

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD4961 E. Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 26, 2016 through January 31, 2016.

TUESDAY

1/26/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward will handle entries and scratches this coming week and will be writing the minutes.

(2) THE DRAW

The card for Friday consists of eight races, with the draw being completed at approximately 1:30 P.M. The California Bred race offered (3 year old maiden allowance) failed to fill with state bred horses and was used open.

WEDNESDAY

1/27/2016

(1) THE DRAW

The card for Saturday evening, consisted of eight races, was drawn at approximately 1:45 P.M.

(2) SCRATCH TIME

There were no scratches submitted for the Friday evening card and only one rider change was made.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California bred race offered for Saturday - 3 year old maiden claiming \$6,250 - failed to fill and was used open.

THURSDAY

1/28/2016

(1) DRAW

A nine race card is on tap for Sunday with five qualifying trials for The Maiden Stakes. The draw was completed just after noon. Ironically, not all horses entered are maidens as, if a horse did not break its maiden until December 1, 2015, it is still eligible for the race.

(2) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Saturday came and went with not much fanfare. Two also eligible horses were declared and two rider changes were made.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California Bred offered for Sunday failed to fill and went open.

FRIDAY01/29/2016 (1) SCRATCH TIME

There were no scratches or changes for the Sunday program.

(1) FINANCIAL HEARING

Trainer Nicolas Acuna was in the office this evening in response to a complaint filed against him by Don Gordon for various horse supplies. The bill, totaling \$500, has been delinquent since March of 2015. Mr. Acuna said he is having a very difficult time making ends meet and cannot pay the bill in its entirety. He did make a \$200 installment tonight and was given until February 28th to take care of the balance.

(3) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Michael Casselman was in the office this evening responding to a complaint filed against him for an overage of the permitted medication Phenylbutazone. His horse "Walk the Catwalk", the third place finisher in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on December 20, 2015, showed the presence of 2.56 ug/ml of Phenylbutazone. Mr. Casselman, who has never had a Phenylbutazone medication violation in over 20 years of training, said that his regular veterinarian was not available to administer the medication and he feels this may have contributed to the overage. He is eligible for a warning and this will close the matter.

(4) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the fifth race as jockey Omar Santos(5th, #6 She's A Hugger) lodged an objection against jockey Salvador Iniguez(3rd, #7 Charmstealer) for interference shortly after the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the alleged incident the objection was quickly dismissed as there was absolutely no basis or any action on the part of the Stewards.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	672	On Track Handle:	\$107,109.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,919</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$387,140.70
Total:	2,591	Out of State:	<u>\$691,072.25</u>
		Total:	\$1,185,322.45

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$378,895

SATURDAY01/30/2016 (1) SCRATCH TIME

There were no scratches or changes on this evening's card.

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cassidy Clerisse was in the office to review the second race from Friday during which she permitted her mount to drift in without sufficient clearance. She was apologetic, stating that she should have been more aware when altering course. The incident was not worthy of a suspension and therefore a warning was issued with the caveat that a repeat incident could result in a suspension.

Jockey Cruz Mendez was in the office to review the third race during which he may have violated the crop rule by not allowing two full strides between strikes. He realized his mistake and said he would be more careful in the future. A warning was issued.

Jockey Omar Santos came to the office this evening to explain the reason he lodged an objection in last night's fifth race.(Ref. 1-29-16-3) The rider said that after he looked at the replay he realized his error as the video did not reveal any interference. He was instructed to be more selective when lodging an objection.

(2) RULINGRULING # 18

JOCKEY SALVADOR INIGUEZ WHO RODE "BIG TIME GAMBLER" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 13TH, 14TH, AND 19TH, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AND CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING

BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Iniguez viewed video of the fourth race, during which his mount was responsible for an incident on the backstretch. The rider permitted his mount, which was lugging in, to put another horse on heels, causing significant interference. Mr. Iniguez admitted his mistake, but felt that a three day penalty was too harsh.

(4) RULINGRULING # 19

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B-1) (USE OF WHIPS – WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Nicasio offered no excuse for using his whip during the warm up period prior to the race.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

The Stewards received a call from Official Veterinarian Gary Beck to the effect that the horse Mexcalero, scheduled to race in the fourth event this evening, did not receive its Lasix administration. The trainer, Adriana Aceves, was contacted and apprised of the situation. She said that she had contacted a veterinarian to administer the medication and had no knowledge that it had not been given. Her other horse in the race received Lasix. As a result, Mexcalero was declared, with the refund amounting to \$3,771.00.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race as the stewards reviewed an incident just outside the 3/16th pole involving the first and eighth place finishers, #5 Legzee(G. Boag) and #2 Gemmabeto(R. Guce). Jockey Cheryl Charlton(4th, #1 Voluntary) also lodged an objection. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Legzee from first to eighth position. While the video angle available was not totally acceptable, we had sufficient information to conclude that Mr. Boag tightened the three horse reverse stair step formation to the point that Mr. Guce had to take up sharply when room along the inside rail disappeared. We will meet with the rider tomorrow.

As an aside, it should be noted that there is no camera position currently available which would approximate a ¼ pole camera position on a mile track. Mr. Brad McKinzie was contacted regarding the situation and said that he would investigate having a camera installed. The camera would not have to be manually operated as a stationary position would suffice. We will be in contact with video supplier Jim Porep to discuss a viable option.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	785	On Track Handle:	\$ 100,347.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,959</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$ 318,458.40
Total:	2,744	Out of State:	<u>\$ 767,797.78</u>
		Total:	\$1,186,603.48

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$399,110

SUNDAY

01/31/2016

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race - #3 Sticktothescript (Vet-injured)
 #4 Tricky Liz (Vet-injured). Refund: \$646.00
- 2nd Race - #4 Bubbles Hansen (Vet-unsound)
 #6 Stevie B (Vet-injured)
 Refund: \$716.00
- 5th Race - #1 IBO Bonita Chica (Stakes)
 Refund: \$403.00

(2) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Gary Boag, accompanied by Jockeys' Guild Director Darrell Haire, was in the office to review the second race from January 30, 2016, as his mount was the subject of a Stewards' inquiry and subsequent disqualification.(Ref 1-30-16-6) After a review and discussion, the stewards unanimously voted to issue no sanction against the rider as the video was inconclusive as to the effort made to minimize the interference.

(3) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Geena Latanzio was excused from her lone mount of the evening due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

(4) RULINGRULING # 20

TRAINER JESUS J. ENRIQUEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016.

This ruling was issued after the trainer offered no plausible excuse for failure to follow proper procedures with respect to filing a request for a veterinarian declaration.

(5) GOOD EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	547	On Track Handle:	\$ 85,254.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,898</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$282,597.10
Total:	2,445	Out of State:	<u>\$919,669.04</u>
		Total:	\$1,287,520.34

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$505,195

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Refund</u>
01/31/16	1	3	Sticktothescript	Robert A. Bean	Injured	
01/31/16	1	4	Tricky Liz	Robert J. Lucas	Injured	\$646.00
01/31/16	2	4	Bubbles Hansen	Santos R. Perez	Unsound	
01/31/16	2	6	Stevie B	Angela Aquino	Injured	\$716.00

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 31, 2016. Zero equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period seventeen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: one for soundness, three for injury, zero for sickness, twelve for medication, zero for bleeding, and one for shock wave therapy. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 01/29	SAT 01/30	SUN 01/31	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		6	4	4	14	68
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	2
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	0	2	6
REFUNDS		A			0	1	3	4	43
RULINGS			Y		0	2	1	3	27
VOID CLAIMS					0	0	0	0	1

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)