

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 27, 2018 through March 4, 2018.

Tuesday

2/27/2018

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward David Nuesch 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 card, which consisted of five thoroughbred races, drew at 1:45 pm today. Fifty-four horses are scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

No California-Bred races were used on today's card.

Wednesday

2/28/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Only a couple of rider changes were made at scratch time for Friday night's race card.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's eight race program, which once again had five "around-the-turn" races, was drawn by 2pm today.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The one California-Bred race offered for Saturday attracted no entries.

Thursday

3/01/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. resulting with only a few jockey changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's eight race program wasn't completed until nearly 5pm today. Once again the thoroughbreds provided the bulk of the entries.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The one Cal-bred race had two entries early, was then opened up to all runners, but eventually was called off with a total of four entries.

Friday

3/02/2018

(1) VALLEJO RULING

After receiving notification from the CHRB that the proposed decision for case # 17LA0191 was modified by the board, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 51

TRAINER FRANCISCO VALLEJO WHO STARTED "WINGER" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON MAY 27, 2017 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS (MARCH 12 THRU APRIL 25, 2018) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(A) AND RULE #1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A)(B) AND (D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (CLENBUTEROL – CLASS III), #1843(1)(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), AND #1844(E)(6)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION).

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

(2) FALES RULING

After receiving conformation from the CHRB that the proposed decision by the Stewards for case # 17LA0352 was accepted, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 52

TRAINER MATTHEW FALES WHO STARTED THE HORSE "MY FAVORITE CARTEL" IN THE FOURTH RACE ON OCTOBER 22, 2017 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* AND SUSPENDED THIRTY (30) DAYS) (MARCH 12 THRU APRIL 10, 2018) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) (LEVAMISOLE - CLASS II) #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES).

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

(3) GARCIA RULING

After jockey Eddie Garcia came into the Stewards office to review the sixth race from Sunday evening, when his mount was disqualified. After reviewing the films, the Stewards unanimously agreed that insufficient effort was made on his part, so the following ruling was issued.

RULING #53

JOCKEY EDDIE GARCIA, WHO RODE "JACKIE SECRETS" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE FEBRUARY 25, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 9, 10, AND 11, 2018) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO FIFTH 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 SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

(4) WET FAST

With rain in the forecast for the surrounding area, the track remained sealed right up to the start of our first race. At that point the surface was scratched up, and the official rating was Wet-Fast.

(5) OBJECTION

Following the running of the first race we received word that jockey Sal Iniguez wished to lodge an objection against the second place runner. After reviewing the alleged incident, the Stewards unanimously agreed to take no action.

(6) CAMERA ISSUE

While reviewing the first race the Stewards learned that there was a bit of an issue with the backside head-on camera. The normal lens that is used had to be replaced, and the lift was also not working, so the shot was not as useful as we would have liked, but thankfully it did not present any issues for us throughout the night. We were told that both issues should be resolved before tomorrow night's races.

(7) VOIDED CLAIM

After failing the post-race soundness exam, the claim on Yodlers Way in tonight's third race was voided, and the 4yo colt was returned to trainer Kelly Castaneda.

(8) SHOW WAGERING CANCELED

With the two program scratches from tonight's 4th race, show wagering had to be canceled, as the field was reduced to only four runners.

(9) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #1 California Cactus (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$380.00
4th Race #2 Palm Canyon (Tr. J. Nunez) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$293.00
#5 Glendas Grace (Tr. J. Enriquez) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$138.00
5th Race #5 Vodka Texted You (Tr. K. Castaneda) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$263.00
7th Race #3 One Hot Party (Tr. J. Clark) – Tied-up after lasix – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$854.00
8th Race #2 De Moss (Tr. S. Naranjo – injured– Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$413.00

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	463	On Track Handle:	\$77,130.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,779</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$300,966.70
Total:	2,242	Out of State:	<u>\$732,498.34</u>
			\$1,110,595.74

Saturday
3/03/2018

(1) FAILURE TO APPEAR

After both Rodrigo Aceves and G. Jairo Rangel failed to show up to ride their scheduled mounts on Friday night's card, the following two rulings were issued.

