

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week July 10, 2018 through July 15, 2018.

Tuesday

07/10/2018

(1) ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, July 13, 2018. Fifty-six (56) horses are slated to start. Friday evening's card will be made up of four (4) quarter horse and four (4) thoroughbred races. Steward Grant Baker will oversee entries and declarations this week.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Today's Cal-Bred offering in the condition book was for Three-year-old Quarter Horses going 350 yards. The race did not generate any interest on this day and was called off with no entries.

Wednesday

07/11/2018

(1) SCRATCH TIME

There were two (2) jockey changes made prior to scratch time for Friday, July 13. Both changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline

(2) ENTRY DAY

Entries for Saturday, July 14, 2018 were taken this morning in the racing office. Nine (9) races were drawn by Racing Secretary Jay Conklin. Sixty-five (65) horses are scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

There are two (2) Cal-Bred offerings for July 14, 2018. 1. Quarter Horses, Three Year Olds and Upward, 350 yards. This race did not receive any entries.

Governor's Cup Futurity Trials. Two Year Olds, Three Hundred and Fifty Yards. A total of Forty-three (43) two-year olds entered in the trials. Six (6) separate divisions filled and will be contested.

Thursday

07/12/2018

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Saturday, July 14 was this morning in the racing office. One (1) jockey change was activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

(2) ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today as entries were being accepted for Sunday, July 15. Fifty-eight (58) horses are spread across eight (8) races.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal Bred offering for Sunday, July 15 is the Governor's Cup Derby Trials. These trials are for three (3) year olds going 350 yards. Two (2) trials will be contested. Ten (10) horses will race in each trial.

Friday

07/13/2018

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Sunday, July 15 was this morning in the racing office. One (1) blinker change was activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline

(2) JESUS NUNEZ HEARING (CASE NO. 18LA0127)

An informal hearing was heard this afternoon for Trainer Jesus Nunez. The complaint in this case reads as follows.

Official blood sample #LA41047 taken on 6/01/2018 at LARC from horse, 'Sharp Holiday' contained Dexamethasone (203 pg/ml). Dexamethasone above the authorized limit (5pg/ml) is considered to be a prohibited drug substance, class 4, penalty class C. The horse, 'Sharp Holiday' ran in the fourth race finishing first. Jesus Nunez is the trainer of record.

CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima presented a twenty-eight (28) page complaint packet at this hearing. Trainer Nunez was accompanied this afternoon by Owner Oscar Casillas. Mr. Casillas is the owner of the aforementioned 'Sharp Holiday. Following question by all of the stewards this hearing was brought to a close. Decision to follow.

RULING # 162

TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SHARP HOLIDAY" THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 26, 2018, IS FINED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00)* 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 (203 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML).

(3) SAFETY STEWARD

Safety Steward Nuesch is off this week. He is working in the judge's stand at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

(4) SMOOTH CARD

Tonight's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

(5) PROGRAM CHANGES

2nd Race Declaration #2 B S Cyclotron (Tr. B. Koriner) Sick- Becky Fitzgerald DVM
4th Race Jockey Change #6 Wire Tap J. Andrade for E. Gomez (Cramps)
5th Race Declaration #5 Agressivebrawler (Tr. J. Avalos) Sick- Gary Beck DVM
REFUND: \$1,261.00
5th Race #3 Unobtainable (Tr. A. Kitchingman) claimed, A. Aquino, trainer
6th Race #2 Where's Bubba (Tr. K. Castaneda) claimed, K. Craigmyle, trainer
7th Race Jockey Change #1 Flying Afar R. Arvizu for C. DeAlba (Sick)
7th Race Jockey Change #3 Firebrand M. Arana for E. Gomez (Cramps)
8th Race Declaration #2 Sassy on Fire (O. Peinado) broke thru gate, loose on track-Stewards
REFUND: \$543.00
8th Race Jockey Change #5 First Lady Perry R. Lozano for C. DeAlba (Sick)
8th Race Correction #8 A Classic Tequila Jockey C. Franco (No apprentice allowance in QH race)

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	719	On Track Handle:	\$109,695.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,904</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$383,433.40
Total:	<u>2,623</u>	Out of State:	<u>\$743,923.21</u>
			\$1,237,052.41

(1) JAIRO RANGEL FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jairo Rangel appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride aboard #4 Las Dos Coronas in last night's 8th Race which was a quarter horse event going 300 yards. This horse finished seventh (last). Jockey Rangel agreed with the stewards that he used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times in the final forty (40) yards of this race. More to follow.

