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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 13, 2016 through December 18, 2016.

**TUESDAY**

12/13/2016

(1) **ENTRY DAY**

Director of Racing Jay Conklin and his staff were in the racing office today accepting entries for Friday, December 16, which is Day 149 here at Los Alamitos. This evening's card will be made up of two (2) Thoroughbred and six (6) Quarter Horse races. The \$25,000 A Ransom Handicap (\$25,000) will be the feature race going 350 yards. Steward Grant Baker is on duty to oversee entries, scratches and changes this week.

(2) **CAL – BRED REPORT**

Today's Cal-Bred offering was for two year old maiden Quarter Horses going 300 yards, claiming price \$5,000. This race went open with one (1) Cal-Bred entered.

**WEDNESDAY**

12/14/2016

(1) **ENTRY/SCRATCH RACE**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday December 17. Five (5) Thoroughbred and four (4) Quarter Horse races filled including the \$30,000 First Down Dash Handicap (Grade 3). Sixty Five (65) horses are slated to start Saturday.

Scratch time for Friday December 16 was held this morning in the racing office. One (1) equipment change was activated after the 9:00 A.M. deadline.

(2) **CAL – BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred offering for Saturday, December 17 is for Quarter Horse Maidens, claiming \$5,000 going 300 yards. This race was called off with four (4) entries.

(3) **CHRB MEETINGS**

There were two (2) CHRB committee meetings held in the Finish Line Room here at Los Alamitos today. The Pari-Mutuel and Wagering Committee started their meeting at 10:00 A.M. The Medication, Safety and Welfare Committee meeting started at 2:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY**

12/15/2016

(1) **ENTRY SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) Thoroughbreds, two (2) Mixed (Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred) and Five (5) Quarter Horse races are slated. Fifty nine (59) horses are scheduled to start. The Grade 1 Southern California Derby (Purse \$168,500) will be the featured ninth race going 400 yards.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred offering for Sunday, December 18 is for Quarter Horse three year olds, which was called off with three (3) entries.

(3) MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Los Alamitos hosted the monthly meeting of the California Horse Racing Board which was held in the Finish Line room. Chief Steward Darrel McHargue was in the steward's office before the Board meeting's 9:30 A.M. start.

**FRIDAY**

12/16/2016

(1) EDUARDO NICASIO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio appeared in the steward's office in order to review his ride aboard #9 Mr. Apollitical Dash who finished fifth in the Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity (Grade 1) which carried a purse of \$1,950,050. This horse earned \$114,483 for his fifth place finish. Film review shows Jockey Nicasio use his whip twelve (12) consecutive times in this races final eighty (80) yards. This was his fifth riding crop violation since July of 2015. The stewards unanimously ruled this occurrence was a blatant misuse of his riding crop.

**RULING # 345**

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, JAN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) 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) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2016.

(2) TONY GUYMON FILM REVIEW

Jockey Tony Guymon appeared in our office in order to review his ride ABOARD #2 Worth Doing who won the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity (Grade 1). This horse earned \$801,381 for this victory. The majority of the stewards (Steward Dreyer dissent) felt Jockey Guymon violated Rule 1688 in this 400 yard races' later stages. The following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 346**

JOCKEY TONY GUYMON IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR A 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2016.

(3) OSCAR PEINADO FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/11/16 (5))

Jockey Oscar Peinado appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his ride aboard #6 Red And Ready who finished fourth but was disqualified and placed sixth in the fifth race on Sunday, December 11. In this 300 yard Quarter Horse Race #6 Red And Ready reared inward very shortly after the start; bumping and impeding #5 Track Flasher (Jesus Ayala). Film review shows Jockey Peinado raise his left arm to start with a left handed use of his riding crop. He drifts off his straight path at this juncture which leads to subsequent interference and disqualification. In a majority vote (Steward Nuesch dissent) the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 347**

JOCKEY OSCAR PEINADO WHO RODE "RED AND READY" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO SIXTH. 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) MARTIN ARRIAGA FILM REVIEW

Jockey Martin Arriaga appeared in the steward's office in order to review his ride aboard #2 One Runaway Jess who finished eighth in the fourth race on Sunday, December 11. The majority felt Jockey Arriaga used his crop four (4) consecutive times before giving his mount a chance to respond. Steward Nuesch dissented. Jockey Arriaga has now violated CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) ten (10) times since this rule was implemented on July 3, 2015. The following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 348**

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) 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-SIXTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2016.

