

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 June 20 through June 25, 2017.

THURSDAY

06/22/2017

(1) **ENTRIES/SCRATCHES/MINUTES**

Tom Ward was on duty for the three days of entries and scratches. While it was somewhat of a struggle to fill the three cards, diligent work by the racing office staff here at Los Alamitos put races together. Cal Bred races were, as usual, a "no show". Changes were held to a minimum. Ward will be writing the minutes for the upcoming week.

FRIDAY

06/23/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race - #4 Anythingtogeteven (Vet-injured) refund of \$119.00
 - #8 Storm Hollow (Stewards – entered back) refund of \$171.00
- 3rd race - #3 Summers Fury (Stewards – entered back)
 - #6 Primo Cartel (Stewards – entered back)
 - #9 Pledged (Stewards – entered back) refund of \$362.00
- 6th race - #2 Gold And Guns (Vet-sick) refund of \$132.00

(2) **RULING #159****RULING # 159**

SECURITY GUARD BRADLEY JOHNSON HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 23, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0158, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE 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 BRADLEY JOHNSON 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 Mr. Johnson failed to appear to address a complaint filed by the Board for possession of methamphetamine.

(3) RULING #160

RULING # 160

JOCKEY EDUARD KENNIS ROJAS FERNANDEZ WHO RODE "MAXIMUM MAXIMUM" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST, AND 2ND, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO SIXTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Fernandez had viewed video of the third race from June 18, 2017, after which his mount was disqualified for interference entering the far turn. Mr. Fernandez offered no excuse for his actions, although he did say he thought there was some pressure coming from the inside horse.

(4) RULING #161 & #162

RULING # 161

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 18, 2017.

RULING # 162

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN 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 18, 2017.

These rulings were issued after neither rider offered an excuse for violating the "crop" rule during the ninth race on June 18th, the Ed Burke One Million Futurity.

(5) RULING #163

RULING # 163

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 30TH, JULY 1ST, AND 2ND, 2017) AND FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR A BLATANT 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) DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 18, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the ninth race from June 18th, during which he blatantly violated the "crop" rule. He accepted full responsibility for the violation.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	674	On Track Handle:	\$112,629.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,812</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$403,465.80
Total:	2,486	Out of State:	<u>\$768,106.80</u>
		Total:	\$1,284,202.50

SATURDAY

06/24/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 3rd race - #6 Freccia Di Oro (Vet - unsound) refund of \$54.00
- 4th race - #7 Ar Shez Hot Wired (Vet – injured) refund of \$159.00
- 6th race - #2 Furvents Fury (vet – injured) refund of \$271.00

(2) RULING #164

RULING # 164

OWNER SAUL M. VARGAS IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT) AND #1989 (REMOVAL OR DENIAL OF ACCESS).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Vargas was in the office in response to a complaint filed by Board investigators alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1989 (Removal or Denial of Access).

The complaint was filed after members of the racing office staff complained that Mr. Vargas became aggressive and abusive when he was told that he could not have access to a foal certificate which was in his brother's name, not his. Complicating the matter was the fact that the horse had tested positive for a Class 3 drug and \$2,204.90 was due to be returned to the Paymaster of Purses. He was in the racing office on three occasions and became more argumentative each time.

While in the office, Mr. Vargas was a model of decorum. He maintained that he never raised his voice and was cooperative on each occasion. Conversations with those who encountered Mr. Vargas painted quite a different picture. Even his trainer stated that he wanted nothing more to with the "gentleman".

(3) RULING #165

RULING # 165

TRAINER YANET RODRIGUEZ WHO STARTED THE HORSE "JESS RAVIN" IN THE NINTH RACE ON MAY 13, 2017, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* 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)(2) (FLUNIXIN CLASS IV) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 20 ng/mL-78.8 ng/ml.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Ms. Rodriguez responded to a complaint alleging an overage of the permitted NSAID Banamine (78.8 ng/ml) in her horse Jess Ravin, winner of the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 13, 2017. The maximum allowable amount is 20 ng/ml. Since this was Ms. Rodriguez's second violation within a year, the minimum fine was issued as there were no aggravating circumstances.

(4) VOIDED CLAIM

A claim deposited prior to the third race by trainer Robert Lucas for #2 Moonie was voided as the horse was unsound in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Bret Vickery.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	720	On Track Handle:	\$130,842.70
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,972</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$431,243.10
Total:	2,692	Out of State:	<u>\$909,934.33</u>
		Total:	\$1,472,020.13

SUNDAY

06/25/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st race - #1 Zirondelle (Vet – Sick) Refund of \$127.00
- 6th race - #4 PVC Special Cash (Vet – Sick) Refund of \$314.00
- #5 Daenerys (Vet – Sick) Refund of \$219.00

(2) RULING #166

RULING # 166

TRAINER ZVI KRIPLE HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 24, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0170, 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 ZVI KRIPLE 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 as Mr. Kriple failed to appear to address a complaint alleging non-payment of an automatic hotwalking machine invoice.

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted following the fifth race as the stewards reviewed the latter stages of the race, during which #3 El Ultimo Billete (5th, R. Sanchez) clipped the heels of the winner #6 California Courage (M. Ramirez) and stumbled. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify California Courage from a "dead heat" for first and placed the horse fifth. The winner drifted in several paths under right handed urging into the path of El Ultimo Billete, forcing that horse's rider to take up sharply. Mr. Ramirez will review video on Friday.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED – 5TH RACE

A claim deposited by trainer Francis Meza for #5 Pledged was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of its original trainer, Scott Willoughby.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	652	On Track Handle:	\$110,247.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,728</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$359,005.70
Total:	2,380	Out of State:	<u>\$826,146.92</u>
		Total:	\$1,295,400.02

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 25, 2017. There were no equine fatalities to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, 4 for sickness, 1 for medication, and 1 for shock wave therapy. 6 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 06/23	SAT 06/24	SUN 06/25	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		1	2	2	5	186
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	1	1	21
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	40
REFUNDS		A			3	3	2	8	192
RULINGS			Y		5	2	1	8	164
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	1	2	55

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)