

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 26 through January 29, 2017.

THURSDAY

01/26/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for entries and scratches. Eight race cards will be offered on Friday and Saturday, while a ten race card is set for Sunday. Ward will also author the minutes.

FRIDAY

01/27/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

4th race - #2 Misty's Best Bet (Vet-unsound) refund of \$188.00
 6th race - #6 Girls Dream Of Foose (Vet-sick) refund of \$588.00

(2) **RULING #22****RULING # 22**

TRAINER RICARDO ZAMORA IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS (FEBRUARY 3, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2017) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE # 1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RICARDO ZAMORA 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.

This ruling was issued after Stewards Dreyer, Nuesch and Ward came to the decision on a penalty for Mr. Zamora, who had been charged, along with Alfredo Ocegueda, with violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.f (Animal Welfare). While we feel the owner, Mr. Ocegueda, was the main culprit in this case, we also are of the opinion that Mr. Zamora abrogated his obligation to the horse by not seeking veterinary care after the horse was pulled up during a workout.

(3) **RULING #23****RULING # 23**

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (USE OF RIDING CROP-STRIKING HORSE OVER THE HEAD) DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 21, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the second race from January 21, during

which he struck his mount over the head with his riding crop. Mr. Ayala was candid, stating that he committed the violation, but did not realize such actions were against the rules.

(4) RULING #24

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TRAINER FELIX GONZALEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DANCININDYSPOTLITE" IN THE SECOND RACE ON DECEMBER 17, 2106, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (C-1) (PHENYLBUTAZONE CLASS IV) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 2.0 UG/ML-6.93 UG/ML.

This ruling was issued after a discussion with the trainer into a post race test which contained 6.93 ug/ml of Phenylbutazone. Mr. Gonzalez, who has not had a medication violation in several years, said that he fed the horse a tab and one half the of medication 24 hours out but surmises one of his employees gave additional Bute to the horse without his knowledge.

(5) RULING #25

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TRAINER KEITH CRAIGMYLE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "TUSCAN SUN" IN THE FIFTH RACE ON DECEMBER 3, 2016, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE 1887(a) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (F-10) (METHYLPREDNISOLONE CLASS IV) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 100 PG/ML-152 PG/ML.

The foregoing ruling was issued after a discussion with the trainer regarding a finding of 152pg/ml of Methylprednisolone, which has a tolerance of 100pg/ml, in a post race sample taken from one of his horses. Mr. Craigmyle offered no excuse for the overage, stating that his attending veterinarian, Anita Yacoub, treated the horse with 40 milligrams of the drug eight days out from the race. He has used the same procedure in the past with no adverse results.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards reviewed the start of the first race with emphasis on #10 Love You Always, with Christian Aragon aboard. The live view of the race indicated that Mr. Aragon altered his course without sufficient clearance, causing interference to several horses to his inside. After review of the incident and speaking with the riders, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Love You Always from fifth to ninth position. Video shows Mr. Aragon angling his horse toward the tail causing interference to several horses to his inside, and causing the riders aboard #s 7, 6 and 5 to take up sharply and costing them the opportunity for better placings.

(7) JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

The objection sign was posted after the third race as Tony Locke (4th, #2 Sancy) lodged a claim of foul against Ramon Guce (3rd, #1 Runbrorun) for interference near the finish. The objection was lodged as the Stewards were reviewing an incident on the backstretch which also involved Mr. Locke. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of both incidents, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify both #7 Carulli (2nd, E. Orozco) and #1 Runbrorun) from second to third, respectively, to third and fourth. Video of the stretch run shows the #7 horse drifting out in the final stages, while at the same time the #1 horse drifts in, effectively shutting the door on Mr. Locke.

(8) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #7 Rocknbye broke through the starting gate doors, unseated the rider, and ran off. The refund amounted to \$14,742.00.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	653	On Track Handle:	\$93,465.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,830</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$245,128.10
Total:	2,483	Out of State:	<u>\$704,355.53</u>

SATURDAY
01/28/2017

(1) Early Declarations

- 3rd race - #1 Mister Fancy Bean (Vet-unsound) refund of \$95.20
- 4th race - #2 American Charm (Vet-sick) refund of \$212.88
- 5th race - #2 Paullina Prayer (trainer under suspension) refund of \$126.46
- 6th race - #5 Blank Czech (Vet-injured) refund of \$329.42

(2) RULINGS #26-#29

RULING #26

JOCKEY CHRISTIAN M. ARAGON WHO RODE "LOVE YOU ALWAYS" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH AND 17TH, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO NINTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

RULING #27

JOCKEY LIDO BARRIENTOS WHO RODE "PAPA AL" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH AND 17TH, 2017) 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 #28

JOCKEY EGDAR OROZCO WHO RODE "CARULLI" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH AND 17TH, 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 THIRD. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

RULING #29

JOCKEY RAMON GUCE WHO RODE "RUNBRORUN" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH AND 17TH, 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).

The preceding four rulings were issued for riding infractions from the Friday evening program. Mr. Aragon, Mr. Barrientos, and Mr. Orozco all admitted responsibility for their actions. However, Mr. Guce was adamant that he was not responsible for interference suffered by jockey Anthony Locke during the stretch run of the third race (Ref. 1-27-17-7). He admitted that he admitted that he did drift in, but maintained that Locke's horse came out and tipped his horse in the hind quarters, causing his mount to come in further. We did not buy into his argument.

(3) QUIET PROGRAM

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(4) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	725	On Track Handle:	\$92,282.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,005</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$260,571.80
Total:	2,730	Out of State:	<u>\$707,925.22</u>
		Total:	\$1,060,779.42

SUNDAY
01/29/2017

(1) A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 6th race - #6 Aiden Cartel (Stewards – positive hair follicle test) refund of \$988.00.

(2) RULING #30

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JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT, THIRD OFFENSE) IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 28, 2017.

This ruling was issued after the rider accepted responsibility for failure to follow proper procedures when opting to take off of his mounts.

(3) ACCIDENT

Jockey G. Jairo Rangel was unseated following the running of the seventh race when his mount, #6 Gone Thru Fire, went wrong just after the finish. The rider was examined by paramedics and cleared to ride his remaining engagements.

(4) DELAY IN POST

A fifteen minute delay in post for the eighth race was necessary due to the fact that the tractor pulling the horse ambulance suffered a flat tire and needed to have it replaced. Unfortunately, horses for the eighth race were already on the track when information was received. Riders dismounted and horses remained with their ponies while the situation was remedied.

(5) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	656	On Track Handle:	\$128,350.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,885</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$376,721.90
Total:	2,541	Out of State:	<u>\$1,021,259.99</u>
		Total:	\$1,526,332.79

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 29, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period six horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: three for soundness, one for injury, and two for sickness. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. Report submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY 2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 1/27	SAT 1/28	SUN 1/29	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	1	1	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		5	4	3	12	27
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	2	0	0	2	6
INQUIRIES	D				2	0	0	2	6
REFUNDS		A			3	4	1	8	28
RULINGS			Y		4	4	1	9	30
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	6

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

