

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 of January 24, 2019 through January 27, 2019.

THURSDAY

1/24/2019

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to oversee entries, scratches and changes. Ward will also author the minutes for the week.

FRIDAY

1/25/2019

(1) **EARLY DECLARATION**

6th race - #3 Honor Maker (Vet-unsound) refund \$72.00.

(2) **TRIALS AFTERMATH**

Over the past several days, there was much discussion as to what to do regarding the finalists for the Brad Mckinzie Winter Championship, the trials for which were run last Sunday (Ref 1-20-2019-3). We were fortunate that in the conditions of the race it specifically states, in part, that "all horses shall be selected on a time trial basis; however, should a variable exist which would prevent this from being feasible, the Stewards may then select the finalists in their order of finish in the trials". This was the perfect solution to our problem and the decision was made to take the first five finishers from each trial. We have had no complaints thus far.

(3) **RULING LEONARDO GONZALEZ****RULING # 21**

JOCKEY LEONARDO GONZALEZ 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 JANUARY 19, 2019.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the fourth race from January 19th, during which he violated the "crop" rule. Mr. Gonzalez, who rides infrequently at this venue, stated that he did not realize that two strikes on the shoulder and two strikes on the hind quarters constituted a violation.

(4) **RULING****RULING # 22**

TRAINER RAMIRO LOPEZ ZUAZO IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$525.00 TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF RAMIRO LOPEZ ZUAZO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). RAMIRO LOPEZ ZUAZO IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION. SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON JANUARY 28, 2019.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Zuazo, having been afforded the opportunity to contact Equine Sports Medicine and come up with an agreement for a delinquent veterinarian bill, failed to follow through after indicating that he would contact them.

(5) RULING

RULING # 23

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (FEBRUARY 1ST, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH, AND 15TH, 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 20, 2019.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the eighth race from last Sunday, during which he committed a blatant violation of the "crop" rule, striking his mount twelve consecutive times without giving the horse a chance to respond. Mr. Franco has been the subject of seven Stewards' rulings for the same violation since November 2018.

This rider is obviously in need of a change in riding style as it seems that he is all about winning, with no thought as to compliance with the rule.

(6) RULING

RULING # 24

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ 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 20, 2019.

This ruling was issued after the rider did not come in to defend himself for a violation of the "crop" rule.

(7) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald reported that jockey Vinnie Bednar, aboard the #5 "Autismonefortyfive", told her that the horse did not feel right to him during the warm up period. The refund amounted to \$9,205.00.

(8) LOST "BUG"

Apprentice jockey Francisco Orduna-Rojas rode his fortieth winner in the evening's fourth race. Consequently, according to the rule, his apprenticeship was over. He had to add seven pounds to his mount in the fifth race, but it proved no consequence as he won with his first mount as journeyman. Congratulations!

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

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| On Track Attendance: | 501 | On Track Handle: | \$69,119.70 |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,882</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$194,014.40 |
| Total: | 2,383 | Out of State: | <u>\$718,108.64</u> |
| | | Total: | \$981,242.74 |

SATURDAY

1/26/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd race- #8 Uptown Street (entered back) refund \$69.10
7th race- #2 Treacherous (Vet-colic) refund \$172.50

(2) RULING

RULING # 25

JOCKEY BRANDON CHANCE BOULANGER 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 JANUARY 25, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider did not come in to argue his case, although in all honesty, there was not much to argue about.

(3) RULINGS

RULING # 26

TRAINER CLEMENTE HURTADO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FOREVER A LEGACY" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a&b) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (a, b, AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (f)(13) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-TRIAMCINOLONE (222 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – 100 PG/ML).

RULING # 27

OWNER FELIPE GARCIA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FOREVER A LEGACY" IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 14, 2018, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a&b) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843 (a, b, AND d)(MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (b) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES), #1844 (f)(13) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-TRIAMCINOLONE (222 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL – 100 PG/ML).

These rulings were issued after an informal hearing with the gentlemen regarding an overage of Triamcinolone (222 pg/ml) found in the horse "Forever A Legacy", the second-place finisher in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2018. The horse was a ship-in from Mr. Garcia's ranch, arriving at Los Alamitos the afternoon prior to the race. Mr. Garcia testified that an unnamed vet, sent to the ranch by a "friend", injected the horse's knees four days before the race with an unknown substance, which turned out to be Triamcinolone. The "vet" subsequently returned to Mexico. We find it difficult to buy into his statements.

Mr. Hurtado, who had not had a medication violation since 1990, testified that he was unaware that the horse had been medicated, but said that once he found out what had been administered, he knew it was too close to the race.

In some respects, the two are lucky that Triamcinolone was the medication found in the horse. An unknown vet administering an unknown substance to the horse and then returning to his native country is playing with fire.

(4) LATE RIDER CHANGE

Jockey Edgar Payeras, who rode in the final race at Santa Anita, did not make it in time to fulfill his commitment in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course. A replacement rider was named and piloted the horse to a Win.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

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|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance: | 715 | On Track Handle: | \$87,763.20 |
| Off Track Attendance | <u>1,878</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$252,879.20 |
| Total: | 2,593 | Out of State: | <u>\$719,464.81</u> |
| | | Total: | \$1,060,107.21 |

(1) RULING

RULING # 28

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 26, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider took a shot by riding the final event at Santa Anita but could not make it in time for the first race at this venue.

(2) CROP VIOLATIONS

RULING # 29

JOCKEY CHRISTIAN ARAGON 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 26, 2019.

RULING # 30

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 26, 2019.

RULING # 31

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE JR. 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 26, 2019.

RULING # 32

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE 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 26, 2019.

These rulings were issued for various violations of the "crop" rule. There were no acceptable excuses offered.

(3) VOIDED CLAIM

The claim deposited by trainer Jesus Mendoza in the third race for #2 "Atomic Action" was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Elmer January.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race in order to review an incident at mid-stretch involving the sixth and seventh place finishers, #5 "Sheza Dasha Fire" (J. Rangel) and #4 "Perfectly Real" (V. Bednar). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify "Sheza Dasha Fire" from sixth to seventh position. Mr. Rangel's horse drifted out in the mid stages of the race, taking the path of "Perfectly Real" and forcing jockey Bednar to check in order to avoid heels. The horse closed strongly after the incident, beaten by a "head" for sixth position.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 608
Off Track Attendance 1,738
Total: 2,346

On Track Handle: \$105,944.70
Off Track Handle: \$306,891.90
Out of State: \$896,972.56
Total: \$1,309,809.16

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 27, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period five horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 4 for soundness and 1 for sickness. Three 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 1/25 | SAT 1/26 | SUN 1/27 | WEEK TOTAL | MEET TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENTS | D | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CAL-BRED RACES | | A | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLAIMS | | | R | | 5 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 30 |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS | | | | K | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| INQUIRIES | D | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| REFUNDS | | A | | | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 27 |
| RULINGS | | | Y | | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 32 |
| VOIDED CLAIMS | | | | S | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

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)