

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**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 July 26, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

**TUESDAY**

7/26/2016

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Randy Winick will attend to morning office matters this week, as well as record the minutes of all events as they happen during the race day program.

**(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries were drawn by 1:30 p.m. producing an eight race card, composed of four quarter horse, three thoroughbred, and one quarter horse thoroughbred mixed race at 870 yards.

**(3) CAL- BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred offering for Fridays program, maidens three and up with a claiming price of \$6,250 at a distance of 330 yards, had only one entry and was therefore called off.

**WEDNESDAY**

7/27/2016

**(1) SCRATCH TIME**

Scratch time this morning at 9:00 a.m. resulted in only one jockey adjustment.

**(2) ENTRIES, DRAW AND CAL BRED REPORT**

At 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, the draw commenced for a special night of exclusively California bred quarter horse racing, with a stellar program consisting of eleven races on the straightaway. The "Governors Cup Futurity" will anchor the evening with a purse close to \$400,000. Co-features of the "Governors Cup Derby" \$200,000, and the "Spencer L. Childers Championship," \$100,000, will be the other six figure races to compliment an all stakes program. Ninety eight horses were entered all told, for what appears to be a great night of quarter horse racing.

**THURSDAY**

7/28/2016

**(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Scratch time came and went at 9:00 a.m. for Friday night's card, and only one rider adjustment was requested.

**(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Sunday's entries were drawn at 1:00 p.m. and the nine race card will consist of five quarter horse, three thoroughbred and one quarter horse-thoroughbred mixed race.

(3) CAL BRED REPORT

Sunday was scheduled for a Cal-Bred maiden two year old race for \$12,500 at three hundred yards. The attraction was quite slim however, as only two were entered and the race was cancelled.

**FRIDAY**

7/29/2016

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

At today's 9:00 a.m. scratch time, there were two jockey changes and a flipping halter adjustment.

(2) YACOB AND ALEMAN HEARING

This entry will combine complaints #16LA0125 and 16LA0171, involving Dr. Anita Yacoub and trainer Juan Aleman. The case revolves around a positive test finding on the horse "Elicity" who is trained by Juan Aleman and was treated by veterinarian Dr. Anita Yacoub for a race on May 20, 2016 at Los Alamitos where she finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the post race test sample it was discovered that Elicity was positive for procaine. During the two separate hearings Dr. Yacoub and trainer Aleman stipulated to their testimony in the investigative reports and took responsibility for the mistakes that were made. Dr. Yacoub offered that she forgot about the new reporting procedures that are now in place for reporting a procaine penicillin administration and did not file the proper paper work. Mr. Aleman was apparently unaware of his responsibility to report the treatment to the CHRB Veterinarian and to notify the racing secretary at time of entry to request surveillance for six hours prior to race time. It should be noticed that both respondents waived their right of proper notice so they might expedite their hearings and any fines or suspensions. Both respondents were apprised of the penalties and agreed to have a stipulated settlement with the CHRB reflecting such. Both respondents stated that they would not appeal. Rulings will be issued when the settlement or stipulated agreement is finalized by the board in the near future.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Two riders were in to review incidents from last Saturday and Sunday evening's races. The first was the eighth race from Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> involving the winner, #5 "Favorite Quick Chick" (E. Gasca). Mr. Gasca was leading in the clear easily without a horse on either side, when he started slowly drifting inward. Erasmo then for some reason hit his horse right handed which contributed to more of a drift. As this was happening he came close to putting another horse behind him on his heels. The stewards counseled Mr. Gasca that he should either pull his crop through and hit left handed or better yet put the crop away and pull on his right rein to stop the inward motion. Erasmo agreed to try harder in the future. The stewards thought this didn't rise to a sanction.

The second incident involved jockey Marcial Ramirez on a horse in the first race on Sunday that he was observed warming up in the post parade. He hit the horse several times with his crop unnecessarily to get her on her toes. We explained to Mr. Ramirez that this is strictly forbidden and that it is unacceptable. Marcial said he knew the rule and had no excuse for his actions. A ruling will follow tomorrow night.

