

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 July 5, 2016 through July 10, 2016.

TUESDAY

7/5/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Randy Winick will be on duty for the customary six day reporting period. Mr. Winick will record the minutes of all noteworthy activities as well as oversee the draw for the races and any ensuing scratches, changes or licensing matters that need attending to.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Friday's draw was conducted at 1:15 p.m., and the resulting eight race program was composed of five Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred contests.

(3) CAL- BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred first race for Friday evening, maiden three years old, claiming price \$5,000 at a distance of 300 yards, was called off with only two Cal-Breds.

WEDNESDAY

7/06/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratches and changes were completed at the customary 9:00 a.m. deadline for Friday night's program. The only changes requested were for two first time geldings and a flipping halter addition.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Saturday's program, which includes the eight trials for the "Govenors Cup Futurnity" and one additional extra race for Quarter Horses, was completed at 12:00 noon. There will be nine races in all.

(3) CAL BRED REPORT

Saturday night's program is dedicated to qualifying for the California Bred two year old "Govenors Cup Futurity". There will be eight trials to see who is best to compete for the coveted prize on Saturday, July 30, 2016. The trials are to be contested at 350 yards as is the final.

THURSDAY

7/07/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time resulted in only two jockey changes for Saturday evening's program.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The nine race card for Sunday evening will consist of five Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred and one Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred 870 yard mixed race. The races were drawn and completed by 1 p.m.

(3) CAL_BRED REPORT

There were two options for Cal-Breds on Sunday night. The first were trials for the "Governor's Cup Derby" of which there are three, with twenty two three year olds total and the other Cal-Bred race did not fill, for maiden two year olds going 300 yards for \$8,000 claiming. Only two were entered and it was called off.

FRIDAY

7/08/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

The 9:00 a.m. scratch time resulted in two rider changes and one scratch.

(2) FILM REVIEW

Two riders involved in a disqualification from the fifth race Sunday evening (T.B. – 4 ½ fur.) Christian Aragon who was disqualified from 2nd to 4th and Cheryl Charlton who was elevated from 4th to 3rd were in to review the race. Cheryl was inside on the #1 horse and about a neck to a half length off the lead going into the turn when the hole tightened. Cheryl thought she was entitled to be there, however the three stewards all thought otherwise. We cautioned her to be careful and do the wise thing and come out of spots like that to protect herself and others as well as her horse. Ms. Charlton disagreed. Mr. Aragon was on the outside of the three horse spread and was the one responsible to relieve pressure going into the turn. His position was fine, allowing room for the two horses inside of him until he cut the corner, when he came in and put pressure on #2 with Omar Santos who had little room for Ms. Charlton. After a review on race night, the stewards disqualified #6 and Mr. Aragon, and again on this film review days later, it appeared that the right decision was made, but that there were three moving parts involved that all contributed. In a unanimous decision the stewards voted to not penalize Christian Aragon, or Cheryl Charlton but a warning was given to both, that safety is paramount. It was also probably advisable to have had Mr. Santos in for this critique.

(3) INQUIRY - 1ST RACE ACCIDENT NO CHANGE

Following the finish of tonight's first race, (T.B. – 4 ½ fur.) the inquiry light was lit for a review of an accident at the 1/8 pole, where #6 "Flew Flicker" (DNF – M. Ramirez) broke down in the clear causing #2 "Canondrum Pass (DNF – G. Boag) to stumble, but not fall down, however unseating his Jockey Mr. Boag. The ambulance was immediately upon the scene and attended to both riders. Gary Boag was up shortly afterward, examined and allowed to return and ride his remaining mounts. Jockey Marcial Ramirez was down a little longer, was put on a back board and taken to the fire department paramedics outside the backstretch exit door and examined for about fifteen minutes with a battery of tests; Mr. Ramirez was given an AMA release by the paramedics and allowed to continue riding. Upon return to the room, Marcial did not want to continue and asked to be taken off, which the stewards approved.

(4) TOTE SNAFU

After the running of the second race when the stewards went official, the placing judges hit the official button as is normal; however the only response was a notice of "no race" on the board where the official light would normally be posted. After a short discussion with the placing judges and the tote room it was not immediately understood what exactly happened. The problem was resolved in a couple of minutes when the official sign went up with the correct order of finish and the correct prices. Shortly after this however, it was noticed that the previous races prices had not cleared. After a call to the tote room was greeted with a we're working on it response, the old odd's went down and the current new third race numbers and prices went up. The stewards requested for tote to give us a written report on the issue, all told it was approximately five or six minutes in length.

(2) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - #3 Love Forever – claimed, Tr. S. Rivera
Race - #4 Triunfo – claimed, Tr. J. Crotts
2nd Race - #1 Wired For Fun – Tr. C. Treece – veterinarian – sick, Dr. Jenkins
Refund: \$ 169.00
#3 One Bye Two – claimed, Tr. J. Crotts
#4 Sea Secret – Tr. J. Clark – veterinarian – sick, Dr. Jenkins
Refund: \$ 244.00
#7 Mark Of The Affair – Tr. Aquino – jockey C. Marquez replaced M. Ramirez insured
3rd Race - #3 Last One Commander – Tr. A Soto – jockey L. Barrientos replaced M.
Ramirez insured
8th Race - #2 Heart Of A Zoomer – Tr. J. Nunez – veterinarian – injured Dr. Jenkins
Refund: \$ 79.00

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	744	On Track Handle:	\$109,655.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,934</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$393,359.20
Total:	2,678	Out of State:	<u>\$698,551.92</u>
		Total:	\$1,201,566.72

SATURDAY

7/09/2016

(1) WHIP VIOLATION RULINGS

The following three rulings were issued this night for three rider's short comings on last Sunday evening, July 3, 2016. The three riders are as follows: Jose Alvares, first offense, Cruz Mendez, third offense and Ruben Lozano, also his third offense these were all in the last sixty day period.

RULING # 174

JOCKEY JOSE AMADOR ALVAREZ 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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 3, 2016.

RULING # 175

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ 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 JULY 3, 2016.

RULING # 176

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 NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 3, 2016.

(2) INQUIRY-FIRST RACE- DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

Following the finish of the first race, (Q.H.-300) the stewards flashed the inquiry sign to review an incident at the start, which involved three horses, #6 "Dashing Roja" (7th – M. Ramirez) who broke sharply into #5 "Express Sailing" (8th – J. Ayala) causing that one to take up sharply and drop back to last. After this first incident, #7 "Jalos Jessie" (3rd – G.J. Rangel) also came in from that outside post rather severely to bump and push #6 to his inside, and by impeding him, costing him to lose position and a possible better placing. After reviewing the taped replay and talking to all three riders, the stewards unanimously voted to first place #6 (7th) behind #5 (8th) for the first incident and then take down #7 from third to eighth and last, behind #6. Both were for interference costing the aggrieved parties the possibility of better placing.

Original order of finish- (D.H) (4-8)-7-3-1-2-6-5

Official order of finish- (D.H) (4-8)-3-1-2-5-6-7

(3) INQUIRY – THIRD RACE – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the second division of the "Governor's Cup Futurity Trials" (3rd – race) there was another incident involving three horses shortly after the start. The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review interference concerning, #4, #5 and #6. The video replay shows that #6 "Looking For Love" (5th – M. Arana) broke sharply inward and made significant contact with #5 "Bye The Fire" (7th – R. Lozano), then just an instant after #4 "Still Trying" (2nd – E. Gomez) broke outward, angling into #5 also, completing the proverbial sandwich of the #5 horse, being cost any chance. We talked to the three jockeys' involved and reviewed the replay numerous times and came to a unanimous decision to disqualify both #6 and #4 for their part in taking #5 out of all contention shortly after the start.

Original order of finish- 3-4-1-8-6-2-5-7

Official order of finish- 3-1-8-2-5-4-6-7

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

There were no late scratches, changes or refunds tonight and that is an extreme rarity.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	745	on Track Handle:	\$127,944.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,766</u>	off Track Handle:	\$430,284.50
Total:	2,511	Out of State:	<u>\$826,336.90</u>
		Total:	\$1,384,566.10

SUNDAY

7/10/2016

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Alejandro Luna was in to review his ride in the fourth race Saturday evening, the third trial for the Governor's Cup Futurity, all at 350 yards. Mr. Luna's mount finished 2nd, however he seemed to allow the horse to drift inward several paths while clear, but was not really necessary. Alejandro also hit the horse once left handed once he was straight, which resulted in a further inward drift. None of this caused any interference and in our opinion does not rise to suspension days, however we did caution Mr. Luna to be more aware in the future or he might get penalized. Alejandro was cooperative and apologetic in agreeing to his mistake.

Jockey Carlos Huerta was in to review his start out of the gate in the second race, where his mount angled in sharply from the six holes to make contact with #5, but immediately bounced back straight and didn't affect the overall finish or position of #6. However, #6, ridden by Jockey Oscar Peinado continued on inward without reacting to straighten his mount until approximately three or four strides later.

