

**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 February 15 through February 18, 2018.

**THURSDAY**

02/15/2018

**(1) MORNING DUTY**

Tom Ward was in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to handle entries and scratches. Races filled rather well, with the draw taking place no later than 1:30 P.M. Changes at scratch time for three eight race cards were minimal. Ward will also be writing the minutes for the upcoming week.

**FRIDAY**

02/16/2018

**(1) MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Monty Arrossa was in the office this evening in response to a complaint filed against him by Board investigators for an overage of the anti-inflammatory drug Triamcinolone, commonly known as Vetalog. The authorized amount is 100pg/ml, whereas Mr. Arrossa's horse had 333pg/ml. in its sample. Mr. Arrossa, who has been racing in California for nearly two years, has a spotless medication record in this jurisdiction. He has a very conservative attitude in his approach to medication, and said that he checked the RMTTC literature which indicated that the drug should clear in seven days. He relied on that information and had his veterinarian, Ashley Troncatty, inject the horse eight days prior to the race. He was very apologetic and assured us that he will not make the same mistake again.

Decision to follow.

**(2) MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Paul Jones came to the Stewards' Office this evening for a formal hearing in response to a complaint filed against him for an extremely large overage of Dexamethasone, known by its brand name, Azium. The permitted amount is 5pg/ml, while Mr. Jones's horse showed the presence of 2,583pg/ml of the drug. The trainer professed absolutely no knowledge of how the horse received Dexamethasone. He said that neither he nor his employees administered the drug to the horse. He said the horse, a two-time futurity winner, was among the soundest horses in his barn. He further testified that in his opinion, the amount of Dexamethasone found in the horse would have a calming effect, which would be a disadvantage in the race. He can't prove it, but he surmises that the attending veterinarian gave the horse a shot with both Dexamethasone and Lasix in it.

Decision to follow.

(3) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez came to the office this afternoon to review the ninth from last Sunday, after which his horse was disqualified from eighth to ninth position for interference at the mid-point of the race. After reviewing video of the incident and discussing the infraction, the Stewards unanimously voted to give Mr. Mendez a warning.

(4) VOIDED CLAIM

A claim put in by trainer R. Guillen for High On Harem was voided as the horse was lame in the detention barn. Returned to Monty Arrossa.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	594	On Track Handle:	\$81,587.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,789</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$265,816.50
Total:	2,383	Out of State:	<u>\$737,525.05</u>
		Total:	\$1,084,929.35

**SATURDAY**

02/17/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - #6 Boogie(Stewards-entered back) refund of \$1,137.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race – Justonetimebaby(Vet-unsound) refund of \$176.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #6 ProudtoBesicilian(Vet-injured) refund of \$401.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Jess Dicey(Vet-injured) refund of \$195.00

(2) RIDERS EXCUSED

Jockeys Rodolfo Arvizu, Carlos Huerta and G. Jairo Rangel were excused from their mounts this evening. Arvizu and Huerta were taken off due to illness, while Rangel could not pay a previously levied fine. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING #39

**RULING # 39**

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO WHO RODE "LDS SUE ELLEN" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 11, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, AND 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. THIS CONSTITUES 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 SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the sixth race on February 11, when his mount was responsible for interference. Mr. Peinado had several excuses for his actions, but none could get him out of the sanction

(4) RULING #40

**RULING # 40**

TRAINER MONTY ARROSSA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CHRYSTEL", THE FIFTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 29, 2017, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* 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 AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844(f)(13)(TRIAMCINOLONE (333 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 100 PG/ML).

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the case against Mr. Arrossa. While his medication record in California is exemplary, this was nonetheless a clear violation.

(5) RULING #41

**RULING # 41**

TRAINER PAUL JONES WHO STARTED THE HORSE "KVN CORONA", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2017, IS FINED TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2500.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (A)(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 (2583 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL (5 PG/ML).

The preceding ruling was issued after deliberation of the facts in the case. Mr. Jones made some interesting arguments in his favor, however none would absolve him of culpability for the extremely high findings in the sample

(6) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cesar Gomez was in the office this evening to review the seventh race from last night, during which his mount drifted out and caused interference in the process. He was ultimately issued a warning as we felt the fault lay mostly with his mount.

(7) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Salvador Naranjo was in the office this evening, responding to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Phenylbutazone – 8.02ug/ml. found in his trainee, Berezina, which worked for removal from the Veterinarian's List on January 5, 2018. Mr. Naranjo accepted responsibility for the overage, but placed the blame on the horse's groom, who was the boyfriend of the owner. He said the likely cause of the problem was that instead of giving the horse the amount he instructed, 2 tablets, the horse received an unknown additional amount. Ruling to follow.

(8) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited prior to the third race by trainer Elmer January for #5 Who's Hot was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of the former trainer, Charles Treece.

(9) ACCIDENT/INQUIRIES/DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review two incidents which took place during the 350 yard event. The first occurred in the opening strides, when #1 Tustin Kid broke awkwardly and fell. The horse suffered a severe spinal injury and was euthanized on the track by Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The second incident happened approaching the finish, when #8Kue Tip, ridden by Jose Nicasio, drifted in to place the #7 horse, Priceless Mr. Jess, in tight quarters and forced that horse's rider to check sharply. That incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost Jesus Ayala and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	912	On Track Handle:	\$90,488.60
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,826</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$298,963.40
Total:	2,738	Out of State:	<u>\$876,948.22</u>
		Total:	\$1,266,400.22

**SUNDAY**

02/18/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> race - #2 Lancasterinvision (Vet-sick)  
#3 Berraco(Vet-unsound) refund of \$396.00  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Mickey Ward(Vet-sick) refund of \$441.00  
8<sup>th</sup> race - #10 Fury Of Innocence (Vet-unsound) refund of \$278.00

(2) RULING #42

**RULING # 42**

TRAINER SALVADOR NARANJO, WHO WORKED THE HORSE "BEREZINA", AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 5, 2018, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)\* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND #1866 (VETERINARIANS LIST), FOR VIOLATION

OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844(c)(l)(PHENYL BUTAZONE (8.02 UG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 2.0 UG/ML).

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the merits of the case against Mr. Naranjo.

(3) RULING #43

**RULING # 43**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 FEBRUARY 17, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Zepeda offered no argument as to his violation of the rule.

(4) RULING #44

**RULING #44**

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO, WHO RODE "KUE TIP" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO SEVENTH POSITION. 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.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Nicasio had viewed the race in question. He offered no excuse.

(5) RIDER EXCUSED

G. Jairo Rangel was excused from his only mount of the evening due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

(6) GOOD EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	654	On Track Handle:	\$87,755.90
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,593</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$338,082.90
Total:	2,247	Out of State:	<u>\$959,872.94</u>
		Total:	\$1,385,711.74

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 18, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness and 2 for injury. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY  
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 02/16	SAT 02/17	SUN 02/18	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		0	3	4	7	53
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	6
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	11
REFUNDS		A			0	4	3	7	59
RULINGS			Y		0	3	3	6	43
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	1	0	2	9

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

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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Ron Church (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)