

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 26, 2019 through March 31, 2019.

THURSDAY

3/28/2019

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this week to oversee entries and changes. This week entries came in by the droves, with the latest draw taking place at 1:30pm. Changes were few and Cal Breds, as usual, were conspicuous by their absence.

FRIDAY

3/29/2019

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd race- #2 Calie View (entered back) refund of \$68.00

6th race- #5 Arrogant Disregard (entered back) refund of \$117.00

(2) **RULINGS**

RULING # 72

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 17, 2019.

RULING # 73

JOCKEY CHRISTIAN M. ARAGON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)* 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 SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 17, 2019.

RULING # 74

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* 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 MARCH 17, 2019.

These rulings for "crop" violations were issued as none of the riders could offer a reasonable excuse for their actions.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim in the second race deposited by trainer Sergio Morfin for #6 "Angry Bobby" was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was "off" in the right foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Kelly Castaneda.

(4) ACCIDENT/ STEWARDS' REVIEW/ NO CHANGE

A Stewards' review took place following the sixth race as jockey Oscar Andrade, Jr. was unseated from his mount, #8 "One Cool Winner", shortly after the start of the 330 yard event. After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards determined that an inquiry was not necessary as it was evident that the spill was caused by the horse ducking out sharply, causing Andrade, Jr. to "pull the rip cord" and bail off to the left. He landed hard and was excused from his final mount of the evening after examination by track paramedics. He was transported to the hospital for precautionary measures. The horse continued down the outside of the track making light contact with the outside rail on a couple of occasions but did not seem to suffer any significant injury.

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	521	On Track Handle:	\$91,923.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,866</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$296,204.30
Total:	2,387	Out of State:	<u>\$813,278.51</u>
		Total:	\$1,201,406.51

SATURDAY

3/30/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

4th race- #3 Blane (entered back) refund of \$2,216.00
#7 Diamonds N Czechs (Vet-sick) refund of \$1,184.00
8th race- #5 Selective (Vet-unsound) refund of \$119.00

(2) RULINGS

RULING # 75

GROOM ARTURO CRUZ, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

RULING # 77

GROOM NOEL LOPEZ, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

These rulings were issued as the licensees failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

(3) RULING

RULING # 76

STABLE FOREMAN SILVANO VACA IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT – PHYSICAL ALTERCATION).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Vaca admitted his participation in an altercation in the

stable area at San Luis Rey Downs. He said that one of the grooms, Noel Lopez, had dumped feed in the shed row that Vaca was raking and when he was asked to clean it up, a verbal argument ensued. It quickly became physical, with both men landing blows. Since this is the first time Mr. Vaca has been cited, a minimum fine was issued.

(4) RULING

RULING # 78

GROOM JOSE SANDOVAL IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR AS LONG AS HE HOLDS A CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD LICENSE FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (8) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – UNAUTHORIZED VISITORS), #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND- MARIJUANA, METHAMPHETAMINE AND CONTRABAND) AND #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT).

FURTHERMORE, JOSE SANDOVAL SHALL SHOW PROOF OF A RECOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE STEWARDS AND SIGN A TEST AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Sandoval appeared in the office to respond to a citation from San Luis Rey Downs security to the effect that marijuana and methamphetamine were found in his tack room. Additionally, the report indicated that two under-age females were found in the room. Sildenafil was also confiscated.

Mr. Sandoval was tested and was positive for marijuana. He admitted that the drug found in his room was his but said that the “meth” belonged to his friend, Arturo Cruz, who has been suspended for failure to appear on this same matter. He further stated that the females were “friends” of Cruz and that he did not have anything to do with them. There is nothing in the security report to refute his statement.

(5) “CROP” RULINGS

RULING # 79

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 29, 2019.

RULING # 80

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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 MARCH 29, 2019.

RULING # 81

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* 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 MARCH 29, 2019.

RULING # 82

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 29, 2019.

These rulings were issued after the riders admitted to violation of the "crop" rule.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited in the first race by trainer Jesus Uranga for #2 "We Will Re Joyce" was voided as the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Rafael DeLeon.

(7) REFUNDS

There were two refunds ordered prior to the second race this evening. #8 "Boy Howdy", with Ramon Guce aboard, ran off for two trips around the 5/8th oval. The stewards activated the scratch based on the fact that the horse unduly exerted itself. The refund amounted to \$10,952.00.

#8 "Isee It In Hiseyes" was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald because the horse did not warm up to the satisfaction of jockey Vinnie Bednar. This refund totaled \$8,394.00.

(8) LATE JOCKEY CHANGE

Carlos Huerta did not arrive in time to fulfill his obligation in the third race and was replaced by Jonathan Roman, who piloted the horse to an easy "Win".

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	861	On Track Handle:	\$91,353.90
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,886</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$274,554.40
Total:	2,747	Out of State:	<u>\$865,209.70</u>
		Total:	\$1,231,118.00

SUNDAY

3/31/2019

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race- #1 Fiftyeight Special (Vet-sick) refund of \$491.00
2nd race- #2 Rosat (Vet-injured) refund of \$321.00
5th race- #4 Cheyenne Dancer (Vet-injured) refund of \$268.00

(2) RULING

RULING # 83

JOCKEY CARLOS M. HUERTA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 30, 2019.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Huerta offered no valid excuse for failing to fulfill his riding engagements.

(3) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim for the horse "In My Sight" was voided following its time in the detention barn due to a soundness issued in the left foreleg. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer John Casey Selvester.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	587	On Track Handle:	\$93,874.70
Off Track Attendance	<u>1,690</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$334,673.40
Total:	2,277	Out of State:	<u>\$1,003,880.37</u>
		Total:	\$1,432,428.47

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 31, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 2 for soundness, 5 for injury, 2 for sickness. Eighteen 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 2019

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 3/29	SAT 3/30	SUN 3/31	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0	0	1	2
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		0	1	2	3	74
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	16
REFUNDS		A			2	4	3	9	105
RULINGS			Y		3	8	1	12	83
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	1	1	1	3	10

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Scott Chaney (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)