

**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 April 9, 2019 through April 14, 2019.

**Tuesday**

4/09/2019

(1) **ENTRIES**

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

**Wednesday**

4/10/2019

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee for entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

**Thursday**

4/11/2019

(1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee for entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

**Friday**

4/12/2019

(1) **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ALBERTO ZEPEDA, in lieu of a hearing, accepted his responsibility for a crop violation last Sunday night. We issued the following ruling:

**RULING # 93**

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 7, 2019.

(2) **STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

Safety Steward David Nuesch is filling in for Steward Tom Ward who is sick tonight. Paul Atkinson will act as Safety Steward.

(3) **CHANG WITHDRAWAL**

Equine Sports Medicine withdrew its complaint (case number #10LA0065) against owner ADRIAN CHANG. He paid the alleged debt in full.

(4) **MURILLO RULING**

We issued the following ruling when owner AUGUSTIN MURILLO failed to appear to answer case number #19LA0064, which was a financial complaint filed by Equine Sports Medicine:

**RULING # 92**

OWNER AGUSTIN MURILLO, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$677.00 TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE LRO, Inc.,) IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Two Timing Lucy – Claimed – S. Morfin, trainer  
#6 Charming Weekend – Claimed – J. Nunez, trainer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 La Pinata – Rider change – E. Gasca for E. Garcia (sick)  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	526	On Track Handle:	\$65,075.30
Off Track Attendance:	1,810	Off Track Handle:	\$254,746.00
Total:	2,336	Out of State:	\$793,893.68
			\$1,113,714.98

**Saturday**  
4/13/2019

(1) NO MORNING ACTIVITY

No Stewards' business was conducted this morning.

(2) STEWARD SHUFFLE

Steward Scott Chaney will be out-of-town for the remainder of this weekend, so Dave Nuesch will be filling his spot in the stand. Paul Atkinson was brought in to fill the role of Safety Steward. Additionally, Tom Ward called in sick once again, so Ron Church came in as Judge Ward's replacement for this evening's race card.

(3) CROP RULING

The following ruling was issued as a result of a crop violation from the prior evening's race card.

**RULING # 94**

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 12, 2019.

(4) JUAN AYALA RULING

We issued the following ruling when groom JUAN AYALA failed to appear to answer case number #19LA068, which was an alleged violation of rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband).

**RULING # 95**

GROOM JUAN AYALA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 13, 2019 TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #19LA0068, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA

HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1489(8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) AND #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND), IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON APRIL 15, 2019.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JUAN AYALA 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.

(5) RUFFU HEARING

An informal hearing was held to hear the case brought by trainer Gail Ruffu against owner Shane Passaretti. After allowing both parties to be heard, an agreement was reached between Mr. Passaretti and Ms. Ruffu. Mr. Passaretti agreed to sign over his one third ownership in a horse named Dutt Bart in exchange for a repayment of a loan made to Ms. Ruffu by Mr. Passaretti. No action by the Board of Stewards was required in resolving this matter.

(6) GATE MALFUNCTION / STEWARDS REVIEW

Just as the field was about to be dispatched from the starting gate for tonight's first race, #6 Sharp Image broke through the front doors. We learned from starter Gary Brinson that the gate actually malfunctioned slightly, but he assured us that the issue was an easy fix. After being examined by the racing vet, Sharp Image was reloaded into the starting gate.

Following the running of the race, the Stewards conducted a review of the start where #6 Sharp Image broke outward quite abruptly. Since the runner that was affected finished in-front of Sharp Image, no action was taken.

(7) TWO LATE SCRATCHES

There were two late scratches from tonight's second race. Prior to the running of the first race we learned that #3 TIGER ON YOUR SIX was injured on the way to the receiving barn, resulting in a late scratch. The second scratch came when #4 UNCHANGED was injured in the starting gate while doing some practice loading with starter Gary Brinson in hopes of preventing him from disrupting the other runners in the race.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 Encountress – Claimed – goes to trainer K. Castaneda
	#7 Spacerika – Claimed – goes to trainer S. Morfin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 Tiger On Your Six – (Tr. M. Curtis) – unsound warm-up – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$2,812.00
	#4 Unchanged – (Tr. R. Lucas) – injured at starting gate – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$8,694.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#5 Lanacakes – (Tr. E. January) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$287.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Mason B – (Tr. K. Castaneda) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$518.00
	#5 Cal Cal Li Gowchis – (Tr. R. Lucas) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$954.00

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	713	On Track Handle:	\$72,887.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,839</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$247,227.10
Total:	2,552	Out of State:	<u>\$887,214.67</u>
			\$1,207,329.17

**Sunday**  
4/14/2019

(1) NO MORNING ACTIVITY

No Stewards' business was conducted this morning.

(2) WARD STILL OUT

The ailing Tom Ward called in sick once again, so Paul Atkinson filled his role in the stand. Steward Kim Sawyer drove down after her day at Santa Anita to fill the role of Safety Steward.

(3) VOIDED CLAIM

After learning that the claimed runner BARGAINING had bled during the running of tonight's fifty race, the Stewards ordered that the claim be voided on the recommendation of the Official Veterinarian.

(4) LIGHTS OUT

Just as the runners for the finale were making their way into the walking ring, all the power went out. Within a few seconds the interior lighting came back on, but the track lighting remained off for around eleven minutes. Once the track lights started to regain strength, the riders mounted and the field of five headed onto the track. The runners had their normal warm-up period and then the outrider escorted them to the starting gate.

To make this race more eventful, during the loading process, two of the runners knocked the front doors open, both exiting the starting gate. Neither runner got loose, so after a thorough check by the racing vet, both runners were reloaded, and the field was finally dispatched at 9:34pm (fourteen minutes past the originally scheduled post time).

After speaking with plant superintendent Frank Sherren, we learned that a car had struck a nearby transformer, causing the outage. Mr. Sherren also explained that within a few seconds the power supply had switched to its alternate source, just as it was designed to do. However, the switch in power supply caused the racetrack lights to shut down, and with this type of lighting system, an approximate ten-minute cooling down period is required before the lights can be restarted.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 Hes Knot Unusual – Claimed – goes to trainer S. Morfin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #7 Tiger Mom – Claimed – goes to trainer A. Aquino  
#5 Misty Moni – (Tr. R. Lucas) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$102.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #7 Rockin My Mojo – Claimed – goes to trainer J. Nunez  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Madame Jeanette – (Tr. A. Aquino) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$186.00  
#6 Lady's War Dress – (Tr. K. Castaneda) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$253.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Spacerika – Claimed VOIDED – returned to trainer G. Papaprodromou  
#4 Bullish On Steve – (Tr. J. Avalos) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$109.00  
#6 Take City By Storm – (Tr. J. Nunez) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$150.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Kiss Fast Zoom – Rider change – V. Bednar for E. Nicasio (excused)  
#7 Baltas Babe – (Tr. T. Knight) – sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$519.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Jes Tex – Claimed – goes to trainer L. Ruiz  
#6 Heza Eagle – Claimed – goes to trainer L. Bradvica  
#4 Mr Eye Valiant – (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$95.00.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	533	On Track Handle:	\$75,945.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,593</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$299,538.90
Total:	2,126	Out of State:	<u>\$932,614.21</u>
			\$1,308,098.11

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 14, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 14 horses was added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 5 for injury, 3 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Stewards C. Scott Chaney and David Nuesch.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
SUMMARY  
2019**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 4/12	SAT 4/13	SUN 4/14	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		2	2	5	9	87
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	17
REFUNDS		A			0	5	7	12	131
RULINGS			Y		2	2	0	4	95
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	13

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, Dave Nuesch, James Dreyer, Ron Church and Safety Stewards Paul Atkinson and Kim Sawyer were in attendance during this reporting period.

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Scott Chaney (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Ron Church (Steward)