

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 August 20, 2019 through August 25, 2019.

Thursday

8/22/2019

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the rotation this week to oversee entries and scratches. As is the norm, entries were difficult to come by, resulting in late draws for the weekend cards. There were no scratches or changes for the three programs. Ward will be writing minutes this coming week.

Friday

8/23/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

2nd race- #6 Brighton Boy (Stewards- blood did not clear) refund of \$549.00

(2) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Jorge Farias was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed by the Board as his horse "Jens Journey", the winner of the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 29, 2019, showed the presence of Phenylbutazone.

Mr. Farias accepted responsibility for the findings, stating that he administered two one gram scoops of the product to the horse forty eight hours prior to the race. He said that he has now gone to administration by a veterinarian to alleviate the problem. Since he has not had a violation in the past thirty six months, he was eligible for the minimum penalty.

Ruling # 219

TRAINER JORGE FARIAS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "JENS JOURNEY", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 29, 2019, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE).

(3) RULING

Ruling # 220

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 AUGUST 18, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider opted not to raise a defense to the "crop" violation.

(4) RULING

Ruling # 221

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO, WHO RODE "DELAYED STEAL" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 18, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE RACING DAYS (3) (AUGUST 30TH, 31ST, AND SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SIXTH TO NINTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING). PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

The preceding ruling was issued after a review of the eighth race from 8-18-19, after which Mr. Lozano's horse was disqualified from sixth to ninth position for interference at the start of the 400 yard Golden State Derby (Grade II). The rider accepted responsibility for the infraction.

(5) EVENING CARD

The seven race card was completed without incident.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	677	\$75,591.50
Off track	1,857	\$306,805.20
Out of state	N/A	\$607,304.19
Total	2,534	\$989,700.89

Saturday

8/24/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race- #4 Xerneas (Vet-injured)
#5 Betdesilvergold (Vet-Injured) refund of \$340.00
- 4th race- #4 Bushwacker Dash (Vet-sick) refund of \$194.00

(2) RULING

Ruling # 222

JOCKEY IRVING LARA 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 23, 2019.

This ruling was issued after the rider pleaded guilty to violating the “crop” rule.

(3) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Jaime Lopez was in the office this evening in response to a complaint filed against him for Phenylbutazone in his horse Up For Kids, the third place finisher in the third race at this venue on July 12, 2019. Mr. Lopez, who trains at his family’s ranch and ships in to run, stated that he gave the horse 2 grams of medication in a dosing syringe approximately 60 hours prior to the race. Unfortunately, it was not enough time to clear the horse’s system.

The following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 223

TRAINER JAIME LOPEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “UP FOR KIDS”, THE THIRD PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 12, 2019, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE).

(4) EVENING CARD

All matters during the evening were routine.

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	780	\$84,391.10
Off track	1,930	\$299,891.60
Out of state	N/A	\$650,097.00
Total	2,710	\$1,034,379.70

Sunday

8/25/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race- #4 Havasu Hunni (Vet-sick) refund of \$146.10
- 3rd race- #2 Yodelers Way (Vet-injured) refund of \$127.80
- 8th race- #3 Furyofthehuracan (Stakes) refund of \$86.40

(2) RULING

Ruling # 224

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)* 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 RUNNING OF THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 24, 2019.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Leon chose not to mount a defense for the “crop” violation.

(3) REFUND

A refund was issued in the third race as #5 Great Bambino was unsound during the warm up period and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$11,330.05.

(4) REFUND

A refund took place in the eighth race as #6 Circle City became fractious in the starting gate and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The resulting refund came to a total of \$18,421.05.

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	546	\$78,055.90
Off track	1,742	\$2584,153.80
Out of state	N/A	\$600,046.96
Total	2,288	\$962,256.66

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 25, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Eleven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

2019

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 8/23	Sat 8/24	Sun 8/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	23
Claims	R		1	4	6	11	187
Disqualification	K		0	0	0	0	25
Inquiries		D	0	0	0	0	52
Refunds		A	1	2	5	8	300
Rulings		Y	3	2	1	6	224
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	38

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward