

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 of November 20, 2017 through November 26, 2017.

Monday

11/20/2017

- (1) DUTY STEWARD
James Dreyer will cover entries and morning business and will author the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
Fourth race in the book, maiden three year olds for \$12,500 claim, was off with one. 0 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW
A 3:00 P.M. draw produced four Thoroughbred and an equal number of Quarter Horse races.

Tuesday

11/21/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
Two rider switches were the only changes on Friday's program.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
Sixth race in the book, maidens three and up, \$12,500 tag, was called off with one. 0 Cal-Breds.
- (3) THE DRAW
Saturday's eight race program will spotlight the \$50,000 Las Damas Handicap.

Wednesday

11/22/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
There were two also eligibles that were scratched and three rider changes on Saturday's program.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
Anticipating a full card of Futurity Trials no Cal-Bred races were offered for Sunday.
- (3) THE DRAW
The Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity Trials will be run in ten divisions.

Friday

11/24/2017

- (1) SCRATCHES
Scratch time for Sunday's races resulted in one rider and one equipment change.

(2) RULING #318 AND #319

RULING # 318

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* FOR A 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2017.

RULING # 319

JOCKEY RICARDO RAMIREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR A 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 19, 2017.

The above rulings were issued after both riders were observed violating Rule #1688(b) (6).

(3) RULING #320 (REFER 11/18/17 #5)

RULING # 320

TRAINER KELLY CASTANEDA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "LUCKY TOMMY" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017, IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A) (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A,B&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES-DEXAMETHASONE-CLASS IV) #1843.1(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES)AND #1844(F4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

\$2,500.00 OF THE FINE IS STAYED. ADDITIONALLY, KELLY CASTANEDA IS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR (NOVEMBER 24, 2018) AND SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VIOLATIONS FOR CLASS I, II, III OR IV SUBSTANCES DURING THAT PERIOD. IF KELLY CASTANEDA VIOLATES THE CONDITION OF HIS PROBATION, THE STAYED \$2,500.00 SHALL BE LIFTED AND THE REMAINING \$2,500.00 SHALL BE IMPOSED AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING.

After due deliberation the foregoing ruling was issued. Dr. Stephanie Schmidt was contacted and told us she had injected "Lucky Tommy" with Dexamethasone on October 5th, which her confidential confirms, not on October 4th as trainer Castaneda claims. This is still within the allowable timeframe however. She feels someone in his employ erroneously gave "Lucky Tommy" Dexamethasone on race day.

(4) FILMS

Jockey Anthony Locke reviewed Sunday's second race with the Stewards this afternoon. He ran up into a hole that was closing causing him to check and jump heels pushing the horse next to him into the middle of the race track, resulting in his disqualification. Mr. Locke accepted fully responsibility for the incident. The Stewards chose to give a warning in this incident.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The fifth race claim of Mama's Secretstorm by Bret Vickery was voided after the filly was placed on the vet's list as unsound by state vet Nolton Pattio. She was returned to trainer Jesus Nunez.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The sixth race claim of Pam's Joy by Kristin Watanabe was voided after Dr. Pattio placed the filly on the vet's list as unsound. She was returned to trainer Jesus Nunez.

(7) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the eighth race trainer Scott Willoughby, the trainer of #2 Quite Up (6th – R. Aceves), lodged an objection against #3 Beach Bum Foose (3rd – C. Mendez). In reality the interference came from #1 Burnt Up (7th – J. Ayala) whom Quite Up outran. No action was warranted.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Twenty Four Black (S. Rivera) No insurance. Stewards Refund: \$133
6th Race #5 Double a Kaf A (S. Rivera) No insurance. Stewards Refund: \$161

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	681	On Track Handle:	\$99,705.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,827</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$260,014.60
Total:	2,508	Out of State:	<u>\$763,974.05</u>
			\$1,123,693.65

Saturday
11/25/2017

(1) RULING #321

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JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ 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 NOVEMBER 19, 2017.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Marcial Ramirez failed to fulfill his riding engagement Sunday Evening.

(2) RULING #322

RULING #322

OWNER SERGIO LOPEZ WHO RACED "WINGER" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON MAY 27, 2017 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED NINETY (90) DAYS (DECEMBER 1, 2017 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2018) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A)(B) AND (D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (CLENBUTEROL – CLASS III), #1843(1)(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844(E)(6)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

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

After receiving confirmation that the Proposed Decision submitted by this Board of Stewards had been accepted the foregoing ruling was issued.