(2) MARK SKEEN COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 18LA0126)

An informal hearing was held this afternoon for Trainer Mark Skeen who appeared by himself. CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima presented a twenty-three-page complaint packet at this hearing. The complaint reads as follows.

Official blood sample #LA41070 taken on 6/02/2018 at LARC from horse 'Cat Two Storm' contained Phenylbutazone (5.23 ug/ml). Phenylbutazone above the authorized limit (2.0 ug/ml) is a prohibited drug substance, class 4, penalty class C. The horse, 'Cat Two Storm' which ran in the 8th race finishing 1st. Mark Skeen is the trainer of record.

Trainer Skeen, who has an exemplary medication record, told the stewards that a 'mix-up' at his barn led to the Bute overage. He said the incident has led to a change in the employment status of one individual. Following testimony and the presentation of the complaint this hearing was ended. Decision to follow.

(3) FIRST RACE JOCKEY OBJECTION

Following the running of the first race Jockey Minor Arana, who was aboard third place finisher #2 Cuvee Cat, lodged a jockey claim of foul against first place finisher #3 Sonnet's Joy (Barrington Harvey). Jockey Arana steadied his mount from between #3 Sonnet's Joy and eventual second place finisher #1 Awesome Romance (Chris Russell).

The stewards reviewed all replay angles and spoke to both jockeys involved. Following film review the stewards determined, in a unanimous decision, that films were inconclusive as to what led to Jockey Arana steadying his horse from between horses. The original placings could stand. No change.

(4) FIFTH RACE ACCIDENT/INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following a single horse accident at the midway point of this 350-yard quarter horse race (Governor's Cup Futurity Trial). Post-time favorite #5 Bookofmatches (Cesar DeAlba) locked up behind and bobbled badly with an eighth of a mile before the finish. Jockey DeAlba was thrown forward landing in front of #5 Bookofmatches. This two-year old filly ran directly over Jockey DeAlba. Bookofmatches was humanely euthanized. Jockey DeAlba was transported to UC Irvine Hospital. This incident did not affect any other horses or riders. The Stewards' allowed the original placings to stand and the race was made official.

(5) EIGHTH RACE TRAINER OBJECTION

Following the running of this race Trainer Scott Willoughby, who conditions third place finisher #6 No Telling (Jesus Ayala) lodged a trainer's objection against first place finisher #7 Favorite Wise Lady (Cody Jensen). Race replays show #7 Favorite Wise Lady duck in sharply following right handed cropping. Jockey Jensen then corrects his mount quickly. #6 No Telling drifted out significantly and her jockey (Jesus Ayala) steadied when #7 Favorite Wise Lady got close. The Stewards reviewed all replay angles and spoke to both jockey's involved. In a unanimous decision, the stewards allowed the original placings to stand. No change.

(6) NINTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign in order to look into an incident following the start of this 350 yard quarter horse race. Of particular interest were the actions of sixth place finisher #3 Quick To Royalty (Jesus Ayala) who veered in shortly after the start. This action forced seventh (last) place finisher #2 Rocks Starlight Cruise (C. Franco) to steady sharply from between horses and possibly clip heels. The Stewards reviewed all replay angles and spoke to both jockeys involved. In a unanimous decision #3 Quick to Royalty was disqualified and placed seventh.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-5-1-7-4-3-2

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-5-1-7-4-2-3

(7) PROGRAM CHANGES

- 1st Race Declaration #8 Baba Be Gone (Tr. J. Mendoza) Sick-Gary Beck DVM
REFUND: \$1,196.00
- 2nd Race #4 Oscar Fever #4 C. Franco for K. McDaid (body sore/thumb)
- 6th Race #2 Flyin Thru Fire R. Lozano for C. DeAlba (Injured)
- 7th Race #2 You Caught My Eye J. Ayala for C. DeAlba (Injured)
- 8th Race #5 Cole Man C. Mendez (Injured)
- 9th Race Jockey Changes #1 Capitol Grille R. Aceves for C. DeAlba (Injured)
#2 Rocks Starlit Cruise C. Franco for E. Nicasio (Sick)

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	866	On Track Handle:	\$161,285.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,862</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$534,700.30
Total:	2,728	Out of State:	<u>\$894,241.47</u>
		Total:	\$1,590,227.67

Sunday

07/15/18

(1) JAIRO RANGEL RULING (REF: 7/14/18 (1))

The ruling below was issued after Jockey Jairo Rangel appeared at an informal hearing yesterday.

