

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 October 6, 2016 through October 9, 2016.

THURSDAY

10/06/2016

(1) **ENTRY/SCRATCH STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on duty this week for entries and scratches. The entry box was a bit slow, but Racing Secretary Jay Conklin and his staff ultimately put together good cards for the three day week. The grade one Robert Boniface Handicap is the premiere race for the week. There were no California Bred races filling this week, as well as no early scratches or changes. Ward will author the minutes for the coming week.

FRIDAY

10/07/2016

(1) **STEWARD OUT**

Steward Randy Winick will not be here this evening as he is in Florida on personal business. Safety Steward David Neusch will fill in for Mr. Winick, while Ruben Moreno will replace Mr. Neusch.

(2) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #4 Sticktothescript (Vet-sick)
 #7 Torre Italiana (Vet-injured) refund of \$407.00
 4th race - #2 Veronica Rose (Vet-injured) refund of \$228.00

(3) **RULING #277**

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TRAINER DENNIS GIVENS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

This ruling was issued after Mr. Givens pleaded guilty for not having his horse Loves Two Coronas on the grounds for a pre-race exam on September 30, 2016. He said the owner was supposed to bring the horse in on the 29th, but never arrived.

(4) **RULING#278**

RULING # 278

JOCKEY JOSE ANTONIO FIGUEROA 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 A PREVIOUS 60 DAY

PERIOD), IN THE 9th RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 2, 2016. The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider violated the "crop" rule in the ninth race on October 2nd. He had come close in an earlier race, and was admonished regarding the rule. It obviously did not sink in as he went out and did the same thing, only worse, in the following race.

(5) MEDICATION VIOLATION HEARING

Trainer Michael Casselman was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for an extremely high Banamine level (7,756ng/ml) found in his horse Say It Best, the winner of the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 26, 2016.

Mr. Casselman, who has raced in this jurisdiction since 1990 and has had one medication sanction – in 1990 – was extremely concerned over the results. He said that his original thought was that the horse had received Banamine from his practicing veterinarian instead of a race day Lasix administration. A subsequent check showed that there was Lasix in the sample, rendering his original observation incorrect. He has canvassed all of his stable and they maintain that they did not administer Banamine paste to the horse. Therefore, he has no explanation to the results.

We will take the matter under submission and render a decision shortly.

(6) VIDEO PROBLEMS/JOCKEY OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

Just prior to the running of the first race this evening, we were informed by the video department that they were having trouble with the backstretch camera and that it would not be available for the first race. They gave us no timetable as to when it would be functional. We were hoping for the best, but Murphy's Law reared it's ugly head and an objection was filed by jockey Carlos Marquez (unplaced, #3 Affirmthethunder) against the winner, #2 Make Em Run For It (C. Aragon) for interference on the backstretch. After examining the angles available, we had to dismiss the claim of foul as we could not establish who was responsible for the incident.

(7) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review an incident at the start involving the inside four horses - #4 Go Baltazar (3rd, A. Cervantez), #3 Tillman (4th, M. Arriaga), #2 TR Show Boost (7th, E. Gasca) and #1 Sprightly (6th, G. Boag). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Go Baltazar from third to seventh position. Video showed the horse breaking in sharply, impeding the three horses to its inside. Jockey Cervantes was not held culpable, with the blame attributed to the horse.

(8) Attendance and Handle

On Track Attendance:	604	On Track Handle:	\$88,226.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,894</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$344,092.30
Total:	2,498	Out of State:	<u>\$704,119.31</u>
		Total:	\$1,136,438.51

SATURDAY

10/08/2016

(1) Early Declarations

2nd race - #3 Bank Robber (entered back) refund of \$95.65
7th race - #3 BH Apollo Ono (Vet-sick) refund of \$742.65

(2) VOIDED CLAIM

A claim deposited by trainer Elmer January in the first race for #7 Tenille was voided as the horse exhibited signs of soreness during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Dennis Givens.

(3) QUIET EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	878	On Track Handle:	\$110,761.30
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,983</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$419,937.90
Total:	2,861	Out of State:	<u>\$761,529.63</u>
			\$1,292,228.83

SUNDAY
10/09/2016

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race - #4 Daddy Please (Vet-sick) refund of \$450.00
- 3rd race - #2 High Alert (Vet-injured) refund of \$329.00

(2) RULING #279

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TRAINER MICHAEL CASSELMAN WHO STARTED THE HORSE "SAY IT BEST" IN THE SEVENTH RACE ON AUGUST 26, 2016 AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE IS FINED TWO THOUSAND (\$2000.00)* DOLLARS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A&D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS & OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) 1843.5 (G) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES PERMITTED AFTER ENTRY IN A RACE) AND #1887 (TRAINER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1844 (CI) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION – FLUNIXIN (CLASS IV) - IN EXCESS OF PERMITTED LEVEL OF 20 NG/ML (7756 NG/ML).

This ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the merits of the complaint against the trainer. On the positive side for Mr. Casselman, his medication record is extremely good. On the down side, however, is the fact that the amount of Flunixin was many times the allowable amount. It is obvious that a mistake was made, either by Mr. Casselman's employees or by his veterinary group. That being said, as trainer of record, it was still Mr. Casselman's responsibility to safeguard the integrity of his stable.

(3) RULING #280

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JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (OCTOBER 16TH, 21ST, AND 22ND, 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 8, 2016. THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

The Foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Arvizu accepted responsibility for a blatant violation of the "crop" rule.

(4) RULING #281

RULING # 281

JOCKEY ANTONIO R. PEREZ 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 THIRRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 8, 2016.

This ruling was issued after the rider had no excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(5) SMOOTH CARD

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(6) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	689	On Track Handle:	\$113,830.10
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,883</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$403,229.20
Total:	2,572	Out of State:	<u>\$904,062.42</u>
		Total:	\$1,421,121.72

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 9, 2016.

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

During this reporting period nine horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: two for soundness, three for injury, and three for sickness, and one for shock wave therapy.

Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Tom Ward

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SUMMARY

2016

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/07	SAT 10/08	SUN 10/09	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	36
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		5	2	4	11	436
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	0	0	1	55
INQUIRIES	D				2	0	0	2	115
REFUNDS		A			2	2	2	6	516
RULINGS			Y		2	0	3	5	281
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	76

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Randy Winick (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)