

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 May 15, 2018 through May 20, 2018.

Tuesday

05/15/2018

- (1) **DUTY STEWARD**
James Dreyer will be responsible for morning business and shall record the minutes during this reporting period.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The first race in the book, maidens three years old for a \$6250 claim, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred
- (3) **THE DRAW**
Two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horse races will make up Friday evening's program.

Wednesday

05/16/2018

- (1) **SCRATCHES**
Scratch time was conducted at 9:00 A.M. resulting in two rider changes.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The fifth race in the book, maidens three and up for a \$12,500 claim, was off with one. 0 Cal-Bred.
- (3) **THE DRAW**
Four Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races will comprise Saturday's card.

Thursday

05/17/2018

- (1) **SCRATCHES**
There were no changes or declarations on Saturday's program.
- (2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The first race in the book, maidens three years old for a \$2,500 tag, was called off with one. 0 Cal-Bred.
- (3) **THE DRAW**
Highlighting Sunday's ten races will be the \$321,800 Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity.
- (4) **COMPLAINTS #18LA0075, #18LA0076**
A formal hearing was convened today to address the above listed cases. Present at today's proceedings were Stewards Tom Ward, Ronald Church and James Dreyer, Supervising investigator Tom Blake, Investigator Kevin Kitashima, Security Officer Keith Hicks, defendants

Dr. Samuel Wittlin and Joan Kulifay, attorneys William P. Cole representing the defendants, Robert Brodник, CHRB Staff Counsel, representing the California Horse Racing Board, and Sharyn Jolly, Administrative Hearings. Michelle Derieg will record the proceedings.

Today's discussions were centered around a truck parked in the Los Alamitos lot that is registered to Joan Kulifay. When sergeant Hicks examined the vehicle he discovered needles and syringes and injectable Banamine strewn throughout the cab. Dr. Samuel Wittlin, a close friend and business partner of Ms. Kulifay, said the contraband was his. He claimed he often drives the truck in his practice and she knew nothing about the items in the vehicle. The prosecution argued that the Banamine was unlabeled and therefore in violation of C.H.R.B. rules. Dr. Wittlin countered that the Banamine had not been prescribed or dispensed and consequently did not require labeling. The Banamine was unopened. As for the syringes and needles, several of which had been used, Dr. Wittlin stated that Waste Management comes to his residence and collects the used materials. Judging by the number, approaching fifty, Dr. Wittlin had been remiss in disposing of them in a timely manner. Dr. Wittlin said he practices minimally on the track. His confidantials indicate that all the work he did here was on his own horses. Ms. Kulifay did not testify. A decision in these matters will be forthcoming.

Friday
05/18/2018

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in one rider change and the declaration of the Also Eligible.

(2) RULING #104

RULING # 104

GROOM EDGAR OMAR RAMIREZ, HAVING APPEARED AS ORDERED, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #66, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 24, 2018, IS SET ASIDE.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez finally appeared to address complaint #18LA0063.

(3) RULING #105

RULING # 105

GROOM EDGAR OMAR RAMIREZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – TESTED POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE AND ECSTASY.

FURTHERMORE, EDGAR OMAR RAMIREZ SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

After an informal hearing Edgar Omar Ramirez agreed to all of the stipulations in Ruling #105.

(4) LATE DECLARATION

The late declaration of Nautical C for being improperly listed as a gelding in the program was a majority decision, Steward Tom Ward dissenting.

(5) RULING #106

RULING # 106

VETERINARIAN ASSISTANT RONALD MARTIN IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.5 (C)(I) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES PERMITTED AFTER ENTRY IN A RACE).

After meeting with Ron Martin and him accepting full responsibility for treating a horse that was scheduled to run within 48 hours of him treating it the preceding ruling was issued.

(6) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the eighth race the Stewards posted the inquiry to examine an incident approaching the eighth pole. Minor Arana permitted his mount #3 My Suspiro (3rd) to drift in hazing #2 West Coast

Favorite (5th E. Gomez) into #1 I Spot A Cartel (8th E. Nicasio) virtually eliminating him from the race. After speaking to the involved riders and a thorough review of the film the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify My Suspiro.