(5) OFFICIAL CHANGE

Safety Steward David Nuesch replaces Randy Winick who is off sick tonight. Paul Atkinson is filling in this evening at the Safety Steward position.

(6) SIXTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign in order to investigate two (2) incidents. 1. #5 Preener (Carlos Huerta – Fourth Place), #4 Axhecansee (Armando Cervantes – Fifth Place) and #3 Cadillac Kittre (G. Jairo Rangel – sixth place) were involved in a bumping incident shortly after the start. The stewards felt all of this contact was offsetting and made no change. In the second incident first place finisher #1 Reina De Colima (Cruz Mendez) drifts out continuously in the races final one hundred (100) yards, bumping and impeding second place finisher #6 TR Bain (Martin Arriaga) forcing that rival off his straight course. There was a half length margin between these rivals at the wire. Third place finisher #2 Cleverly (Rodrigo Aceves), who checked slightly was 1 ¼ lengths behind in third position. After reviewing all replay angles the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #1 Reina De Colima and place her second. Cruz Mendez was ordered to film review.

Original Order: (1)-6-2-5-4-3

Official Order of Finish: 6-(1)-2-5-4-3

(7) PROGRAM CHANGES

1<sup>st</sup> Race -#3 Trick Or Treat – (Tr. A. Aquino) – Claimed, J. Moreno, trainer

4<sup>th</sup> Race - #2 Epic Gray – (Tr P. Jones) – Claimed, H. Loma, trainer

5<sup>th</sup> Race - #1 Severe Clear – (Tr. A. Aceves) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald, D.V.M

Refund: \$87.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - #5 Phoebes Dynasty – (Tr. C. O'Dell) –Injured, Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$179.00

(8) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	817	On Track Handle:	\$88,294.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,948</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$252,628.60
Total:	2,765	Out of State:	<u>\$698,223.44</u>
		Total:	\$1,039,146.84

**SATURDAY**

12/17/2016

(1) CODY JENSEN RULING

Jockey Cody Jensen rode #3 Lotta Blues Man to a second place finish in the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity (Grade I) on Sunday, December 11. The stewards determined Jockey Jensen used his riding crop more than three (3) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond. He waived his right to a hearing and accepted the following sanction.

**RULING # 349**

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR A 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2016.

(2) CRUZ MENDEZ FILM REVIEW (REF:12/16/16 (6))

Jockey Cruz Mendez appeared in the steward's office in order to review his ride aboard #1 Reina De Colima who finished first, but was disqualified and placed second in yesterday's (December 16) sixth race. This was a 300 yard Quarter Horse event. In this race #1 Reina De Colima drifts out continuously in this race's final 100 yards. While doing so, second place finisher #6 TR Brian (Martin Arriaga) is forced off his original inside path, well out into the middle of the racetrack, costing him valuable ground. Film review tonight shows Jockey Mendez making no effort to grab an inside rein but continuing to use his riding crop (right handed). He agreed with the stewards' assessment that, in the retrospect, this was not a good race riding performance. The stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 350**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ WHO RODE "REINA DE COLIMA" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SECOND. 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.

(3) THIRD RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after reviewing an incident in the final eighty (80) yards of this 4 ½ furlong thoroughbred race. Inside the sixteenth pole #4 LA Fortunada (Antonio Perez – second place) drifts out into the path of fourth place finisher #3 Rosiescruella (Juan Sanchez). #3 Rosiescruella was forced to lose momentum at this point as Juan Sanchez was forced to steady his mount. She was beaten 1¼ lengths for third place. The stewards reviewed head on and panoramic replay angles. Both Jockeys involved were spoken to and in a majority decision (Steward Dreyer dissent) #4 LA Fortunada was disqualified and placed fourth. Antonio Perez was ordered to film review.

Original Order of Finish: 6-(4)-1-3-2-5

Official Order of Finish: 6-1-3-(4)-2-5

(4) SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race in order to review the start. This race was a Quarter Horse event going 330 yards. Of particular interest was the break of fourth place finisher #4 Mi Auntie (Minor Arana). The right stall door of this horse appeared to kick back, ever so slightly, and the stewards wanted to see if this horse's chances were compromised by any possible malfunction of the starting gate. This horse broke outward and contributed to his mediocre start. The stewards unanimously declared this horse a starter. Starter Gary Brinson was contacted and told the stewards he would take a look at his starting gate and correct what should be a slight adjustment of the stall doors. No change.

