

**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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Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member

Honorable Alex Solis, Member

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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of March 3, 2020 through March 8, 2020.

**Thursday**

03/05/2020

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this week to handle entries and declarations. As has been the custom early in the year, entries were hard to come by. The Friday card did not fill until 3:45 pm., while the Saturday and Sunday cards, due to trials, closed about an hour earlier. There were no scratches and changes were at a minimum. There were no Cal Bred races on the weekend cards.

**Friday**

03/06/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Clean Living (Vet-sick)  
#5 Miss Swiss (Vet-sick) Refund of \$639.25  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 New Salute (Vet-injured) Refund of \$712.85  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Ginger Street (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$1,648.20  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Blazing Miss (Stewards-entered back) Refund of \$79.55  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Apollitical Troubadour (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$1,284.75

**(2) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Jesus Arriaga was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness.  
Replacement riders were named.

**(3) RULINGS #61 & #62****Ruling # 61**

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT URINE SAMPLE #LA45261, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "RUN FACTOR", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 18, 2020, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (CLASS III), IT IS ORDERED THAT "RUN FACTOR" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$4,040.00) EARNED BY

OWNER JON LANE HENDERSON, TRAINER JUSTIN CLARK, AND JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY APRIL 5, 2020, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – EVENING REWARD  
2nd –ANGRY BOBBY  
3rd – LAKE SHOW  
4th – DARING WAYS  
5<sup>TH</sup> - BRAGGART

Ruling # 62

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT URINE SAMPLE #LA45322, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE “GAS CAN”, THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JANUARY 26, 2020, TESTED POSITIVE FOR CLENBUTEROL (CLASS III), IT IS ORDERED THAT “GAS CAN” BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$2,362.00) EARNED BY OWNER JON LANE HENDERSON, TRAINER JUSTIN CLARK, AND JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY APRIL 5, 2020, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1st – TIZ TOFFEE  
2nd –COPPER COWGIRL  
3rd – CLEAN LIVING  
4th – ALLOTMENT

These rulings were issued as positive test findings in both cases were not contested.

**(4) RULING**

Ruling # 63

OWNER RANDY RENNON (DBA SUMMER KNIGHTS STABLE, INC.), HAVING SIGNED A FINANCIAL COMPLAINT AGREEMENT – (\$7,931.32 - WITH DEVEN OWEN DBA WEST COAST FEED, INC.), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #50, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 22, 2020, IS SET ASIDE.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Rennon signed a financial complaint agreement with Deven Owen, the owner of West Coast Feed, on a delinquent feed bill. One thousand dollars per month makes everyone happy.

**(5) RULING**

Ruling # 64

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 1, 2020.

This ruling was issued as the rider had no excuse for being more than seven pounds

overweight last Sunday evening. His violation prompted a late rider change.

**(6) POSITIVE RANDOM DRUG TEST HEARING**

Jockey Christian Aragon was in the office in response to a complaint filed against him for testing positive for Amphetamine and Methamphetamine following a random drug test-California Horse Racing Board rule #1500.1. Mr. Aragon denied ever taking the drug and does not know how he could have tested positive. He said he took a medication called Alpurinol, a medicine he purchased for joint pain at a pharmacy in Tijuana. Investigators indicated that Alpurinol is used for gout and would not contain what was found in Mr. Aragon's system. He has subsequently been tested and was found to be negative for drugs-that is, except for alcohol. Since he tested 0.02, he is being breathalyzed every day that he rides. Decision to follow.

**(7) FORMAL HEARING FOR TRAINER**

Trainer Justin Clark was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for two Clenbuterol positive tests (Ref. 3-6-2020-3). Mr. Clark was totally forthcoming in his testimony, stating that his small stable had not been successful lately and he "took a shot" by giving 5cc's of Clenbuterol via dose syringe to each horse some 30 days prior to their race. His stable has been disbanded and he has been barred from the grounds by management. A proposed decision will be rendered shortly.

