

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 27, 2016 through October 2, 2016.

TUESDAY

09/27/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Randy Winick will be in the office on non – racing days for all matters, including entries and scratches. Mr. Winick will also record the minutes of the week’s activities.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The entries for Friday evening were completed by 1:00 p.m. and the resulting eight race program will showcase seven Quarter Horse and one Thoroughbred contests. The highlight will be the “PCQHRA BREEDERS DERBY”, which attracted ten entrants.

(3) CAL- BRED REPORT

The fourth race in the condition book, for California Bred Maiden allowance three year olds, at a distance of three hundred and thirty yards, failed to fill with only one entry.

WEDNESDAY

09/28/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

This morning at 9:00 a.m. scratches and changes were taken for Friday’s program, and only one Jockey adjustment was called for.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Nine races were put together at 12:30 p.m. for the Saturday night racing program. The card will be composed of five Quarter Horse, three Thoroughbred, and one Quarter Horse – Thoroughbred mixed race.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the book for Cal-Bred Maidens three years old and upward, claiming price \$6,250 at three hundred yards, was called off with only one entry.

THURSDAY

09/29/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

At 9:00 a.m. promptly, scratches were closed with only one jockey change requested.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The draw for Sunday was finished by 1:00 p.m. and the nine race program will consist of six Quarter Horse and three Thoroughbred races. There will be three trials for the "Los Alamitos Wild West Futurity".

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race scheduled for Sunday, maiden two year olds for a claiming price of \$4,000 at three hundred yards, failed to fill with only four entered. This race was subsequently called off.

FRIDAY
09/30/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratches for Sunday's program were taken at 9:00 a.m. this morning and only one rider change was requested.

(2) BEAN COMPLAINT – CASE #16LA0285

Trainer Robert Bean contacted the stewards telephonically to answer this complaint regarding a high Bute for a workout to be removed from the veterinarians list. Mr. Bean treats all of his horses with one tab of oral Bute when they run. He did not however, take into account that the workout would be much earlier in the day, morning actually. Mr. Bean attributed the high reading, 2.84 ug/ml, which is above the allowed 2.0 ug/ml, was due to his mistake in timing. Normally the treatment would be over twenty four hours before a race, but the time before a workout for the veterinarians would be only approximately sixteen hours. Robert assured us this would not happen again. Mr. Bean was informed that he was eligible for a warning, being that it was a first offense in over three years and the reading was under 5.0.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Efrain Hernandez was in to review his ride out of the starting gate in the sixth race on last Sunday evening. The horse Efrain rode was in the #1 post position going 870 yards. When the gates opened, his mount bore outward and made some contact with #2 to his outside. Mr. Hernandez had a long hold or cross on his horse, and in his words that was because the horse was very large or long and that's the way he had to ride him. The Stewards had a mixed response to his answer and gave him a warning, but also advised Mr. Hernandez to do a better job in the future.

Jockey Ruben Lozano was in to review film from last Sunday evening concerning the effort he made coming out of starting gate in the third race. Jockey Erasmo Gasca was in for a similar review from the previous week where he let his mount drift several lanes through the stretch. Finally Jockey Marcial Ramirez was in concerning a possible whip violation that was inconclusive after review.

(4) WHIP VIOLATION

The following rulings were issued to Jockeys Jesus Ayala and Cody Jensen for surpassing the allowable amount of strikes with their crops on Sunday evening's card.

RULING # 271

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA IS FINED FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* 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-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2016.

RULING # 272

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN 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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2016.

(5) INQUIRY – EIGHTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

Following the finish of the eighth race, the “PCQHRA BREEDERS DERBY”, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident midway through the 400 yard race, where #8 “UNCLAIMED DIVIDEND” (6th – J. Ayala) drifted inward into #7 “Stel Easy” (9th – O. Peinado) who in turn interfered with #6 “IMA FEARLESS HERO” (10th – R. Aceves) who was also pinched by #5 “UNO CORONA MAS” (8th – GJ. Rangel) who drifted outward from the inside. After talking to the riders involved and viewing numerous replays of the race, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #8 from sixth place to tenth and last for interference with several horses to his inside, especially #6, who took up and lost all chance at any possible better placing.

Original Order Of Finish - 3-1-9-10-4-~~8~~- 2-5-7-6

Official Order Of Finish - 3-1-9-10-4-2-5-7-6-~~8~~

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd Race - #3 Loves Two Coronas – (D. Givens) – Stewards – Not on Grounds

Refund: \$349.00

#4 Sawmill Dash – (D. Givens) Claimed

4th Race - #1 Mypassionspeed – (J. Brinkerhoff) Veterinarian – sick Dr. Fitzgerald

#10 Lil Dip A Nitro – (B. Hoburg) Veterinarian- Euthanized – Dr. Beck
Issues, Stewards

(7) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	845	On Track Handle:	\$117,808.90
Off Track Attendance:	1,930	Off Track Handle:	\$390,773.90
Total:	2,775	Out of State:	\$726,799.35
		Total:	\$1,235,382.15

SATURDAY

10/01/2016

(1) JOCKEY WHIP VIOLATION

Jockeys Ruben Lozano and Cesar DeAlba were asked to see the stewards to address their violations of the whip rule on Friday evening. Neither rider had an argument for their mistake. This will be the third violation for Ruben Lozano, and the first violation for Cesar DeAlba in the past sixty day period. The following rulings were issued for their transgressions.

