

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 15, 2019 through January 20, 2019.

**Tuesday**

1/15/2019

(1) **ENTRIES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for this Friday night.

**Wednesday**

1/16/2019

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee scratches for Friday and entries for Saturday.

**Thursday**

1/17/2019

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee scratches for Saturday and entries for Sunday.

**Friday**

1/18/2019

(1) **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON failed to appear as directed to review his crop use during the second race last Sunday. We reviewed the film, confirmed the violation and issued the following ruling:

**RULING # 17**

JOCKEY CHRISTIAN ARAGON 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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 13, 2019.

(2) **VEGA WITHDRAWAL**

After receiving evidence from Equine Sports Medicine LRO, INC that owner JESUS VEGA had paid his debt alleged in case number #19LA0004, the complaint was withdrawn.

(3) **ZUAZO CONTINUANCE**

The complaint filed by Equine Sports Medicine LRO, INC against owner RAMIRO ZUAZO alleging an unpaid veterinary bill was continued one week after Mr. Zuazo was contacted. He asked for some time to speak with the veterinarian in order to sort out a compromise or at least an explanation regarding the bill.

(4) LIVE RACING CANCELLED

After four days of rain, the flood lights on the backstretch of the racetrack and clubhouse turn would not turn on. This was discovered late in the afternoon and the electricians tried for a few hours to fix the problem but 30 minutes after the first race was supposed to have run, it became clear that the problem was not going to be fixed in the near future, so management made the decision to cancel racing for the evening.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	500	On Track Handle:	\$3,220.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,750</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$23,488.40
Total:	2,250	Out of State:	<u>\$0.00</u>
			\$26,708.90

**Saturday**  
1/19/2019

(1) SIERRA HEARING

We held an informal hearing this evening into case number #18LA0284 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer JAVIER SIERRA alleging a Flumethasone positive uncovered in the post-race sample of one of his runners. He wasn't certain how the positive came about, but speculated that it may have been due to a leg paint he was applying to his horses. After listening to the evidence, we issued the following ruling:

**RULING #18**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF THE HORSE), TRAINER JAVIER SIERRA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "ANZYIAN CAT", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 24, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a),(b) and (d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (a)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-FLUMETHASONE).

(2) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the fifth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the winner and the two horses to his inside. Films showed that the winner #7 Bail Czech (C. Mendez) drifted in several paths, first causing #6 Purty Fancy Dude (J. Rios Ayala) to steady and then causing #5 Corona Krush (E. Gasca) to steady, albeit not as significantly. After speaking with the riders involved, the majority voted to disqualify the winner (Steward Ward dissenting). Both members of the majority voted to place him behind #6, while one believed he should be placed behind #5 as well.

Original order of finish:	(7)-3-2-4-6-1-5
Corrected order of finish:	3-2-4-6-(7)-1-5

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#4 Gypsy's Rule – Claimed – F. Gonzalez, trainer. Refund \$0.00.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 Hayne's Pal – Claimed – V. Zamudio. Refund \$0.00.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00.
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00.
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00.
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 Hot Blazin Chick – Stewards' scratch, no insurance. Refund \$79.00.
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00.
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	760	On Track Handle:	\$80,446.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,894</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$221,554.90
Total:	2,654	Out of State:	<u>\$933,061.87</u>
			\$1,235,063.17

**Sunday**

1/20/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey CRUZ MENDEZ came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified for drifting in during the first part of the race. He explained that his horse was trying to lug in the entire race. While we believed that he could have made a better effort to maintain a straight course, we did not believe his actions were careless. Warning.

Jockey EDUARDO NICASIO failed to appear this evening as directed to review his crop use in the seventh race last night. We reviewed the video and issued the following ruling:

**RULING # 19**

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO 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 19, 2019.

Jockey CESAR FRANCO failed to appear this evening to discuss his crop use in the fourth race last night. We reviewed the video and issued the following ruling:

**RULING # 20**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 19, 2019.

(2) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race, trainer B. Hoburg (6<sup>th</sup> place finisher #2 BH Lisas Boy, C. Franco) claimed foul against second place finisher #3 Da One Two Special (J. Nicasio) for interference at the start. Video showed that #2 broke poorly, and while the space between the #1 and #3 did diminish, that #2 did not suffer interference. After speaking with the riders involved, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

(3) TIMING/PHOTO FINISH MALFUNCTION

Following the running of the eighth race, we experienced a timing and photo finish malfunction. This was the second division of two trials, and therefore as is our practice, tested the timing system immediately before the race. It functioned properly. However, during the race itself the timing system did not function properly, and did not produce an accurate time. Additionally, the photo finish camera initially functioned and produced a photo but after a few seconds, malfunctioned and the photo was unable to be retrieved by photo finish personnel. Fortunately, two of three stewards did see the photo while it was temporarily posted and were able to determine an accurate order of finish. Unfortunately there were no times associated with the runners. This is problematic for determining which horses would qualify for the finals. The race was therefore properly made official and payouts were accurately posted. The method by which runners for the finals will be selected will be determined sometime this week.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#2 Charming Weekend – Claimed – J. Mendoza, trainer. Refund \$0.00.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#4 The Sleepy Prince – Veterinarian scratch – Dr. Fitzgerald. #1 Seattle Encounter – Claimed – J. Nunez, trainer. Refund \$190.00.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 Shaula – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald.

4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Holy Plan – Claimed – J. Nunez, trainer. Refund \$247.00.  
 #3 Jay Makes Us Laugh – Claimed – N. Lowe, trainer.  
 #5 Four Gaels – Claimed – K. Castaneda, trainer.  
 ## Jay Makes Us Laugh – CLAIM VOIDED – returns to J. Nunez, trainer.  
 Refund \$0.00.

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Paulinas Prayer – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald.  
 Refund \$131.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0.00.

7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Eyes the Favorite – Rider change – C. Huerta for R. Sanchez (sick).  
 Refund \$0.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Race #7 My Favorite Chick – Rider change – C. Huerta for R. Sanchez (sick).  
 Refund \$0.00.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	492	On Track Handle:	\$105,186.20
Off Track Attendance:	1,740	Off Track Handle:	\$291,933.10
Total:	2,232	Out of State:	<u>\$896,188.02</u>
			\$1,293,307.32

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 20, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 5 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows, 1 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

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**SUMMARY 2019**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 1/18	SAT 1/19	SUN 1/20	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				N/A	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES		A			N/A	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		N/A	2	4	6	21
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	N/A	1	0	1	5
INQUIRIES	D				N/A	1	1	2	7
REFUNDS		A			N/A	1	3	4	23
RULINGS			Y		1	1	2	4	20
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	N/A	0	1	1	2

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

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 Scott Chaney (Steward)

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 James Dreyer (Steward)

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 Tom Ward (Steward)

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 David Nuesch (Safety Steward)