

**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 April 25 through April 30, 2017.

**Tuesday**

04/25/2017

- (1) **DUTY STEWARD**  
Morning responsibilities will be on James Dreyer who will also compose the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) **CAL BRED REPORT**  
The fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$6,250 claim, was off with one. 0-Cal-Breds.
- (3) **THE DRAW**  
Eight races were drawn at 2:30 p.m. split between three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

**Wednesday**

04/26/2017

- (1) **SCRATCHES**  
One declaration completed Friday's program changes.
- (2) **CAL BRED REPORT**  
The fourth race in the book, maidens three years old for a \$16,000 claim, was called off with one. 0-Cal-Breds.
- (3) **THE DRAW**  
A timely draw, 1:00 p.m., produced two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races.

**Thursday**

04/27/2017

- (1) **SCRATCHES**  
Scratch time was finalized at 9:00 a.m. resulting in two rider changes.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
Anticipating an entire card of futurity trials no Cal – Bred races were offered for Sunday.
- (3) **THE DRAW**  
As it turned out the Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity Trials only attracted enough babies to fill seven of the nine races programmed for Sunday.

**Friday**  
04/28/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES  
Scratch time resulted in one rider change.
- (2) RULING #105

**RULING # 105**

IN THE MATTER OF: OWNER CESAR NUNEZ

HAVING NOW REACHED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER CESAR NUNEZ ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #101, DATED APRIL 22, 2017, SUSPENDING CESAR NUNEZ FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND CESAR NUNEZ IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

The foregoing ruling was issued after being notified by Equine Sports Medicine that owner Nunez has now complied with complaint #17LA0101.

- (3) COMPLAINT #17LA0064  
A formal hearing was convened this afternoon to hear the above referenced case. Trainer Morales was represented by attorney John Cogorno. Also present were investigators Dennis Drulius and Tom Blake. Court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the testimony. Mr. Morales did more to defend himself than his attorney did. He admitted that he had not learned his lesson, having been burned twice in the past by ship-in horses, both Clenbuterol positives. He was advised a decision will be forthcoming.

- (4) COMPLAINT #17LA0065  
A formal hearing was conducted today to hear the above complaint. Present were owner Jose A. Perez, senior investigator Dennis Drulius, Supervising investigator Tom Blake and the Board of Stewards. Court reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the testimony. Mr. Perez testified he has never seen or used clenbuterol and has no idea how the drug got into the horse's system. He stated the ranch where the horse was kept was very public and got a lot of traffic. He was advised everything will be considered and a decision made.

- (5) CLAIM VOIDED  
The second race claim of Garrapata Beach by trainer Jose Moreno was voided after being placed on the vets list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Angela Aquino.

- (6) LATE DECLARATIONS  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Race #2 Ronda Hondo (K. Watanabe) Tied Up  
Dr. Beck Refund: \$ 110.00  
6<sup>th</sup> – Race #4 Favorite Touch (S. Willoughby) Sick  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$113.56

- (7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE
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|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 624          | On Track Handle:  | \$91,324.10         |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,745</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$292,436.60        |
| Total:                | 2,369        | Out of State:     | <u>\$704,723.75</u> |
|                       |              |                   | 1,088,484.45        |

**Saturday**  
04/29/2017

- (1) FILMS  
Jockey Edgar Orozco was in to review last evening's third race. The stewards felt Edgar shifted his horse out a stride too soon and caused Vinnie Bednar on Perfect Date to steady for a stride. The race was not compromised but we felt Edgar should be a bit more cognizant of his position. Warning issued.
- (2) GOOD EVENING  
It was another problem free evening of racing at Los Alamitos.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> – Race #3 Heartbreak Honey (F. Vallejo) Unsound  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$181.46

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	760	On Track Handle:	\$98,144.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,887</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$325,494.00
Total:	2,647	Out of State:	<u>\$770,504.39</u>
			1,194,142.69

**SUNDAY**

04/30/17

(1) RULING #106

**RULING # 106**

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Bednar went to Golden Gate Fields and was unable to get back in time to honor his obligation at Los Alamitos.

(2) RULING #107

**RULING # 107**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 29, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Franco blatantly misused the crop, prompting the increased fine.

(3) RULING #108

**RULING # 108**

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS SUSPENDED FIVE RACING DAYS (MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> AND 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017) FOR CONTINUOUS VIOLATIONS 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 IN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 29, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez racked up five crop violations in a little more than sixty days.

(4) INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the third race to examine the start. #4 Magnifisant Seven (5<sup>th</sup>-J. Nicasio) broke in sharply interfering with both #3Bakarah (9<sup>th</sup> – E Gasca) and #2 Migato Rojo (6<sup>th</sup> – M. Ramirez). After speaking with the riders involved and a thorough review of the films the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Magnifisant Seven from fifth to sixth. We felt that Erasmo Gasca pulled his mount up and consequently could not justify placing Magnifisant Seven behind him.

Original Order: 6-5-9-8-(4)-2-7-1-3

Official Order: 6-5-9-8-2-(4)-7-1-3

(5) SLIGHT DELAY

There was a short delay prior to the fourth race when #5 New Hot Look hit his head in the gate and began to bleed profusely from the nostrils. As a precaution he was vanned to his barn causing the delay.

(6) INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the sixth race to review an incident mid stretch. #8 Smokin Cartel (1<sup>st</sup> – C. Mendez) ducked in, pushing #5 California Coast (4<sup>th</sup> – R. Aceves) into #4 Katrina Cartel (2<sup>nd</sup> J. Ayala) knocking her off stride. California Coast was beaten a short nose for third. After speaking to the involved riders and a review of the race the vote was unanimous to disqualify Smokin Cartel.

Original Finish: (8)-4-3-5-1-7-2-6  
Official Order: 4-3-5-(8)-1-7-2-6.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

4<sup>th</sup> – Race #5 New Hot Look (S. Willoughby) Bleeding From Nose  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$21,053.47

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	669	On Track Handle:	\$133,512.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,834</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$406,908.40
Total:	2,503	Out of State:	<u>\$972,874.78</u>
		Total:	\$1,513,295.88

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 30, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List, they are as follows; four for soundness, two for injury, one for sickness, one for bleeding, and one for shock wave therapy. Eight 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 04/28	SAT 04/29	SUN 04/30	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		3	1	0	4	123
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	2	2	14
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	2	2	27
REFUNDS		A			2	1	1	4	124
RULINGS			Y		1	0	3	4	108
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	25

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

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Safety Steward)