

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 13, 2016 through September 18, 2016.

TUESDAY

09/13/2016

(1) ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open accepting entries for Friday September 16. Seven (7) Quarter Horse and one (1) Arabian Race make up the eight (8) horse card, sixty six (66) horses are scheduled to start. The anticipated average field size tonight, without thoroughbreds, is a robust 8.25 starters per event. Steward Grant Baker is on duty to oversee entries, scratches and changes this week.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

Today's Cal-Bred race was for three year old Maiden Quarter Horses going 350 yards, claiming price \$2,500. This race was called off with three (3) entrants.

WEDNESDAY

09/14/2016

(1) SCRATCH/ENTRY DAY

Scratch time for Friday September 16 took place this morning in the racing office. There was one (1) jockey correction and no scratches. The jockey correction was activated after the 9 A.M. deadline. Entries for Saturday, September 17 were taken by Director of Racing Jay Conklin and his staff this morning in the racing office. Nine (9) races were drawn. Sixty eight (68) Thoroughbred, one (1) Arabian, one (1) mixed and four (4) Quarter horse races will make up the card.

(2) CAL BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred event for Saturday September 17 is for maiden Quarter Horses, claiming \$10,000 going 350 yards. This race was called off with no entries.

THURSDAY

09/15/2016

(1) SCRATCH/ENTRY DAY

Scratch time for Saturday September 17 was held this morning in the racing office. There was one (1) scratch, one (1) jockey change and one (1) purse adjustment made. All changes were activated after the 9:00 A.M. deadline. Racing Secretary Jay Conklin and his staff assembled a racing card of eight (8) races for Sunday September 18. Two (2) Thoroughbred and seven (7) Quarter Horse races will be carded. Sixty three (63) horses are scheduled to start.

(2) CAL BRED REPORT

Today's Cal-Bred offering is for two year old Quarter Horses, claiming \$8,000 going three hundred and fifty yards. This race was called off with four (4) entrants.

FRIDAY

09/16/2016

(1) EDWIN SIRIN COMPLAINT (CASE #LA0280)

The veterinarian group Equine Sports Medicine has filed a complaint against Owner Edwin Sirin alleging that he owes them a past due bill totaling \$730.00. These bills were allegedly incurred between March 17 to June 19, 2016. Edwin Sirin failed to appear for today's hearing. More to follow.

(2) JOSE RAMOS COMPLAINT (CASE #LA0281)

The veterinarian group Equine Sports Medicine has filed a complaint against Owner Jose Ramos veterinarian treatment to his horse between August 19, 2015 to January 2, 2016. The amount allegedly owned is \$340.00. Owner Jose Ramos failed to appear for today's scheduled 5:00 P.M. hearing. More to follow.

(3) NEW APPRENTICE

Nineteen year old exercise rider Adrian Valenzuela appeared in the Steward's office along with his father, Trainer Martin Valenzuela. The Stewards reviewed some of the following items with Adrian Valenzuela who was issued an apprentice license and certificate today.

- 1.) CHRB Rule 1688 (Use of the Riding Crop)
- 2.) CHRB Rule 1680 (Jockey's and Drivers to Report)
- 3.) How to claim foul
- 4.) Use of crop on a well beaten horse (Don't Do it)
- 5.) Apprentice jockey film reviews
- 6.) Correcting out of starting gate
- 7.) Setting up for the turns
- 8.) Jockey's room protocol
- 9.) Responsibility for apprentice certificate
- 10.) Pulling up horse that doesn't feel right
- 11.) Physical examination
- 12.) Maintaining healthy weight

(4) GROOM MAMERTO HERNANDEZ

Los Alamitos security officer Keith Hicks and Groom Mamerto Hernandez visited the Stewards for an informal meeting. Groom Hernandez was drinking and listening to loud music in the wee hours of Sunday, September 11. He was issued a warning in this matter, but was told that this occurrence would be memorialized in our weekly minutes and may be used as an aggravating factor if another disruption happens.

(5) MUTUEL CLERKS-DISAGREEMENT

On Labor Day September 5, 2016 Mutuel Clerks Troy Williams and Dawn Decker got into a dispute in the Los Alamitos parking lot. This was a simulcast dark day at Los Alamitos as the Southern California Racing circuit was wrapping up at Del Mar. Keith Hicks (Los Alamitos Security) was present today along with the aforementioned mutuel clerks. Mr. Williams was looking out his window while he was working as a mutuel clerk. Ms. Decker, who had just completed her shift, entered Mr. Williams's car with a set of keys that Mr. Williams had previously given to her. Mutuel Clerk Williams immediately left his post in the Los Alamitos grandstand and confronted Ms. Williams. The dispute got loud and in front of people visiting the track at about 3:30 p.m. Los Alamitos Security issued violation notices against these two (2) individuals. After deliberation the Stewards issued the following rulings.

