

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 November 5, 2019 through November 10, 2019.

Tuesday

11/05/2019

(1) ENTRIES

Steward Scott Chaney oversaw entries for this Friday night and will author the minutes this week.

Wednesday

11/06/2019

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

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

Thursday

11/07/2019

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

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

Friday

11/08/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey EDUARDO NICASIO came to the office to review his crop use in the eighth race (Golden State Million – Grade I) last Sunday. He won the race but used his crop nine times in succession as the field neared the wire. This is his second violation in the last sixty days so he would normally be issued a \$150 fine. However, given the large purse and the fact that he used his crop so many times, we elected to increase the severity of the penalty in order to discourage this behavior.

Ruling #287

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (2) (NOVEMBER 15TH AND 16TH, 2019) 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 DAYS), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2019.

Jockey OSCAR ANDRADE JR. came to the office to review his crop use in the eighth race (Golden State Million – Grade I) last Sunday. He finished second in the race but he violated the rule a few times. This would have been his third violation in the last sixty days so he would normally be issued a \$250 fine. However, given the large purse and the fact that he violated the rule twice, we elected to increase the severity of the penalty in order to discourage this behavior.

Ruling #288

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR. IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (2) (NOVEMBER 15TH AND 16TH, 2019) 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 PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2019.

Jockey ALBERTO ZEPEDA failed to defend his crop use in the seventh race last Sunday so we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #289

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2019.

(2) GOMEZ HEARING

We held an informal hearing into a complaint (case number 19LA0225) filed by the CHRB against trainer JAIME GOMEZ alleging the presence of phenylbutazone in the blood sample taken from one of his horses that was working for removal from the Veterinarian's List. Mr. Gomez had no explanation for the unusually high amount. The CHRB presented the complaint, we heard from Mr. Gomez and will make a decision tomorrow.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #7 Chic Clementine –Stewards' scratch, failed blood for Vet's list removal Refund \$325.00
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 3rd Race #1 Jazzie Cat – Veterinarian's scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#5 Speedy Ride – Veterinarian's scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$369.00
- 4th Race #3 Jellybeankristine – Claimed – J. Nunez, trainer
#4 Spectacular Storm – Claimed – V. Zamudio, trainer. Refund \$0.00
- 5th Race #4 Totally Free – Rider change – C. Mendez (+3) for R. Castro. Refund \$0.00.
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
- 7th Race #3 Ray Donovan – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$251.00
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	463	\$78,366.50
Off track	1,690	\$323,049.40
Out of state	N/A	\$586,828.00
Total	2,153	\$988,243.90

Saturday
11/09/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey JUAN SANCHEZ came to the office to discuss his effort at the end of the fourth race last night. Video revealed that he stood up and eased his horse nearing the finish. He finished fourth by a nose. He claimed that the horse didn't feel great and therefore he stopped persevering. However, he did not pull the horse up and jump off, but instead galloped out, turned around and rode the horse back to be unsaddled. We therefore felt that he just got caught not finishing on his horse. Fortunately for him, there was no show wagering in this race, so he did not cost the wagering public. We

therefore issued the following ruling:

Ruling #291

JOCKEY JUAN SANCHEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1692 (REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSE, TRAINER AND JOCKEY-FAILURE TO RIDE MOUNT TO THE FINISH), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2019.

(2) GOMEZ RULING

After considering the evidence from last night's hearing, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #290

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JAIME GOMEZ, WHO WORKED THE HORSE FIRE AND SAUCE FOR REMOVAL FROM THE VETERINARIAN'S LIST ON OCTOBER 4, 2019, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1(a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE) AND #1866 (VETERINARIAN'S LIST).

(3) PAPAPRODROMOU HEARING

Trainer Dan Azcarate filed a complaint (case number 19LA0227) against owner/trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU alleging unpaid training bills in the amount of \$958.00. After asking for one continuance, Mr. Papaprodromou failed to appear for this hearing. Mr. Azcarate was present in support of his complaint. A failure to appear ruling will follow.

