

**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 December 12, 2017 through December 17, 2017.

**Tuesday**

12/12/2017

- (1) **DUTY STEWARD**  
James Dreyer will be responsible for morning transactions and will compile the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
The first race in the book, maiden two year olds for an \$8000 claim, was called off with two. 1 Cal-Bred.
- (3) **THE DRAW**  
Friday evening's feature race will be the Southern California Derby for a purse of \$175,300.

**Wednesday**

12/13/2017

- (1) **SCRATCHES**  
There were no changes or declarations on Friday's program.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
The sixth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$6,250 claim, was off with no entries.
- (3) **THE DRAW**  
Both the \$750,000 Champion of Champions, to be run on Saturday, and the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity, to be run on Sunday, were drawn today and telecast live on TVG.

**Thursday**

12/14/2017

- (1) **SCRATCHES**  
Again for Saturday there were no changes or scratches.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
The fourth race in the book, maidens three years old for a \$12,500 tag, was off with no entries.
- (3) **THE DRAW**  
The closing feature of the 2017 Quarter Horse meet will be the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity.

**Friday**

12/15/2017

- (1) **SCRATCHES**  
Scratch time resulted in one rider change and the declaration of the also eligibles.

(2) RULINGS #342, #343, #344

**RULING # 342**

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 10, 2017.

**RULING # 343**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 10, 2017.

**RULING # 344**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 10, 2017.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the above riders were all guilty of violating Rule #1688(b)(6).

(3) JAMES GLENN JR. HEARING

An informal hearing was held today to address complaint #17LA0369. State Vet Nolton Pattio filed the complaint citing his concern that form 194, Bleeder Medication Request, was not being filed in a timely fashion. In some cases more than a day late. He admitted that trainer Glenn was somewhat of a scapegoat as he was trying to make a point just how important the form is. At the conclusion of the hearing Dr. Pattio requested the complaint be withdrawn. A warning was issued however.

(4) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the third race to review the start. Immediately following the break #5 Dancing Thru Fire appeared to lock up in her hindquarters. When she attempted to get up and was unable to Dr. Fitzgerald determined the filly had broken her back and euthanized her. Jockey Ayala was uninjured.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Game Piece (J. Nunez) Injured  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$340

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	754	On Track Handle:	\$92,244.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,685</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$236,965.70
Total:	2,439	Out of State:	<u>\$626,618.69</u>
			\$955,828.79

**Saturday**  
12/16/2017

(1) RULINGS #345, #346, #347, #348

**RULING # 345**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2017.

**RULING # 346**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2017.

**RULING # 347**

JOCKEY EDDIE S. GARCIA 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2017.

**RULING # 348**

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2017.

The Stewards were busy again last evening enforcing Rule #1688(b)(6) as is noted in the above rulings.

(2) RULING #349

**RULING # 349**

TRAINER VALENTIN ZAMUDIO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1852 (REPORTING TO RECEIVING BARN), PRIOR TO THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 15, 2017.

The foregoing ruling was issued after trainer Valentin Zamudio failed to deliver French Fury to the receiving barn in a timely manner for the seventh race.

(3) ANGELA AQUINO HEARING

An informal hearing was convened today to address complaint #17LA0361. Ms. Aquino had no idea how the reading was so high. She testified that her vet, Anita Yacoub, injected “Foxy Roxy” in two ankles seven days out from the race with 20 mg of Methylprednisolone. Dr. Arthur recommended that if you do one joint with 100 mg it should be done twenty one days out. Investigator Dennis Drulias testified that there is some speculation that if the needle is not properly seated in the joint there could be some leakage that may remain in the horse’s system longer than normal. A ruling will be forthcoming.

(4) COMPLAINT #17LA0362

An informal hearing was conducted this afternoon to address the above referenced complaint. Trainer Andrade could not understand how she got a high dexamethasone let alone at that level (104 pg/ml). She said the horse was treated the same way every time she started “Clandestine”. She gives one azium packet with a dosage syringe on entry day. There has never been a problem until this race. A decision will be rendered in the near future.

(5) GOOD NIGHT

The Champion of Champions was won by the longest shot in the race, “Mr. PYC To You”, 60-1. He earned a berth in the race after one of the original finalists tested positive for Clenbuterol.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 Sheza Painted Chick (J. Hernandez, Jr.) Sick

Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$156

4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Flos Stellar Royal (R. Guillen) Unsound

Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$284

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,674	On Track Handle:	\$173,567.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,857</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$300,586.80
Total:	3,531	Out of State:	<u>\$789,136.56</u>
			\$1,263,290.86

Sunday

12/17/2017

(1) RULINGS #350, #351, #352, #353

**RULING # 350**

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 16, 2017.

**RULING # 351**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 16, 2017.

**RULING # 352**

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO 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 – FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE EIGHTH RACE (THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 16, 2017.

**RULING # 353**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 29 & 30, 2017 AND JANUARY 5, 2018) 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-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE (THE CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 16, 2017.

As indicated by the above rulings it was another busy night for Rule #1688(b)(6).

(2) RULING #354 (REFER – 12/16/17 – #3)

**RULING # 354**

TRAINER ANGELA AQUINO WHO STARTED THE HORSE “FOXY ROXY”, THE SEVENTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 27, 2017, IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF THE HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED

DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844 (F) (10) (METHLYPREDNISOLONE (202 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (100 PG/ML).

After considering trainer Aquino's recent medication history the above fine was assessed.

(3) RULING #355 (REFER – 12/16/17 – #4)

**RULING # 355**

TRAINER ELENA ANDRADE WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CLANDESTINE", THE FOURTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 27, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF THE HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844 (F)(4)(DEXAMETHASONE (104 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5 PG/ML).

After reviewing the facts and considering trainer Andrade's excellent medication record the foregoing ruling was issued.

(4) POSSIBLE INCORRECT WEIGHT

After the riders had weighed back in and the race had been made official the jocks room notified us the winner may have carried the wrong weight. Apprentice Jockey Edgar Payeras told the Clerk of Scales it had been his sixth win. The horse carried the weight of a ten pound apprentice. We asked what his apprentice certificate showed and were told it had two wins, his maiden win at Fresno and one win at the Los Alamitos day Thoroughbred meet. The other four wins had come during the Los Alamitos night meet.

The Los Alamitos racing officials are rotated. At any given time one of three different individuals could be filling the position of Clerk of Scales. Due to the shifting around their training is somewhat questionable.

The weight situation was turned over to the investigators. In all likelihood this will culminate in a disqualification and fines.

(5) REASONABLY GOOD NIGHT

Barring two unexpected scratches, see Late Declarations, the evening went quite well. Trainer Jaime Gomez won the Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity, actual purse \$1,703,450, with J Fire Up. He was one of the favorites.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Jensen (J. Wong) Sick  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$591  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 McFarland USA (E. Andrade) Broke through gate and ran off  
Stewards Refund: \$6984  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Ray Donovan (P. Jones) Flipped In Gate  
Stewards Refund: \$26,685

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,034	On Track Handle:	\$182,885.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,659</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$410,651.50
Total:	2,693	Out of State:	<u>\$1,008,686.69</u>
		Total:	\$1,602,223.69

## TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 17, 2017. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 3 for injury, 2 for sickness and 1 for bleeding. Four 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 12/15	SAT 12/16	SUN 12/17	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	9
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		2	5	4	11	345
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	36
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	75
REFUNDS		A			1	2	3	6	360
RULINGS			Y		3	5	6	14	355
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	100

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

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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Grant Baker (Steward)

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Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)