

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 December 5, 2017 through December 10, 2017.

Tuesday

12/05/2017

(1) ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, December 8. Fifty five (55) horses are slated to face starter Gary Brinson. Eight (8) races will be carded. The \$25,000 A Ransom Handicap (350 yards) closes out the evening's card with a competitive field of nine (9) scheduled to start. Grant Baker is the duty steward this week.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred offering for Friday, December 8 is a three year old and upward Quarter Horse race; claiming price \$2,500, going 350 yards. It failed to fill with no entries.

Wednesday

12/06/2017

(1) ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

Scratches and changes for Friday, December 8 took place this morning in the racing office. There were no changes activated at the 9:00 A.M. deadline.

Entries for Saturday, December 9 were taken today in the racing office. Eight (8) races were drawn. Fifty (50) horses are scheduled to start.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred offering for Saturday, December 9 is maiden two year old, Quarter horses, claiming price \$2,500, 350 yards. This first race in the book was called off with no entries.

Thursday

12/07/2017

(1) ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

Scratches and changes for Saturday, December 9 took place this morning in the racing office. Once again there were no changes activated at the 9:00 A.M. deadline.

Entries for Sunday, December 10 were taken today in the racing office. Eight (8) races were drawn. Fifty (50) horses are scheduled to start.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the condition book for Sunday, December 10 is for Quarter Horses; three year olds; claiming price \$5,000 going 300 yards. This race failed to fill with no entries.

Friday

12/08/2017

(1) JAMES GLENN COMPLAINT (CASE NO 17LA0347)

The CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer James Glenn for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1843(A)(D)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule 1843.1(B)(Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1844(C)(2)(Authorized Medication) and Rule #1887(A)(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

On October 21, 2017 at Los Alamitos the horse Seared finished 2nd in the sixth race. The post race blood sample of this horse contained Flunixin (80.8 ng/ml) in excess of the authorized amount.

CHRB Investigator Dennis Drulias presented his thirty six (36) page complaint packet at this hearing. Trainer James Glenn was present and testified. Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed the proceedings.

A separate complaint was filed against Veterinarian Amanda Grey (Ref: 12/1/17 (1)) for mistreating three (3) horses which resulted in extreme overages of the medication Flunixin (Case #17LA0366, Case #17LA0342 and Case #17LA0365). On December 2, 2017 Los Alamitos Stewards issued ruling #332 suspending Veterinarian Amanda Grey for mistreating the three (3) horses, one of which was the aforementioned Seared. At the conclusion of this hearing the Stewards announced 'on the record' that this case was dismissed as all evidence and testimony pointed to mistreatment by Dr. Amanda Grey. The decision was unanimous.

(2) ROMAN FIGUEROA COMPLAINT (CASE NO 17LA0349)

The CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer Roman Figueroa for CHRB Rule #1843(A)(D)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule 1843.1(B)(Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1844(C)(2)(Authorized Medication) and Rule #1887(A)(Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

On October 21, 2017 at Los Alamitos the horse "Kissed By An Eagle" finished 1st in the seventh race. The post race blood sample of this horse contained Flunixin (86.6 ng/ml) in excess of the authorized amount.

CHRB Investigator Dennis Drulias presented his thirty four (34) page complaint packet at this hearing. Trainer Roman Figueroa was present and testified. Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed the proceedings.

The overage in this case is similar to the previous minute entry (Ref 12/8/17 (1) – Case #17LA0347) in as much as Veterinarian Amanda Grey pled guilty to mistreating horses with an overage of Flunixin in both cases. She was suspended for 30 days by Los Alamitos Stewards last week.

Once again the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, dismissed this complaint prior to the hearings' close as the Stewards determined that Trainer Figueroa was not at fault for this overage.

(3) RODRIGO ACEVES FILM REVIEW

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #1 Up For Pride who finished first in the eighth race going 300 yards. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson was also present. Film review shows Jockey Aceves used his riding crop three (3) times between his horse's ears, twice before the finish line and once after. Jockey Aceves told the Stewards he was trying to get his horse's head down at the wire in what was a photo finish. The Stewards told Mr. Aceves this was a rule violation. The decision to issue the following ruling was unanimous.

RULING # 339

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (USE OF RIDING CROP-STRIKING HORSE OVER THE HEAD) DURING THE RUNNING OF THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 3, 2017.

(4) WAGERING FORMAT CHANGE

Tonight's second race had six (6) entrants. Show wagering was not offered in this event and the program scratch of #1 Behrly Tricky led to five (5) starters running in this 870 yard Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred event. Post time favorite (odds 2/5) #6 Stoneys Mr Cruiser won this event tripping the timer in 45.78 seconds.

(5) EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the eighth race, which was the \$25,000 A Ransom Handicap. In this 350 yard Quarter Horse event original fourth place finisher #2 Remembering Florence (Cesar Franco) breaks out and bumps fifth place finisher #3 Hold Sway (Cesar Gomez). There is additional contact three (3) or four (4) strides after the original contact. The margin at the finish between these two (2) stablemates (Tr. Scott Willoughby) was a head. After reviewing all replay angles the Stewards, in a unanimous decision disqualified #2 Remembering Florence and placed her fifth. Jockey Cesar Franco was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original Order of Finish 7-1-9-2-3-4-5-6-8

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(6) PROGRAM CHANGES

2 nd Race	Declaration #1 Berhly Tricky	Tr. Clement Hurtado
	Refund: \$120.00	Becky Fitzgerald D.V.M.
3 rd Race	#8 Boys Are Best (Tr. D. Givens)	claimed, V. Zamudio, trainer
3 rd Race	Declaration #1 Super Slick Invader	Tr. Felix Gonzalez
	Refund: \$140.00	Entered Back – Stewards
5 th Race	#2 Unnleashed (Tr. M. Fales)	claimed, V. Zamudio, trainer
5 th Race	#5 Big Daddy Denny (Tr. M. Arrossa)	claimed, F. Gonzalez, trainer

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	909	On Track Handle:	\$78,008.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,719</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$203,899.70
Total:	2,628	Out of State:	<u>\$676,942.52</u>
			\$958,850.52

Saturday

12/09/17

(1) CONCERNED OWNER

Owner Julia Reyes appeared in the Stewards' Office for a scheduled informal meeting with the Stewards. Ms. Reyes had several issues to review with us. A Quarter Horse that she owns was bumped at the start last week. She wanted an understanding of our race analysis and film interpretation. She also wanted to view a specified jockey and an assistant starter's performance. After roughly twenty (20) minutes of film review/discussion Ms. Reyes left our office in what we all felt was a productive meeting. Starter Gary Brinson was notified later and said he would speak with her about his starting gate procedures.

(2) MIKE ROBBINS COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 17LA0355)

Trainer Mike Robbins appeared in our office to address a complaint that was originally scheduled to be heard on December 30, 2017. Trainer Robbins will be out of town on that date and we gave him a hearing date today after he agreed to waive his due process rights of ten (10) day notice.

An official 'workout blood sample' was taken from the Mike Robbins trained "Billionaire Boy" following a workout on the morning of November 5, 2017 at Los Alamitos. This horse was on the Veterinarian's List (bled) and not removed from that list after the official sample returned with a reading of 2.94 ug/ml of phenylbutazone from U.C. Davis Maddy Laboratories. Trainer Robbins chose to have a split sample sent to Truesdail Laboratories (Irvine, CA) where the same level of 2.94 ug/ml was reported. Mr. Robbins said he did not give any bute to "Billionaire Boy" prior to this workout and was at a loss to explain the very slight overage. CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima presented his thirty four (34) page complaint packet at this informal hearing. After the hearing the Stewards notified Mr. Robbins an official warning would be added to his CHRB License record.

(3) CESAR FRANCO FILM REVIEW (REF 12/8/17 (5))

Jockey Cesar Franco appeared in our office in order to review two (2) races from last evening (December 8). In the fifth race Jockey Franco was aboard third place finisher #7 Dividemeup. This horse veered out from his outside post. Jockey Franco used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times while drifting out. The Stewards voted to issue the following ruling. Steward Nuesch dissented feeling that the four (4) strikes (two of which were on the shoulder), while on a drift, were justified.

RULING # 341

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2017.

The Stewards also reviewed the eighth race (A Ransom Handicap - \$25,000) where Jockey Franco was aboard #2 Remembering Florence, who finished fourth but was disqualified and placed fifth in this race (Ref: 12/8/17 (5)). The Stewards unanimously ruled that Jockey Franco made his best effort possible and he was complimented for doing so. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson was also present for this hearing.

(4) MARCIAL RAMIREZ RULING

RULING # 340

JOCKEY MARCIAL 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 8, 2017.

In last night's fifth race Jockey Marcial Ramirez was aboard second place finisher #1 OK Pancho. Jockey Ramirez used his riding crop excessively in this 300 yard Quarter Horse race. In a unanimous decision the ruling above was issued.

