

**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 August 24 through August 27, 2017.

**THURSDAY**

08/24/2017

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was "in the barrel" this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for entries and scratches. The three cards scheduled for the weekend filled relatively well, although Cal Bred races were, as usual, nowhere to be found. Changes were held to a minimum. Ward will be writing minutes for the upcoming week.

**FRIDAY**

08/25/2017

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

7<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Tough Broad (vet-sick) refund of \$218.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> race- #4 Ms Jess Knockout (entered back) refund of \$222.00

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Omar Santos was excused from his mount this evening due to injuries suffered in a spill last week. A replacement rider was named.

(3) **SECURITY VIOLATION**

Trainer Matthew Fales was in the office this evening regarding a citation issued by Los Alamitos Stable Security. Mr. Fales was charged with violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) as he was involved in a verbal argument with groom Alejandro Guevara over the temperature setting on an air conditioner. Also at issue was the fact that he became belligerent when confronted by security. Mr. Fales was very contrite, stating that he overreacted to a situation which should have never escalated to the point that it did. He apologized to Mr. Guevara and his wife and said that he accepted full responsibility for the incident. A decision will be finalized tomorrow.

(4) **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

On Track Attendance:	709	On Track Handle:	\$113,119.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,835</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$386,858.70
Total:	2,544	Out of State:	<u>\$737,376.15</u>
		Total:	\$1,237,354.05

**SATURDAY**  
08/26/2017

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> race - #4 Voluntary (Vet-injured) refund of \$194

(2) RULING #217

**RULING # 217**

TRAINER MATTHEW FALES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT-BELLIGERENT TOWARD SECURITY).

This ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the merits of the citation issued against Mr. Fales. (Ref. 8-25-2017 - 3). As mentioned in the original minute entry, he accepted full responsibility for the incident.

(3) RULING #218

**RULING # 218**

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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 25, 2017.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider viewed the seventh race from Friday, during which he struck his mount more than three times in succession without giving the horse an opportunity to respond. He had no excuse for his actions.

(4) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez was in the office to review the second race from last evening, as his actions during the final stages of the race were a source of concern. Video showed that Mr. Mendez wrapped up on his mount, #8 Kip More, for the last five strides and was beaten approximately a half length for fourth position. He explained that he was concerned about the horse to his outside as it was racing erratically. We did not buy into that argument. It was impossible to be absolutely certain that this actions cost his mount a placing; however, he was warned that a similar occurrence would result in a stringent penalty.

(5) STRESS FREE EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	706	On Track Handle:	\$90,152.30
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,909</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$364,233.60
Total:	2,615	Out of State:	<u>\$681,210.69</u>
		Total:	\$1,135,596.59

**SUNDAY**  
08/27/2017

(1) RULINGS #219 & #220

**RULING # 219**

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO 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 AUGUST 26, 2017.

**RULING # 220**

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 26, 2017.

These rulings were issued as neither rider had an excuse for violation of the "crop" rule.

(2) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #2 Luxor Of Appeals MV became extremely fractious during the loading process and was ultimately scratched on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Chuck Jenkins. The refund amounted to \$27,152.00

(3) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review an incident shortly after the start involving the third and sixth place finishers, #5 My Favorite Cartel (R. Zapien) and #7 Fames Favorite (R. Sanchez). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify My Favorite Cartel from third to sixth position. Video shows the horse, which had been bumped in the hind quarters and turned out at the break, bearing out badly in the first fifty yards of the three hundred yard event. We felt that the horse's actions cost Mr. Sanchez and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

(4) RIDERS EXCUSED DURING RACING CARD

Jockey Ramon Sanchez was excused from his mount in the seventh race as he suffered an injury leaving the gate in a previous race and could not complete the engagement. Jockey Eduardo Nicasio became sick during the evening and had to be removed from his final mount. Jockey Carlos Huerta started to cramp up during the card and had to be replaced in the 8<sup>th</sup> race. Replacement riders were named.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited by trainer Jose Hernandez, Jr. in the seventh race for #3 Shebang was voided as the horse was unsound in both front and hind end during its time in the detention barn. The horse had "locked up" in the early stages of the race and perhaps that might have had something to do with the soundness issues. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Charles Treece.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	669	On Track Handle:	\$96,882.30
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,769</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$322,546.50
Total:	2,438	Out of State:	<u>\$793,001.25</u>
		Total:	\$1,212,430.05

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 27, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 2 for injury, 1 for sickness, 1 for bleeding, and 1 for shock wave therapy.

Six horse 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 08/25	SAT 08/26	SUN 08/27	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		2	1	2	5	246
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	1	1	26
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	1	1	50
REFUNDS		A			2	1	1	4	252
RULINGS			Y		0	2	2	4	216
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	80

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

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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Ron Church (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Jon White (Steward)