

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

4961 E. Katella Avenue
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720
www.chrb.ca.gov



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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

HONORABLE CHUCK WINNER, CHAIRMAN
 HONORABLE MADELINE AUERBACH, VICE CHAIRMAN
 HONORABLE DENNIS ALFIERI, MEMBER
 HONORABLE FRED MAAS, MEMBER
 HONORABLE DEBRA REED, MEMBER
 HONORABLE ARACELI RUANO, MEMBER
 HONORABLE ALEX SOLIS, MEMBER
 RICK BAEDEKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 JACQUELINE WAGNER, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 JOHN MCDONOUGH, CHIEF COUNSEL
 DARREL MCHARGUE, CHIEF STEWARD

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 1, 2019 through January 6, 2019.

THURSDAY

1/03/2019

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on duty January 1st, 2nd and 3rd 2019 to supervise entries and declarations for the coming week. Entries for Friday and Saturday were hard to come by, but Sunday proved relatively easy, with the nine-race card being drawn by early afternoon. Races for California Bred horses were offered, however there were no takers and the races were subsequently called off. Changes were held to a minimum.

FRIDAY

1/04/2019

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #2 Kathia (Vet-injured) refund of \$93.00
 4th race - #1 Ultimate Game (Vet-injured)
 #5 Momma Tried (Vet-sick) refund of \$180.00 NO SHOW WAGERING
 5th race - #2 Snow Storms (Vet-injured)
 #5 Jess Mister (Vet-injured) refund of \$436.00 NO SHOW WAGERING

(2) **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Alejandro Luna was excused from his lone mount of the evening due to illness. A replacement was named. Jockey Carlos Huerta was excused from his mount this evening as, after spending an extended time in the "hot box", he was too weak to ride. A replacement rider was named.

(3) **RULING****RULING # 11**

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 30, 2018.

This ruling was issued after the rider accepted responsibility for violating the "crop" rule.

(4) **RULING****RULING # 12**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 11TH, 12TH AND 13TH, 2019) 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-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 30, 2018.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Franco had viewed the seventh race from 12-30-18, during which he violated the "crop" rule. He acted surprised that he was receiving a suspension as he said that it was his opinion that after receiving a previous suspension, he thought that the penalty reverted to a \$50 fine. No such luck.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the third race this evening as the Stewards reviewed an incident entering the far turn involving #3 Derby Tango (M. Arana), the third-place finisher, and #2 Proud Dream (F. Orduno-Rojas), which finished sixth. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards, in a majority decision-Ward in the minority- voted to disqualify Derby Tango from third to sixth position.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #2 Royal Special Man got loose in the saddling paddock and injured itself in the process, prompting Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The refund amounted to \$1,585.00.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	520	On Track Handle:	\$71,764.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,886</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$220,740.10
Total:	2,406	Out of State:	<u>\$630,258.60</u>
		Total:	\$922,763.20

SATURDAY

1/05/2019

(1) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Barrington Harvey was excused from his mount in the first race as he was not aware that he was named to ride the horse. A replacement rider was named.

(2) RIDER IN

Christian Aragon was in the office this evening to explain the reason he was late to the walking ring on Sunday evening. He said that his cubicle is in the extreme back portion of the Jockeys' Room and he simply did not hear the call. Since he has not been a problem in the past, he was issued a warning.

(3) RIDER REVIEW

Jockey Minor Arana was in the office this evening to review the third race from Friday evening as he was the source of an inquiry and disqualification. After a review of the video and a discussion, Mr. Arana escaped with a warning. While the rider to his inside had no business being where he was, Mr. Arana was told that he still must protect a rider who puts himself in a bad spot.

(4) RULING #13

RULING # 13

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 4, 2019.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Zepeda chose not to contest the "crop" violation.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #5 "Evening Again" was deemed to be "off" during the warm up period by Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald and was declared. The refund amounted to \$20,673.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	466	On Track Handle:	\$58,755.60
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,857</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$222,002.50
Total:	2,323	Out of State:	<u>\$707,190.76</u>
		Total:	\$987,948.86

SUNDAY

1/06/2019

(1) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review a spill which occurred entering the far turn. After reviewing video of the race, the Stewards made no change to the original order of finish as no rider error was involved. Video showed that #7 "Adroit", with Vinnie Bednar aboard, suffered a catastrophic injury to the right front ankle/fetlock and fell. #6 "Sunset Melody", which was racing immediately behind the fallen horse, jumped over it and, in the process, lost the rider, Eulices Gomez. #3 "Wonderful Becky", several lengths back, also could not avoid the downed horse and lost the rider, Edgar Orozco.

"Adroit" was euthanized on the track by Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. Jockeys Bednar and Orozco were transported to a local hospital for observation, while jockey Gomez was examined by the track paramedics and cleared to ride. Replacement riders were named.

(2) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #3 "Better than Ever" became fractious and flipped during the loading procedure. Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald recommended that the horse be declared, with the refund amounting to \$21,288.41.

(3) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	587	On Track Handle:	\$92,036.60
Off Track Attendance	<u>2,175</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$326,816.20
Total:	2,762	Out of State:	<u>\$951,211.61</u>
		Total:	\$1,370,064.41

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 6, 2019. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian List as follows: 1 for soundness, 6 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Thirteen 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 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 1/4	SAT 1/5	SUN 1/6	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	1	1	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	2	2	6	10
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	4
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	1	2	5
REFUNDS		A			4	1	1	6	13
RULINGS			Y		2	1	0	3	13
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	1

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)