

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 9, 2016 through February 14, 2016.

TUESDAY

2/9/2016

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Randy Winick will be overseeing daily office matters and recording the minutes of this racing period.

(2) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Entries for Friday night were drawn at 1:15 p.m. resulting in an eight race card, consisting of four Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbreds and one mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred event for the punters.

(3) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The California Bred offering for Friday, Maiden Allowance three year olds at 330 yards, went open with six total, two being Cal-Bred.

WEDNESDAY

2/10/2016

(1) **SCRATCH TIME**

Scratches for Friday were taken promptly at 9:00 a.m. this morning, and there were three declarations and one equipment change.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

Entries for Saturday evening were completed and drawn by 12:30 p.m., with the eight race program consisting of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred contests.

(3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The third race in the condition book for Saturday, California Bred Allowance Maidens at a distance of three hundred yards, failed to fill without a single entry.

THURSDAY

2/11/2016

(1) **SCRATCH TIME**

Scratch time occurred at the normal 9:00 a.m. deadline and resulted in one declaration and four rider adjustments.

(2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**

The eight races for Sunday's program were drawn at 12:30 p.m., and the breakdown is as follows, five Quarter Horse and Three Thoroughbred events.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, Maiden three year olds for a \$6,250 tag, was off with only one entry and no Cal-Breds.

FRIDAY

2/12/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

There was only one scratch and one jockey change on the eight race program for Sunday evening.

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez was in to review his ride from Sunday evening January 31st in the ninth race. The Stewards informed Mr. Mendez that he was a little too quick in hitting his mount between strides. We explained that he must wait for two complete strides of his horse before he reengages the crop. Cruz indicated he understood his shortcoming and will be more aware in the future. A warning was appropriate in this instance in the opinion of the Stewards.

(3) AMEZCUA COMPLAINT'S (CASE# 15LA0282/CASE# 15LA0290)

The above two complaints filed against Trainer Gerardo Amezcua are for positive test findings of Clenbuterol in two separate horses of his at Los Alamitos Race Course on 11/15/15 and 11/29/15, from the horses "Truly Censored" (2nd) and "Balboa Dasher" (2nd) respectively. A hearing was scheduled on this day (2/12/2016) at 4:00 p.m. in the Stewards office for Mr. Amezcua, to determine his fate in the case. Mr. Amezcua did not appear at his hearing and no telephonic communication of any sort was received to offer an explanation.

(4) SEPULVEDA COMPLAINTS (CASE# 15LA0280/CASE# 15LA0298)

The above two complaints were also to be heard subsequent to the previous hearings, and these were filed against Ricardo Sepulveda, who owned one of the horses mentioned in the previous entry, and cared for the other. (2/12/2016). As in the case of his trainer Gerardo Amezcua, Mr. Sepulveda also did not appear for his separate hearing at 5:00 p.m. and did not communicate in any manner or fashion as to why.

*After it became apparent that both parties were not going to appear, and that no valid reasons were given, the Stewards, (Tom Ward, Jim Dryer and Randy Winick) decided to go on with the hearing for memorializing that the above parties failed to appear for the hearing. Senior Investigator Tom Blake entered the complaints into the record with Court Reporter Dawn Young and after all matters of housekeeping were done, closed the hearing and the Stewards issued the following ruling's to Mr. Amezcua and Mr. Sepulveda for failing to appear.

RULING # 21

TRAINER GERARDO AMEZCUA, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A, B, AND D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) #1843.1(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) #1844(E)(6)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – CLENBUTEROL IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS) #1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) #1887(TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND #1902(CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING), 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 GERARDO AMEZCUA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528(JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). GERARDO AMEZCUA IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

RULING # 22

OWNER RICARDO SEPULVEDA, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843(A, B, AND D)(MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) #1843.1(B)(PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) #1844(E)(6)(AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – CLENBUTEROL IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVELS) #1859.5(DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST) #1887(TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) AND #1902(CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING), 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 RICARDO SEPULVEDA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528(JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE). RICARDO SEPULVEDA IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS1st Race - #1 Prettyhotprincess – (A. Sherman) Claimed2nd Race -#1 Kettle Man – (A. Aceves) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$412.003rd Race - #1 Storm Bid – (K. Castaneda) Jockey S. Iniguez replaced J. Roman, Sick#2 Jan's Kid – (E. January) Jockey V. Bednar replaced C. Charlton, Sick#4 Mr. Norman – (T. Bazley) Claimed#8 Southern Darling – (F. Meza) Claimed#10 Wise Red – (K. Craigmyle) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$564.00

4th Race - #4 Striving – (L. Diaz) Claimed#6 DJD Special Stone – (B. Vickery) Stewards – Ran Loose

Refund: \$21,943.00

5th Race - #6 Dinner's on Me – (A. Aquino) Jockey O. Santos replaced C. Charlton, Sick#9 Italian Jumper - (J.P. Silva) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$918.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	750	On Track Handle:	\$163,098.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,833</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$451,687.40
Total:	2,583	Out of State:	<u>\$901,994.94</u>
		Total:	\$1,516,780.54

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$477,458.98

SATURDAY

2/13/2016

(1) AMEZCUA REINSTATEMENT

The following ruling reflects the reinstatement of trainer Gerardo Amezcua who was suspended per LARC Ruling #21 the previous day for failure to appear for his hearing regarding two positive medication violations. Mr. Amezcua contacted the Stewards and will have a rescheduled hearing on February 19, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. with the Stewards.