RULING # 163

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 13, 2018.

(2) MARK SKEEN RULING REF: 7/14/18 (2)

RULING # 164

TRAINER MARK SKEEN, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CAT TWO STORM", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 2, 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 & D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (C)(1)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION - PHENYLBUTAZONE (5.23 UG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (2.0 UG/ML).

The following ruling was issued after the stewards deliberated on information and testimony given at an informal hearing held here yesterday.

(3) CESAR FRANCO RULING

Jockey Cesar Franco appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his ride in last night's sixth race. Jockey Franco was aboard #1 Jess Bein Me who finished second in this Futurity Trial. This horse ended up qualifying for the finals of the Governor's Cup Futurity. Jockey Franco used his riding crop ten (10) consecutive times in the final eighty (80) yards of this race. The stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 165

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 14, 2018.

(4) SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the final 30 yards of this 400 yard quarter horse race. This race was the first leg of 'The Governor's Cup Derby Trial'. Of particular interest in this race were the actions of third place finisher #4 My Favorite Cartel (Erasmus Gasca) and fifth place finisher #5 The Revenant.

Approximately thirty (30) yards before the finish #4 My Favorite Cartel drifts out. At this moment #5 The Revenant (O. Peinado) steadies sharply from between horses. Eventual winner #8 J Fire Up was racing outside of these two (2) horses and his actions were reviewed also. The Stewards reviewed all camera angles at regular speed and slo-motion. The stewards also spoke to both of the jockey's involved. In a unanimous decision the Stewards' ruled that this incident did not cost #5 The Revenant a placing of fourth or better. No change. Jockey Erasmus Gasca was ordered to film review with the stewards.

(5) PROGRAM CHANGES

- 1st Race Jockey Changes #1 Ghost Lady M. Ramirez for K. McDaid (body sore/thumb)
#8 Sea Secret A. Jimenez for S. Arias (Injured in morning training)
- 1st Race #4 Mama's Secretstorm (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed, J. Farias, trainer
- 2ND Race Declaration #1 Houdini's Magic (Tr. R. Gomez) Unsound-Becky Fitzgerald
REFUND: \$91.00
- 2nd Race Jockey Change #5 Cosmotivo E. Payeras for K. McDaid (body sore/thumb)
- 3rd Race Declaration #6 Sokudo (Tr. K. Castaneda) Inured-Becky Fitzgerald DVM
REFUND: \$227.00
- 4th Race Jockey Change #2 Stel Eagle Friends C. Mendez for C. DeAlba (Injured last night)
- 5th Race Jockey Change #6 Class Stopper J. Ayala for C. DeAlba (Injured last night)
- 6th Race Jockey Change #1 Are Those Regal J. Ayala for C. DeAlba (Injured last night)
- 7th Race Declaration #7 Power Thinker (Tr. P. Vischer) Sick- Becky Fitzgerald DVM
REFUND: \$77.00
- 7th Race Jockey Change #5 The Revenant O. Pienado for C. DeAlba (Injured last night)
- 8th Race #7 Yanque R. Aceves for C. DeAlba (Injured last night)

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	596	On Track Handle:	\$116,179.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,782</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$380,437.20
Total:	2,378	Out of State:	<u>\$824,559.99</u>
			\$1,321,176.79

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 15, 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: 1 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 4 for sickness. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Grant Baker.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 07/13	SAT 07/14	SUN 07/15	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	1	0	1	11
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	6	2	8	9
CLAIMS			R		2	0	2	4	191
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	25
INQUIRIES	D				0	4	1	5	47
REFUNDS		A			3	1	3	7	229
RULINGS			Y		1	0	3	4	161
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	32

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Grant Baker, Ron Church, and James Dreyer were in attendance during this reporting period.

Grant Baker (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)