

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week September 12, 2017 through September 17, 2017.

**Tuesday**

09/12/2017

**(1) ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary Jay Conklin and his staff were on hand today accepting entries for Friday, September 15. Five (5) Quarter Horse and three (3) Thoroughbred horses will be carded. Fifty five (55) horses are scheduled to start. Grant Baker is the duty steward this week.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred offering for Friday, September 15 is for two (2) year old Quarter horses, claiming price \$6,250 going three hundred (300) yards. The race went open with six (6) of the nine (9) entrants being Cal-Bred.

**Wednesday**

09/13/2017

**(1) ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

Scratch time for Friday, September 15 was held at 9:00 A.M this morning in the racing office. There were no changes activated at the 9:00 A.M deadline.

Eight (8) races filled for Saturday, September 16. There will be no Thoroughbred racing here Saturday evening. Sixty one (61) Quarter horses are scheduled to start. Five (5) divisions of the PCQHRA Breeders Derby Trials will be contested. These four hundred (400) yard trials will be carded as races four (4) through eight (8). Each trial carries a purse of \$6,000.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

Today's Cal-Bred offering was for maiden Quarter Horse three (3) year old fillies, three (300) hundred yards with a purse of \$10,990. This race was called off with one (1) entry.

**Thursday**

09/14/2017

**(1) ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, September 17. The only entries accepted today will be for the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity Trials. Seventy six (76) two (2) year olds were entered. Seventy five (75) horses were entered for the same event last year. Ten (10) races will be carded for September 17.

One (1) declaration was the only change which was activated after the 9:00 A.M scratch time.

**(2) CAL-BRED REPORT**

Due to the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity Trials being slated in races one (1) thru ten (10) there were no Cal-Bred offering for Sunday, September 17.

**Friday**

09/15/2017

(1) ROGELIO ORANTES RULING (CASE NO 17LA0083)

A hearing was held on Saturday, September 9 for Groom Rogelio Orantes who was charged with an alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing) and Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

Mr. Orantes appeared for a hearing here on Saturday, September 9 accompanied by his sister. CHRB investigator Kevin Kitshima presented this complaint in the informal hearing that was chaired by Steward James Dreyer. Los Alamitos Stable Security had informed CHRB investigators that groom Orantes was fired by Trainer John Wells on March 13, 2017. On March 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Groom Orantes, who was allegedly intoxicated appeared at Trainer Wells barn and released three (3) of his horses from their stalls. The horses were reported to be in good condition. Groom Orantes, while not denying he was guilty of the allegation, but he did not remember the incident. Although the Stewards felt this action was a serious incident we unanimously felt it did not specifically violate Rule 1902.5 Prior to issuing the following ruling the Stewards contacted Darrin Scharer (Winners Foundation) whose organization had already reached out and started dialogue with Mr. Orantes who will be required to work with them in order to retain his CHRB license.

**RULING # 238**

GROOM ROGELIO ORANTES IS SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2017) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR TWO (2) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING).

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

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF ROGELIO ORANTES ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), ROGELIO ORANTES IS DENIED ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(2) NOEL SAENZ DIAZ HEARING

Assistant Trainer Noel Saenz Diaz appeared in the Stewards' office at our request along with Paddock Judge Louie Cacioppo. Assistant Trainer Saenz Diaz was overseeing the schooling of a Mike Cassleman trained horse on the evening of Saturday, September 2, Paddock Judge Cacioppo told Mr. Saenz Diaz that shorts were not allowed to be worn in the restricted area of the paddock during the night time program and that he needed to leave. Mr. Saenz Diaz then told Paddock Judge Cacioppo he didn't want to leave and that he wanted to talk to the Stewards. The following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 239**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), ASSISTANT TRAINER NOEL SAENZ DIAZ IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50)\* FOR BEING IMPROPERLY ATTIRED IN SADDLING PADDOCK.

