

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 March 29, 2016 through April 3, 2016.

FRIDAY

04/01/2016

(1) ENTRY AND SCRATCH STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to handle entries and scratches. Ward will also be in charge of the minutes for the week. Eight races each night, with no Cal-Bred races; minimal changes were made at scratch time.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

4TH Race - # 3 Eagle Springs (P. Jones) Vet-test did not clear.
 Refund: \$951.00
 5TH Race - # 1 He's in Style (R.J. Lucas) Unsound
 # 2 Trixie Nine (R.J. Lucas) Sick
 Refund: \$699.00

(3) RULINGRULING # 75

OWNER CARLOS FLORES AVALOS, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULED #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #LAQL #144, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 23, 2011, IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was issued after Equine Sports Medicine reported that Mr. Avalos had paid a long standing delinquent account in full.

(4) RULINGRULING # 76

TRAINER JOSE MORENO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) *PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1840 (VETERINARY PRACTICES AND TREATMENTS RESTRICTED) AND #1864 (LABELING OF MEDICATION), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND-UNLABELED RANITIDINE).

RULING # 77

OWNER ROBERTO DEDIOS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) *PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1840 (VETERINARY PRACTICES AND TREATMENTS RESTRICTED) AND #1864 (LABELING OF MEDICATION), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND-UNLABELED RANITIDINE).

These rulings were issued following deliberation of the facts presented in the complaints filed against the two men. (Ref. 3-26-16-1) Their stories did not mesh completely and therefore we held them equally responsible for the problem.

(5) RULING

RULING # 78

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 18, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued as the rider had no acceptable excuse for violation of the crop rule once again.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review an incident approaching the finish of the 300 yard event involving the first, fourth and sixth place finishers - #6 Chic All The Way(M. Arana), #3 Quarter Moon Action(G. Tapia) and #4 YN Jamaican(J. DeLa Torre). After speaking with the riders involved, and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Chic All The Way from first to sixth position. Video tapes show the winner drifting in during the latter stages of the race, forcing the riders aboard #3 Quarter Moon Action and #4 YN Jamailino to check sharply in order to avoid the heels of the winner. It was obvious that both horses were cost the opportunity for a better placing.

(7) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was once again posted, this time after the seventh race, as the Stewards reviewed an incident in the final fifty yards involving the second, third, and fourth place finishers - #1 Tall Dark Dasher(C. Marquez), #4 Bambino Dino(L. Gonzalez), and #3 Blazen Holly(J. Andrade). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify the second place finisher and place it fourth. Review showed that the horse drifted out in the late stages despite the efforts of the rider, causing contact which resulted in the riders of the affected horses to check sharply. In the opinion of the Stewards, the incident cost the fourth place finisher a better placing as it was beaten merely a "nose" for third money.

(8) BREAKDOWN/ACCIDENT AFTER FINISH

The running of the eighth race was marred by the breakdown of #5 Apollitical Chic following the conclusion of the 350 yard handicap. The inquiry sign was not posted as the incident happened after the finish. Video showed that the horse suffered a major injury to its right foreleg, causing it to stumble sharply and fall. The rider, Ramon Sanchez, was attended to immediately by the ambulance staff and was found to be uninjured. The horse was not as fortunate and was euthanized on the track by Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	756	On Track Handle:	\$135,120.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,000</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$479,289.60
Total:	2,756	Out of State:	<u>\$753,609.13</u>
		Total:	\$1,368,018.73

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$411,537.43

SATURDAY
04/02/2016

- (1) EARLY DECLARATIONS
3RD Race - # 3 Ettago That (A. Aceves) Entered Back
Refund: \$209.00
5th Race - # 2 Lady Berlin (R. Gomez) Injured
Refund: \$347.00
6th Race - # 7 Still Friends (P. Jones) Sick
Refund: \$306.00

(2) RULING

RULING # 79

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA WHO RODE "CHIC ALL THE WAY" IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (APRIL 9TH, 10TH, AND 15TH, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SIXTH. 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the sixth race from Friday evening, after which his mount was disqualified for interference. He explained to interpreter Amador Villanueva that in his opinion, the #3 horse drifting out caused the problem; nothing could be further from the truth, as his mount was solely responsible for interference. He is fortunate to receive only three days.

(3) FINANCIAL HEARING

Trainer Adriana Aceves was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against her by groom Adalberto Aceves – no relation. At issue was \$4,000.00 which Mr. Aceves felt he was owed - \$2,800 in wages and \$1,200 in stakes. Ms. Aceves agreed that her former groom had worked the amount of time as documented in his complaint, but said he had been paid, in cash, for his efforts. She disputed the stakes owed as she said the horse he was grooming did not earn enough money to justify \$1,200.