RULING # 258

PARIMUTUEL EMPLOYEE DAWN DECKER IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT - FIGHTING).

RULING # 259

PARIMUTUEL EMPLOYEE TROY WILLIAMS IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT - FIGHTING).

(6) RODOLFO ARVIZU FILM REVIEW

Jockey Rodolfo Arvizu appeared in the stewards' office in order to review two (2) races. In the sixth race on Sunday, September 11 Jockey Arvizu rode seventh place finisher #4 Renewed. Jockey Arvizu struck his horse six (6) consecutive times which warranted a penalty. Arvizu understood the stewards reasoning for the ruling listed below.

RULING # 260

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2016.

In the seventh race on the same evening (September 11) Jockey Arvizu rode #4 Apollitical Boogie who finished fourth in the race. Steward Baker felt jockey Arvizu violated the cropping ruling this race. The majority felt he did not violate it. Warning issued.

(7) CRUZ MENDEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez reviewed His Ride Aboard and eighth place finisher #6 "Ask Anna" who finished seventh in the first race on Sunday, September 11. The Steward wanted to review Mendez use of the riding crop. We unanimously ruled that he complied CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of the Riding Crop)

(8) STEWARDS REPLACEMENT

Stewards Randy Winick is off tonight due to health issues David Nuesch will replace him. Ruben Moreno will be tonight's Safety Steward.

(9) FOURTH RACE INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the start. Race replays show fifth place finisher #2 Newport Kid (Carlos Huerta) break out sharply and impeded both sixth place finisher #3 Gone Thru Fire (Cruz Mendez) and seventh place finisher #4 GS Wintermeyer (Jose Vizcarra). This incident cost both horses virtually any opportunity for a better placing. This incident did not involve the first four (4) finishes. Therefore after the first four (4) finishers were made official the stewards deliberated and disqualified #2 Newport Kid and placed him seventh. The decision was unanimous.

Original Order of Finish 5-7-8-1-2-4-3-6
Official Order of Finish 5-7-8-1-4-3-2-6

(10) PROGRAM CHANGES

- 1ST Race - # All Avout Cartel- (Tr. J. Roman) – Claimed – S. Perez, trainer
Refund: \$132.00
- 2nd Race -#8 Just A Stroll should read- Flipping Halter off
- 3rd Race -#1 Royal Eagle – Tr. Antonio Flores, Injured, Dr. Becky Fitzgerald
Refund: \$547.00
- 4th Race #5 Closing Odds should read_- Flipping Halter off
- 5th Race – #8 Juna – Jockey Change S. Iniguez for V. Bednar (hurt shoulder)

(11) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	703	On Track Handle:	\$119,272.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,816</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$403,334.70

Total: 2,519 Out of State: \$578,930.08
Total: \$1,101,536.88

SATURDAY
09/17/2016

- (1) SAFTEY STEWARD SWITCH
Safety Steward David Nuesch is off for personal reasons. Rueben Moreno will fill in.
- (2) EDWIN SIRIN RULING (REF: 09/16/16 (1))

RULING # 261

OWNER EDWIN SIRIN HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0280, 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 EDWIN SIRIN 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.

The ruling above was issued after owner Edwin Sirin failed to appear for an informal hearing (Case #16LA0280) yesterday to address a complaint alleging violation of rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

- (3) JOSE RAMOS RULING (REF: 9/16/16 (2))
The ruling below was issued after Owner Jose Ramos failed to appear for an informal hearing (Case #16LA0281) yesterday to address a complaint alleging violation of rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

RULING # 262

OWNER JOSE RAMOS HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0281, 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 JOSE RAMOS 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.

- (4) RODRIGO ACEVES RULING
The ruling below was issued after the Stewards unanimously determined that Jockey Rodrigo Aceves used his riding crop over three (3) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond in the seventh race on Friday, September 16.

RULING # 263

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016.

(5) JONATHAN ROMAN RULING

The ruling below was issued after Jockey Jonathan Roman violated CHRB Rule #1688 in last night's (September 16) second race. The vote was unanimous.

RULING # 264

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN 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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2016.

(6) MARTIN ARRIAGA RULING

The Stewards issued the following ruling after their review of the second race on Friday September 16. This race was 300 yard Quarter Horse event. Jockey Martin Arriaga was aboard #4 ALL GET OUT who finished second. Race replays show Jockey Arriaga strike his mount twenty three (23) times from gate to wire. During this 300 yard event the Stewards felt CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) was violated several times. This is Jockey Arriaga's fourth riding crop violation in less than five (5) weeks. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 265

JOCKEY MARTIN ARRIAGA IS SUSPENDED THREE RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 24TH, 25TH, AND 30TH, 2016) FOR A BLATANT 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).

