

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

4961 E. Katella Avenue  
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
[www.chrb.ca.gov](http://www.chrb.ca.gov)



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

HONORABLE EDMUND G. BROWN JR., GOVERNOR  
 HONORABLE CHUCK WINNER, CHAIRMAN  
 HONORABLE GEORGE KRIKORIAN, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN  
 HONORABLE MADELINE AUERBACH, 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE CHAIRMAN  
 HONORABLE JESSE H. CHOPER, MEMBER  
 HONORABLE ARACELI RUANO, MEMBER  
 HONORABLE ALEX SOLIS, MEMBER  
 RICK BAEDEKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
 JACQUELINE WAGNER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
 DARREL MCHARGUE, CHIEF STEWARD

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of April 20 through April 23, 2017.

**THURSDAY**

04/20/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on duty this week to supervise entries and scratches. The three day week filled rather well, with entries for Friday being drawn at 12:30 p.m., while the Saturday and Sunday cards were filled by 1:30 p.m. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum. Ward will also be writing minutes for the upcoming week.

**FRIDAY**

04/21/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - #1 Pazmeifucan (Vet-injured)  
Refund of \$359.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race #5 Riverka (entered back)  
Refund of \$131.10
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race #1 El Torito Omega (Vet-unsound)  
Refund of \$355.20
- 4<sup>th</sup> race #2 Pop Pop's Pizza (Vet-sick)  
Refund of \$285.70
- 5<sup>th</sup> race #7 AR Shez Hot Wired (Vet-sick)  
Refund of \$351.26

(2) **RULING #96****RULING # 96**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR NOT APPEARING AS ORDERED TO FILM REVIEW BY THE STEWARDS.

(3) **RULING # 97****RULING # 97**

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* 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 – SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 15, 2017.

(4) RULING #98

**RULING # 98**

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* 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 – FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 15, 2017.

The preceding rulings were issued for transgressions by members of the riding colony.

(5) CANCELLATION OF "SHOW" POOLS

Management at this venue received permission from the Board to cancel "Show" wagering this evening on five races imported from Australia. The Board- imposed criteria for the cancellation was met and therefore wagers will not be accepted. How many times this will happen in the future is not known at this time as it is on a case by case basis, but we assume it will not be the only time this happens.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the "inquiry" sign after the eighth race to review an incident midway through the 300 yard event involving the fourth place finisher, #2 Selene Image (J. Ayala). After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing video of the race the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Selene Image from fourth to seventh position. Video shows the horse bearing out severely despite the efforts of the rider, resulting in hard contact with several horses to its outside.

(7) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two claims voided during the course of the evening card. The first took place following the seventh race as #6 BF Farm Kid, claimed by trainer Paul Jones, was off in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn and was declared "unsound" by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Valentin Zamudio. In race number eight, the claim of the horse #4 Perla Pearl, submitted by trainer Humberto Loma, was voided as Dr. Beck noticed that the horse was "off" during its time in the detention barn. The horse went back to the former trainer, Justin Clark.

**SATURDAY**  
04/22/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2<sup>nd</sup> race #5 Runbrorun (On Vets' List) see minute entry of 04-22-17-7  
5<sup>th</sup> race #7 Will Be Queen (Vet-colic)  
Refund of \$385.33

(2) RULING #99-#100

**RULING # 99**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR NOT APPEARING AS ORDERED TO FILM REVIEW BY THE STEWARDS.

**RULING # 100**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR NOT APPEARING AS ORDERED TO FILM REVIEW BY THE STEWARDS.

These rulings were issued after neither rider had an excuse for failing to attend video review.

(3) RULING #101 - #102

**RULING # 101**

OWNER CESAR NUNEZ HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 21, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0101, 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 CESAR NUNEZ 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 # 102**

OWNER KYLE ASTON HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 21, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0100, 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 KYLE ASTON 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 rulings were issued as they opted not to appear to address allegations of violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1876 (Financial Responsibility).

(4) **RULING #103**

**RULING # 103**

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

This ruling was issued after Mr. Nunez offered no explanation for failing to cooperate with stable area security and for being under the influence of alcohol.

(5) **RULING #104**

**RULING # 104**

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B-1) (USE OF RIDING CROP –IN POST PARADE) ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Rodriguez chose not to defend his actions during the warm up period prior to the sixth race last evening.

(6) **NO SHOW WAGERING**

The Stewards approved management's request to cancel "show" wagering in the first race this evening.

(7) **REFUND**

Racing Veterinarian Dr. Becky Fitzgerald recommended that #6 Papa Al be declared from the second race this evening as it injured itself while schooling behind the starting gate prior to the start of the race. The scratch reduced the field to four starters, and prompted the cancellation of "show" wagering. The refund, after combining the amount refunded from the prior scratch of #5 Runbrorun (04-22-17-1), amounted to \$24,676.10.

(8) **STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed the start, specifically that of #1 Hatefulist, who was equipped with a "flipping halter". After speaking with starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the start, it was the unanimous opinion of the Stewards that the horse was responsible for its own problem as it leaned back against the halter apparatus when the starter dispatched the field, causing the stall doors to open late. While California Horse Racing Board rules do not speak to the use of "flipping halters", management at this venue has taken the position and

has a disclaimer in the program which states that there will be no refund if a horse wearing a flipping halter causes the stall doors to open late.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,066	On Track Handle:	\$102,611.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,932</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$297,638.90
Total:	2,998	Out of State:	<u>\$735,627.20</u>
		Total:	\$1,135,877.90

**SUNDAY**  
04/23/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - #5 Lady Delaney (Vet – Sick) refund of \$245.40
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Grumpy Small Mouth (Vet – Sick) refund of \$358.38

(2) SMOOTH EVENING

All matters during the course of the eight race program were routine.

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 3, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period twelve horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows; four for soundness, two for injury, five for sickness, and one for shock wave therapy. Eleven 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 04/21	SAT 04/22	SUN 04/23	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		4	6	0	10	119
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	12
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	0	2	25
REFUNDS		A			5	2	2	9	120
RULINGS			Y		3	6	0	9	104
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	2	0	0	2	24

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Nuesch (Steward)