RULING # 274

JOCKEY CESAR DEALBA 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

RULING # 275

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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

(2) RACING PROGRAM

Tonight’s racing program was conducted without a reportable incident or issue.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - #2 Caliente Cat – (Tr. R. J. Lucas) – Veterinarian – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$172.00

4th Race - #2 Kitsi – (K. Castaneda) Veterinarian – Unsound - Dr. Fitzgerald

Refund: \$183.00

(4) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	1,191	On Track Handle:	\$149,990.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,088</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$465,688.40
Total:	3,279	Out of State:	<u>\$856,521.98</u>
		Total:	\$1,472,200.68

SUNDAY

10/02/2016

(1) AYALA RULING

Jockey Jesus Ayala was in to see the Stewards regarding a disqualification he was involved in on Friday evening. His mount was disqualified from sixth to tenth and last place for interference in mid stretch in the eighth race, the "PCQHRA BREEDERS DERBY". The video shows that Mr. Ayala allowed his mount to drift inward enough to put several horses to his inside in trouble and forcing them to take up and lose all chance of a better placing. Jesus did not agree, as he thought he tried to correct him. The Stewards disagreed and held him responsible for a messy incident. The following ruling was issued to reflect his poor effort

RULING # 273

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA, WHO RODE UNCLAIMED DIVIDEND IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 8,9 AND 14, 2016, FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SIXTH TO TENTH POSITION. 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.

(2) WHIP VIOLATION

The following ruling was issued to Jockey Eduardo Nicasio for blatant abuse of the crop in Saturday evening's ninth race, the "PCQHRA BREEDERS FUTURITY" (GR. II), when he was riding #1 "Better Check Him Out" (10th). During the entire 350 yards of the race, Mr. Nicasio hit his mount approximately "twenty five" plus times in three different engagements. All of this for a horse that finished last. Mr. Nicasio did not appear for his hearing as requested, however it was conducted by telephone. Eduardo did not argue the matter and had no plausible excuse. The Stewards thought that this was so aggressive and abusive that he deserved a suspension. It should be noted that Mr. Nicasio has had numerous crop violations this year, although none in the previous sixty days. The following ruling was issued.

RULING # 276

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 9,14, AND 15, 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) DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 1, 2016.

(3) INQUIRY – THIRD RACE - NO CHANGE

The inquiry light was illuminated shortly following the finish of the four furlong third race to review an incident approaching the far turn where #2 "Initiative" (7th – C. Marquez) was racing in about fourth position down the backstretch, on the inside of and behind #4 "CJ Terror" (2nd – E. Hernandez). The problem being reviewed was when #2 tried to move up inside of #4 going into the turn and suddenly took up. After talking to both riders and several views of the video it was determined that #2 tried to sell out and bolt over the hind quarters of #4, causing the problem himself. The stewards ruled that there would be no change to the original order of finish.

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1ST Race -#2 Designed Fashion – (Tr. A. Aquino) – Claimed
 #3 Trixie Nine – (Tr. R. Gomez) - Jockey M. Arana replaced M. Ramirez – No Show
- 2nd Race -#3 Cape Royal – (Tr. A. Soto) – Jockey M. Arana replaced M. Ramirez – No Show
 Refund: \$172.00
- #4 Five Star Jack – (Tr. K. Castaneda) - Claimed
- 3rd Race -#2 Initiative – (Tr. F. Meza) – Jockey C. Marquez replaced M. Ramirez – No Show
- 4th Race - #1 Sonora Senatoe – (Tr. J. Nunez) - Jockey C. Marquez replaced M. Ramirez – No Show
 #9 Walkin Delight – (Tr. J. Nunez) – Veterinarian - Claimed
- 5th Race - #5 Eagles Nest – (Tr. J. Gomez) – Jockey O. Peinado replaced R. Aceves - Injured

(5) HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

On Track Attendance:	734	On Track Handle:	\$120,411.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,938</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$397,456.40
Total:	2,672	Out of State:	<u>\$922,674.52</u>
		Total:	\$1,440,542.42

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 2, 2016.

Zero equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries.

During this reporting period eight horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: two for soundness, one for injury,
 one for sickness, and four for shock wave therapy.

Five 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 09/30	SAT 10/01	SUN 10/02	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	36
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		1	0	3	4	425
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	54
INQUIRIES	D				1	0	1	2	113
REFUNDS		A			3	2	0	5	510
RULINGS			Y		2	3	1	6	276
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	0	0	0	76

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

 Randy Winick (Steward)

 Tom Ward (Steward)

 James Dreyer (Steward)

