

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 November 29, 2016 through December 4, 2016.

TUESDAY

11/29/2016

(1) STEWARD ON DUTY

Randy Winick will record the minutes of this period and attend to morning and afternoon office matters. (I.E.) Scratches, entries, and changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Entries for Friday evening were drawn at 12:30 p.m., with a program consisting of eight races, composed of seven Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred-Quarter Horse Mixed race.

(3) CAL- BRED REPORT

The California Bred race scheduled for Friday Night, maiden two year olds for a claiming price of \$12,500 at 300 yards, failed to attract a single entrant and was therefore called off.

WEDNESDAY

11/30/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no scratches or changes requested at the 9:00 A.M. deadline.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's entries were drawn late, at about 4:30 p.m., however an eight race card was finally assembled, consisting of three Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred, and two Quarter Horse-Thoroughbred Mixed Races at 870 yards.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California Bred maiden race, for three year olds and upward for a claiming price of \$12,500 at 330 yards, was called off with no entries, with an eight race program made up of four Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred races.

THURSDAY

12/01/2016

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. sharp, with only one rider adjustment and one declaration called for.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The races for Sunday were not drawn until 4:30 P.M., with an eight race program made up of four Quarter Horse and four Thoroughbred races.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The California Bred maiden race for three years old and upward with for a claiming of \$12,500 at 300 yards, was called off with no entries.

FRIDAY

12/02/2016

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

There was only one rider change made at the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

(2) RIVERA HEARING – CASE #16LA0332

Trainer Sally Rivera was in to see the stewards for the above case #16LA0332, regarding a positive test finding for two NSAID's, one of which was above the allowable level to compete. The horse "Georgia's Niece" (2nd race – 1st) on 10/07/2016 at Los Alamitos Race Course, tested for both Phenylbutazone and Flunixin, which was the one with an overage. Ms. Rivera testified on her own behalf in this informal setting and basically said that she gave a dose of oral "Bute" the day before the race as was usual and had her veterinarian report this on the confidential report. It also should be noted in a related incident, the horse's owner, Silverio Martinez also treated the horse himself, unbeknownst to the trainer Ms. Rivera. Martinez gave "Flunixin" (Banamine) paste two days before. Silverio Martinez will appear for his own hearing tomorrow. After hearing all testimony, the stewards closed the hearing and will deliberate on a decision soon. More to follow

(3) BEDNAR RULING #323

The following ruling reflects that Jockey Vinnie Bednar was over the limit of allowable crop strikes on his mount "Voluntary" in the first race on Sunday, November 27, 2016 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

RULING # 323

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR 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 FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 27, 2016.

(4) GOOD RACING

The racing program for Friday evening was conducted without incident or problem of any kind.

(5) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	877	On Track Handle:	\$88,530.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,807</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$267,177.40
Total:	2,684	Out of State:	<u>\$630,870.39</u>
		Total:	\$986,578.19

SATURDAY

12/03/2016

(1) MARTINEZ HEARING - CASE #16LA0343

This case was scheduled for yesterday, however Mr. Martinez had trouble getting here, so it was postponed until today. Silverio wanted to proceed without any legal representation and was an advocate for himself. The reason for this complaint is that he is the owner of record for the horse "Georgia's Niece", who was trained by Sally Rivera, whose hearing was as scheduled on the previous day. "Georgia's Niece" won the 2nd race on October 7, 2016 at Los Alamitos. It was discovered by post race testing that she was guilty of being given two NSAID'S, one of which was above the permitted level, Flunixin (Banamine). Sally Rivera was the trainer of record, and Silverio Martinez the owner of record. Ms. Rivera had given Georgia's Niece bute on the evening prior to racing, which was reported on the veterinary confidential. Mr. Martinez gave his horse banamine the day before or 48 hours out from race night. Mr. Martinez admitted to the mistake and overage caused by his decision to pre race treat this horse. It appears there was a lack of communication between himself and his trainer. The stewards will deliberate on this and Ms. Rivera's case on the previous day to determine what sanctions are appropriate for this

transgression. More to follow tomorrow.

