

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 22, 2016 through March 27, 2016.

TUESDAY

03/22/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Randy Winick will be available to oversee all A.M. duties concerning entries, scratches and any miscellaneous activities as well as record the minutes of the period.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The entries for Friday were completed by 4:00 P.M. and the resulting eight race program will consist of four Thoroughbred, three Quarter Horse and one mixed Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred event.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

Sub #1 for Friday was a California Bred \$4,000 claiming affair for three year olds going 330 yards. There were no entries and it was subsequently called off.

WEDNESDAY

03/23/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

The standard 9:00 scratch time came and went on time and the only changes were two equipment adjustments.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

The entries for Saturday weren't complete until 4:45 P.M. and the eight races that finally filled were composed of four Thoroughbred, two Quarter Horse and two Quarter Horse Thoroughbred mixed races.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The sixth race in the condition book for Saturday was a California bred affair, for a claiming tag of \$10,000 at a distance of 300 yards. This race was called off with only one entry.

THURSDAY

03/24/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

Saturday's scratch time was held at 9:00 A.M. promptly and the only actions taken were two rider changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

There were no entries taken this morning for Easter Sunday, due to Los Alamitos being dark on this special day.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

As stated in the above entry, there will be no racing Easter Sunday, Cal-bred or otherwise.

FRIDAY

03/25/2016

(1) SCRATCH TIME

No scratches were taken this morning due to Sunday being dark for Easter

(2) FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cheryl Charlton was in as requested to review the start of the previous Sunday's fourth race, where she rode #1 "Rodeotime" (4th). Rodeotime and Ms. Charlton broke sharply to the right the first jump out of the gate and caused some interference with #3 "Pride of Wilshire", (3rd – G. Boag) who took up and lost some position. Mr. Boag called after the race to complain about Ms. Charlton. After a thorough review of the incident and interviewing Ms. Charlton, the Stewards agreed, somewhat, that her horse was hard to control and had a mind of its own. However, the Stewards also thought she could have reacted a stride sooner to lessen the damage and if she wouldn't have taken such a long hold may have a bit more control. No penalty was issued, but a warning to be quicker reacting.

(3) OBJECTION – THIRD RACE – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the third race (4 ½ fur. - T.B.) Jockey Cheryl Charlton (5th) lodged an objection against the winner #3 "BK Miss" (B. Boulanger) for coming outward into her horse approaching the 1/8 pole. Mr. Boulanger declared that if he didn't switch paths when he did, he had so much horse he would have run upon the heels of the horse in front of him. After a review of the taped replay, the Stewards determined that this was really incidental contact without much effect on Ms. Charlton's mount. Cheryl's horse at this point in the race appeared to be maxed out and was tiring at the time of contact. The Stewards did however inform Mr. Boulanger that he must come in to review the incident tomorrow.

(4) INQUIRY – SEVENTH RACE - NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident midstretch in the 330 yard Quarter Horse 7th race. #1 "Uppity" (DNF- R. Aceves) while racing in the clear down on the fence, suddenly locked up behind and went down briefly, throwing Jockey Aceves hard to the track surface. After a thorough review it was determined that interference did not play any part in this incident and was caused solely by the horse going wrong in behind on his own. Mr. Aceves was conscious and alert, but was transported by the paramedics for precautionary reasons to Los Alamitos Medical Center. A report will be attached to these minutes.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race - # 3 Scud (J. Avalos) Claimed
5 Redistribute (J. Nunez) Claimed

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	734	On Track Handle:	\$86,695.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,982</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$250,520.50
Total:	2,716	Out of State:	<u>\$743,900.55</u>
		Total:	\$1,081,116.55

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$382,627.55

SATURDAY

03/26/2016

(1) MORENO AND DEDIOS COMPLAINTS (16LA0076/16LA0079)

The above two complaints are related by trainer and owner relationship concerning the care and treatment of their horses with improperly labeled and distributed permitted medication. Mr. Jose Moreno is the trainer of Mr. Dedios' horses and was not aware that Mr. Dedios authorized Mr. Moreno's groom to acquire and dispense the ulcer medication Ranitidine to his horse for stomach problems. After listening to the details of the complaint by senior investigator Tom Blake and

listening to testimony first by owner Roberto Dedios and later trainer Jose Moreno, it appears there is some conflicting, evidence and statements by both parties. The groom involved in this matter was not present, although he should have been called for his testimony to help clarify a muddled situation. It appears to be somewhat of a stand off as to who did what and when and to whom or he said she said. Mr. Dedios was contacted by the groom of his horse, when he couldn't contact trainer Moreno, and said his horse needed ulcer medication, for stomach problems. Mr. Dedios told him to get the medication from the vet, and give it to his horse. Mr. Moreno later in his testimony said he knew nothing of this issue until after the fact. The bottle of Ranitidine was also not labeled properly with the dosage, amount, the horse and trainer's name and withdrawal time. It also appears to be from a veterinarian group that does not practice at Los Alamitos. The whole issue is a bit of a mystery and a mess. In the end Mr. Moreno, being the trainer of record is responsible and Mr. Dedios should not be authorizing medication for his horses at the track, and the missing groom should not be asking for medication and dispensing it without the trainer's permission. The Stewards closed this matter for deliberations and will issue rulings in the near future.