RULING # 23

TRAINER GERARDO AMEZCUA, HAVING CONTACTED THIS BOARD OF STEWARDS, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #21, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 12, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

(2) INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards called for the inquiry light to be lit upon the finish of the 300 yard 7th race, to review an incident after the start. The original 2nd place finisher # 6 "On The Move" (G. Boag) broke in sharply and made contact with #5 "Bury Me In Satin" (6th – O. Peinado) and although that one stumbled, he was still bothered considerably by #6, enough to cost him any chance in placing. He lugged inward despite Jockey Boag doing his best to straighten him up and bothered #3 "Uppitty" (5th – E. Gomez) costing him a chance at a better placing. The Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #6 "On The Move" (2nd – G. Boag) to sixth and last for extreme interference out of the gate and costing several horses their best chance. Jockey Gary Boag was essentially held blameless, as he tried his best to prevent the issue.

Original order of finish – 1-6-2-4-3-5Official order of finish – 1-2-4-3-5-6(2) VOIDED CLAIMS 2ND RACE

#4 Masters Circle was determined unsound by Dr. Gary Beck, CHRB veterinarian in the left fore. The claim by trainer Dennis Givens will be voided and the horse returned to the barn of original trainer Charles Treece.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS1st Race - #2 Lana Caprina (R.J. Lucas) Jockey C. Bonnet replaced E.A. Segundo Jr., Sick2nd Race - #1 Sold Short (R. Guillen) Jockey C. Bonnet replaced M. Ramirez, Sick#4 Masters Circle (D Givens) Claimed3rd Race - #1 Stretch – (J. Avalos) Claimed

#5 Redistribute – (J. Glenn) Claimed
 #6 Some Perfect Man – (R. Guillen) Jockey C. Bonnet replaced M. Ramirez, Sick
 5th Race - #5 RGR Jess An Illusion (G. Morales) Jockey J. Nicasio replaced R. Arvizo, Sick
 6th Race - #3 Lucky Golane (G Morales) Jockey J. Nicasio replaced R. Arvizo, Sick
 8th Race - #5 Luv On The Run (S. Fiscal) Stewards - Broke thru gate – ran loose
 Refund: \$13,625.00

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	837	On Track Handle:	\$ 113,845.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,004</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$ 314,308.00
Total:	2,841	Out of State:	<u>\$ 1,001,235.84</u>
		Total:	\$1,429,389.04

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$516,292.41

SUNDAY

2/14/2016

(1) SEPULVEDA REINSTATEMENT

The following ruling reflects owner Ricardo Sepulveda being reinstated from suspension Ruling #22 on 2/12/2016, which was issued to Mr. Sepulveda for failing to appear for a positive medication hearing. Mr. Sepulveda contacted the Investigators office the following day. A new hearing is scheduled for Friday 2/26/16.

RULING # 24

OWNER RICARDO SEPULVEDA, HAVING CONTACTED THIS BOARD OF STEWARDS, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #22, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 12, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

(2) RACING

Tonight's racing went well and without incident.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race - #2 Here Comes Bobbie (E. Andrade) Claimed
 #6 Elimination Round (A. Aceves) Claimed
 3rd Race - #6 Fiddler Blue (J.P. Silva) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$111.00
 #8 Senator Bob (Sally Rivera) Claimed
 5th Race - #1 Sheza Flight Risk (A. Aceves) Claimed
 #3 Kid Me (A. Aceves) Jockey R. Aceves replaced J. Andrade, Injured
 #3 Kid Me (J. Nunez) Claimed
 6th Race - #5 Stossel (F. Vallejo) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$263.00
 7th Race - #7 Koolist (A. Soto) Claimed

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	787	On Track Handle:	\$127,046.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,941</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$281,712.30
Total:	2,728	Out of State:	<u>\$1,019,970.91</u>
		Total:	\$1,428,729.91

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$577,879.41

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
02/12/16	2	1	Kettle Man	A. Aceves	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$412.00
02/12/16	3	10	Wise Red	K. Craigmyle	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$564.00
02/12/16	5	9	Italian Jumper	J.P.Silva	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$918.00
02/14/16	3	6	Fiddler Blue	J.P.Silva	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$111.00
02/14/16	6	5	Stossel	F. Vallejo	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$263.00

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 14, 2016. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period five horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: three for soundness, one for injury, one for sickness, zero for medication, zero for bleeding, and zero for shock wave therapy. Zero horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Randy Winick.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 01/29	SAT 01/30	SUN 01/31	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		4	2	6	12	80
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	3
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	7
REFUNDS		A			4	1	2	7	50
RULINGS			Y		2	1	1	4	31
VOID CLAIMS					0	1	0	1	2

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)