(3) JORGE RODAS INFORMAL HEARING

Groom Jorge Rodas appeared in the steward's office after he was issued a citation (#8253) for being under the influence of alcohol and bringing an unauthorized person in to the stable area on September 11, 2017. He was also operating a vehicle in the stable area. Los Alamitos Stable Security officer J. Avina was also present. Mr. Rodas was remorseful at this informal hearing which was chaired by Steward Ron Church. The stewards issued the following.

**RULING # 240**

GROOM JORGE ROLANDO ARANA RODAS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT-UNDER INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL) AND #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS – UNAUTHORIZED VISITOR IN BARN AREA).

(4) MIGUEL GONZALEZ HEARING

Groom Miguel Gonzalez was issued a violation notice by Los Alamitos Stable Security officer J. Avina for being under the influence in the stable area on September 9, 2017. Security officer J. Avina was also present. Groom Gonzalez told the Stewards he had gone to a party with his daughter and returned to Los Alamitos on a city bus. Mr. Gonzalez was remorseful and said he wouldn't let it happen again. A warning was issued.

(5) CESAR FRANCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cesar Franco appeared in the Stewards Office in order to review his ride aboard #7 Youre Gonna Mish Me who finished first in the eighth race on Sunday, September 10 which contested at a distance of 330 yards. #7 Youre Gonna Mish Me drifted in slightly in the final twenty (20) yards of this race forcing the rider on the sixth place finisher #6 Rockin Energy (Eduardo Nicasio) to check his mount. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, did not feel this ride was penalty worthy. Warning issued.

(6) HERIBERTO PABON RULING (REF: 04/15/17 (2))

Owner Heriberto Pabon appeared in the Stewards office for the purpose of getting his license reinstated. Owner Pabon failed to appear to answer alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board #1874 (Financial Responsibility) on April 14, 2017. Horse transporter KC Horse Transportation has alleged that Owner Pabon owed them \$820.87 for shipping horses from Los Alamitos to Golden Gate Fields. Mr. Pabon said he hasn't checked his mail in months and didn't know he was "noticed to appear" for hearing last April at Los Alamitos. (Case No. 17LA0091). These two (2) parties will speak with each other tomorrow with the goal of resolving the matter. The following ruling reinstates the license privileges of Mr. Pabon.

**RULING # 241**

IN THE MATTER OF: HERIBERTO PABON  
HAVING NOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS  
ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017, RULING #91, DATED  
APRIL 15, 2017 IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF  
OWNER HERIBERTO PABON ARE RESTORED.

(7) MADRIGAL RACING STABLES COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 17LA0277)

Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove filed a complaint against Madrigal Racing Stables (Diana Madrigal) for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Dr. Hardgrove alleges that Ms. Madrigal owes her \$1,095.00 for Veterinary service performed on her horses. Diana Madrigal failed to appear for this hearing. More to follow.

(8) WAGERING POOLS CANCELLED

There was no show wagering offered in tonight's second and eighth races. The second race, which was originally carded with seven (7) entrants was contested with six (6) starters. The R.B. Hess Jr trained #6 Mr. Hale (Vinnie Bednar) won this race. He went off as the post favorite at odds of one to five (1/5).

In tonight's eighth race the Valentin Zamudio #4 Matiloa Czech (Cruz Mendez) won tonight's eighth race going off at odds of three to five (3/5).

(9) SMOOTH CARD

Tonight's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquires and/or jockey objections.

(10) PROGRAM CHANGES

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Mr. Hale (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr) claimed Jose Hernandez, trainer – **Voided** –  
**unsound**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #7 Fans On The Run Tr. Robert J. Lucas  
Refund: \$380.00 Unsound – Becky Fitzgerald D.V.M.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration #4 Pour Me A Corona Tr. Yanet Rodriguez  
No refund Injured – Nolton Pattio V.M.D

4<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #1 Canneto Beach Tr. Jerry Wallace  
Refund: \$228.00 Injured – Becky Fitzgerald D.V.M

