

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 February 20, 2018 through February 25, 2018.

Tuesday

02/20/2018

- (1) DUTY STEWARD
James Dreyer will monitor entries and will record the minutes during this recording period.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$12,500 claim, was off with no entries.
- (3) THE DRAW
A 2:30 draw resulted in four Thoroughbred and an equal number of Quarter Horse races.

Wednesday

02/21/2018

- (1) SCRATCHES
One rider switch completed Friday's program changes.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The first race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$12,500 tag, was used open with three Cal-Breds.
- (3) THE DRAW
Saturday's eight race card is again an even split between Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

Thursday

02/22/2018

- (1) SCRATCHES
One rider change completed Saturday's program adjustments.
- (2) CAL-BRED REPORT
The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$6,250 tag, was called off with one. 1 Cal-Bred.
- (3) THE DRAW
The Oatman Overnight Handicap will be the feature on Sunday's eight race program.

Friday

02/23/2018

- (1) SCRATCHES
There were no changes or scratches on Sunday's program.

(2) RULING #45 AND #46

RULING # 45

JOCKEY EDUARD ROJAS FERNANDEZ 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 18, 2018.

RULING # 46

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO 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 18, 2018.

The above rulings were issued after both riders were in violation of Rule #1688 (b)(6).

(3) COMPLAINTS #18LA0010, #18LA0011, #18LA0012

A formal hearing was convened today to address the above complaints; these cases were heard simultaneously as they all involved the same horse. Present were the Stewards, the defendants, Dr. Beck, vet tech Emily Villa, and investigators Blake and Kitashima, Joyce Silverman recorded the proceedings, Groom Fredi Arana was excused without testifying to care for horses trainer Aquino had running. Angela Aquino's testimony was rather brief stating that due to unforeseen circumstances she had to haul a horse to Golden Gate Fields. Ronald Martin was completely candid about what he was doing on the backside. He said he has been nebulizing horses for more than three years and was unaware he was violating any rules. With regard to Tough Ray Mr. Martin accepted full responsibility for treating the wrong horse but questioned Vet Tech Emily Villa's testimony that when she arrived at the barn and said she was looking for Tough Ray he said this may be the horse. Dr. Beck did most of the talking. He accused Martin of practicing medicine without a license and recommended that his license be revoked. He felt that the treatment he was dispensing had to be under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. All of this testimony presented will be digested and rulings will be forthcoming.

(4) INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the first race the Stewards posted the inquiry to review two incidents. The first incident occurred near the 3/16 pole when #3 Game Piece was injured and fell. #4 Arthur's Honor went over the fallen horse and also went down. In the second incident #6 Zachian (2nd K. McDaid) drifted out entering the stretch making contact with #7 Getin Greedy (4th J. Sanchez) and nearly turning him sideways. After reviewing the films and polling the involved riders the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Zachian.

Original Order 1-(6)-2-7 Official Order 1-2-7-(6)

With regard to the horses and riders. Game Piece was euthanized on the track while Arthurs Honor appeared uninjured. Both riders were examined and OK'd.

(5) INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the fourth race to review an accident. Approaching the 1/8 pole Salvador Iniguez on #7 Time Toget Ahead allowed his mount to drift out clipping the heels of the eventual winner #8 Lets Go Everybody. The Stewards all felt the entire incident was the fault of Iniguez and no change was justified.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #5 Canneto Beach (J. Wallace) Colic. Dr. Beck Refund: \$642
4th Race #4 Sir Pal (J. Nunez) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$881
5th Race #3 HKB Classy Chick (C. O'Dell) Sick. Dr. Beck Refund: \$495
6th Race #3 Our Sweet Trini (J. Flores) Entered Back. Stewards Refund: \$138
7th Race #6 Runnin Jesse (B. Vickery) Broke through gate and ran off
8th Race #3 Jess Do It (M. Fales) Vet's List. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$737

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	536	On Track Handle:	\$85,302.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,777</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$242,239.70
Total:	2,313	Out of State:	<u>\$765,425.52</u>
			\$1,092,968.12

Saturday

02/24/2018

(1) RULING #47, #48, #49 (REFER 2/23/18 - #3)

RULING # 47

VETERINARIAN ASSISTANT RONALD MARTIN IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (FEBRUARY 26, 2018 THRU MARCH 12, 2018) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1840 (VETERINARY PRACTICES AND TREATMENTS RESTRICTED), AND RULE #1843.5 (C) (I) (MEDICATION DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES PERMITTED AFTER ENTRY IN A RACE).

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

RULING # 48

TRAINER ANGELA AQUINO IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1840 (VETERINARY PRACTICES AND TREATMENTS RESTRICTED), RULE #1843.5 (C) (MEDICATION DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES PERMITTED AFTER ENTRY IN A RACE), #1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION) AND #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE).

RULING # 49

GROOM FREDI ARANA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1845 (AUTHORIZED BLEEDER MEDICATION).

After considering all testimony given and notifying the individuals affected by our decision the foregoing rulings were issued.

(1) RULING #50 (REFER 2/23/18 - #4)

RULING #50

JOCKEY KELLIE MCDAID, WHO RODE "ZACHIAN" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 3RD, 4TH, AND 9TH 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HER MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FOURTH POSITION. 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 THIS SUSPENTION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

Apprentice McDaid was in this afternoon in an attempt to explain her action in last evening's first race. She was unsuccessful in trying to convince us she was not at fault for her disqualification resulting in the above ruling.

(3) COMPLAINTS #17LA00387, #17LA0393, #17LA0394

An informal hearing was conducted this afternoon to address the above complaints.

Matthew Nichols was contacted telephonically. After hearing the three individual's explanations it is the opinion of this Board that the errors were more of a bookkeeping matter than anything. Matt said he had marked the first page before getting busy and forgot to go back and mark the second page. Our Jocks room clerks rotate and each thought the other one had marked the apprentice certificate. As for apprentice Payeras he testified that he was aware his apprentice allowance was due to change but thought that he could ride the horses he was on at the weight posted in the program.

(4) GOOD EVENING

With the exception of the cold it was a very good night of racing at Los Alamitos.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #2 Forthenineteen (E. January) Colic. Dr. Beck Refund: \$419
 4th Race #1 Couldashouldadid (J. Avalos) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$237
 5th Race #4 Roseannadana (J. Enriquez) Injury. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$650
 8th Race #3 Cucuro J. Nunez) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$180

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	669	On Track Handle:	\$77,437.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,893</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$235,719.30
Total:	2,562	Out of State:	<u>\$700,599.14</u>
			\$1,013,755.74

Sunday
02/25/2018

(1) NUESCH REPLACES WARD

Tom Ward will be taking the evening off to prepare for a medical procedure and will be replaced by David Nuesch. Paul Atkinson will fill David's shoes for the evening.

(2) RON MARTIN VISITS

Mr. Martin came by to discuss his hearing. We got the impression that he felt the only testimony we listened to was Dr. Beck's. This could not have been further from the truth. Our decision was based on the entire body of testimony given and he was told that in no uncertain terms. We do not know if it got through to him but it now appears he is going to appeal our decision.

(3) INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the first race to review the start. #3 Lilac Street reared simultaneously with starter Brinson dispatching the field. The gate functioned properly prompting the Stewards to declare Lilac Street a starter.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The fourth race claim of One More Roll by trainer Jerry Wallace II was voided after being placed on the Vet's List as unsound by Dr. Beck. The gelding was returned to trainer Keith Craigmyle.

(5) INQUIRY DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry was hung following the sixth race to review an incident near the 1/8 pole. #1 Jackie Secrets (3rd – E. Garcia) drifts out causing #2 Our Sweet Trini to check in order to avoid heels. After speaking to the involved riders and examining the replay in a unanimous decision elected to disqualify Jackie Secrets.

Original Finish 5-6-(1)-3-2 Official Finish 5-6-3-2-(1)

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #5 Aiming Straight (J. Nunez) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$295
 4th Race #2 Carulli (K. Castaneda) Sick. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$184
 4th Race #5 Can't Beat L.A (S. Naranjo) Flipped in Paddock. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$4544
 6th Race #4 One Flying Rose (B. Vickery) Colic. Dr. Beck Refund: \$1594

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	507	On Track Handle:	\$70,611.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,669</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$288,226.00
Total:	2,176	Out of State:	<u>\$827,211.10</u>
			\$1,186,048.50

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 25, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 16 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 7 for injury, 1 for medication, and 5 for sickness. Five 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 2018

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 02/23	SAT 02/24	SUN 02/25	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				2	0	0	2	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		3	2	2	7	60
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	1	2	8
INQUIRIES	D				2	0	2	4	15
REFUNDS		A			6	4	4	14	73
RULINGS			Y		2	4	0	6	49
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	10

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)