

**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 January 10, 2017 through January 15, 2017.

**Tuesday**

01/10/2017

- (1) DUTY STEWARD  
James Dreyer will handle morning business and will compile the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) CAL BRED REPORT  
The first race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$6,250 claim, was called off with no entries.
- (3) THE DRAW  
Five Thoroughbred and three Quarter Horse races will make up Friday evenings program.

**Wednesday**

01/11/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES  
Two blinker changes completed Friday's program adjustments.
- (2) CAL BRED REPORT  
The fifth race in the book, four and up for a \$2,500 claim, was off with no entries.
- (3) THE DRAW  
A 3:30 P.M. draw produced three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

**Thursday**

01/12/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES  
There were no changes or declarations on Saturday's program.
- (2) CAL – BRED REPORT  
The sixth race in the book, four year olds and up for a \$2,500 tag, was called off with one. There were no Cal-Breds.
- (3) THE DRAW  
After another marathon session, eight races were finally eked out.

**Friday**

01/13/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES  
Scratch time resulted in three rider changes and one first time Lasix horse.

(2) FILMS

Jockey Gallyn Mitchell reviewed Sunday's third race with the Stewards today. His mount drifted out at the start and we felt he was a little weak responding. Gallyn explained that he leaves the gate with no cross, a lot of slack in the reins, which makes it rather difficult to get any leverage on a drifting horse. He stated, and we agreed, that he's a bit far along in his career to change his riding style at this point. He was given a warning.

(3) RULING #13 REFER 01/08/2017 #3

**RULING # 13**

JOCKEY RAMON GUCE WHO RODE "LOVE YOU ALWAYS" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup> AND 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD 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.

The forgoing ruling was issued after reviewing Sunday's first race with Jockey Ramon Guce. Going into the turn his mount dropped in causing Vinnie Bednar on Paralyzing Eyes to take up sharply. Ramon accepted full responsibility for the incident.

(4) RULING #14

**RULING # 14**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT, SECOND OFFENSE) IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 8, 2017.

\*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 states that all fines shall be paid to the paymaster of purses within seven (7) days of imposition (01/20/17) or the license of the person upon whom the fine was imposed shall be suspended.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu failed to fulfill his riding engagement in Sunday's sixth race. He cited his late arrival on a long drive from Phoenix, Az.

(5) GOOD NIGHT

This evening's eight race program went quite smoothly.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Race #1 Secret Wings (J. Nunez) Entered Back  
Stewards Refund: \$617.00
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Race #9 Chiseled In Stone (J. Hernandez) Colic  
Stewards Refund: \$617.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Race #6 Heartbreak Honey (F. Vallejo) Unsound  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$325.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Race #2 Pony Drive (R. Zuazo) Sick  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$291.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Race #4 My Friend Candy (E. Andrade) Sick  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$722.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	619	On Track Handle:	\$80,225.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,902</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$226,937.40
Total:	<u>2,521</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$753,626.47</u>
		Total:	\$1,060,789.57

01/14/2017

(1) COMPLAINTS #16LA0376 AND #16LA0361

A formal hearing was convened today to address the above referenced cases. Present were this Board of Stewards, stable superintendent Scott Craigmyle, Senior Investigators Kevin Kitashima and Dennis Drulius, trainers Silverio Martinez, Victor Rodriguez and Ricardo Zamora, Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove and Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur. Owner/Vendor Alfredo Ocegueda failed to appear to address complaint #16LA0361.

Scott Craigmyle testified he would have X-Rayed the horse for a more accurate evaluation of the injury. He stated you have to do what is best for the horse.

Trainer Victor Rodriguez testified he owned and trained Business Parks Rave and when he pulled up lame after a work, X-Rays revealed a fractured sesamoid. He was advised by Dr. Hardgrove the horse should never race again. Given this advice he gave the horse to owner Alfredo Ocegueda warning him the horse should only be used as a saddle horse due to his injury. Ocegueda chose not to heed this advice and put the horse back into training after a short rehabilitation period.

Ricardo Zamora said he never would have taken the horse if he had been aware of the horse's condition. When he tried to work Business Park Rave he had to pull him up after he went bad. He never called a vet to examine the horse allowing him to stand in his stall for several days until he called the owner to pick the horse up telling him he wasn't sound enough to make the races.

Silverio Martinez said he never witnessed the horse being lame but only saw him occasionally.

Dr. Arthur testified that most horses with that type of injury never return to the races. He also felt that trainer Zamora deprived Business Park Rave of basic care and was extremely negligent. This testimony will be evaluated and a decision will be rendered.

(2) FINE EVENING

It was another incident free evening of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> – Race #4 Gamblers Wish (K. Craigmyle) Sick  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$309.00

7<sup>th</sup> – Race #2 Girls Dream Of Foose (T. Schvaneveldt) Sick  
Dr. Beck Refund: \$375.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	729	On Track Handle:	\$79,387.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,981</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$244,399.70
Total:	2,710	Out of State:	<u>\$688,522.38</u>
		Total:	\$1,012,309.18

**SUNDAY**

01/15/17

(1) RULING #15

**RULING # 15**

OWNER ALFREDO OCEGUEDA HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 14, 2107, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0361, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE) 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 ALFREDO OCEGUEDA 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.

The foregoing ruling was issued after owner/vendor Alfredo Ocegueda failed to attend his hearing regarding complaint #16LA0361.

(2) WINICK STILL AILING

Friday and Saturday David Nuesch was on the roof while Paul Atkinson filled David's spot as

Safety Steward. Sunday it will be Luis Jauregui upstairs while Ron Church will fill the Safety Steward position.

(3) RACES CANCELLED

Two minutes prior to the third race the stewards were notified by outrider Paul Schiewe that there was a problem with the generator that controlled the backstretch lights. The electrician was notified and when he arrived there was smoke billowing from the unit. He shut the generator down and after waiting approximately twenty minutes tried to re-boot it. Initially it appeared to be working as the lights began to come back on; then the smoke began again and the unit shut itself down. At that time the decision was made to cancel the remainder of the card. At 6:45 P.M. the announcement was made to the public.

(4) WRONG PAYOUTS ANNOUNCED

Based on inaccurate information given to announcer Ed Burgart by the mutuel department incorrect pay offs for the pick four were announced to the public. I spoke to the mutuel manager and was told the error occurred when the information he gave announcer Burgart was gathered from an outdated rule book. There will be a brief explanation from mutuel manager John Ferrero.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> – Race #4 Anytime Magic (R. Zuazo) Sick. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: Races Cancelled.  
5<sup>th</sup> – Race #3 Couldashouldadid (J. Avalos) Colic. Dr. Beck Refund: Races Cancelled.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	488	On Track Handle:	\$41,134.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,861</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$202,913.40
Total:	<u>2,349</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$263,502.35</u>
		Total:	<u>\$507,549.75</u>

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 15, 2017. There were no equine deaths reported this week. During this reporting period twenty horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows; three for soundness, seven for sickness and ten for medication. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward: James Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY 2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 01/13	SAT 01/14	SUN 01/15	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	0	0	2	11
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	4
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	4
REFUNDS		A			5	2	2	9	18
RULINGS			Y		2	0	1	3	15
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	6

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

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