(2) RANGEL RULING

RULING # 73

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL 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 MARCH 13, 2016.

The above ruling was issued to Mr. Rangel for hitting his mount more than the allotted three times in succession without letting the horse respond – first offense in a sixty day period. Jairo said he would be more careful in the future.

(3) MORENO RULING

RULING # 74

TRAINER JOSE MORENO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1852 (REPORTING TO RECEIVING BARN).

The above ruling given to trainer Jose Moreno is for not having a horse of his to arrive at the receiving barn at the appointed time. Mr. Moreno said he would fix the problem.

(4) OBJECTION – SECOND RACE – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the second race (870 yds-QH/TB) Jockey Brandon Boulanger aboard #5 "Bullish on Steve" (2nd) lodged a claim of foul against the winner #7 "Seatoshiningsea" (C. Chaparro) for interference shortly out of the chute going down the backstretch. Mr. Boulanger thought #7 came inward and caused the pressure from outside to force him to steady. Brandon was also upset that #8 "To Tonia N Mike" (6th-C. Charlton) bolted or went very wide in the middle of the turn, carrying him out past the middle of the track, costing him the win. After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the taped replays, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. First it was determined that #7 did not cause the tightening down the backside but two other horses that he beat. The second issue against #8 was a valid point, but Mr. Boulanger's mount beat that one who finished back in sixth place. In the opinion of the Stewards there was no reason to reverse the order of finish.

(5) STEWARDS INQUIRY – THIRD RACE – NO CHANGE

Following the finish of the third race, the Stewards called for an inquiry at the start of the 4 1/2 furlong Thoroughbred contest. #5 "Magico (DNF-C. Aragon) whipped his head to the right just as the starter pushed the button and then reared on his hind legs coming out of the gate. This in turn caused Jockey Christian Aragon to fall off and hit the ground. As #5 was running loose behind the field (uninjured) the EMT's quickly attended to Mr. Aragon, Christian was eventually to his feet and on his own power entered the emergency vehicle. Jockey Aragon was excused from his remaining mounts for a sore foot. After a thorough review the Stewards determined that the horse "Magico" caused his own problem in the starting gate, as he was fractious as the starter hit the button. There was no change made to the original order of finish.

(6) VOIDED CLAIM

In tonight's third race a claim put in for #2 "Tribal Note" by trainer Angela Aquino was voided by Dr. Beck, the official Veterinarian for unsoundness in its left foreleg. Tribal Note was returned to the barn of trainer Adriana Aceves.

(7) WELCOME ADDITION

The camera for use in the far turn of this 5/8th mile oval, which was requested earlier in the meet, made its debut this evening. It was worth the wait, and actually gave us more than we had hoped for. The high definition camera gave us an excellent view of the turn from just outside of the 3/16th pole to the finish and in addition was very useful in providing a close up view of the loading procedure for both the 300 yard and 330 yard races. We are confident that this camera position will make racing safer for riders and their mounts.

We would like to thank all involved for their efforts in installing this camera.

(8) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race - #1 Condition – (E.G. Burnison) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$408.00

3rd Race - #2 Tribal Note – Claim voided, Unsound
#6 Mist's Best Bet – (J. Nunez), Claimed

4th Race - #3 Our Trooper – (N. Acuna) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund: \$251.00

5th Race - #2 Cool Casual – (R. Gomez) Jockey B. Boulanger replaced C.M. Aragon, Injured

6th Race - #2 Apollo's Legacy – (C. Treece) Claimed

7th Race - #4 Ivory Dasher – (A. Aceves) Claimed

8th Race - #4 Tres Corona Casg – (J. Enriquez) No Lasix, Dr. Beck
Refund: \$2,818.00

(9) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	894	On Track Handle:	\$112,561.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,039</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$280,549.30
Total:	2,933	Out of State:	<u>\$712,881.38</u>
		Total:	\$1,105,992.18

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$367,830.40

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
03/26/16	2	1	<u>Condition</u>	E.G. Burnison	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$408
03/26/16	4	3	<u>Our Trooper</u>	N. Acuna	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$251

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 26, 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: five for soundness, two for injury, one for sickness, zero for medication, zero for bleeding, zero for shock wave therapy. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Randy Winick.

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SUMMARY
2016

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/25	SAT 03/26	SUN	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				1	0		1	7
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0		0	1
CLAIMS			R		2	3		5	138
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0		0	7
INQUIRIES	D				2	2		4	19
REFUNDS		A			0	3		3	90
RULINGS			Y		0	2		2	74
VOIDED CLAIMS					0	1		1	6

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)

David Nuesch (Steward)