She did admit that all of Mr. Aceves' wages were paid in cash and that she had no receipts to document such payments. She also stated that the payments were not made in a timely manner – some weeks she was short and would make up the difference in subsequent payments. We dismissed Mr. Aceves' claim for stakes owed, but will discuss wages and render a decision shortly.

(4) RIDER IN

Jockey Brandon Boulanger was in the office to explain his outburst in the Jockey's room following the running of the second race on March 26th. We had received reports that Mr. Boulanger had directed some rather disparaging language toward fellow rider Cheryl Charlton once back in the room. Brandon was candid, stating that he did go overboard in his comments, but said that he and his mount were put in a precarious position by Ms. Charlton's actions and also were cost the win as they were carried wide in the far turn. He said that what made him even more upset was the fact that when he confronted Ms. Charlton about her lack of effort to control her horse, she laughed at him and walked off.

Mr. Boulanger, who has had problems in the past, is trying to jump-start his career in California. He was told that incidents such as this will not do anything to move his attempt in a positive direction and that any such outburst in the future will result in a sanction.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited by trainer Santos Perez in the third race for #5 Cats Time To Shine was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during

its time in the receiving barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Adriana Aceves.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,004	On Track Handle:	\$136,828.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,089</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$362,694.10
Total:	3,093	Out of State:	<u>\$1,011,681.86</u>
		Total:	\$1,511,204.66

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$531,605.26

SUNDAY

03/13/2016

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

2ND Race - # 5 Last One Commander (A. Soto) Injured
Refund: \$157.00

(2) RULING

RULING # 80

TRAINER NICOLAS ACUNA, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 2, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0093, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF NICOLAS ACUNA ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Acuna failed to appear for a scheduled financial hearing. This is not the first time he has blown off a hearing date.

(3) RULING

RULING # 81

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 2, 2016

RULING # 82

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON APRIL 2, 2016.

These rulings were issued after both men had viewed races from 4-2-16, during which they both violated the crop rule; neither had an excuse for their actions.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the fifth race by trainer Lorenzo Ruiz for the winner, #2 Southern Sunrise, was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was lame during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Chuck Treece.

(5) ACCIDENT

During the late stages of the sixth race, #1 Shellbell, with jockey Cruz Mendez aboard, lost its action and in the process lost the rider. Jockey Mendez was quickly attended to by the

ambulance crew and found to be uninjured. It was later learned that the horse had suffered a broken back and was euthanized by trainer Lin Melton's attending veterinarian.

(6) ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/CLAIMS VOIDED

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race to review the circumstances which resulted in jockey Cesar DeAlba being unseated from his mount, #7 Giuseppe. After viewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Review showed that the horse completely lost its action shortly after the start and fell, sending DeAlba to the track. Before the horse fell, however, it veered sharply to the left, making very hard contact with #6 Fixer Upper. Fortunately, that horse's rider, Roberto Hernandez, was able to remain in the saddle.

Two claims in the race were voided as #6 Fixer Upper, claimed by Santos Perez, was off in the left hind leg, most likely caused by the collision with #7 Giuseppe. That horse returned to the barn of trainer Paul Jones. #7 Giuseppe was off in the hind quarters and went back to the barn of trainer John Cooper.

(7) STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race, the Grade III El Primo Del Ano Derby, as the Stewards reviewed an incident approaching the finish which involved the winner, #10 Rite Regal(R. Sanchez) and the sixth place horse, #9 Chicks Favorite(O. Peinado). The live view showed Peinado checking while between horses.

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no changes to the original order of finish. Video showed that the winner was just marginally clear of the sixth place horse and therefore no change was needed.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	809	On Track Handle:	\$104,948.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,981</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$314,878.80
Total:	2,790	Out of State:	<u>\$1,006,089.07</u>
		Total:	\$1,425,916.27

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$585,034.72

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>
04/01/16	4	3	<u>Eagle Springs</u>	P. Jones	test did not clear		\$951
04/01/16	5	1	<u>He's in Style</u>	R.J. Lucas	Unsound		\$355
04/01/16	5	2	<u>Trixie Nine</u>	R.J. Lucas	Sick		\$699
04/02/16	3	3	<u>Ettago That</u>	A. Aceves	Entered Back		\$209
04/02/16	5	2	<u>Lady Berlin</u>	R. Gomez	Injured		\$347
04/02/16	6	7	<u>Still Friends</u>	P. Jones	Sick		\$306
04/03/16	2	5	<u>Last One Commander</u>	A. Soto	Injured		\$157

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 3, 2016.

Two equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period fourteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: six for soundness, four for injury, two for sickness, two for medication, zero for bleeding, zero for shock wave therapy.

Twenty 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 04/01	SAT 04/02	SUN 04/03	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	2	3	10
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		3	5	2	10	148
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	7
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	2	2	21
REFUNDS		A			2	3	1	6	96
RULINGS			Y		4	1	3	8	82
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	1	3	4	10

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)