(2) JOCKEY RULING

The following five rulings reflect riding infractions committed on Saturday evening by Jockey's the stewards thought rose to the level of suspension days.

RULING # 177

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO WHO RODE "STELFAST" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH, 22ND, AND 23RD, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

RULING # 178

JOCKEY EULICES GOMEZ WHO RODE "STILL TRYING" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH, 22ND, AND 23RD, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO SIXTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

RULING # 179

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA WHO RODE "LOOKING FOR LOVE" IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH, 22ND AND 23RD, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO SEVENTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

RULING # 180

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ WHO RODE "DASHING ROJA" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH, 22ND AND 23RD, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SEVENTH TO EIGHTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

RULING # 181

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL WHO RODE "JALOS JESSIE" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH, 22ND AND 23RD, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM THIRD TO EIGHTH. A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES – CARELESS RIDING).

(3) INQUIRY – THIRD RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the third race (870 yards – Q.H) the stewards called for an inquiry to be posted

to review an incident on the far turn. As the field was rounding the turn, leaving the backstretch, #2 "Irish And Lucky" (4th – R. Gucci) was racing in between two other rivals, but was apparently having some trouble negotiating the turn and started bearing out in between and just behind the #1 and #7 horses, and suddenly jumped over the #7's heels white bearing outward. This action carried both #4 and #5 out past the middle of the track, costing them both the possibility of any better placing. Jockey Gucci stated he was having a tough time with the horse and really couldn't help his action. The stewards unanimously voted to disqualifying #2 from fourth place to seventh and last for interference.

Original order of finish – 3-1-7-2-6-4-5
 Official order of finish – 3-1-7-6-4-5-2

(4) INQUIRY – EIGHTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was lit following the finish of the eighth race (400 yds.) The second division of the "Governors Cup Derby Trials", to review the start. After talking to the jockey's involved, #5, #4 and #3, and reviewing the replay several times, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #5 "One Sweet Runaway" (7th – C. Mendez) from seventh to eighth and last for breaking inward on to #4 "Checkin Fire" (5th – J. Ayala) pushing her into #3 "Dynasty Energy" (8th – T. Guymon) and causing a sandwich, pinching effect with #2 to her inside, who went straight. The stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #5 for interference shortly out of the gate causing #3 the possibility of attaining a better placing. These trials are based on time, so any position regardless of a monetary payment, needs to be accurate to assess the horses position in the finals. Time is everything.

Original order of finish – 7-6-1-2-4-8-5-3
 Official order of finish – 7-6-1-2-4-8-3-5

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race - #2 Jacq's Cat – Tr. R.J. Lucas – veterinarian – unsound, Dr. Jenkins post ___
 Refund: \$5,635.00
 #7 Glendas Grace – claimed, Tr. A. Aceves
 #8 Freaky Moniquee – Claimed, Tr. K. Castaneda
- 2nd Race - #2 Our New Flash – Tr. J. Nunez – veterinarian- unsound, Dr. Jenkins
 Refund: \$463.00
 #3 Redistribute – Claimed, Tr. K. Castaneda
- 4th Race - #4 Mayday Malone – Tr. R. Guillen – veterinarian – unsound, Dr. Jenkins
 Refund: \$8,418.00
- 5th Race - #2 Marko Czech – Tr. Y. Rodriguez – veterinarian, sick, Dr. Jenkins
 Refund: \$ 92.00
- 7th Race - #4 Romantic Fire – Tr. C. Treece – veterinarian – injured gate, Dr. Jenkins
 Refund: \$15,658.00
- 8th Race - #8 Miss Sadie Thompson – Tr. P. Jones – Jockey A. Luna replaces C. Dealba injured
 9th Race - #1 Free Swinger – Tr. P. Jones – Jockey C. Huerta replaces C. Dealba injured

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	964	On Track Handle:	\$158,922.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,009</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$490,215.80
Total:	2,973	Out of State:	<u>\$832,623.05</u>
		Total:	\$1,481,760.85

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 10, 2016. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period twelve horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: seven for soundness, four for injury, and one for sickness. Thirteen 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 2016

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 07/08	SAT 07/09	SUN 07/10	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	0	1	17
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	8	3	11	12
CLAIMS			R		3	0	3	6	178
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	4	2	6	20
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	2	5	44
REFUNDS		A			3	0	5	8	222
RULINGS			Y		0	3	5	8	184
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	0	0	0	32

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

Randy Winick (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

