

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 February 26, 2019 through March 3, 2019.

Tuesday

2/26/2019

- (1) **ENTRIES**
Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for this Friday night.

Wednesday

2/27/2019

- (1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**
Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee scratches for Friday and entries for Saturday.

Thursday

2/28/2019

- (1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**
Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee scratches for Saturday and entries for Sunday.

Friday

3/01/2019

- (1) **FILM REVIEW**
Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON came to the office to review his ride in the first race last Sunday. We wanted him to view a drift in the stretch and cautioned him that keeping a straight course is always safer. He agreed. Warning.

- (2) **BECERA RULING**
We issued the following ruling when owner ENRIQUE BECERA provided evidence that he had

satisfied the alleged financial obligation to Equine Sports Medicine:

RULING # 56

OWNER ENRIQUE BECERA, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #135, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2013, IS SET ASIDE.

(3) CASILLAS HEARING

Owner OSCAR CASILLAS came to the office this evening to answer a complaint (case number 19LA0024) filed by the CHRB alleging a dexamethasone positive in one of his horses. Mr. Casillas is an "active" owner in trainer Jesus Nunez's barn. He is not sure how the positive occurred but believes that there was a feed tub switch with a pony who was on dexamethasone. Ruling to follow.

(4) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race, jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON aboard the fourth place finisher #3 Madame Jeanette, claimed foul against the winner #5 Maahes (V. Bednar) alleging interference going into the turn. Video revealed that Mr. Aragon's mount did have to check out of the four horse spread as the field entered the turn, but we could not blame the winner. We unanimously felt that #6 Shadow of War (fifth place, B. Boulanger) caused pressure from the outside and that Mr. Aragon should have been taking out of the tough position in which he found himself. Therefore no change was appropriate.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	542	On Track Handle:	\$74,052.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,849</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$220,627.60
Total:	2,391	Out of State:	<u>\$764,542.62</u>
			\$1,059,222.42

(1) FILM REVIEW

We issued the following ruling when jockey JOSE NICASIO failed to appear indicating that he was accepting responsibility for the crop violation:

RULING # 58

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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 QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 1, 2019.

Jockey RUBEN LOZANO came to the office this evening to examine his ride in the fifth race last night. We wanted to caution him that keeping a straight path is the key to staying out of our office. His mount drifted out while only marginally clear. He agreed and left the office with a warning.

(2) VISSCHER HEARING

We held an informal hearing into case number 19LA0025 which was a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against trainer PATRICIA VISSCHER alleging a dexamethasone positive in one of her runners. She appeared along with her "groom" Palemon Saucedo for whom she is ostensibly program training. Apparently, the horse was injected on entry day and was also given a package of Azium that same day. They had treated the horse in this manner before and therefore had no explanation for the positive. Unfortunately, Ms. Visscher was fined \$1000 two weeks ago for a similar violation regarding a horse that she actually trains. Ruling to follow.

(3) NUNEZ HEARING

Trainer JESUS NUNEZ came to the office for the companion hearing involving his owner heard last night. Case number 19LA0022 is a dexamethasone positive discovered in the post race sample of one of his runners. He didn't really have an explanation but did say that he told his owner not to treat any of his horses without his knowledge. (The owner believed that the positive was from a switched feed tub.) Unfortunately, Mr. Nunez has a lengthy medication history. Ruling to follow.

(4) CASILLAS HEARING

After considering the facts of the Casillas hearing heard last night, we issued the following ruling:

RULING # 57

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887(TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), OWNER OSCAR CASILLAS IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* 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 IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML))- 52 PG/ML FOUND IN POST-RACE SAMPLE #LA43070 TAKEN FROM HIS HORSE, "LEGALLY HOT", THE THIRD PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON JANUARY 19, 2019 .

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 2nd Race #3 Shiner's Code – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
Refund \$454.00
- 3rd Race #1 Skagit River – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
#6 Aguas – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
No Show Wagering
#4 Omeara – Claimed – K. Casteneda, trainer
Refund \$314.00
- 4th Race #2 The Party Factor – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#1 Papa Caballero – Rider change – F. Martinez for E. Garcia (DJF)
Refund \$295.00
- 5th Race #5 Slightly – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$106.00
- 6th Race #5 Devils Informer – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#6 Thankful Every Day – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#2 Teddy Brewksy – Rider change – R. Guce for C. Franco (sick)
Refund \$383.00
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 8th Race #5 Alacarrera – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$403.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	677	On Track Handle:	\$69,130.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,961</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$265,179.10
Total:	2,638	Out of State:	<u>\$643,746.87</u>
			\$978,056.47

Sunday
3/03/2019

(1) RAMIREZ RULING

Having received evidence from the Winners' Foundation that jockey MARCIAL RAMIREZ was not in compliance with Ruling #290 issued on November 16, 2018, we issued the following ruling:

RULING #59

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ, HAVING FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION RULING #290, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2018, IS SUSPENDED PENDING COMPLETION OF A DRUG PROGRAM AS SET FORTH BY THE WINNERS FOUNDATION. SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON MARCH 4, 2019.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARCIAL RAMIREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(2) VISSCHER HEARING

After considering the facts of the hearing from last night, we issued the following ruling:

RULING # 60

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER PAT VISSCHER IS FINED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2500.00)* 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 (68 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML) FOUND IN SAMPLE #LA43096 TAKEN FROM THE HORSE “MOLLY GOT EVEN”, THE FOURTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON JANUARY 25, 2019.

(3) NUNEZ HEARING

After considering the facts of the hearing from last night, we issued the following ruling:

RULING # 61

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5000.00)* 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 (52 PG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (5PG/ML)) FOUND IN SAMPLE #LA43070 TAKEN FROM THE HORSE “LEGALLY HOT”, THE THIRD PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON JANUARY 19, 2019.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #5 Jase’s Aunty Aimee – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$186.80
- 2nd Race #1 Happier Together – Claimed – J. Clark, trainer
#2 Two Timing Lucy – Claimed – J. Uranga, trainer
Refund \$0.00
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 4th Race #2 Quad – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#3 Night at the Opera – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
Refund \$1,928.05
- 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 7th Race #2 Cupids Affair – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
#3 Babe Watchin – Claimed – J. Farias, trainer
#5 Shocking – Claimed – J. Flores, trainer
Refund \$110.75

8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	<u>555</u>	On Track Handle:	\$87,358.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,791</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$423,122.00
Total:	2,346	Out of State:	<u>\$922,745.35</u>
			\$1,433,225.95

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY

2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 3/01	SAT 3/02	SUN 3/03	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		0	2	4	6	59
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	0	1	15
REFUNDS		A			0	6	3	9	67
RULINGS			Y		1	2	3	6	61
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	7

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

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 3, 2019.

0 equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period, 14 horses were added to the Veterinarian

List as follows, 3 for soundness, 4 for injury, 7 for sickness,

0 for medication, 0 for bleeding, and 0 for shock wave therapy.

7 horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and
removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.