

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of June 24, 2016 through June 26, 2016.

FRIDAY

06/24/2016

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on duty for entries, declarations, and changes the past three days. Entries for Friday and Saturday went well, with the draw being completed shortly after one o'clock on both days. Sunday was a bit slower, with the draw taking place around two thirty in the afternoon. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum, while California bred races were nowhere to be found.

(2) **UNTIMELY PASSING**

The mood around this venue was rather somber over the course of the last few days as news of the death of the champion Quarter Horse Moonist came to light. The horse contracted colic on Tuesday, was rushed to a local veterinary clinic, but could not be saved.

(3) **CHANGE IN VETERINARIANS**

Racing Veterinarian Dr. Becky Fitzgerald will be unavailable for an undetermined period as she is on maternity leave. Dr. Chuck Jenkins will be her replacement. Dr. Nolton Pattio will be filling in for Official Veterinarian Gary Beck as Dr. Beck is under the weather and will not be working this week.

(4) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd race - #3 Slew Keyty (Vet-injured) refund of \$351.00
 6th race - #1 Bambino Dino (Vet-unsound refund of \$158.00
 8th race - #5 New Start (Vet-injured) no refund

(5) **RULINGS****RULING # 165**

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 19, 2016.

RULING # 166

JOCKEY EDUARDO 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 19, 2016. The foregoing rulings were issued as both riders admitted to violating the "crop" rule.

(6) RULING

RULING # 167

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (JULY 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD 2016) FOR A BLATANT 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 WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 19, 2016.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the fourth race from Sunday evening, during which he struck his mount with a left hand whip approximately ten times in succession. He had no acceptable excuse for the violation.

(7) RULINGS

RULING # 168

OWNER ERIC DANIEL SMITH, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876(FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - \$369.00 TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING LAQL#124, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

RULING # 169

OWNER JOSE DE JESUS CRUZ HERNANDEZ, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876(FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - \$692.00 TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING LAQL#45, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

The preceding rulings were issued after information was received that delinquent accounts owed to Equine Sports Medicine had been satisfied.

(8) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Erasmo Gasca was in the office this afternoon to review the third race from June 18th, as he was tardy in correcting his errant mount. Mr. Gasca realized his error and said he would make a better effort in the future. He left with a warning.

(9) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review the start, as jockey Minor Arana, aboard #1 La Fortunada, was unseated in the opening stride. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order to finish. Video showed that the horse broke out sharply, making contact with #2 Bubbles Hansen, then stumbled and fell following the contact. The ambulance was on the scene immediately and administered to the rider. He was ultimately transported to Western Anaheim Hospital for observation. The horse was not injured.

(10) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim in the third race deposited by Trainer Gennaro Vallejo for the horse Scud was voided as Official Veterinarian Pattio reported that the horse was "off" in the left foreleg during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of Jose Avalos.

(11) Attendance and Handle

On Track Attendance:	772	On Track Handle:	\$116,867.70
<u>Off Track Attendance:</u>	<u>1,915</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$397,310.90
Total:	2,687	<u>Out of State:</u>	<u>\$719,106.95</u>

Total: \$1,233,285.55

SATURDAY

06/25/2016

(1) Early Declarations

1st race - #5 Gracee Hunny (Vet-injured) refund of \$298.10

2nd race - #6 Mr Superstition (Vet-sick) refund of \$157.80

(2) IT'S A MIRACLE

Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, who was originally thought to be off through the weekend, made a quick recovery and was at his post for the evening card.

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review two incidents in the far turn which involved the winner, #7 Highly Cynical (R. Guce) and the fourth and sixth place finishers, #5 Cowtownmary (E. Gomez) and #8 Next Book (E. Hernandez).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incidents, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Highly Cynical from the first to sixth position. Video shows the horse dropping in at the point of the turn without sufficient clearance, causing the rider aboard Cowtownmary to check sharply along the inside rail. Immediately after that incident, the winner comes out to make contact with Next Book and causes that horse to shift dramatically to the outside. Both incidents, in the opinion of the Stewards, cost the horses affected the opportunity for a better placing.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race to review an incident at the start involving the second and eighth place finishers, #7 Dividemeup (A. Bautista) and #5 All Get Out (E. Nicasio). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Dividemeup from second to eighth place. Video shows the horse breaking in sharply to create hard contact with All Get Out and force that horse's rider to take up in order to avoid heels. #6 Eyesarunnin fool was not affected as it had broken slowly. The Stewards were of the opinion that the incident cost Mr. Nicasio and his mount all chance for a better finish position.

SUNDAY

06/26/2016

(1) Early Declarations

6th race - #4 Dynasty (entered in wrong race) refund of \$407.94

9th race - #6 KR Crusin Cartel (stakes) refund of \$256.40

(2) Ruling

RULING # 170

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA, WHO RODE DIVIDEMEUP IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 25, 2016, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE(3) RACING DAYS(JULY 3RD, 8TH AND 9TH 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE SHORTLY AFTER THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO EIGHTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699(RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING). TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Bautista had viewed video of the eighth race from the last evening, following which his mount was disqualified for interference at the start. (ref. 6-25-16-3) The rider said he was unable to correct his mount due to the fact that the horse raced in a "D Bit" rather than its normal bit, a "ring" bit. While that may be all well and good, we will never know if the bit that the horse ran in was sufficient as Mr. Bautista made no effort to correct the horse until contact was already made.

(3) Ruling

RULING # 171

JOCKEY RAMON GUCE, WHO RODE HIGHLY CYNICAL IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 25, 2016, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE(3) RACING DAYS(JULY 3RD, 8TH AND 9TH 2016) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE ENTERING THE FAR TURN, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SIXTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING). TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Guce had reviewed the third race from last night, after which his mount was disqualified from first to eighth position.(ref. 6-25-16-4) The rider felt that he had left sufficient room for the horse to his inside but the video did not support his contention.

(4)Ruling

RULING # 172

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES 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 A SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 25, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Aceves had reviewed video of the fifth race from last evening regarding a possible violation of the "crop" rule. He had no explanation for the violation.

(3) Rider Excused

Jockey Minor Arana, who was injured in an accident earlier in the week, was released from his obligations this evening on the recommendation of his physician. Replacement riders were named.

(4) Refund

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #1 Fix Your Eyes On Me flipped during the saddling procedure, prompting Racing Veterinarian Jenkins to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$2,414.89.

(5) Trouble Free Evening

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

(6) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	758	On Track Handle:	\$107,312.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,822</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$369,468.60
Total:	2,580	Out of State:	<u>\$751,100.76</u>
		Total:	\$1,227,881.76

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 26, 2016.

Zero equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period ninth horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: two for soundness, five for injury, and two for sickness. There were no horses previously on the Veterinarian's List to be examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Tom Ward

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 06/24	SAT 06/25	SUN 06/26	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	0	1	16
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		5	4	7	16	165
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	2	0	2	13
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	0	3	37
REFUNDS		A			2	2	3	7	206
RULINGS			Y		5	0	3	8	175
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	31

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Randy Winick, Tom Ward, 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 (Steward)