4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Zachian (Tr. Charles Treece) claimed, E. January, trainer  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 Quick Alibi Tr. Sally Rivera  
 Refund: \$137.00 Injured – Becky Fitzgerald D.V.M

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	738	On Track Handle:	\$107,898.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,726</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$365,896.70
Total:	2,464	Out of State:	<u>\$616,846.27</u>
			\$1,090,641.07

**Saturday**  
 09/16/17

(1) SALLY RIVERA HEARING (CASE NO. 17LA0255)

Trainer Sally Rivera appeared in the Stewards office to answer to alleged violations of CHRB Rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances), Rule 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1844 (Authorized Medication) and Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). CHRB Investigator Dennis Dualis presented a thirty (30) page complaint packet for this hearing. Trainer Rivera stated her horse “Southern Darling” who finished fifth in the third race on July 30, 2017 at the California State Fair in Sacramento was treated by herself. The official blood sample from “Southern Darling” contained Phenylbutazone (2.77 ug/ml) in excess of the authorized level (2.0 ug/ml). Following Trainer Rivera’s testimony the Stewards closed the hearing which was chaired by Steward Ron Church. More to follow.

(2) MADRIGAL RACING STABLES RULING (REF: 9/15/17 (7))

**RULING # 242**

OWNER MADRIGAL RACING STABLE (DIANA MADRIGAL) HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #17LA0277, 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 MADRIGAL RACING STABLE 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.

The ruling above was issued after owner Diana Madrigal failed to appear before the Stewards for a hearing (Case No. 17LA0277) that was scheduled for here yesterday September 15.

(3) ALBERTO ZEPEDA RULING

Jockey Alberto Zepeda was aboard #1 Ought to be Wanted who finished fifth (last) in the sixth race last night, September 15. The Stewards determined he used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond. He failed to appear at today’s film review. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 243**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 – THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2017.

(4) DERBY TRIALS (REF 9/13/17 (1))

There were five (5) divisions of the P.C.Q.H.R.A Derby Trials held tonight. A total of thirty six (36) horses raced the four hundred (400) yard distance. The winner of the eighth race was #7 Renewed (Eduardo Nicasio). This Roberto Dominguez trained colt was the fastest qualifier of the evening tripping the timer at 19.78 seconds for the 400 yards.

- (5) SMOOTH CARD  
Tonight's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.
- (6) PROGRAM CHANGES  
6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #3 Ilikethewayshewalks Tr. Mike Casselman  
Refund: \$77.00 Stake - Stewards

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	577	On Track Handle:	\$103,548.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,801</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$359,392.80
Total:	2,378	Out of State:	<u>\$645,630.16</u>
		Total:	\$1,108,571.86

**Sunday**  
09/17/17

- (1) SALLY RIVERA RULING (REF: 9/16/17(1))  
The ruling below was issued following a hearing which was held here yesterday afternoon. Trainer Sally Rivera was contacted via telephone.

**RULING # 244**

TRAINER SALLY RIVERA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SOUTHERN DARLING" IN THE THIRD RACE AT CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR ON JULY 30, 2017, 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 RULE #1843 (A AND D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (C)(1) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-PHENYLBUTAZONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – 2.77 UG/ML).

- (2) EDUARDO NICASIO RULING

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio rode #6 Rockin Energy who finished sixth in the eighth race on Sunday, September 10. Following the race he phoned the stewards to voice his displeasure over the actions of a rival in this race. Although his poor choice of words was not personally directed at the stewards we ordered him to appear in our office yesterday, September 16 in order to discuss the matter. He did not appear. The following ruling was therefore issued.

**RULING # 245**

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AS INSTRUCTED.

- (3) MARTIN ARRIAGA RULING

Jockey Martin Arriaga used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times while aboard #5 Mamma Jamma Jamma who finished sixth (last) in the three hundred thirty (330) yard Quarter Horse race. The stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING # 246**

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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2017.

- (4) CESAR FRANCO RULING

Jockey Cesar Franco used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times following the start of last evening's (September 16) first race. Jockey Franco was aboard third place finisher #1 Twisted Sifter in this three hundred (300) yard Quarter horse event.

