

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 May 30 through June 4, 2017.

THURSDAY

06/01/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was "in the barrel", as they say, this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to oversee the entry and scratch process for the upcoming week. Entries for Friday and Saturday were a bit hard to fill, with the draw being completed around 1:30 P.M. The draw for Sunday, however, was a different story as horsemen flocked to the entry box to enter their two year olds for the trials of the One Million Dollar Ed Burke Futurity. There are one hundred horses entered and twelve trials are on tap. Ward will be writing the minutes this week.

FRIDAY

06/02/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #6 Hes a Two Stepper (Vet-unsound) refund of \$257.00
 3rd race - #5 Masters Circle (Vet-unsound) refund of \$153.00
 8th race #3 Mr. Tempting (Vet-sick) refund of \$68.00

(2) **OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Ron Church will be the new member of the Board of Stewards, starting this evening. He will be replacing Mr. Randy Winick.

(3) **VOIDED CLAIM**

A claim deposited by trainer Jim Crofts for #1 Native Causeway was voided as the horse was unsound in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck reported the soundness issue. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Jose Avalos.

(4) **ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the sixth race to review the circumstances which resulted in jockey Erasmo Gasca, aboard #2 Unleashed, being unseated from his mount shortly after the start. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted to leave the original order of finish intact. The incident was complicated, as both #1 Hes Sonorabound and #3 Sweet Jukebox, were both getting "tipped" due to contact with #2 Unleashed. Ultimately, contact with the #1 horse caused Unleashed to come out over the heels of "Sweet Jukebox", causing that horse to clip heels and fall.

It should be noted that the Stewards were faced with a very unusual situation; had we decided to disqualify both the #1 and #3 horses and deem them "unplaced", the Superfecta wager would

have resulted in the payoff being a first, second, third, and "all" payoff as there was only a six horse field to begin with. This is something that needs to be discussed at an upcoming Stewards Committee meeting as the term "unplaced" versus "disqualified" should be clarified.

The horse, which ended up in the infield, was none the worse for wear, while the rider was cleared by paramedics.

(5) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Erasmo Gasca, who was involved in a spill in race number six, was excused from his mount in the seventh race as he complained of pain in his leg during the warm up period. A replacement rider was named.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	702	On Track Handle:	\$136,792.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,892</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$561,176.40
Total:	2,594	Out of State:	<u>\$910,005.39</u>
		Total:	\$1,607,974.29

SATURDAY
06/03/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st race - #4 Honky Tonk Diva (Vet - Injured) refund of \$322.00
- 2nd race - #6 Sciatica (Vet – unsound) refund of \$481.00
- 3rd race - #5 Ebony Princess (vet – sick) refund of \$219.00

(2) RULINGS #140 - #143

RULING # 140

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 DURING THE WARM UP PERIOD) PRIOR TO THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 2, 2017.

RULING #141

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO WHO RODE "HES SONORABOUND" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FRIDAY JUNE 2, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 10TH, 11TH AND 16TH, 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 # 142

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 2, 2017.

RULING # 143

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 2, 2017.

The preceding rulings were issued in response to violation of riding/crop rules. None of the riders offered valid excuses for their actions

(3) BACKSTRETCH SECURITY VIOLATIONS

Jockey/Exercise rider Lidio Barrientos and Groom Reed Allen were in the office this afternoon in response to citations issued by stable area security due to a verbal altercation between the two on May 28, 2017. Both individual have good records and therefore, since the incidents did not result in a physical issue, warnings were issued to the licensees with the admonition that any further "dust ups" between them would result in a penalty.

(4) BACKSTRETCH VIOLATION

Groom Miguel Macias Rodriguez was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him by Board investigators for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1890 (Possession of Contraband). Specifically, Rodriguez tested positive for marijuana after a search of his tack room revealed a bag of "weed". Rodriguez was candid during the hearing, admitting to using on a nearly daily basis, but said that he was approved for medical marijuana use. He could not produce a card, and when asked where he obtains the "medication", he said, "Anywhere I can find it". He further said that he has been a user from the time he was ten years old, when he was a child in Mexico. There will be a ruling to follow.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #7 Charity Moon flipped in the saddling paddock and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund totaled \$1,960.00.

(6) REFUND

The Stewards ordered a refund in the third race as #4 Bella Raquella, which had been away from the races for nearly two and one half years, flipped in the saddling paddock and prompted Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be scratched. The resulting refund amounted to \$1,295.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	845	On Track Handle:	\$168,355.60
Off Track Attendance	<u>2,036</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$559,777.50
Total:	2,881	Out of State:	<u>\$986,126.15</u>
		Total:	\$1,714,259.25

SUNDAY

06/04/2017

(1) RULINGS #144 AND #145

RULING # 144

GROOM MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – TESTED POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA) AND #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND).

FURTHERMORE, MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the merits of the complaint against Mr. Rodriguez. (Ref. 6-3-17-4)

RULING # 145

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 3, 2017.

This ruling was issued after the rider acknowledged a violation of the "crop" rule.

(2) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #7 Shebang flipped in the starting gate and was declared on the advice of racing veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund totaled \$10,568.00.

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the twelfth race to review an incident shortly after the start involving the sixth and eighth place finishers, #2 On Our Way (C. Mendez) and #1 Somewhat Special (R. Aceves). Pari-mutuel payoffs were not affected; however time trials were

still in place. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify On Our Way from sixth to eighth position. Video showed the horse ducking in sharply crossing the "gap", severely impeding the horse to its inside and nearly forcing that horse into the inside rail. Jockey Cruz Mendez was not held responsible.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	712	On Track Handle:	\$177,293.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,885</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$465,580.10
Total:	2,597	Out of State:	<u>\$1,335,936.09</u>
		Total:	\$1,978,809.99

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 4, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period thirteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: four for soundness, six for injury, and three for sickness. Ten 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 06/02	SAT 06/03	SUN 06/04	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	0	1	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		4	2	0	6	166
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	1	1	18
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	1	2	33
REFUNDS		A			3	3	1	7	166
RULINGS			Y		0	4	2	6	143
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	32

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)