

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 of October 10, 2017 through October 15, 2017.

Tuesday

10/10/2017

- (1) DUTY STEWARD
James Dreyer has morning responsibilities and will record the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The first race in the book, maiden two year olds for a \$16,000 claim, was off with two. 1 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW
Only one Thoroughbred race will be offered on Friday evening's race program.

Wednesday

10/11/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
Scratch time produced two rider changes.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The fourth race in the book, three year old maidens, was off with one. 1 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW
Saturday's card will be comprised of two Thoroughbred and seven Quarter Horse races.

Thursday

10/12/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
There were no changes or declarations on Saturday's program.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The seventh race in the book, three and up for an \$8,000 claim, was called off with no entries.
- (3) THE DRAW
Sunday's nine race program will feature the \$125,000 Robert L. Boniface Los Alamitos Invitational Championship.

Friday

10/13/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in no changes.

(2) JOSE NICASIO VISITS

Jockey Nicasio was in this afternoon to address a small problem in the Jockey's room when he attempted to weigh out with his over girth and safety vest Sunday night. He apologized explaining he was unaware that those items could not be included when making up the horses assigned weight. We felt a warning would suffice.

(3) RULING #270

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OWNER SERGIO S. LOPEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1488 (B) (TEMPORARY OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE).

Following an informal hearing to address Complaint #17LA0330 the foregoing ruling was issued. Mr. Lopez testified the drug conviction had simply slipped his mind when filling out this renewal application. The Stewards find it hard to believe that spending almost six months incarcerated could slip anyone's mind.

(4) RULING #271

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JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Arvizu failed to fulfill his riding engagement in the third race Saturday evening. He argued that his flight was late but was unable to produce any documentation to verify the claim.

(5) OBJECTION - NO CHANGE

Following the second Jockey Gallyn Mitchell on #3 Lion's Luck (4th) claimed an objection against #5 T's Place (3rd – M. Arana). After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing the film the Stewards felt most of the pressure had come from #4 Who's Hot who finished last warranting no changes.

(6) POST RACE INCIDENT

Following the fifth #6 Favorite Check appeared to be injured while pulling up unseating Jockey Cruz Mendez. Dr. Fitzgerald notified us that the gelding fractured his right knee and was euthanized. Mendez was uninjured.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #1 Calibraska (K. Castaneda) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$488
1st Race #6 Oldbelbottoms (A. Sherman) Sick. Dr. Pattio Refund: \$588
4th Race #1 That Touch of Gold (J. Nunez) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$119
4th Race #4 Nashoga (J. Nunez) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$204

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	571	On Track Handle:	\$ 90,208.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,788</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$339,637.30
Total:	2,359	Out of State:	<u>\$517,378.35</u>
			\$947,224.05

Saturday
10/14/2017

(1) RULING #272 & #273

RULING # 272

OWNER JESUS NAVA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2017 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE 17LA303, 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).

SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 14, 2017.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JESUS NAVA 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.

RULING # 273

GROOM RICHARD VOLZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2017 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE 17LA0319, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1877 (CHECKS) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON OCTOBER 14, 2017.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RICHARD VOLZ 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 foregoing rulings were issued after both individuals declined the opportunity to appear and defend their positions on the complaints.

(2) RULING #274

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JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* 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.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Arvizu, having been warned more than once, again failed to appear before the Stewards as instructed.

(3) RULING #275

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PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A)(TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) TRAINER CHARLES TREECE, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "VODKA TEXTED YOU", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS(\$500)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A), (B) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(b)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844(C)(2)AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – FLUNIXIN – 126.3 NG/ML) (IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS – 20.0 NG/ML).

The foregoing ruling was issued after an informal hearing was heard concerning complaint #17LA0309. Trainer Treece had no idea how the horse had a high Flunixin. He stated the only time he uses Flunixin is when he works a horse. Investigator Drulias shed a little light when he testified that he had seen tubes of Flunixin sitting on the shelves next to the stalls. He felt that perhaps one of Chuck's employees had mistakenly given it to "Vodka Texted You". Chuck accepted that has a possible explanation but was still skeptical.

(4) GOOD NIGHT OF RACING

Saturday evening's nine race program was conducted with nothing of significance to comment on.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #4 Warm Love (J. Nunez) Wrong horse brought to Receiving Barn.

Stewards Refund: \$1049

3rd Race #4 The Lion Roars (J. Nunez) Unsound. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$935

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	637	On Track Handle:	\$109,851.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,789</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$448,320.90
Total:	2,426	Out of State:	<u>\$656,832.28</u>
			\$1,215,004.28

SUNDAY

10/15/2017

(1) RULINGS #276 AND #277

RULING # 276

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 14, 2017.

RULING # 277

JOCKEY JUAN RAMIREZ 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 14, 2017.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both riders were responsible for violating Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(2) CLAIM VOIDED

The third race claim of Upper Mesa Falls by trainer Charles Treece was voided after the colt was placed on the vet's list as unsound by state vet Nolton Pattio. He was returned to trainer Jesus Nunez.

(3) UNHAPPY PATRON

As the horses approached the starting gate for the first race Dr. Fitzgerald notified us that she recommended #2 Aikau, the favorite, be scratched as unsound. We notified announcer Burgart who announced the scratch and we had it put on the scroll. We contacted the mutuel department and they requested an additional two or three minutes which were granted. The mutuels request additional time based on what they feel will be adequate time for the patrons to exchange their wagers. Protocol was followed. An explanation from the mutuel department is included.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st – Race #2 Aikau (K. Castaneda) Unsound. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$39,519.

2nd – Race #4 I Am Grateful (S. Rivera) Unsound. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$2459.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	600	On Track Handle:	\$115,525.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,713</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$349,055.90
Total:	2,313	Out of State:	<u>\$776,368.17</u>
		Total:	\$1,240,949.07

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 15, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows 5 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY 2017

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/13	SAT 10/14	SUN 10/15	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	8
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		1	2	1	4	283
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	28
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	59
REFUNDS		A			4	2	2	8	305
RULINGS			Y		2	4	2	8	273
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	87

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

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)