

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 February 16 through February 19, 2017.

THURSDAY

02/16/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was the duty Steward this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to oversee entries and scratches for the coming week. With a series of storms approaching, entries were rather slow. However, the first California Bred race of the year filled for Saturday, the Denim N Diamonds Handicap. Sunday entries were extremely slow, with the draw not being completed until after 4:00 P.M. The fact that ten races were carded undoubtedly contributed to the late draw. Ward will also be writing the minutes for this week.

FRIDAY

02/17/17

(1) **RACING CANCELLED**

The Friday night card at this venue was cancelled as a major storm was approaching the area, making roadways virtually impassable. The stakes race scheduled for this evening, the Winter Championship, has been rescheduled for Sunday. The duty Steward was not notified of the cancellation until Friday morning even though the decision was made on Thursday afternoon.

SATURDAY

02/18/2017

(1) **EARLY SCRATCHES**

- 2nd race - #4 Designed Fashion (Vet-injured) refund of \$588.60
- 3rd race – #2 A Mere Icon (Vet-sick)
 - #7 Dos Amigos (Vet-unsound) refund of \$644.00
- 4th race - #1 Mi Agave (Vet-sick) refund of \$814.92
- 5th race - #3 Bullish On Steve (Vet-injured)
 - #6 Rainsford (Vet-unsound) refund of \$465.46

(2) **RULINGS****RULING # 36**

OWNER IVAN MARTINEZ HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0021, 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 IVAN MARTINEZ 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

RULING # 37

OWNER ADRIANA VARELA HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 17, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0022, 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).

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These rulings were issued as neither individual appeared to respond to changes alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility)

(3) RULING

RULING # 38

JOCKEY SALVADOR INIGUEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 12, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider accepted responsibility for missing his mount on February 12, 2017. He simply said he took a nap and did not awaken in time.

(4) RULING #39

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JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 25TH, 26TH, AND MARCH 3rd, 2017) FOR MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 12, 2017.

This ruling was issued after rider had viewed the sixth and eighth races from February 12, 2017, during which he violated the "crop" rule. Once again, he had no excuse. Since he violated the rule during two races, we felt that a suspension, rather than a fine, was appropriate.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START/HORSE DECLARED NON-STARTER / REFUND

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to review an incident at the start involving #1 Nymph. Observation indicated that the rider may have been inadvertently interfered with by the assistant starter. After speaking with starter Gary Brinson, jockey Carlos Huerta, and reviewing video of the start the Stewards unanimously voted to declare Nymph a non-starter. The video review showed that the horse was fractious in the gate, and in attempting to "square" the horse up for the break the assistant put his body in front of the rider just when the field was dispatched. The rider was actually unseated from his mount by the actions of the assistant starter.

The refund amounted to \$46,203.84, with a minus pool of \$484.95 taking place in the race.

(6) 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

02/19/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race - #3 Cheese (Vet-sick) refund of \$239.00
- 6th race - #5 Six Seis Jess (Vet-injured) refund of \$265.00
- 9th race - #4 BK Katmandu (Medicated) refund of \$777.00

(2) RULING #40

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JOCKEY LIDIO BARRIENTOS 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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2017.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the second race from 2-18-17, during which he struck his mount four consecutive times during the stretch run. He offered no excuse for his actions, but said he would be more careful in the future.

(3) RULING #41

RULING # 41

JOCKEY ALEX JIMENEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Jimenez failed to appear to fulfill his obligation in the fifth race last evening. He explained that he thought he rode on Sunday, rather than Saturday. The story sounds a bit “fishy” as, if he thought he rode on Sunday, why would he call on Saturday evening to explain his absence.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim in the third deposited by trainer Robert Lucas for #1 Catch Gonzo was voided as the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of the previous trainer, Jose Moreno.

(5) 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 February 19, 2017.

There were no equine deaths to report this week.

During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: three for soundness, three for injury, and three for sickness.

Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Tom Ward

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 2/17	SAT 2/ 18	SUN 2/19	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				N	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			O	1	0	1	1
CLAIMS			R		R	6	1	7	40
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	A	0	0	0	7
INQUIRIES	D				C	1	0	1	8
REFUNDS		A			I	5	3	8	44
RULINGS			Y		N	4	2	6	41
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	G	0	1	1	7

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)