(3) RULING #323

RULING #323

OWNER CARMEN JIMENEZ WHO RACED "WINGER" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON MAY 27, 2017 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* AND SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS (DECEMBER 1, 2017 THRU DECEMBER 30, 2017) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(B) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A)(B) AND (D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (CLENBUTEROL – CLASS III), #1843(1)(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844(E)(6)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

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

After receiving confirmation that the Proposed Decision submitted by this Board of Stewards had been adopted the foregoing ruling was issued.

(4) RULING #324

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JOCKEY JUAN SANCHEZ IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 2ND, 3RD, AND 8TH, 2017) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1692 (REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE, TRAINER OR JOCKEY – FAILURE TO RIDE HIS MOUNT TO THE FINISH) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2017. 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 above ruling was issued after Jockey Juan Sanchez accepted full responsibility for his actions nearing the finish line in Friday's sixth race. Just inside of the 16th pole Juan began easing him mount up and at the finish had been caught for third place. There was no show wagering however there was Trifecta and Superfecta wagering.

(5) RULING #325

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TRAINER JERRY WALLACE, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "ALWAYS NEVER" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 7, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (A, B, AND D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (F)(4)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-DEXAMETHASONE IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL 5 PG/ML (45 PG/ML)).

An informal hearing was convened today to address Complaint #17LA0337. Trainer Wallace had no explanation why his horse would have tested for a high Dexamethasone. We have had a number of Dexamethasone positives recently and, to a man, not one trainer had any idea how they are occurring.

(6) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the second race jockey Salvador Iniguez lodged an objection against #7 Justice Rules (1st – B. Boulanger). He claimed Brandon was intimidating him with his fist which the Stewards could find no evidence of. Unfortunately we were uncertain what we were actually looking for. The phantom fist was never found. No change was made.

(7) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the fifth race trainer Jesus Nunez trainer of #4 Ree O Kerr (4th – E. Hernandez) claimed an objection against #1 Gracias Tom (2nd – E. Fernandez) entering the stretch in the 870 yard event. After examining the replay the Stewards felt that although Hernandez had to steady briefly the outcome of the race was not compromised and no change was justified.

(8) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #4 Eagleyed Hellwind (J. Cooper) Flipped in Gate. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$28,176
3rd Race #2 Little Ez (S. Rivera) No insurance. Stewards Refund \$78
7th Race #2 Eddies Jazzin (J. Avalos) Sick. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$168

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	778	On Track Handle:	\$84,898.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,797</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$253,771.50
Total:	2,575	Out of State:	<u>\$651,789.77</u>
			\$990,459.27

Sunday
11/26/2017

(1) FILMS (REFER – 11/25/17 – #7)

Jockey Edward Fernandez reviewed the fifth race with the Stewards this afternoon. We felt that had he waited a bit longer to make his move the incident would have been avoided. He agreed stating he would be more diligent in the future. A warning was issued.

(2) SHORT DELAY

There was a slight delay prior to the third race when the bridle broke on #7 Walk It Man and had to be replaced.

(3) LOS ALAMITOS 2 MILLION FUTURITY TRIALS

With the exception of the first trial the remaining nine trials were run without incident. In the first trial two horses broke through the gate, lost their riders and ran loose before being scratched by the Stewards.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #7 Terrific Temptation (C. O'Dell) Broke through gate, ran off, Stewards, Refund\$33,000
#8 Outofourfavoritepie (D.Givens)Broke through gate, ran off, Stewards, Refund \$739

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	659	On Track Handle:	\$126,114.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,772</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$363,532.90
Total:	2,431	Out of State:	<u>\$976,446.28</u>
		Total:	\$1,466,093.98

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 26, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 7 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows; 4 for soundness, 1 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for medication. 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 11/24	SAT 11/25	SUN 11/26	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	23
CLAIMS			R		4	4	0	8	320
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	35
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	0	3	73
REFUNDS		A			2	3	2	7	342
RULINGS			Y		3	5	0	8	321
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	2	0	0	2	97

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

James Dreyer (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)