

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 March 1, 2016 through March 6, 2016.

TUESDAY

03/01/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Randy Winick will be on duty this week to supervise entries, scratches and other daily matters, as well as record the minutes of the racing period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race offered for Friday evening was for three year old fillies going three hundred yards, allowance conditions. The race was called off with only one entry.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The entries for Friday evening were drawn at 2:30 p.m. resulting in eight races; four Thoroughbred, three Quarter Horse, and one Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred event.

WEDNESDAY

03/02/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

This morning's scratches were executed at 9:00 a.m. promptly, and the only request was for a rider change in the seventh race.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday evening's program was drawn at approximately 2:30 p.m. and the eight race card is composed as follows, five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred contests.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the condition book for Saturday was a Cal-Bred maiden claiming race for \$8,000 at 350 yards. The race attracted zero entries and was called off.

THURSDAY

03/03/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

At the official 9:00 a.m. scratch time, the only action taken was an also eligible horse that didn't draw in and an equipment change, flipping halter off.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The entries for Sunday were drawn fairly late today, approximately 4:30 p.m. and the eight race program will be composed of four Thoroughbred and four Quarter Horse races.

(3) CAL BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race for Sunday, maiden three year olds for a tag of \$2,500 at 300 yards, was called off with only two entries.

FRIDAY

03/04/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

At 9:00 a.m. scratches were taken for Sunday and the only requests were for two rider adjustments.

(1) ACUNA RULING

The following ruling reflects trainer Nicolas Acuna's failure to live up to his financial agreement with complainant Doug Gordon in the amount of \$500.00 for stable supplies. Mr. Acuna was given some leeway by Mr. Gordon but ultimately reneged on his liability.

RULING # 49

TRAINER NICK ACUNA, HAVING FAILED TO REIMBURSE DOUG GORDON IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY)

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF NICK ACUNA 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.

(2) SOSA RULING

The following ruling reflects the California Horse Racing Boards approval of a revised Proposed Decision in the matter of the complaint/accusation against Raul Sosa (case # 15LA0150). This matter concerned some clarification in the positive test findings of Clenbuterol in the post race test sample of the horse Dragon Dance (1st) in the first race at Los Alamitos on July 23, 2015.

RULING # 50

AFTER RECEIVING INFORMATION THAT THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD HAS ADOPTED A PROPOSED DECISION REGARDING OWNER RAUL SOSA(CASE #15LA0150), THE FOLLOWING RULING IS ISSUED:

OWNER RAUL SOSA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DRAGON DANCE" IN THE FIRST RACE ON JULY 10, 2015, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE TRACK, IS FINED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS(\$10,000)* AND SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY(60) DAYS(MARCH 11, 2016 THROUGH MAY 11, 2016) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND #1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A),(B), AND (D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES – CLENBUTEROL – CLASS III), #1843.1(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844(E)(6)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION) AND #1902(CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

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

(3) BOAG RULING

The following ruling concerns Jockey Gary Boag in the 2nd race from Sunday evening. In this race Boag's mount was in control on the lead halfway down the backstretch of the 4 ½ furlong claimer, when he came over in front of the horse to his immediate inside and cut it a bit too close, which put apprentice Jockey Cassidy Clerisse in heel clipping stage, and required her to take up. Mr. Boag thought his horse would clear faster than it did and "somewhat" agreed to his mistake.

RULING # 51

JOCKEY GARY BOAG, WHO RODE LINCECUM IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS

RACE TRACK ON FEBRUARY 28, 2016, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE(3) RACING DAYS(MARCH 11, 12, AND 13, 2016) FOR ALTERING COURSE ON THE BACKSTRETCH WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699(RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766(DESIGNATED RACES) THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

(5) FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Cassidy Clerisse was in to review her ride in last Sunday's fifth race, where shortly out of the chute of the 4 ½ furlong Thoroughbred claimer, her mount started to lug outward and interfere slightly with #2 (R. Guce) causing that one to take up briefly. Ms. Clerisse told the Stewards her mount was hard to control and that she did the best she could. The video replay does show Ms. Clerisse makes an attempt to pull on her left rein and cock her mount's head left as a reasonable attempt. She did mention that the horse had only a rubber d-bit on. Cassidy was given a warning to do her best to keep them straight and issued no penalty this time.

(6) OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION – 4TH RACE

Following the running of the fourth race, Jockey Ramon Guce requested an objection into the start of the 870 yard mixed breed race. Mr. Guce said that #4 Councilman (2nd – C. Charlton) broke sharply inward on his mount #3 Johnny Reb (5th – R. Guce) causing him to be pinched and jostled and costing him position and distance. The stewards review of the subject race confirmed this to be true and also noted that Ms. Charlton continued to come in just a few more yards up the track to further interfere with Mr. Guce's mount. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards voted to disqualify #4 from second place to fifth place, behind #3 for interference out of the starting gate. Original order of finish – 5-4-1-7-3-6-2
Official order of finish – 5-1-7-3-4-6-2

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race - # 8 Cop Along Cassidy (J. Nunez) Claimed
2nd Race - # 3 Hiya Hiya (J. Nunez) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$502.00
4 Changing Karma (K. Castaneda) Claimed
5 Iron Joe T. (J. A. Moreno) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$708.00
5th Race - # 2 Tough Ray (E. January) Claimed

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	733	On Track Handle:	\$122,946.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,932</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$474,798.10
Total:	2,665	Out of State:	<u>\$769,820.15</u>
		Total:	\$1,367,564.55

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$438,204.27

SATURDAY
03/05/2016

(1) SECURITY VIOLATION

The following ruling is a result of an informal hearing held yesterday (3/4/16) of a security complaint against groom Luis A. Ferreyra, for unauthorized entry of the Los Alamitos corporation yard property. Mr. Ferreyra was apparently shopping at the convenience store across the street and didn't want to take the long way around, so he hopped the fence illegally. Mr. Ferreyra admitted his wrong doing and apologized.

RULING # 52

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), GROOM LUIS ANTONIO FERREYRA IS FINED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS(\$25)* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA REGULATIONS – UNATHORIZED ENTRY TO GROUNDS.

(2) DIONICIO NAVARRO MEETING

Jockey Dionicio Navarro came in to see the Stewards regarding a ruling that was put out by the Golden Gate Stewards suspending Mr. Navarro pending a hearing up north to answer for his negligence in not complying with a previous ruling suspending him 120 days for a second offense Methamphetamine use violation. That ruling had requirements of Mr. Navarro to submit to an evaluation by the Winners Foundation, comply with a testing agreement by the CHRB and enroll and complete an in-house rehabilitation program. Mr. Navarro had trainer Angela Aquino translate for him in these proceedings. The Los Alamitos Stewards explained to Mr. Navarro that he was suspended immediately and must contact both Golden Gate Stewards to schedule a hearing as well as contact the Winners Foundation and satisfy all the previously stated requirements before he can be reinstated. Mr. Navarro left understanding what he must do.

(3) CHARLTON RULING

The following ruling was given to Jockey Cheryl Charlton for interference out of the starting gate in the fourth race (870 yds.) on Friday evening. Ms. Charlton came out of the starting gate on #4 Councilman (2nd) and made a left turn into #3 Johnny Reb (5th – R. Guce) who took up sharply and then after that settled a bit in back of Ms. Charlton, she then came back in and in front of Mr. Guce as he was trying to recover and contend. Ms. Charlton stated that the initial incident was caused by her mount. The Stewards were more concerned about the second incident where she appeared to make no effort to straighten her horse up as he was drifting inward, shutting Guce off. Cheryl contends that her horse was lugging in badly and that Guce wasn't in danger. The three of us disagreed with her and handed Cheryl the following ruling for careless riding.

RULING # 53

JOCKEY CHERYL CHARLTON WHO RODE "COUNCILMAN" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 12TH, 13TH, AND 18TH, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HER MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FIFTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES); THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

(4) FAILURE TO APPEAR RULING

The following two rulings were issued for grooms Miguel Salazar and Andres Perez for failure to appear for hearings on complaint's regarding use of marijuana and methamphetamine on the backside of Los Alamitos.