(5) EIGHTH RACE ACCIDENT

Following the running of the eighth race, seventh (last) place finisher #3 Pappas In The Pen (Gary Boag) bucked, fell and unseated jockey Boag. This horse got up and ran loose before being caught by the outrider. Paramedics checked on Jockey Boag and transported him back to the jockey's room. Safety Steward David Nuesch will follow up with his report.

(6) PROGRAM CHANGES

1<sup>st</sup> Race - #4 Ruby N Diamonds – (Tr. F. Meza) – Claimed, R. Zuazo, Trainer, **Voided**-Unsound

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - #6 Blazing Hotprospect – (Tr J. Crotts) – Claimed, J. Nunez, Trainer

5<sup>th</sup> Race - #1 Scoreboard Sassy – (Tr S. Rivera) Unsound – Becky Fitzgerald D.V.M.

Refund: \$198.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race - #2 Five Star Jack – (Tr. K. Castaneda) –Claimed, R. Zuazo, Trainer, **Voided**-Unsound

#4 Mathy's Tribal (Tr. A. Aquino) Claimed, J. Avalos, Trainer

7<sup>th</sup> Race - #7 Odeseus – (Tr. P. Visschen) – Sick-Becky Fitzgerald D.V.M.

Refund: \$171.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race - #8 Royal Drop – (Tr. A. Soto) –Enter Back - Stewards

Refund: \$97.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race - #7 Viento Negro – C. Mendez for E. Nicosio (Unexcused – Stewards)

(7) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	699	On Track Handle:	\$123,753.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,955</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$298,620.20
Total:	2,654	Out of State:	<u>\$786,862.34</u>
		Total:	\$1,209,235.94

**SUNDAY**

12/18/2016

(1) RUTH ALFARO RODRIGUEZ COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 16LA0362)

The veterinarian group, Equine Sports Medicine filed a complaint against owner Ruth Alfaro Rodriguez for alleged violation of CHRB Rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility). It is alleged that an amount of \$166.25 is past due. Ms. Rodriguez failed to appear at an informal hearing that was scheduled yesterday December 17. The following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 351**

OWNER RUTH ALFARO RODRIGUEZ HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0362, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RUTH ALFARO RODRIGUEZ 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) RAMON CHAVARRIA COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 16LA0363)

Equine Sports Medicine filed a complaint against Owner Ramon Chavarria for an alleged debt of \$1,095.00 for veterinarian services. Mr. Chavarria failed to appear at a hearing that was scheduled for yesterday December 17. The stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 352**

OWNER RAMON CHAVARRIA HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0363, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RAMON CHAVARRIA 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.

(3) MARVIN PEREZ RULING

Los Alamitos Stable Security issued a violation notice (No. 5322) to Groom Marvin Perez for being under the influence on December 16 in the Los Alamitos stable area. He appeared in our office yesterday with Jockey's Room Custodian Jorge Cruz who acted as an interpreter. The stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 353**

GROOM MARVIN PEREZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT-INTOXICATED).

(4) RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED

Long time Jockey Room Custodian Jorge Cruz informed the stewards that tonight would be his last night of employment here at Los Alamitos. He was honored in a ceremony in the winners circle before tonight's eighth race. Former jockey Cruz, has assisted the clerk of scales here for fourteen (14) years handling matters for jockeys, valets and racing officials alike. We wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

(5) CHRISTIAN ARAGON FILM REVIEW

Jockey Christian Aragon appeared in the steward's office in order to review his ride in the first race last night; December 16. Placing Judge Natividad Estrada acted as an interpreter. Jockey Aragon was aboard #2 Very Thankful who finished fourth in this race. Film review shows #2 Very Thankful swung out at the 1/8 mile marker, without sufficient clearance, in front of eventual third place finisher #6 Tenille (Vinnie Bednar) forcing that rival to steady. Jockey Aragon said he was more focused on the leader at the time of the foul and not rivals behind him. In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 354**