(2) OROZCO FINANCIAL COMPLAINT-

Trainer Rafael Orozco was in to address a financial complaint against him by a former exercise rider/pony boy for past services rendered. Mr. Pedro Gutierrez declared that Mr. Orozco owed him \$2,321.00 from November 2015 through October 2016. Mr. Orozco was the former assistant trainer for Blane Schvaneveldt. Mr. Orozco was represented by two of Blane's Daughters and his wife. There appears to be a conflict about Mr. Gutierrez offering to pony their racing horses for free for the last several years, however he became disgruntled, after a pony he received from the Schvaneveldt's to use for his business was for a price of \$1,000, which he thought would be for free due to his services. The stewards will try and decipher all of this and come up with a decision soon.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

In the second race #4 "I Buy Gold" was claimed by trainer Paul Jones for \$2,500, from trainer Charles Treece. It was later reported by Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck that the horse was unsound and recommended that the claim be voided. The stewards voided the claim and had the horse returned to trainer Treece's Barn.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race -#4 I Buy Gold – (Tr. P. Jones) – Claimed, Voided-Unsound

4th Race - #7 Yodel Up A Storm – (Tr J. Moreno) – Claimed

5th Race - #4 Tuscan Sun – (Tr A. Aquino)

6th Race - #1 Landini – (Tr. A. Zamudio) –Veterinarian, Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$86.80

(5) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	1,040	On Track Handle:	\$100,925.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,929</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$274,523.10
Total:	2,969	Out of State:	<u>\$749,199.59</u>
		Total:	\$1,124,647.89

SUNDAY

12/04/2016

(1) RIVERA AND MARTINEZ RULING

The following ruling's are from the Stewards deliberation of complaint's involving a double NSAID violation for the horse "Georgia's Niece" trained by Sally Rivera and owned by Silverio Martinez, who won the first race on October 7, 2016 at Los Alamitos Race course. The positive test was for Phenylbutazone and Flunixin (Banamine).The flunixin reading was over the allowable level. This will be first offenses for both Ms. Rivera and Mr. Martinez in the past 365 days. The guidelines treat this as a double violation. Reference to these cases can be found in the following steward's minutes entries. Rivera – (12/02/2016)(2), and Martinez (12/03/2016)(1).

RULING # 324

OWNER SILVERIO MARTINEZ IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844 (C) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-MORE THAN ONE APPROVED NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG SUBSTANCE-PHENYLBUTAZONE AND FLUNIXIN).

RULING # 325

TRAINER SALLY RIVERA, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844 (C) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-MORE THAN ONE APPROVED NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG SUBSTANCE-PHENYLBUTAZONE AND FLUNIXIN).

(2) SUAREZ RULING – CROP VIOLATION

The following ruling was issued to Jockey Guillermo Suarez for over cropping his mount in the seventh race Friday evening. This is Guillermo's second offence in the previous sixty days.

RULING # 326

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 2, 2016.

(3) **BURNISON RULING – LATE DECLARATION**

Mr. Burnison is receiving this penalty for failing to have his family's stable license in order after being told to do so after this horse ran the previous time. It involves a death in the family and ownership. Typically we will allow them one start and then require the license to reflect the change before starting again.

RULING # 327

TRAINER E.G. BURNISON IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION –OWNERSHIP).

(4) **INQUIRY – FIFTH RACE – NON STARTER**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the finish of the fifth race (300 yards – Q.H.) to look at the start, where #3 "A Royal Corona" (DNF – J. Roman) whipped his head to the right simultaneously with the assistant starter trying to straighten his head, along with the horse pulling his head to the right, lifting up in the gate and getting his head stuck behind the bar. After reviewing the replays and talking to the starter, it appeared to be no one's fault, however it was determined to rule the horse a non starter and for refunds to be issued. The stewards thought that the horse had an unfair start.

(5) **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race - #6 Gracee Hunny – Claimed – Tr. J. Clark

3rd Race - #1 High Alert –Tr. A. Aquino – Veterinarian – Flipped In Paddock, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$2,587.00

#3 Condition –Tr. E.G. Burnison – Stewards – Licensing
Refund: \$1,112.07

4th Race - #1 Colorin – Claimed Tr. K. Castaneda

5th Race - #3 A Royal Coronel – Tr. R. Dominguez – Purse Only – Stewards Bad Start
Refund: \$26,278.66

6th Race – #2 Better Times – Tr. J. Moreno – Claimed
Refund: 261.90

#5 Doing Trix – Tr. M. Arrossa – Veterinarian – Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: 261.90

7th Race – #4 Jess Check Him Out – Tr. J. Moreno – Jockey J. Rangel Replaced E. Gasca, Personal Issues

#6 Rocknbye– Tr. J. Nunez – Claimed

#8 Dollar Sign – Tr. V. Zamudio – Claimed

(6) **HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE**

On Track Attendance:	500	On Track Handle:	\$89,676.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,856</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$362,159.30
Total:	2,356	Out of State:	<u>\$736,125.05</u>
		Total:	\$1,187,960.85

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 4, 2016. There were no equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period seven horses were added to the Veterinarian's List: two for soundness, two for injury, one for sickness, one for medication, and one for bleeding. Four

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 12/02	SAT 12/03	SUN 12/04	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	38
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		3	2	4	9	477
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	58
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	124
REFUNDS		A			0	1	4	5	152
RULINGS			Y		1	0	4	5	316
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	1	1	2	82

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)

David Nuesch (Steward)