Original Finish 8-5-(3)-4-2-7-6-1
Official Finish 8-5-4-2-7-6-1-(3)

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #7 Agressivebrawler (V. Aguayo) Injured. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$264
6th Race #4 Nautical C (J. Flores) Colt Listed as a Gelding. Stewards Refund: \$967

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	787	On Track Handle:	\$120,442.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,830</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$454,446.20
Total:	2,617	Out of State:	<u>\$904,566.14</u>
			\$1,479,454.34

Saturday
05/19/2018

(1) RULING #107

RULING # 107

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA WHO RODE "MY SUSPIRO" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 26TH, 27TH, AND JUNE 1ST, 2018) FOR 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.

Jockey Arana was in to review last evening's eighth race with Stewards, (Refer 5/18/18 - #6). Minor allowed his mount to drift in for approximately 100 yards before making any effort to correct him resulting in his disqualification and the foregoing ruling.

(2) CLAIM VOIDED

The third race claim of Gio'sGold by trainer Chuck Treece was voided after the gelding was placed on Vet's List as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Angela Aquino.

(3) GOOD EVENING

Last evening's program was run free of any significant problems.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #1 Cali Encounter (C. Treece) Unsound. Dr. Ftizgerald Refund: \$256.56
2nd Race #6 Elimination Round (C. Treece) Unsound. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$128
4th Race #3 Cup of Kaffy (C. Treece) Sick. Dr. Beck Refund: \$258.90
6th Race #2 Pablo Pick Casso (J. Flores) Unsound. Dr. Beck Refund: \$230.66

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	870	On Track Handle:	\$123,861.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,883</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$466,505.60
Total:	2,753	Out of State:	<u>\$1,182,705.53</u>
			\$1,773,072.93

Sunday
05/20/2018

(1) RULING #108

RULING # 108

JOCKEY ANTONIO PEREZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(1) (USE OF RIDING CROP-HITTING OVER THE HEAD) DURING THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 19, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Perez was observed striking his mount numerous times over the ears and poll during the race.

(2) RULING #109

RULING # 109

JOCKEY JESUS 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-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 19, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Ayala was found to be in violation of Rule #1688(b)(6).

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

The first race claim of Chiquilin by trainer Keith Craigmyle was voided after the gelding was placed on the Vet's List by Dr. Beck as unsound. He was returned to trainer Elmer January.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The first race claim of Mouney by trainer Jesus Nunez was voided after Dr. Beck placed him on the Vet's List as unsound. He was returned to trainer Keith Craigmyle.

(5) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the tenth race to examine an incident midway through the race. #8 Delayed Steal (9th – DeAlba) is drifting in pushing #7 SC Money Maker (5th – Peinado) into #6 Fast Amanda Rose (10th – C. Mendez) causing her to check sharply. #5 Ms KO (3rd – Roman) was also inconvenienced but finished ahead of the other bothered horses. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the video the Stewards, in a unanimous vote, disqualified Delayed Steal.

Original Order 10-9-5-4-7-3-1-2-~~(8)~~-6

Official Order 10-9-5-4-7-3-1-2-6-~~(8)~~

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #5 Multiple Suns (R. Gomez) Sick. Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$735.

5th Race #10 San Diego Fire (L. Diaz) Colic. Dr. Beck Refund: \$575

6th Race #5 Party Time Chic (M. Fales) Sick. Dr. Beck Refund: \$134

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	775	On Track Handle:	\$132,169.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,665</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$392,622.40
Total:	2,440	Out of State:	<u>\$1,282,712.93</u>
			\$1,807,504.83

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 20, 2018. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 4 for sickness. 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
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 05/18	SAT 05/19	SUN 05/20	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	8
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		3	2	7	12	139
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	1	2	13
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	1	2	30
REFUNDS		A			2	4	3	9	175
RULINGS			Y		3	1	2	6	109
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	2	3	26

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)