(4) RACING

Tonight's program was conducted without incident or problem

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - #3 BADASMYWIFELETSME – Tr. R. Bean- veterinarian – sick Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$140.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - #5 DOS AMIGAS – claimed Tr. L. Diaz

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - #1 COWGIRL N THECITY – Tr. D. Givens – veterinarian – injured – Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$169.00

#5 MERRY MOON – Tr. R.J. Lucas – veterinarian – deceased, Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$ 134.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race - #4 INITIATIVE – claimed, Tr. F. Meza

#6 CONVINCED HIMSELF – claimed, Tr. F. Meza

5<sup>th</sup> Race - #3 MY LADY LOU LOU – Tr. J. Mendoza – veterinarian – unsound Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$ 226.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race - #2 MS. REASONABILITY claimed, Tr. J. Hernader Jr.  
#6 NEW START claimed, Tr. S. Perez

8<sup>th</sup> Race - #2 BURNING FIRE Tr. S. Perez – veterinarian – unsound Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$ 158.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	752	On Track Handle:	\$98,917.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,979</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$347,219.40
Total:	2,731	Out of State:	<u>\$633,413.24</u>
		Total:	\$1,079,550.44

**SATURDAY**

7/09/2016

(1) RAMIREZ RULLING

The following ruling reflects the penalty for jockey Marcial Ramirez referred to yesterday. The issue was hitting his horse in the post parade pre race warm up period with his crop several times.

**RULING # 195**

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP- STRIKING HORSE DURING WARM UP PERIOD) PRIOR TO THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 24, 2016.

(2) INQUIRY-OBJECTION – TENTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the finish of the tenth race the stewards posted the inquiry light to look at several occurrences in the latter half of the \$200,000 “Governor’s Cup Derby” (Gr.III). Trainer Chris O’Dell also called to lodge an objection involving his horse #2 “Thermonuclear Energy” (2<sup>nd</sup>- R.Aceves). The request was included in what the stewards were originally looking at. The first instance involved the first and second place finishers, #1 Unclaimed Dividend (1<sup>st</sup>-J. Ayala) and #2, previously mentioned above. The video replay shows #1 starting to drift outward from his rail position toward #2 to his outside, causing that one to be floated out several paths, and eventually coming close to physically interfering with him. No contact was actually made, however, #1 did intimidate #2 and influenced his action. The stewards did not think this bothered #2 enough to disqualify #1 for costing him the win. Jockey Jesus Ayala was put on notice to see the stewards tomorrow night for an assessment of his ride.

In the second portion of this confusion, it involved #4 “Snitching “ (6<sup>th</sup>-T. Guymon) Running in the four lane, then drifting out just a path or two, then starting a squeeze to a couple of others to his outside, #5 and #6 causing them to take up and drop back, losing the chance of a better placing. While this was happening, on the outside, #8 “Sale Topper” (7<sup>th</sup>- C. Huerta) was lugging in slightly putting pressure on #6 and #5 to his inside when Carlos Huerta tried pulling off, #9 “Checkn Fire” (3<sup>rd</sup>- C. Mendez) joined the fray and came over in front of #8, making it hard for #8 and Carlos Huerta to pull off the horses to his inside. The pressure from #4 on the inside and #8 and #9 outside, made it too tight in the middle for all of the horses to run clear. After a thorough review of the replay and talking to riders involved, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify #4 “Snitching” from sixth place and place him last behind #5 for interference. It appears that he had the most culpability in causing the shrinking space for all the horses to operate smoothly. Although #8 was part of the problem, it wasn’t until #4 moved out that the space became impossible to fit all of the horses. Several riders will be in to see the stewards to assess their part and responsibility in the mess that ensued. More to follow.

Original Order Of Finish – 1-2-9-10-3-4-8-7-6-5

Official Order Of Finish - 1-2-9-10-3-8-7-6-5-4

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - #1 HORSES AND DREAMS – Tr. J. Gomez - stewards– stake scratch Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$197.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - #1 GOOD LOOKER– claimed Tr. J.A. Moreno

#4 PERFORMANCE CARTEL–Tr. V. Zamudio – veterinarian – injured, Dr. Jenkins

Refund: \$ 1,636.00

#6 SEMPER FI – claimed, Tr. Guillen

#7 BLACK CZECH – claimed, Tr. J. Nunez

#10 LINE DRIVE – claimed, Tr. R. Guillen

3<sup>rd</sup> Race -#1 COWGIRLN THECITY – Tr. D. Givens – veterinarian – injured – Dr. Jenkins

Refund: \$169.00  
#4 PERFORMANCE CARTEL– Tr. – veterinarian – deceased, Dr. Jenkins

Refund: \$ 134.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race - #4 BE PROPER – claimed, Tr. E. Berman  
#5 FLYING JESS – claimed, Tr. F. Gonzalez  
#7 FIXER UPPER – claimed, Tr. G. Morales

