

**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 January 5 through January 8, 2017.

**THURSDAY**

01/05/2017

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was on duty this past three days for entries and declarations. While entries were a bit on the slow side, Racing Secretary Jay Conklin and his staff put together three competitive cards. The changes at scratch time were minimal. Cal Bred races were non-existent. Ward will also compile minutes for the upcoming week.

**FRIDAY**

01/06/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> race - #9 Jese's Aunty Amiee (entered back for Sunday) refund of \$98.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Dividemeup (Vet-sick) refund of \$327.00

(2) STEWARD OUT

Randy Winick will be out of the stand this evening due to illness. Safety Steward David Nuesch will take Mr. Winick's place while Mr. Ron Church will assume the position of Safety Steward.

(3) RULING #6

**RULING # 6**

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO WHO RODE "BF FARM KID" IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<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).

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

This ruling was issued after Mr. Lozano had viewed video of the seventh race from January 1, 2017, after which his mount was disqualified from second to fourth position for interference in the late stages of the race. (Ref. 1-1-2017-3). The rider was candid, stating that he could have made a better effort to control his mount.

(4) RULING #7

**RULING # 7**

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Rangel admitted that he struck his mount four times in succession without giving the horse the opportunity to respond. He did say that he tried to refrain from the fourth strike, but it was too late.

(5) RULING #8

**RULING # 8**

JOCKEY AGENT GERARDO GAVICA IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION –WRONG HORSE ENTERED).

The foregoing was issued after Mr. Gavica admitted his error in entering the wrong horse for a race last Sunday.

(6) RIDER A NO SHOW

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu was removed from his mount in the third race as he failed to arrive at the Jockey's Room in time to fulfill his engagement. A replacement rider was named.

(7) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race as Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald reported that #1 Lizzy Marini was bleeding from the mouth as it approached the starting gate and that she recommended the horse be declared. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$21,679.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	653	On Track Handle:	\$88,189.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,971</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$215,929.10
Total:	2,624	Out of State:	<u>\$773,184.13</u>
			\$1,077,302.23

**SATURDAY**  
12/07/2017

(1) Early Declarations

2<sup>nd</sup> race - #1 Drylightning (Vet-injured) refund of \$437.00  
8<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Duck Dynasty (Vet-injured) refund of \$244.00

(2) STEWARD OUT

Steward Randy Winick is again out of the stand due to illness. Safety Steward David Nuesch will be filling in for Mr. Winick, while Paul Atkinson will take over the position of Safety Steward.

(3) FINANCIAL HEARING

Trainer Nick Acuna was in the office to address a financial complaint filled against him by Stephanie Korger for monies owed on an advancement for tack and feed. Six Hundred dollars were given to Mr. Acuna, and two hundred was repaid. The trainer admitted that he owed the money and said that it would be taken care of by February 7, 2017. The two also signed a financial agreement.

(4) RULING #9

**RULING # 9**

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 1, 2017.

This ruling was issued after the rider offered no excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(5) RULING #10

**RULING #10**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 6,2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Arvizu failed to arrive in time to fulfill his engagement in the third race last evening. He offered no excuse.

(6) RULING #11

**RULING # 11**

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 6, 2017.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Rangel, who was fined for a "crop" violation last evening, did not get the message and violated the rule once again. He owes a total of \$700.00 over a two day span.

(7) RULING #12

**RULING # 12**

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 6, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Ramirez violated the "crop" rule once again.

(8) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim was deposited in the first race by trainer Humberto Loma for #6 Trust Ur Intuition was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of Trainer Eddie Truman.

(9) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident shortly after the start involving the fifth and sixth place finishers, #4 Doing Trix (C. Mendez) and #5 G S Wintermeyer (J. Roman). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Doing Trix from fourth to fifth position. Video showed the horse drifting out, in the early stages of the race taking the path of #5 G S Wintermeyer and causing the horse to clip heels and stumble. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost jockey Jonathan Roman and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

(10) STEWARDS' INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the ninth race as the stewards reviewed an incident shortly after the start involving the third and sixth place finishers, #4 Frenemy (C. DeAlba) and #5 Keep It Classy (A. Luna). Jockey Luna also lodged an objection against the winner, #6 Newport Coaster (G. Jairo Rangel) for interference at the same point in the race. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection lodged by jockey Luna as pressure did not come from the horse to his outside, but rather from an inside shift from the number four horse, Frenemy. It was the Steward's opinion that the shift put Luna in tight quarters and forced him to take up and lose ground, costing him a position.

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	905	On Track Handle:	\$105,419.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,013</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$261,636.50
Total:	2,918	Out of State:	<u>\$790,368.50</u>
			\$1,157,424.90

**SUNDAY**

01/08/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

5<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Elmonte Cristo (Vet-injured) refund of \$736.00

(2) STEWARDS STILL AILING

Steward Randy Winick is still "under the weather" and will not be in the stand this evening. The batting order remains the same.

(3) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez and Cesar DeAlba were in the office this evening to review video of the disqualification of their mounts from the previous evening (Ref. 1-7-17-10 & 11). After taking both situations into account, it was the unanimous decision to issue warnings to both riders as the incidents were complicated enough to not warrant sanctions.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race as the Stewards reviewed an incident entering the far turn involving the third and fourth place finishers, #6 Love You Always (R. Guce), and #2 Paralyzing Eyes (V. Bednar). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Love You Always from third to fourth position. Video showed that Love You Always dropped in without sufficient clearance entering the turn, forcing Bednar to check sharply in order to avoid heels. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion cost Bednar and his mount the opportunity for a better placing. As an aside, we called for a shot from our 3/16<sup>th</sup> camera position, which is tantamount to a ¼ pole angle on a mile track. We were informed that the camera was not operational and had not been working for several weeks. Apparently, a camera part malfunctioned and will not be available until early next week. Why we were not informed is extremely disconcerting. Jim Porep, owner of Pegasus, the video supplier, will be contacted for an explanation.

(5) LATE RIDER CHANGE

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu did not arrive at the Jockeys' Room in time to fulfill his engagement in the sixth race as he was delayed in his travel from Phoenix, Arizona. He was replaced by jockey Luis Yestas.

(6) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were three claims voided during the course of the racing card. The first took place following the first event as #4 Mrs. O P Café, claimed by trainer Kelly Castaneda, was "off" in the left foreleg during its time in detention barn and was returned to the barn of trainer Leobardo Rivera. The other two were in the third race as #1 Fancy Terrace was also "off" in the left foreleg and was sent back to trainer Elmer January, while Soap Box was feeling discomfort in the left foreleg and returned to

Jesus Nunez.

(7) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	608	On Track Handle:	\$105,364.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,784</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$353,834.50
Total:	2,392	Out of State:	<u>\$1,008,966.39</u>
		Total:	\$1,468,165.79

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 8, 2017.

There were no equine deaths to report this week.

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

Six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Tom Ward

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**SUMMARY**

**2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 1/06	SAT 1/07	SUN 1/08	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	1	3	6	9
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	2	1	3	4
INQUIRIES	D				0	2	1	3	4
REFUNDS		A			3	2	1	6	9
RULINGS			Y		3	4	0	7	12
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	3	4	6

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, David Nuesch, James Dreyer, and Safety Stewards Ron Church and Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Ron Church / Paul Atkinson (Steward)