RULING # 54

GROOM MIGUEL SALAZAR, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489(H)(ENGAGED IN THE USE OF MARIJUANA), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547(FAILURE TO APPEAR). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MIGUEL SALAZAR ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528(JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. SALAZAR IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

RULING # 55

GROOM ANDRES PEREZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489(H)(ENGAGED IN THE USE OF MARIJUANA), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547(FAILURE TO APPEAR). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ANDRES PEREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528(JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. PEREZ IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(5) RODRIGUEZ HEARING

Trainer Yanet Rodriguez was in to answer a complaint issued against her for a positive test finding of methocarbamol in the official blood sample from the horse "Dr. Jess" who won the eighth race on January 24, 2016 at the Los Alamitos Race Course. When asked by the Stewards how this might have happened, Yanet responded that her groom mixed up the bute bottle with the methocarbamol bottle and inadvertently made the mistake. Ms. Rodriguez accepted all her responsibility and promised she would tighten up her medication protocol in her stable. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 56

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) TRAINER YANET RODRIGUEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE DR. JESS, WINNER OF THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE TRACK ON JANUARY 24, 2016, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$500)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A),(B) AND (D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844(F)(9)AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-METHOCARBAMOL IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS).

(6) GOOD RACING

Tonight's program was incident free.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race - # 1 Some Perfect Man (R.S. Guillen) Jockey M. Arana replaced M, Ramirez- Sick
- 2nd Race - # 5 She's A Classic (E. Freeman) Dr. Beck
Refund: \$853.00
- 3rd Race - # 6 Znelle (B. Boman) Jockey C. Marquez replaced D, Navarro -Suspended
- 4th Race - # 4 Ya Heffa (J. Nunez) Claimed
5 Performance Cartel (V. Zamudio) Claimed
7 One Sweet Shazee (H. Loma) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$708.00
- 6th Race - # 2 Ivory Dasher (S. Rivera) Jockey C. Marquez replaced M, Ramirez-Sick

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	810	On Track Handle:	\$93,563.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,038</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$280,840.50
Total:	2,848	Out of State:	<u>\$717,282.04</u>
		Total:	\$1,091,685.84

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$390,688.22

SUNDAY

03/06/2016

(1) SUNDAY PLEASANT SUNDAY

The Stewards in office proceedings were very benign and this evening's races were conducted without serious incidents.

(2) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - # 1 Scene Enuf (A. Espinoza) Jockey V. Bednar replaced D. Navarro
2 Lana Caprina (R.J.Lucas) Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$439.00
- 6th Race - # 3 Let's Fight (H. Loma) Jockey R. Lozano replaced D. Navarro -Suspended
5 CC Wind (A. Aceves) Jockey M. Arana replaced R. Hernandez -Sick

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	646	On Track Handle:	\$89,594.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,069</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$295,757.80
Total:	2,715	Out of State:	<u>\$978,655.86</u>
		Total:	\$1,364,008.56

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$544,427.31

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>
03/04/16	2	3	Hiya Hiya	J. Nunez	Unsound	Fitzgerald	\$502
03/04/16	2	5	Iron Joe T.	J. A. Moreno	Unsound	Fitzgerald	\$708
03/05/16	2	5	She's A Classic	E. Freeman		Beck	\$853
03/05/16	4	7	One Sweet Shazee	H. Loma	Unsound	Fitzgerald	\$708
03/06/16	1	2	Lana Caprina	R.J. Lucas	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$439

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 6, 2016. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period twelve horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: four for soundness, zero for injury, three for sickness, two for medication, one for bleeding, zero for shock wave therapy, and two for coggins. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Randy Winick.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY 2016

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/04	SAT 03/05	SUN 03/06	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	2	2	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		2	3	1	6	104
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	6
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	11
REFUNDS		A			2	1	1	4	73
RULINGS			Y		3	5	0	8	63
VOIDED CLAIMS					1	0	1	2	5

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards 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)