(5) WAGERING FORMAT CHANGE

Tonight's first race was originally carded with seven (7) entrants. No show wagering was offered. Following the declaration of #6 Fandarel Dancer, #2 Hint to Win (Erick Garcia) won this 870 yard six (6) horse race. Post time favorite #7 P Town Titan (Juan Sanchez) finished fourth, going off at odds of four to five (4/5).

Tonight's fourth race, originally drawn with six (6) entrants, had no show wagering. Following the late declaration of #1 Blooming Hannah, #6 Victoriously Jewel (Marcial Ramirez) went on to a facile victory going off as post time favorite at odds of four to five (4/5).

(6) SIXTH RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

Following the running of the sixth race (Quarter Horses – 300 yards) the Stewards had track announcer Ed Burgart relay to the wagering public that a Stewards' review would be conducted into the start. Of particular interest were the actions of #5 Alegandinmytime (Cesar DeAlba) who stumbled and was off slowly. Following the film review the Stewards declared there was no reason to call for an inquiry and the race was subsequently made official.

(7) PROGRAM CHANGES

1 st Race	Declaration #6 Fandarel Dancer	Tr. L. Bradvica
	Refund: \$273.00	Unsound – Becky Fitzgerald, DVM
1 st Race	#7 P Town Titan (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed, L. Bradvica, trainer	
2 nd Race	#6 Tenille	Tr. J. Nunez
	Refund: \$243.00	Re-Enter – Stewards
4 th Race	#1 Blooming Hannah	Tr. R. Bean
	Refund: \$192.00	Unsound – Becky Fitzgerald, DVM
6 th Race	#4 Still Friends (Tr. P. Jones) claimed, J. Nunez, trainer	

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	787	On Track Handle:	\$102,161.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,782</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$250,613.00
Total:	2,569	Out of State:	<u>\$668,594.69</u>
		Total:	\$1,021,368.99

Sunday
12/10/17

(1) SALVADOR INIGUEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Salvador Iniguez appeared in our office in order to review his ride aboard #3 Satin Ruler who finished second in the first race which was for Thoroughbreds going 4 1/2 furlongs. Jockey Iniguez used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times while lugging out at the 1/16 marker. Steward Baker voted for a fine. The majority voted that in lieu of the actions of #3 Satin Ruler no penalty was warranted.

(2) FOURTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

The Stewards' announced that a Steward review would be conducted into the running of the fourth race which was a 300 yard Quarter Horse event. Two (2) horses were off very slowly in this race. Both fifth place finisher #6 Boxcar Willi (Jesus Ayala – odds 6/5) and sixth place finisher #3 Gone Gone Away (Jonathan Roman) were off tardily at the break. Following an analysis of each separate incident the Stewards' unanimously felt there was no need to post the inquiry sign and the race was soon made official.

(3) RACE EIGHT WAGERING

In tonight's eighth race there was no show wagering offered. Post time favorite (odds 3/5) #5 "Sunbeamssecretbeauty" (Cody Jensen) won in this 330 yard race, in which there were five (5) entrants, tripping the timer in 16.99 seconds.

(4) PROGRAM CHANGES

1 st Race	Declaration #1 Lady of Fire	Tr. J. Nunez
	Refund: \$2,280.00	Flipped at barn – Nolton Pattio, V.M.D.
1 st Race	#2 Ronnie's Girl (Tr. M. Stortz) claimed, K. Craigmyle, trainer	
1 st Race	#7 Dresscode Violater (Tr. Jose Jesus Avalos) claimed, A. Aquino, trainer – Void – Unsound	
3 rd Race	#2 Cowtownmary (Tr. J. Glenn, Jr) claimed, trainer	
3 rd Race	Jockey change #2 Cowtownmary	C. Franco for E. Gomez (personal)
3 rd Race	#6 Tenille (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed, K.Castaneda, trainer – Void – Unsound	
5 th Race	Jockey change #5 Sansa	O. Piendo for A. Luna (stomach ache)
6 th Race	#1 Down for Debate (Tr. J. Flores) claimed, R. Suazo, trainer	

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	419	On Track Handle:	\$98,297.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,710</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$342,423.00
Total:	2,129	Out of State:	<u>\$687,112.43</u>
			\$1,127,832.93

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 10, 2017. There were no equine deaths reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period seven horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian's List 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 12/08	SAT 12/09	SUN 12/10	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		3	2	4	9	334
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	36
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	74
REFUNDS		A			2	3	1	6	354
RULINGS			Y		1	2	0	3	336
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	2	2	100

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

Grant Baker (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)