JOCKEY CHRISTIAN M. ARAGON WHO RODE "VERY THANKFUL" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

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(6) ANTONIO PEREZ FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/17/16 (5))

Jockey Gary Boag represented Jockey Antonio Perez at a film review today. Jockey Perez was aboard #4 La Fortunada who finished second but was disqualified and placed fourth in the third race last night; Saturday, December 17. This horse drifted out in the final sixteenth of a mile in this race, taking the path of rival #3 Rosiescruella (Juan Sanchez). Film review shows Jockey Perez use his riding crop (right handed) in the stretch drive but makes no effort to straighten his horse by using an inside riding rein. In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 355**

JOCKEY ANTONIO R. PEREZ WHO RODE "LA FORTUNADA" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FOURTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

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(7) TONY GUYMON RULING

Jockey Tony Guymon rode first time starter #6 Sassy Royal Cartel to win in last night's fourth race which was a 300 yard Quarter Horse event. Jockey Guymon used his riding crop excessively in the final eighty (80) yards of this race while winning at odds of 21/1. In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 356**

JOCKEY TONY GUYMON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR A 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2016.

(8) WAGERING CHANGE

There was no show wagering offered in tonight's fifth race which had a field of six (6) horses. The heavy favorite #5 Fast Magoo (odds 1/9) went on to a facile 1 ½ length victory in this 870 yard event.

(9) NINTH RACE INQUIRY

The stewards immediately posted the inquiry sign in order to review the start of this race. This event was the Southern California Derby (Grade 1) which was a ten (10) horse field contested at a distance of 400 yards and carrying a purse of \$168,500. Of primary focus were the actions of #2 Jess Goo Reason (Oscar Peinado). Just before starter Gary Brinson dispatches this field the Paul Jones trained Jess Good Reason steps forward in the gate and very quickly rears in the air. Right when the rest of the field is sent away from the gate, the horse's jockey, Oscar Peinado, steps off his mount onto the back of the starting gate while his mount is high in the air.

The stewards spoke with Starter Brinson and reviewed both angles (head – on and panoramic) of the start in regular and slow-motion. CHRB Rule#1696 (The Start) was reviewed and considered by the stewards. There was no mechanical failure or malfunction of the starting gate. There was also no human error in the stewards' opinion. This horse; that was pulled up and did not finish, caused his own complications. Both horse and rider were in good shape following the race. In a unanimous vote this horse was declared a starter by the stewards. No Change.

(10) PICK SIX MIXUP

After the running of the ninth race Track Announcer Ed Burgart informed the stewards of an error in the posted payoffs regarding the Pick 6. Television graphics showed a Pick 6 carry over of \$23,205.20. Nobody picked all six (6) winners in this exotic wager. This was closing night at Los Alamitos, which was their 151<sup>st</sup> racing program. The stewards went to the mutuel department and spoke to mutuel manager John Ferrero. He told us the error originated in the tote department following the races and he was working to correct it as swiftly as possible. The ever alert Announcer Burgart made announcements regarding corrections less than ten (10) minutes after the last (ninth) race was made official. The stewards ordered a letter of explanation from mutuel manager Ferrero.

(11) PROGRAM CHANGES

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Jockey Change: #4 Slow Kitty – R. Guce for M. Ramirez– (Sick)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Jockey Change: #6 Bright Light – E. Hernandez for M. Ramirez– (Sick)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change: #6 – R. Hernandez for M. Ramirez– (Sick)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change - #2 Ryderroo –E. Orozco for M. Ramirez- (Sick)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race - #1 JSG Cartellas Turbo – (Tr. S. Perez) Claimed, M. Arrossa, Trainer

(12) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	529	On Track Handle:	\$163,818.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,852</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$383,937.00
Total:	2,381	Out of State:	<u>\$814,880.83</u>
		Total:	\$1,362,636.43

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 18, 2016.

There were no equine deaths to report this week.

During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: six for soundness, one for injury, and two for sickness.

There were no horses previously on the Veterinarian's List that were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Grant Baker.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY  
2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 12/16	SAT 12/17	SUN 12/18	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	39
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		3	2	1	6	489
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	1	0	2	62
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	1	4	131
REFUNDS		A			2	3	0	5	158
RULINGS			Y		4	2	6	12	346
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	2	0	2	87

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

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Grant Baker (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)