

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 July 13 through July 16, 2017.

THURSDAY

07/13/2017

(1) DUTY STEWARD

David Nuesch was on duty for entries, declarations, and changes the past three days. Entries for all three days went well, with the draw being completed around one o'clock each day. Scratches and changes were held to a minimum, while no California bred races were carded for the entire weekend.

FRIDAY

07/14/2017

(1) EARLY SCRATCHES

3rd race - #4 A Cajun Diva (Vet-injured) refund of \$138.00
 #6 Ask The Eagle (entered back) refund of \$82.00
 4th race- #1 Texas Tornado (entered back) refund of \$335.00
 6th race - #4 Blueist (reaction to Lasix shot) refund of \$843.00

(2) RULING #185**RULING # 185**

JOCKEY CESAR DEALBA 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 9, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued as the rider could offer no excuse for a violation of the "crop" rule.

(3) RULING #186**RULING # 186**

JOCKEY RICHARD AGUILAR IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – MARIJUANA).

FURTHERMORE, RICHARD AGUILAR 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 the merits of his case were discussed. The penalty is standard for a first time violation. He was tested this afternoon and the test came back as “negative” for all substances included in the test.

(4) WEIGHTY ISSUES

This evening marked a change in policy regarding overweights. Up to this point, the maximum weight a rider could do was 126 lbs., due to an agreement with the Jockey’s Guild and management. Starting tonight, riders will be able to do up to seven pounds overweight, in conformance with rule.

There are two riders who could not make weight, Carlos Huerta and Armando Cervantes. Neither could come close to the seven pound maximum overweight. Replacement riders were named. Additionally, Marciel Ramirez called prior to the eighth race to say he was ill and could not complete his engagement. A replacement was named.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	667	On Track Handle:	\$123,391.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,804</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$376,157.10
Total:	2,471	Out of State:	<u>\$739,146.58</u>
		Total:	\$1,238,695.18

SATURDAY

07/15/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #3 SR Reach For The Sky (Vet-sick) refund of \$280.00

4th race - #5 Anythingtogeteven (Vet-unsound) refund of \$153.00

5th race - #1 Proud Captive (Vet-injured) refund of \$132.00

(2) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald reported that #2 Redistribute was unsound in the hindquarters during the warm up and she recommended that the horse be scratched. The refund amounted to \$3,919.00.

(3) STEWARDS’ INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review an incident nearing the finish involving the first and third place finishers, #8 Favorite Hot Cartel (R. Zapien) and #7 Corona Thru Fire (J. Ayala). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Favorite Hot Cartel from first to third position. Video showed the horse drifting in approaching the finish, taking the path of Corona Thru Fire and forcing that horse’s rider to take up and lose momentum. Corona Thru Fire was closing at the time and the Stewards felt that he was cost the opportunity for a better placing.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the fifth race by trainer Keith Craigmyle for #2 Look No Further was voided as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio determined that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Charles Treece.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	799	On Track Handle:	\$143,015.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,862</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$552,068.80
Total:	2,661	Out of State:	<u>\$661,256.87</u>
		Total:	\$1,356,340.87

SUNDAY

07/16/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #2 Salah’s Diamond (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,888.00

6th race - #3 Dream Speedy (Vet-sick) refund of \$68.00

(2) RULING #187 & #190

RULING # 187

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 14, 2017.

RULING # 190

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These rulings were issued after the rider had no explanation for failure to come within the maximum overweight limit, seven pounds, on two occasions.

(3) RULING #188

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JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 14, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Cervantes had no excuse for not making weight on July 14, 2017.

(4) RULING #189

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JOCKEY RAUL ZAPIEN WHO RODE "FAVORITE HOT CARTEL" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 23RD, 28TH AND 29TH, 2017) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO THIRD. 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.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the third race from July 15, 2017, after which his mount was disqualified for interference approaching the finish. He was candid, stating that he was totally at fault.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited prior to the first race by trainer Kelly Castaneda for #3 Yodelers Way was voided as Official Veterinarian Pattio informed us that the horse was "off" in the left foreleg while in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Mike Harrington.

(6) RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockeys Vinnie Bednar and Rodolfo Azvizu were excused from their mounts due to illness. Replacement riders were announced.

(7) STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fifth race to review interference at the start involving #7 Snootie Socialite (C. DeAlba), #6 Perfect Eagle (J. Ayala) and #5 Favorite Bling (R. Zapien). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards voted unanimously to make no change in the original order of finish. While there was contact between the three horses shortly after the start, it was our opinion that all were equally involved.

(8) STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at mid-stretch involving the second and fifth place finishers, #6 My Blessing Jess (M. Arana) and #5 Movin Powerfully (C. DeAlba). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race, it was the unanimous decision of the Stewards to leave the original order of finish intact. While the rider aboard Movin Powerfully did steady when the second place finisher came in, his mount was partly to blame as it drifted out over heels at the same time.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	578	On Track Handle:	\$109,410.30
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,729</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$336,517.30
Total:	2,307	Out of State:	<u>\$675,715.82</u>
		Total:	\$1,121,103.42

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 16, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 3 for sickness. 9 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 07/14	SAT 07/15	SUN 07/16	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	11
CLAIMS			R		1	4	1	6	208
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	22
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	2	2	44
REFUNDS		A			3	4	3	10	216
RULINGS			Y		2	0	4	6	188
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	1	2	60

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)