(4) NUNEZ HEARING

We held a formal hearing today into case number 19LA0190 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer JESUS NUNEZ alleging a Triamcinolone Acetonide positive (Class 4, Penalty C). Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcomb, and Mr. Nunez representing himself. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Mr. Nunez really had no explanation for the positive other than to say that a lot of trainers had received similar ones and that he was at the mercy of his veterinarian's mistakes. Unfortunately, his medication record is nothing short of atrocious over the last 2 years, including for this same medication. Oral testimony was heard and the complaint packet was entered into evidence. The hearing was closed and a decision will be made in the near future.

(5) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race, the jockey of last place finisher #1 Real Quick (F. Orduna-Rojas) claimed foul against the winner #3 Whatahandomsecat (J. Sanchez) for interference on the turn. Specifically, Orduna-Rojas claimed that the winner drifted in, causing him to steady. Video does show that Orduna-Rojas steadies sharply on the inside of the winner but does not establish that the winner stepped in. Therefore we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Command the Gold – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald #3 Impeachment Ace – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald #5 Street Punk – Rider change – F. Johnson (+3) for M. Arana (family issue) No Show Wagering, Refund \$425.00
2 nd Race	#5 War Union – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald #4 Mr. Bingley – Claimed – S. Naranjo, trainer. Refund \$377.00
3 rd Race	#4 Captain N. Barron – Veterinarian scratch, sick -- Dr. Fitzgerald #6 Breakers Isle – Veterinarian scratch, injured -- Dr. Fitzgerald #1 My Suspiro – Rider change – H. Lopez for M. Arana No Show Wagering, Refund \$312.00
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
5 th Race	#2 Your First Cat – Late Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald #6 Up Not Down – Claimed – J. Avala, trainer, No changes; Refund \$3,107.00
6 th Race	#3 Fast Thinking – Claimed – J. Farias, trainer. Refund \$0.00
7 th Race	#7 Gravity Rumors – Stewards' scratch, entered back #3 Yoffi – Claimed – R. Guillen, trainer

#9 Anonymous – Claimed – S. Rivera, trainer. Refund \$186.00
 8th Race #3 Linda Separation – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
 No Show Wagering. Refund \$225.00
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,557	\$77,388.50
Off track	1,820	\$224,375.80
Out of state	N/A	\$575,403.20
Total	3,377	\$877,167.50

Sunday
 11/10/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

Neither OSCAR ANDRADE JR nor RUBEN CASTRO appeared to defend their respective crop use from races last night:

Ruling #292

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR. 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 NOVEMBER 9, 2019.

Ruling #293

JOCKEY RUBEN CASTRO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2019.

(2) GUTIERREZ RULING

After causing quite a disturbance last night when he was in the office to see us in response to a Security Citation for a domestic disturbance in the stable area, we issued the ruling that follows regarding groom GUILLERMO GUTIERREZ. He was clearly under the influence during our initial interaction last night.

Ruling #294

GROOM GUILLERMO GUTIERREZ IS SUSPENDED PENDING A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT-THREATENING BEHAVIOR).

(3) NUNEZ RULING

After considering the evidence from the Nunez hearing last night, including his medication record, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #295

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER JESUS NUNEZ IS SUSPENDED FOR THIRTY DAYS (30) (NOVEMBER 18, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 17, 2019) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-TRIAMCINOLONE ACETONIDE).

(4) OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race, the jockey of fourth place finisher #3 Hit It Quit It NR (A. Viramontes) claimed foul against third place finisher #4 OJD One Favorite JJ (J. Rangel) for interference midrace. While the horses did make contact, we unanimously believed that said contact was mutual and therefore voted to make no change to the original order.

(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 #4 Caliente Shuffle – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer
 #4 Caliente Shuffle – Claim VOIDED – returns to J. Flores, trainer. Refund \$0.00
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
 7th Race #4 Jaggart T – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$131.00
 8th Race #1 Especially Tres PYC – Stewards' scratch, stake. Refund \$1,829.00

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	641	\$100,016.30
Off track	1,705	\$324,977.20
Out of state	N/A	\$822,870.14
Total	2,346	\$1,247,863.64

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 10, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 8 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 11/08	Sat 11/09	Sun 11/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	8
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	23
Claims	R		2	5	0	7	258
Disqualification	K		0	0	0	0	31
Inquiries		D	0	1	1	2	73
Refunds		A	3	6	2	11	415
Rulings		Y	3	2	4	9	295
Voided Claims		S	0	0	1	1	55

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

Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward