

**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 December 26, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

**Tuesday**

12/26/2017

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for the reporting period.

**(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Friday's eight race program was completed at 1:00 p.m. consisting of six Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred, and one mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred race. Fifty eight horses are scheduled to start.

**(3) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The seventh race in the condition book, for California-Bred three year olds and upward, claiming \$12,500, at 300 yards. The race was called off with one entry.

**Wednesday**

12/27/2017

**(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Friday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in one equipment change.

**(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Saturday's nine race program was completed at 1:00 p.m. consisting of four Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and three mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races. Sixty-one horses are scheduled to start.

**(3) CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the condition book, for California-Bred two year olds, maiden claiming \$6,250 at 300 yards. The race was called off with one entry.

**Thursday**

12/28/2017

**(1) SCRATCHES**

Saturday's scratches were taken at 9:00 a.m. resulting in two jockey changes, two equipment changes and one weight change.

(2) ENTRIES

Due to holiday scheduling, Los Alamitos will be dark on Sunday, December 31, 2017, no entries were taken on Thursday, December 28.

Friday

12/29/2017

(1) MATTHEW FALES HEARING – CASE #17LA0352

A formal hearing was held today for trainer Matthew Fales who was cited in case #17LA0352 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (A&D) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (A)(Prohibited Drug Substances), #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner To Insure Condition of Horse).

Present in addition to Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward, and Ron Church were Mr. Matthew Fales (respondent), Mr. Ralph Fales, Mr. Kevin Kitashima (CHRB Investigator) with Michelle Derieg recording the proceeding. After taking testimony and admitting the related documents into the record case number #17LA0352 will be submitted for a proposed decision.

(2) SECOND RACE – STEWARDS LIST

During the running of the second race (Thoroughbreds – 4½ Furlongs), #3 “Splash of Fortuna” (Tr. F. Gonzalez – Jockey C. Franco), bolted on the turn. The horse was placed on the Stewards’ List and must re-qualify.

(3) SIXTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted following the sixth race to examine an incident nearing the finish. #2 “Rite Quick” (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Mendez) drifting out and slightly impedes #3 “Kindigit” (4<sup>th</sup> – C. Huerta) and #4 “Cash DeVille” (6<sup>th</sup> – C. DeAlba). After speaking with the involved riders and a thorough review of the film, the vote was unanimous, no change was made.

(4) SEVENTH RACE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Immediately following the running of the seventh race, the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred near the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole involving #4 “Lothbrok” (5<sup>th</sup> – A. Luna) drifting out and causing #5 “Foosie Jenner” (6<sup>th</sup> – C. Huerta) to alter course. After speaking with the riders and reviewing the film, the vote was unanimous, no change was made.

(5) EIGHTH RACE – LATE DECLARATION

#3 “Rythum N Blues Girl” (Jockey M. Arana) became fractious and flipped in the starting gate injuring herself. Rythum N Blues Girl on the recommendation of track Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald was declared by the Stewards.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS – CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Zachian (Tr. E. January) claimed – Tr. J. Nunez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Quantum Force (Tr. E. Freeman) – sick – Dr. Pattio Refund \$690.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 One Of A Kind (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) – claimed Tr. J. Clark
- #7 Chrystel (Tr. M. Arrossa) – claimed Tr. V. Zamudio
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Tres On First (Tr. J. Flores) – Jockey Samuel Mendez replaced Jockey M. Arriaga
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Rythum N Blues Girl (Tr. R. Corona) – accident starting gate, injured, Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$9,958.00
- #5 California Blossom (Tr. J. Flores) Jockey S. Mendez replaced Jockey M. Arriaga

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	687	On Track Handle:	\$88,820.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,782</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$296,700.90
Total:	2,469	Out of State:	<u>\$888,643.53</u>
			\$1,274,164.73

Saturday

12/30/17

(1) RULINGS #1 – #3

**RULING # 1**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2017.

**RULING # 2**

JOCKEY EDUARDO 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2017.

**RULING # 3**

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE RACING DAYS (JANUARY 6, 7, 12, 13 AND 14, 2018) AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)\* FOR BLATANT 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-SIXTH VIOLATION WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2017.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

After the Stewards review of the ninth race on Sunday, December 17, 2017, the Grade I Los Alamitos 2 Million Futurity, and the films confirming the violations of CHRB Rule #1688 (b)(6). The above rulings were issued.

(2) ALEJANDRO LUNA – RULING

**RULING # 4**

JOCKEY ALEJANDRO LUNA WHO RODE “LOTHBROK” IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 29, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (JANUARY 6, 7 AND 12, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

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 ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Luna met with the Stewards and failed to provide an excusable reason for his failure to correct his mount’s course before causing interference.

(3) SAMUEL MENDEZ – RULING

**RULING # 5**

JOCKEY SAMUEL MENDEZ WHO RODE “RITE QUICK” IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 29, 2017, IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (JANUARY 6, 7 AND 12, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

After the Stewards reviewed the sixth race from last evening films showjockey Samuel Mendez making very little effort to control his mount before causing interference, the above ruling was issued.

(4) ERICK GARCIA – RULING

**RULING # 6**

JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR A BLATANT 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 DECEMBER 29, 2017.

The ruling listed above was issued after Jockey Erick Garcia met with the Steward and failed to offer a valid reason that would absolve him of violation of CHRB Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(5) RACING PROGRAM

The evening's racing program proceeded without any noteworthy incidents.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Secretary General (Tr. J. Nunez) unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$121.10  
#6 Sonic Boy (Tr. R. Lucas) – no papers on file – Stewards Refund \$24.60  
#7 Scene Enuf (Tr. M. Valenzuela) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$338.80  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Nashoga (Tr. J. Nunez) scratched at gate, unsound  
Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$7,898.44  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #LDS Sue Ellen (Tr. B. Vickery) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$519.90  
#4 Rolling Along (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) claimed Tr. V. Zamudio  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Firey Icon(Tr. R. Corona) Flipped saddling paddock – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$11,691.12

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	770	On Track Handle:	\$92,501.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,255</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$293,847.10
Total:	3,025	Out of State:	<u>\$911,513.77</u>
			\$1,297,862.67

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 31, 2017. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY  
2017**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 12/29	SAT 12/30	SUN 12/31	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	D	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	A	0	0
CLAIMS			R		3	1	R	4	4
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	K	0	0
INQUIRIES	D				2	0		2	2
REFUNDS		A			2	6	D	8	8
RULINGS			Y		0	6	A	6	6
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	Y	0	0

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

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Ron Church (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Safety Steward)