J B Perry (Tr. P. Visscher) Veterinarian-sick Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$246.00.

4th Race - # 8 All Fired Up (Tr. S. Willoughby) Stewards-Entered Back
Refund: \$120.00.

6th Race - # 4 Freakish -Claimed, Tr. Lindolfo Diaz

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	687	On Track Handle:	\$100,963.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,822</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$366,194.40
Total:	2,509	Out of State:	<u>\$727,834.96</u>
		Total:	\$1,194,992.66

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$390,466

SATURDAY

01/02/2016

(1) RIVERA COMPLAINT- (CASE # 15 LA0292)

The above referenced complaint concerns owner Juan Rivera allegedly owing a past due bill from San Luis Rey Equine Hospital for services rendered for treating the mare "Charming Meadow" for colic. The dates for these services were between 1/29/2014 and 2/4/2014 at the hospital. This filly got sick at Mr. Rivera's ranch and was transported down to San Luis Rey. It was determined that San Luis Rey Hospital did not file this complaint until 10/02/2015; some twenty months after the final services were rendered. CHRB rule # 1876-Financial Responsibility, states that such a complaint must be filed within one year of the services given.

Respondent Juan Rivera was present and was informed that this complaint would be dismissed against him for reasons described in the above referenced rule not being complied with. Dr. Korin Potenza, the owner/representative of San Luis Rey Hospital, was also contacted telephonically and advised of the same. This case is now closed, at least until San Luis Rey Hospital may decide to take this issue to court and then the CHRB and Stewards may take action against Mr. Rivera if the court decides in the hospital's favor.

(2) SECURITY VIOLATION

Groom Medina Venegas was in as requested by Los Alamitos Security for violation of being with an unlicensed lady friend on the backstretch without a proper visitors pass. Mr. Venegas stated that he knew better but couldn't find anyone qualified to sign his friend in. After the Stewards evaluated Mr. Venegas past license history, which showed no violations, a stern warning was issued to not do this again. Medina was very respectful and promised not to repeat this transgression.

(3) GOOD RACING

The Saturday evening racing was without mishap.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 6 Global American -Claimed, Tr. Angela Aquino

3rd Race - # 4 Shall Be First (Tr. M. Casselman) Veterinarian-sick Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$883.00.

4th Race - # 5 Brainy -Claimed, Tr. Bret Vickery

5th Race - #5 Riggotomas (Tr. M. Gonzalez) Stewards- Advice of Veterinarian- injured Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$1,303.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	776	On Track Handle:	\$ 90,991.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,970</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$273,563.10
Total:	2,746	Out of State:	<u>\$710,062.19</u>
		Total:	\$1,074,616.29

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$344,434

SUNDAY

01/03/2016

(1) FILM

Jockey Cheryl Charlton was in as requested to explain her inaction in allowing her mount to drift significantly outward through the stretch of last night's first race. Cheryl asserted that the mare was fine until she found herself alone on the lead and then for some unknown reason reacted in drifting out through the final 1/16th of a mile. Ms. Charlton felt like her mount was acting green or scared of something. The Stewards accepted this enough to give her a warning and that we expect a better effort in the future. Ms. Charlton said she would do so.

(2) CROP VIOLATION—JUAN ANDRADE

Jockey Juan Andrade was unable to appear in person due to a minor accident during morning training and appeared telephonically to accept the charge of over cropping during the previous night's sixth race on his mount #5 "All Fired Up" (3rd) in deep stretch. Jockey Andrade also asked to be excused from this evening's mount. The following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 8

JOCKEY JUAN P. ANDRADE IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 2, 2016.

(3) SMOOTH SAILING

This evening races were conducted without incident.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - # 7 Sold Short -Claimed, Tr. Ricardo Guillen
 2nd Race - # 2 Italian Baba (Tr. C. Treece) Veterinarian-sick Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$288.00.
 3rd Race - # 1 Mr. Zippers -Claimed, Tr. Sally Rivera
 # 4 Jan's Kid (Tr. E. January) Veterinarian-Colic, Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$246.00.
 4th Race - # 5 Quickinson -Claimed, Tr. Bret Vickery
 # 7 Fionia- (Tr. J. Hernandez) Jockey G. Boag replaced J. Andrade, injury
 5th Race - # 2 Short Odds -Claimed, Tr. Sally Rivera
 6th Race - # 2 Save Pennies -Claimed, Tr. Justin Clark
 # 4 Esteemed -Claimed, Tr. Angela Aquino
 # 5 Ivory Dasher -Claimed, Tr. Brent Bowman
 7th Race- # 1 Chicanery -Claimed, Tr. Adriana Aceves

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	629	On Track Handle:	\$ 75,876.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,835</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$236,482.50
Total:	2,464	Out of State:	<u>\$705,045.05</u>
		Total:	\$1,017,404.05

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$375,543.30

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>
01/01/16	2	1	J B Perry	P Visscher	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$246
01/02/16	3	4	Shall Be First	M Casselman	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$883
01/02/16	5	5	Riggotomas	M Gonzalez	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$1,303
01/03/16	2	2	Italian Baba	C Treece	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$288
01/03/16	3	4	Jan's Kid	E January	Colic	Fitzgerald	\$246

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 3rd, 2016. Zero equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: one for soundness, one for injury, four for sickness, zero for medication, one for bleeding, zero for shock wave therapy, and two for coggins. Six horses previously on the

Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 01/01	SAT 01/02	SUN 01/03	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	2	8	12	19
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	0
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	0
REFUNDS		A			2	2	2	6	12
RULINGS			Y		2	0	1	3	8

Stewards' Attendance: Randy Winick, Tom Ward, James Dreyer, and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Randy Winick (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)