(7) PROGRAM CHANGES

- 1st Race - #4 BRAVE SIS- Tr. J. Brinkerhoff – Injured – Dr. Becky Fitzgerald Jockey Change
Refund: \$132.00
- 2rd Race - #7 COLORIN- (Tr. C. Marquez) – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer
- 4th Race - #6 SIR KIP Tr. G. Boag for O. Santos (broken finger)
- 5th Race Declaration - #7 ONE HOT VAZ – Tr. C. Treece – Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald DVM
Refund: \$ 104.00
- 5th Race - #4 AYERS- Jockey Changes B. Boulanger, Tr. T. Wales (Riding in Delaware)
#6 TWICE RICH- Tr. R. Higgins for B. Pena (took off)
#10 JESS IS ON FIRE- E. Garcia for O. Santos (broken finger)
- 6th Race - #6 DAY DRINK IN_- (Tr. M. Fales) – Claimed, G. Morales, Trainer
- 8th Race - #1 PRECIOUS DOMINIQUE – Tr. D. Ekins) claimed, J. Hernandez Jr, trainer
#2 IMALOWNER – (Tr. L. Milton) Claimed, E. Andrade, trainer
- 9th Race - #1 AT YOUR SERVICE_- (Tr. S. Willoughby) Claimed, S. Perez, trainer
#7 DASHING OUT TO WIN- (Tr. J. Cooper) Claimed, V. Zamudio, trainer

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	924	On Track Handle:	\$151,861.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,966</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$387,101.90
Total:	2,890	Out of State:	<u>\$705,173.64</u>
		Total:	\$1,244,137.34

SUNDAY

09/18/2016

(1) MINOR ARANA FILM REVIEW

Jockey Minor Arana appeared in the stewards office in order to review his ride in last night's (September 17) first race which was a thoughtbred event going 4 ½ furlongs. Jockey Arana was

aboard sixth place finisher #7 Gal Up Gal (Minor Arana) and contemplated entering a very tight opening with less than 100 yards before the wire. Questionable judgment led to Jockey Arana steadying sharply off the hind end of #1 Hollywood Rivera (Erick Garcia). No penalty was issued by the stewards as this film review will hopefully lead to safer decision making by Jockey Arana.

(2) BRAYAN PENA RULING

Jockey Brayan Pena rode during the daytime thoroughbred card today at Los Alamitos today. However he took off his mount in tonight's Arabian event without a reasonable excuse. In a unanimous decision the stewards' issued the following ruling.

RULING # 266

JOCKEY BRAYAN PENA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO FULFILL HIS RIDING ENGAGEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016, A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT).

(3) FIRST RACE INQUIRY

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing the start of this 4 ½ furlong thoroughbred race. At the break of this race post time favorite. (Odds 8/5) #5 Awe Gee (Vinnie Bednar) simply stands in the stall as the assistant starter raises his hands in the air. The stewards spoke to starter Gary Brinson who reported that no mechanical or human error took place. The stewards also spoke to Jockey Vinnie Bednar. After a thorough film review the stewards declared this horse a starter and there was no change made in the order of finish.

(4) LIGHTS OFF / RACING CANCELLED

At approximately seven (7) minutes to post time for tonight's second race, which was a 4 ½ furlong event, the stewards were alerted to the fact that the bank of light standards all the way from the clubhouse turn to midway down the backstretch were completely out. Dennis Lillard (day time electrician) reported to the steward's that the main fuse to the tracks light standards had blown out. The stewards spoke with Los Alamitos Chairman of the Board Ed Allred, Director of Racing Jay Conklin and the track mutuel department. The track electrician notified us that the problem could not be fixed this evening. The stewards had already ordered the horses to be returned to the paddock at three (3) minutes to post time. At approximately 7:32 p.m. track announcer Ed Burgart announced that racing had been canceled for the rest of the evening. Graphics were shown on TV monitors alerting patrons on and off track to the appropriate refunds available. Los Alamitos Security will provide us a report that will be attached to these minutes.

(5) PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race #2 No Games – Jockey Change C. Marquez for C. Aragon (not cleared by doctor)
2nd Race #1 Stomin Trick – (Tr. S. Knapp) R. Quiroz, trainer (claim voided – race cancelled)

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	579	On Track Handle:	\$43,500.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,725</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$192,304.90
Total:	2,304	Out of State:	<u>\$78,933.69</u>
		Total:	\$314,739.19

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 18, 2016. No equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period four horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: one for soundness, two for injury, and one for sickness. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Grant Baker.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 9/16	SAT 9/17	SUN 9/18	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	36
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		1	3	0	4	417
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	52
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	1	2	110
REFUNDS		A			1	2	0	3	500
RULINGS			Y		3	5	1	9	266
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	0	1	1	76

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

Grant Baker (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Safety Steward)