

**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 March 8, 2016 through March 13, 2016.

**FRIDAY**  
03/11/2016

**(1) STEWARD DUTY**

Tom Ward was on duty this past Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday attending to entries and scratches. Ward will also be writing minutes for the week. Entries are still rather scarce, but a concerted effort from the racing office staff melded the three racing cards together. As might be expected, the California bred races which were carded did not fill.

**(2) RULING****RULING # 57**

OWNER ARTURO ROMERO, HAVING APPEARED AND COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #43, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2016, IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after correspondence was received from a veterinarian group that a past due bill had been paid.

**(3) RULING****RULING # 58**

IN THE MATTER OF: NICK ACUNA

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO DOUG GORDON, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF TRAINER NICK ACUNA ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #49, DATED MARCH 4, 2016, SUSPENDING NICK ACUNA FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND NICK ACUNA IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

This ruling was issued after word was received that Mr. Acuna had paid a delinquent bill to a local tack supplier.

**(4) RULING****RULING # 59**

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR

VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B-1) (USE OF WHIP – WHIPPING IN POST PARADE) ON SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider admitted to striking his mount with the crop during the warm up period.

(5) RULING

RULING # 60

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 5, 2016.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Mendez offered no plausible excuse for misuse of the riding crop-more than three times.

(6) RULING

RULING # 61

JOCKEY CARLOS MARQUEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-STRIKING HIS MOUNT WHILE PULLING UP), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 5, 2016.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Marquez had viewed the run out of the fourth race from March 5, as he struck his mount twice with the crop following the finish of the 300 yard event. Video showed that while his mount was trying to get out rather badly, the second time he used the crop he was clear of the field and not in danger. He was candid, stating that the video looked bad.

(7) SMOOTH EVENING

A late afternoon storm, albeit brief, deposited a significant amount of rain in the venue. Track superintendent Rick Hughes and his crew did an admirable job in preparing the racing strip for the evening card. There were no incidents during the eight race program.

(8) EARLY DECLARATIONS

4<sup>TH</sup> Race - # 8 Mimoom (J. Moreno) Unsound.  
Refund: \$358.00

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 669          | On Track Handle:  | \$103,096.10        |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,884</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$408,292.50        |
| Total:                | 2,553        | Out of State:     | <u>\$797,622.70</u> |
|                       |              | Total:            | \$1,309,011.30      |

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$404,474.61

SATURDAY  
03/12/2016

(1) EARLY SCRATCH

2<sup>ND</sup> Race - # 5 Tricky Liz (R.J. Lucas) Sick  
Refund: \$355.00

(2) RULING

RULING # 62

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA, WHO RODE HESCOMINONSTRONG IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE TRACK ON MARCH 11, 2016, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE(3) RACING DAYS(MARCH 19, 20, AND 25, 2016) FOR ALTERING COURSE ON THE BACKSTRETCH WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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 the rider had viewed the second race from Friday, during which his mount was responsible for interference entering the far turn. Mr. Arana originally thought he was clear but realized his mistake after a review of the video.

(3) RULING

RULING # 63

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 6, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Lozano offered no excuse for striking his mount more than three times in succession without giving it a chance to respond.

(4) JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the second race as Omar Santos(2<sup>nd</sup>, #2 Very Thankful) lodged a claim of foul against Vinnie Bednar(1<sup>st</sup>, #6 Big G Secret Crab) for interference entering the far turn. Santos maintained that the winner dropped in, forcing him to check. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the “incident”, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul. Video angles failed to support Santos’ claim of interference.

(5) TRAINER/JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the objection sign after the fourth race as trainer Scott Willoughby(7<sup>th</sup>, #5 Womanish) lodged an objection against #6 Goodbye In Her Eyes and #7 Runner Rose for interference at the start. Jockey Rodrigo Aceves also claimed foul. After speaking with the riders involved, and reviewing video of the start the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. To start with, the #5 horse broke slowly; while both horses to its outside broke in, the #5 was tardy to the point that it was not affected. Additionally, Mr. Willoughby’s other entrant in the race, #4 Tough Broad, actually broke out sharper than the outside horses broke in and would have been more of a factor had Womanish not broken sluggishly

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 1,126        | On Track Handle:  | \$115,360.30        |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>2,022</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$329,794.80        |
| Total:                | 3,148        | Out of State:     | <u>\$800,621.52</u> |
|                       |              | Total:            | \$1,245,776.52      |

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$400,599.80

SUNDAY  
03/13/2016

(1) RULING

RULING # 64

EXERCISE RIDER HAROLD SINNE, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (H)(ENGAGED IN THE USE OF AMPHETAMINE/METHAMPHETAMINE), 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 HAROLD SINNE ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528(JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. SINNE IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Sinne failed, for the second time, to appear for his hearing. The original date was Friday, March 11, but that afternoon he called to inform us that his means of

transportation – his girlfriend's car – broke down and he could not keep the appointment. This time, however, there was no communication from him.

(2) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race as Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald informed us that #5 Gianis was starting to tie up during the warm up period and she recommended that the horse be scratched. The refund amount to \$15,514.00

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the first race by trainer Brett Vickery for #1 Benicia Gem was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck informed us that the horse exhibited lameness in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The claim was voided and the horse was returned to the barn of trainer Charles Treece.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

|                       |              |                   |                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| On Track Attendance:  | 634          | On Track Handle:  | \$91,719.10         |
| Off Track Attendance: | <u>1,934</u> | Off Track Handle: | \$280,696.30        |
| Total:                | 2,568        | Out of State:     | <u>\$882,760.66</u> |
|                       |              | Total:            | \$1,255,176.06      |

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$508,073.80

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> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| 03/11/16    | 4           | 8         | Mimoom       | J. Moreno      | Unsound       |            | \$358         |
| 03/12/16    | 2           | 5         | Tricky Liz   | R.J. Lucas     | Sick          |            | \$355         |

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 13, 2016. Zero equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period five horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: two for soundness, one for injury, two for sickness, zero for medication, zero for bleeding, zero for shock wave therapy. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Tom Ward.

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD SUMMARY 2016

|                   | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI<br>03/11 | SAT<br>03/12 | SUN<br>03/13 | WEEK<br>TOTAL | MEET<br>TOTAL |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ACCIDENTS         | D   |     |     |     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 5             |
| CAL-BRED RACES    |     | A   |     |     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 1             |
| CLAIMS            |     |     | R   |     | 5            | 4            | 7            | 16            | 120           |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS |     |     |     | K   | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0             | 6             |
| INQUIRIES         | D   |     |     |     | 0            | 2            | 0            | 2             | 13            |
| REFUNDS           |     | A   |     |     | 1            | 1            | 1            | 3             | 76            |
| RULINGS           |     |     | Y   |     | 5            | 2            | 1            | 8             | 64            |
| VOIDED CLAIMS     |     |     |     |     | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1             | 6             |

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

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

