

**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 May 26, 2020 through May 31, 2020.

**Tuesday**  
05/26/2020

**(1) WARD ON DUTY**

Tom Ward was in the office this past week for entries, scratches, and changes. Entries became more difficult to come by as the week progressed, with the Sunday card, which was drawn on Thursday, not being completed until late in the afternoon. Changes were few and far between. Ward will write the minutes for the upcoming week.

**Friday**  
05/29/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Cc Carolina (Entered back) Refund of \$839.40  
#7 Corona Gypsie (Vet-sick) Refund \$137.50  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Registrant (Vet-injured) Refund of \$172.95

**(2) RULINGS #122- #124**

**RULING #122**

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2020.

\*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 states that all fines shall be paid to the paymaster of purses within seven (7) days of imposition (06/05/20) or the license of the person upon whom the fine was imposed shall be suspended.

**RULING #123**

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH

RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2020.

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**RULING #124**

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL 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-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 24, 2020.

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The preceding rulings were issued as the riders were observed violating the "crop" rule last Sunday evening. No explanations were offered.

**(3) RULING #125**

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JOCKEY EDUARD F. ROJAS, WHO RODE "BELLIGERENT" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON MAY 24, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (2) (JUNE 5<sup>th</sup> AND 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020) FOR CAUSING INTERFERENCE IN THE STRETCH. 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 IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Rojas had viewed the second race from May 24, 2020, following which his mount was the subject of a Steward's inquiry. While there was no disqualification, Mr. Rojas permitted his mount to drift in to the point that the rider to his inside was forced to steady in order to avoid heels.

Mr. Rojas admitted that he was battling for the "Win", and did not realize that he had a horse and rider inside of him.

**(4) SCALE IN THE JOCKEYS' ROOM VANDALAIZED**

The Steward's received word prior to the first race that the primary scale in the Jockey's room suffered damage and was rendered inoperable. Apparently, the "cover" on the scale had been compromised and consequently it would not come back to "zero". The damage did not appear to be accidental. The auxiliary scale was used until a technician could repair the damage. No problems were reported.

**(5) CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim of the horse #2 "Too Too Good" from the fifth race by trainer Adriana Vallejo was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the left foreleg while cooling out in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Paul Jones.

**(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted following the eighth race as we reviewed an incident at mid race involving the fourth and sixth place finishers, #5 Lotta Blue Chrome, and #6 Bar Fighten. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original placings. While Lotta Blue Chrome did drift out rather dramatically, the horse it interfered with was not cost the opportunity for a better placing.

**(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,475,520.03
Total	0	\$1,475,520.03

**Saturday**  
05/30/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Grey Memo To David (Vet-blood results not confirmed)  
#6 Slew The Water (Vet-injured) Refund \$360.69  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Walk Around (Vet-injured) Refund \$38.60

**(2) RULING #126**

Ruling #126

JOCKEY ALEX CARRILLO 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 29, 2020.

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The above ruling was issued as Mr. Carrillo accepted responsibility for the violation.

**(3) REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the second race as #1 "Jimmy The Juice" did not warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald and was declared on her recommendation. The refund amounted to \$16,788.24.

**(4) CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim of the horse "Blaze Thru Fire" from the seventh race by trainer Elena Andrade was voided as the horse was unsound during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the former trainer, Patricia Visscher.

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,649,520.11
Total	0	\$1,649,520.11

**Sunday**  
05/31/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Tiz Indy (Vet-sick) Refund of \$206.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Shake N Fries (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$213.50  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Royal Special Man (Vet-post race blood failed) Refund of \$117.80

**(2) EVENING DECLARATIONS**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #2 "La Chaca Prize" was injured while in the receiving barn and was declared on the recommendation of Official Veterinarian Gary Beck. The refund amounted to \$1,121.11.

The Stewards ordered a refund in the sixth race as two horses were late Veterinarian declarations. #5 "Separate Hennessey" became fractious on the way to the saddling paddock and injured itself, prompting Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. In the following moments, #6 "Pow Wow" reacted to "Separate Hennessey's" antics and attempted to jump the outside

rail. Unfortunately, the horse became hung up on the rail and was injured to the point that it needed immediate veterinary care. The refund from two late scratches amounted to \$2,849.11.

There was a fifteen minute delay due to the two scratches and time needed to care for "Pow Wow".

**(3) QUIET EVENING**

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

**(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,576,126.79
Total	0	\$1,576,126.79

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 31, 2020. Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 5 for injury, 1 for sickness, 1 for bleeding, and 1 for shock wave therapy. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 05/29	Sat 05/30	Sun 05/31	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R		2	3	4	9	148
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K		0	0	0	0	20
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	1	0	0	1	33
<b>Refunds</b>		A	2	3	5	10	227
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	4	1	0	5	120
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	1	1	0	2	21

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

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Ron Church, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward