

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 27, 2016 through October 30, 2016.

THURSDAY

10/27/2016

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was on duty for entries and scratches this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The entry box was not what one would call "overflowing"; however, the cards, Saturday in particular, were well received. There were ten races carded for Saturday, with all races being part of The Bank of America Challenge Series. Changes at scratch time were minimal. Ward will also author the minutes for this coming week.

FRIDAY

10/28/2016

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race - #3 Aikau (Vet-sick) refund of \$440.00
- 5th race - #1 Corona Paola (Stewards – not on grounds) refund of 153.00
- 6th race - #2 Keepitinthe car (Vet-injured) refund of \$186.00

(2) **VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Carlos Marquez was in the office this afternoon to review the second race from October 23, as his mount was responsible for interference at the start. After reviewing video of the race and discussing the incident with the rider, it was the unanimous opinion of the stewards that the horse was to blame, not the rider.

(3) **RULING#298**

RULING # 298

JOCKEY GUILLERMO SUAREZ 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 OCTOBER 23, 2016.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Suarez offered no excuse for violating the "crop" rule during the ninth race on October 23, 2016

(4) QUIET EVENING

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

(5) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	688	On Track Handle:	\$105,373.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,786</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$378,946.30
Total:	2,474	Out of State:	<u>\$545,492.69</u>
		Total:	\$1,029,812.79

SATURDAY

10/29/2016

(1) Early Declarations

4th race - #1 Catching (Stakes) refund of \$74.00

7th race - #7 Shiner Blond (Vet-unsound) refund of \$55.00

(2) RULING #299

This ruling was issued after Mr. Nicometo failed to appear to address a complaint filed against him for possession of marijuana. Mr. Nicometo has a history of marijuana use and for failing to appear for hearings when apprehended for marijuana possession/usage.

RULING #299

GROOM ANTHONY NICOMETO, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO RESPOND TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1890 (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND) AND #1902 (CONDUCT DETRIMENTAL TO HORSE RACING), 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 ANTHONY NICOMETO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MR. NICOMETO IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(3) RULING #300

This ruling was issued after the rider failed to appear to address the violation. While it was his first offense within the last sixty days, his actions were to the point that we felt a more stringent fine was in order.

RULING # 300

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO 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-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 28, 2016.

(4) RULING #301

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Vallejo, in the company of his daughter, trainer Adriana Aceves, was in the office to address the fact that his horse was not on the grounds of this association twenty four hours prior to race time. Mrs. Aceves explained that the horse was at a farm, became sick, but they could not find a vet to verify the illness.

RULING #301

TRAINER FRANCISCO VALLEJO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016.

(5) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #1 KR Streakin Version was off in the left foreleg during the warm up period and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$12,384.00.

(6) RIDER EXCUSED

Cody Jensen was excused from his final two mounts of the evening as a nagging shoulder injury flared up, preventing him from completing his engagements. Replacement riders were announced.

(7) REFUND

There was a refund in the eighth race as #4 Paint A Candy Storm flipped in the starting gate, became "cast", and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$13,502.00

(8) A GOOD NIGHT OF RACING

The Saturday evening card consisted of ten races comprising the Bank of America Challenge series. Kudos must go out to the starter, Gary Brinson, and his crew as runners were sent on their way interference – free, with every horse having the opportunity to run its race. There were no inquires and no controversy. There were a number of close finishes, but that is expected for good Quarter Horse racing.

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	2,144	On Track Handle:	\$185,753.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,862</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$332,308.00
Total:	4,006	Out of State:	<u>\$837,515.90</u>
			\$1,355,577.10

SUNDAY

10/30/2016

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #2 Conundrum (Vet-sick) refund of \$189.00.

9th race - #4 Seared (Stakes) refund of \$199.00

(2) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Marcial Ramirez was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

(3) RULING #302

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JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 29, 2016.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Rangel chose not to represent himself with respect to a "crop" violation.

(4) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #8 Tempetuous was off in the right foreleg during warm up and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The amount returned came to a total of \$5,718.00

(5) REFUND

There was a refund in the seventh race as #3 Discrete injured itself during the loading procedure and was declared after examination by Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The amount returned came to a total of \$14,242.00.

(6) REFUND

Another in a series of refunds took place prior to the eighth race as #1 Cucuro flipped in the saddling paddock and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund to

the players totaled \$1,483.00.

(7) MEDICATION ISSUE-LATE DECLARATION

Just prior to the horses leaving their respective stalls for the Grade 1 Golden State Futurity, the Stewards were informed by Safety Steward David Nuesch that the guard stationed at the stall of #7 Six Zeroes observed the horse's groom administer a product to the horse via a plastic dose syringe. When confronted, the groom, Carlos Orantes, stated that he had been instructed by the horse's trainer, Jose Antonio Flores, to administer the medication. The bottle was confiscated and it turned out to be "Su-per Wind, an equine breathing aid. This was in contravention of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.5 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race). Mr. Flores was contacted and informed of the situation. When told that the horse had to be scratched by rule, he was understandably upset. We explained that the rule was specific and that there was no other alternative. There was a refund of \$7,097.00 due to the scratch.

(8) Attendance And Handle

On Track Attendance:	709	On Track Handle:	\$147,713.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,851</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$397,039.20
Total:	2,560	Out of State:	<u>\$822,169.55</u>
		Total:	\$1,366,922.35

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 30, 2016. There were no equine deaths reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period ten horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: three for soundness, four for injury, and three for sickness. Six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward: Tom Ward

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY 2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 10/28	SAT 10/29	SUN 10/30	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	38
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	24
CLAIMS			R		4	0	2	6	455
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	57
INQUIRIES	D				0	0	0	0	118
REFUNDS		A			3	4	5	12	538
RULINGS			Y		1	3	1	5	303
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	0	0	79

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)