**RULING # 247**

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 – THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2017.

(5) DEAD HEAT IN OPENER

Tonight's first of ten (10) PCQHRA Breeder's Futurity trials got off to a competitive start. The Paul Jones trained #3 Magic Corona MV (Jesus Rios Ayala – odds 5/2) and the Christopher O'Dell trained #4 Terrific Dynasty (Rodolfo Arvizu – odds 2/1) finished on even terms, tripping the timer for the 350 hard in 17.82 seconds.

(6) FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the start of this 350 yard PCQHRA Breeders Futurity Trial. Of particular interest were the actions of third place finisher #7 Missmerizing (Eduardo Nicasio) who broke in sharply. This action knocked eighth (last) place finisher #6 Gusto (Cruz Mendez) into seventh place finisher #5 Eyes The Favorite (Jesus Rio Ayala). #6 Gusto stumbled very badly at this juncture nearly unseating jockey Cruz Mendez who lost both of his irons after the incident. After reviewing all camera angles and speaking to the jockeys involved the stewards, in a unanimous decision disqualified #7 Missmerizing and placed her eighth. Jockey Eduardo Nicasio was ordered to film review with the stewards.

Original order of finish 3-1-7-8-4-5-6

Official order of finish 3-1-8-4-5-6-7

(7) WIN ONLY WAGERING

There was no place or show wagering offered for tonight's sixth race which was a division of the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity Trials going 350 yards. Post time favorite #7 KVNCORONA (Ramon Sanchez) won this race in a time of 17.69 seconds and going off at odds of one to nine (1/9).

(8) EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to review an incident about twenty (20) yards after the start. Race replays show third place finisher #5 Moonie Blue (Jesus Rios Ayala) veer in and make contact with sixth place finisher #4 Worker (Oscar Peinado) who appeared to clip heels after the contact. Both sixth place finisher #2 Mr. Captain America (Eulices Gomez) and seventh (last) place finisher #3 Amore Di La Mamma (Jose Nicasio) were also interfered with to varying degrees. After speaking to jockeys and reviewing all camera angles the stewards, in a unanimous decision, disqualified #5 Moonie Blues and placed her eighth (last). Jockey Jesus Rios Ayala was ordered to film review with the stewards.

Original order of finish 6-8-5-7-1-2-4-3

Official order of finish 6-8-7-1-2-4-3-5

(9) WAGERING CHANGE

There was no show wagering offered in tonight's tenth race which had an eight (8) horse field. Post time favorite (odds 1/9) #8 King of Appeals (Jesus Rios Ayala) went on to a facile length and half win tripping the timer in 17.81 seconds.

(10) PROGRAM CHANGES

4 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declaration #2 A Political Lady	Tr. Chris O'Dell
	Refund: \$334.40	Stake – Stewards
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declaration #5 On Stranger Tides	Tr. Chris O'Dell
	Refund: \$194.70	Stake – Stewards
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	Jockey Change #3 Amore Di La Mamma J. Nicasio for C. Jensen (Hurt Shoulder)	
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	Jockey Change #3 High on Harem C. Huerta for E. Nicasio (Sore back) #5 Beduinos Royalcorona C. Franco for C. Jensen (Hurt Shoulder)	

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 702  
Off Track Attendance: 1,684  
Total: 2,386

On Track Handle: \$111,054.80  
Off Track Handle: \$316,781.90  
Out of State: \$716,436.18  
\$1,144,272.88

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 17, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 5 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows 2 for soundness and 3 for injury. There were no horses previously on the Veterinarian's List that were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Grant Baker.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
**SUMMARY**  
**2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 09/15	SAT 09/16	SUN 09/17	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	7
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		1	0	0	1	263
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	2	2	28
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	2	2	56
REFUNDS		A			4	1	2	7	275
RULINGS			Y		4	2	4	10	243
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	84

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

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Grant Baker (Steward)

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Ron Church (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Safety Steward)