**(8) LATE RIDER CHANGE**

Jockey Armando Viramontes had to be removed from his mount in the fifth race as he was more than seven pounds over his assigned weight (119 lbs.). A replacement rider was named.

**(9) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed the actions of the fourth place finisher, #3 Jess Zoomin Senator (C. Huerta). After reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Jess Zoomin Senator from fourth to seventh position. Video showed the horse ducked out sharply midway through the race causing significant interference to horses to its outside. The incident cost the horses interfered with the chance for a better placing. Jockey Huerta was held blameless.

**(10) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	513	\$52,632.30
Off track	1,590	\$186,287.80
Out of state	N/A	\$521,276.15
Total	2,103	\$760,196.25

**Saturday**  
03/07/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #2 Sunny Slippers (Vet-injured) Refund of \$162.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 One Sweet Change (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$154.00

**(2) RIDER LATE BUT WITH GOOD EXCUSE**

Jockey Cerapio Figueroa was late to the Jockeys' Room for his mount in the first race and consequently a replacement had to be named. Mr. Figueroa will not be penalized as he checked on a racing website and saw that first post was advertised at 7:00 pm. He assumed the information was correct. Not so- first post was 6:00 pm. Several others in the racing fraternity had viewed the same incorrect information.

**(3) RULING**

Ruling # 65

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 6, 2020.

This ruling was issued as the rider could not get within the maximum overweight of seven pounds in the fifth race on Friday.

**(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately after the fourth race to review a serious incident which occurred entering the far turn and involved the winner, #6 Sisu Ruler, ridden by Eduard F. Rojas. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Sisu Ruler from first to sixth (last) position. Video shows the winner racing on the outside of a four horse, reverse stair-step formation approaching the far turn. The rider then altered course and dropped in without sufficient clearance, causing severe interference to the horses to his inside. All involved were extremely fortunate that a spill did not take place. Mr. Rojas will view video of the race tomorrow.

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	657	\$69,865.20
Off track	1,658	\$216,770.70
Out of state	N/A	\$694,200.08
Total	2,315	\$980,835.98

**Sunday**  
03/08/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 Zachian (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$114.00

**(2) RIDERS EXCUSED**

Marcial Ramirez was excused from his only mount on the card as he called the Jockeys' Room, albeit late, to say that he was in traffic and could not keep the engagement. A replacement rider was named.

Ramon Sanchez called to inform us that he was ill and could not fulfill his engagements. Substitute riders were announced.

**(3) RULING**

Ruling # 66

JOCKEY EDUARD F. ROJAS, WHO RODE SISU RULER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 7, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>, 20<sup>TH</sup> AND 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2020) FOR CROSSING OVER WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE. 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.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the fourth race from last evening, following which his mount was disqualified for interference entering the far turn. Mr. Rojas offered no plausible excuse for his actions, stating that he was wide approaching the turn and did not want to have to lose more ground. It was explained to him that certain situations dictate that the rider on the outside of a spread must yield in order to protect the riders to their inside. He was fortunate to receive a three-day suspension.

**(4) CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited by trainer Bill Hoburg in the first race for #5 Four Gaels was voided as the horse pulled up at the ¼ pole and was pulled up by the rider. The horse was returned to trainer Salvador Naranjo.

**(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the finish of the eighth race to review an incident at the start involving the fifth and sixth place finishers, #4 Messenger (R. Aceves), and #2 Black Jack MV (C. Mendez). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Messenger from fifth to sixth position. Review showed that the horse broke in, causing interference which virtually eliminated Black Jack MV from any chance at a better placing. Mr. Aceves will view the race next weekend.

**(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	630	\$88,614.30
Off track	1,533	\$372,075.30
Out of state	N/A	\$937,454.94
Total	2,163	\$1,398,144.54

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 8, 2020. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 12 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 8 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed 03/04	Thurs 03/05	Fri 03/06	Sat 03/07	Sun 03/08	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R		1	2	4	7	82
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K		1	1	1	3	9
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	1	1	1	3	17
<b>Refunds</b>		A	5	2	1	8	100
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	4	1	1	6	66
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	0	1	1	9

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

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