RULING #54

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 2, 2018.

RULING #55

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 2, 2018.

(2) CROP RULING

The following ruling was issued as a result of the lone crop violation on last night's card.

RULING # 56

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 2, 2018.

(3) BRADVICA HEARING

Lou Bradvica came into our office to hear case # 18LA0023, assistant trainer Sally Rivera also attended the hearing. After listening to all the facts, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 57

TRAINER LOUIS BRADVICA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DOUBLE A KAF A", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 19, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF 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)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (29 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML).

(4) TREECE HEARING

Trainer Charles Treece also came into our office this afternoon to hear case # 18LA0002. After a short deliberation the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 58

TRAINER CHARLES TREECE, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "PS BETTIN ON YOU", THE FIFTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 19, 2018, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF 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)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – DEXAMETHASONE (18 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML).

(5) POST PARADE INCIDENT

Just as the horses were leaving the paddock area for the first race, #4 Red White N Fast broke loose from his handler and ran off with jockey Vinnie Bednar aboard. After running off the wrong way, and unseating jockey Vinnie Bednar, Red White N Fast was scratched by the Stewards. Jockey Bednar was transported to Long Beach hospital for further evaluation. Additional information can be found on the attached injury report.

(6) INQUIRY

Immediately following the running of the 8th race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to look into the fact that the doors opened slowly on the inside stall. The horse in question was actually wearing a flipping halter and after further review it was determined that the runner pulled back on the halter just as the starter dispatched the field, preventing the doors from opening on-time. Due to the fact that the horse caused the problem, and it was not a mechanical issue, the runner was declared a starter.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 Red White3 N Fast (Tr. K. Craigmyle) loose post parade – Stewards Refund: \$28,561.00
	#5 Scott For Her (Tr. D. Givens) – Stewards. Refund: \$279.00
2 nd Race	#4 Theverythotofyou (Tr. R. Lucas) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$629.00
	#6 Sharemyway (Tr. D. Givens) – Stewards. Refund: \$691.00

3rd Race #2 Chromie (Tr. R. Lucas) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$173.00
 4th Race #5 Explosive Run (Tr. J. Avalos) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$174.00
 5th Race #1 Cal Cal Li Gowchis (Tr. C. Treece) – Stewards. Refund: \$225.00
 6th Race #3 Up And Go (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Stewards. Refund: \$201.00
 #6 Harlan County (Tr. C. O'Dell) – Stewards. Refund: \$341.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	621	On Track Handle:	\$71,980.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,889</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$275,166.30
Total:	2,510	Out of State:	<u>\$674,289.77</u>
			\$1,021,436.27

Sunday
 3/04/2018

(1) OBJECTION

Following the running of the 3rd race, we got word that jockey Minor Arana wished to claim foul against another rider. No action was taken because, in a photo, jockey Arana actually beat the rival in who he wished to claim foul against. However, the offending rider will be required to come into the Stewards office next week to review his actions.

(2) DELAY BEHIND THE GATE

In the seventh race, jockey Edwardo Nicasio took his mount behind the gate to be re-saddled. With his mount Katelli proving to be a tough customer, the process actually delayed post time by about three minutes.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

7th Race #5 Sheza Painted Chick (Tr. J. Hernandez Jr.) flipped paddock – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund \$1,020.00
 8th Race #5 Gravity Rumors (Tr. D. Givens) injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$353.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	618	On Track Handle:	\$87,458.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,830</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$355,907.20
Total:	2,448	Out of State:	<u>\$984,788.67</u>
			\$1,428,154.77

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 4, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 8 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward David Nuesch.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 3/02	SAT 3/03	SUN 3/04	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	5
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		0	4	0	4	64
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	2	3	18
REFUNDS		A			6	9	2	17	90
RULINGS			Y		3	5	0	8	57
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	0	0	1	11

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

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Safety Steward)