8<sup>th</sup> Race - #4 HE LOOKS HOT Tr. S. Willoughby – veterinarian – sick Dr. Jenkins  
Refund: \$ 378.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 2,923	On Track Handle: \$263,340.40
Off Track Attendance: <u>2,097</u>	Off Track Handle: \$466,933.50
Total: 5,020	Out of State: <u>\$1,011,465.25</u>
	Total: \$1,741,739.15

**SUNDAY**

7/10/2016

(1) PAUL JONES COMPLAINT – 16LA0212

Trainer Paul Jones came into the stewards office to address the above complaint, which involved running the horse “CARTELS” on July 9, 2016 in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course, who in fact turned out to be a gelding. The horse identifier Eric Nadjuch, discovered the mistake as the horses entered the receiving barn prior to the race. Mr. Jones admitted his mistake in not reporting it correctly at entry time as it just got away from him, however he stated that with his large, over 100 horse stable that he gelds over forty to fifty horses every year and was at Ruidoso downs with horses in trial races at the time. He was sorry that he made the mistake. The stewards took this into account and issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 196**

TRAINER PAUL C. JONES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “CARTELS” IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 9, 2016 IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1865(d) (ALTERING SEX OF HORSE).

(2) JOCKEY’S FILM REVIEW

Four riders were in this afternoon to discuss incidents on Saturday evening’s card. The first three incidents were in the tenth race, “The Governors Cup Derby” (Tr. III). There was a disqualification involved, taking the horse that finished sixth, and demoted to tenth and last. The first rider in was Tony Guymon who rode the disqualified horse and in a majority decision, did not receive days (Steward Winick dissenting) as it was determined by the majority that he did not come out all that much, even though it did bother the horses to his outside. Mr. Winick thought he still could have done more to prevent the incident. The next jockey was Cruz Mendez, who received a three day suspension for failing to make an effort to keep his mount straight on the outside of the field and came in rather sharply. The third rider to come in was jockey Jesus Ayala who rode the horse in the #1 position, and in the stewards opinion allowed his mount to drift out without making much effort to keep that one straight, so a three day suspension was in order. The final rider to come in for a riding infraction was Oscar Peinado who rode #7 in the first race, who bothered #6 to his inside and was a bit lax in trying to straighten his mount a little quicker. Mr. Peinado was in disagreement with this assessment, however he has had this problem numerous times in the past and has been warned to take a hold of his mounts sooner when they get off course. The following rulings reflect the above mentioned riding infractions.

**RULING # 197**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ WHO RODE “CHECKN FIRE” IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, AND 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

**RULING # 198**

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA WHO RODE “UNCLAIMED DIVIDEND” IN THE TENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016) FOR

FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

**RULING # 199**

JOCKEY OSCAR PEINADO WHO RODE “RED AND READY” IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

(3) VOIDED CLAIM

In tonight’s second race, (4 ½ fur – T. B.) #3 “Bullish On Steve” was claimed for \$3,200 by Tr. Victor Rodriguez after an eight way shake. The horse was declared unsound in his right front leg by Official Veterinarian Dr. Beck and the claim was therefore voided. “Bullish On Steve” was returned to original trainer Jose Avalos’ barn.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - #2 Jet Seeker– claimed, Tr. K. Craigmyle/voided unsound right front, Dr. Beck

2<sup>nd</sup> Race - #3 Bullish On Steve – claimed, Tr. V. Rodriguez

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - #4 Papa’s Lady – Tr. K. Castaneda – veterinarian – injured, Dr. Jenkins

Refund: \$ 176.32

6<sup>th</sup> Race - #6 Walk With Vita – Tr. J.A. Moreno – veterinarian – sick, Dr. Jenkins

Refund: \$ 223.60

8<sup>th</sup> Race - #8 Zoomin For Spuds – Tr. M. Arrosa – veterinarian – injured paddock, Dr. Jenkins

Refund: \$ 4,671.06

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	739	On Track Handle:	\$120,204.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,969</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$401,437.80
Total:	2,708	Out of State:	<u>\$861,132.03</u>
		Total:	\$1,382,774.43

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 31, 2016. One equine death was reported this week due to

racing injuries. During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian’s

List as follows: two for soundness, four for injury, and three for sickness. Thirteen 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**

**2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 07/29	SAT 07/30	SUN 07/31	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	34
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	11	2	13	24
CLAIMS			R		5	8	5	18	371
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	41
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	89
REFUNDS		A			5	3	3	11	459
RULINGS			Y		0	1	0	1	381
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	0	0	0	66

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

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)