

**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 February 23, 2016 through February 28, 2016.

**TUESDAY**

02/23/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Morning business will be addressed by James Dreyer who will also compile the minutes during this reporting period.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maiden fillies two years old, was called off with two (1 Cal-Bred).

(3) THE DRAW

Three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races will comprise Friday's program.

**WEDNESDAY**

02/24/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

One scratch and one rider change completed Friday's program changes.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, maiden three year olds for a \$4,000 tag, was used open. (3 Cal-Bred)

(3) THE DRAW

Again Saturday there will be three Thoroughbred and five Quarter Horse races.

**THURSDAY**

02/25/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

Scratch time was conducted at 9:00 a.m. with one equipment change being the only change.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The third race in the book, maidens three years old, was off with one. (1 Cal-Bred)

(3) THE DRAW

A 6:30p.m. Draw resulted in five Thoroughbred and three Quarter Horse races.

**FRIDAY**

02/26/2016

(1) SCRATCHES

There were no declarations or changes on Sunday's program.

(2) RULINGS #37, #38, #39, #40

RULING # 37

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ 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 FEBRUARY 21, 2016.

RULING # 38

JOCKEY SANTIAGO MENDEZ 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 FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2016.

RULING # 39

JOCKEY ROBERTO C. HERNANDEZ 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 FEBRUARY 21, 2016.

RULING # 40

JOCKEY EFRAIN HERNANDEZ 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 20, 2016.

The foregoing rulings were issued after the above riders were observed violating Board Rule #1688(b)(6).

(3) RULING #41

RULING # 41

TRAINER NICOLAS ACUNA IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1846 (RACING SOUNDNESS EXAMINATION – FAILURE TO PRESENT HORSE) AND #1894 (DUTIES OF TRAINER), ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016.

The foregoing ruling was issued after trainer Nicolas Acuna failed to make Tommy Weaver available for his racing soundness examination. Dr. Fitzgerald went by his barn on three different occasions and Acuna was never there.

(4) FILMS

Jockey Ruben Lozano was in to review the fourth race from February 19, 2016. After examining the film the Stewards felt Lozano made a reasonable effort to control his mount and was held blameless.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The third race claim of Known Defense by trainer Ricardo Guillen was voided after the gelding was placed on the vets list as unsound. He was returned to trainer John Brocklebank.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

The sixth race claim of Love Two Coronas by trainer J.P. Silva was voided after she was placed on the vets list by Dr. Beck as unsound. She was returned to trainer Dennis Givens.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS

3<sup>rd</sup> Race - # 1 Mr. Zippers (S. Rivera) Colic, Dr. Beck

Refund: \$1129.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race - # 2 Due Rae (A. Soto) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald  
 Refund: \$357.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race - # 7 GDF Valentina (R. Guillen) Unsound, Dr. Fitzgerald  
 Refund: \$183.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race - # 3 Chic All The Way (S. Perez) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald.  
 Refund: \$533.00.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	945	On Track Handle:	\$122,452.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,899</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$443,747.40
Total:	2,844	Out of State:	<u>\$802,319.08</u>
		Total:	\$1,368,518.98

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$421,889.23

**SATURDAY**

02/27/2016

(1) RULINGS #42, #43, #44, #45

RULING # 42

GROOM MARCO TOLENTINO, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489(H) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE – POSITIVE FOR METHAMPHETAMINE) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

RULING # 43

OWNER ARTURO ROMERO, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0045, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

RULING # 44

OWNER RAFAEL CORNEJO, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0046, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

RULING # 45

OWNER JOSE CRUZ HERNANDEZ, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016, TO ANSWER A COMPLAINT REGARDING CASE #16LA0047, ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (A) (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

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

The above rulings were issued after the individuals named in the complaints failed to appear to address the alleged violations.

(2) RULING #46

RULING # 46

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ 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 SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 26, 2016.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Cruz Mendez was in for the second consecutive day for violation of the riding crop rule.

(3) OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the third race Jockey Dionicio Navarro on #4 Island Pearl (2<sup>nd</sup>) lodged an objection against #5 Red Hot Tip (1<sup>st</sup>-M. Ramirez) going into the turn. After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing the alleged incident the Stewards felt the films failed to support Navarro's contention that he was bothered. No change was warranted.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

The fifth race claim of My Sweet Miracle by trainer Jesus Nunez was voided after he was put on the vets list as unsound. The gelding was returned to trainer Felix Gonzalez.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The fifth race claim of The Manly Art by trainer Dennis Givens was voided after Dr. Beck put him on the vets list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Guillermo Morales.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

3 <sup>rd</sup> Race -	# 2 <u>Market Kitten</u> (B. Grayson) Injured, Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund: \$1175.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race -	# 4 <u>Shoulda Kissed Me</u> (J Crotts) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald
	Refund: \$851.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	853	On Track Handle:	\$98,744.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,021</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$298,024.80
Total:	2,874	Out of State:	<u>\$717,213.77</u>
		Total:	\$1,113,983.27

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$395,559.42

SUNDAY  
02/28/2016

(1) RULINGS #47, #48

RULING # 47

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA ORSE 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2016.

RULING # 48

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ 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 SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2016.

The foregoing rulings were issued after films confirmed that both riders were in violation of CHRB Rule #1688(b)(6).

(2) CLEAR SAILING

This evenings eight race program was conducted with nothing of significance to note.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Race - # 7 Zirondelle (R. Rosales) Sick, Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund: \$473.00.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	617	On Track Handle:	\$86,352.70
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2,003</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$274,237.00
Total:	2,620	Out of State:	<u>\$900,709.39</u>
		Total:	\$1,261,299.09

Advanced Deposit Wagering (ADW) Handle: \$500,777.11

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>
02/26/16	3	1	Mr. Zippers	S. Rivera	Colic	Beck	\$1,129
02/26/16	5	2	Due Rae	A. Soto	Unsound	Fitzgerald	\$357
02/26/16	6	7	GDF Valentina	R. Guillen	Unsound	Fitzgerald	\$183
02/26/16	8	3	Chic All The Way	S. Perez	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$533
02/27/16	3	2	Market Kitten	B. Grayson	Injured	Fitzgerald	\$1,175
02/27/16	8	4	Shoulda Kissed Me	J. Crofts	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$851
02/28/16	1	7	Zirondelle	R. Rosales	Sick	Fitzgerald	\$473

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 28, 2016. Zero equine deaths were reported this week

due to racing injuries. During this reporting period fifteen horses were added to the Veterinarian's

List as follows: eight for soundness, two for injury, three for sickness, zero for medication, zero for bleeding, one for shock wave therapy, and one for coggins. Six horses previously on the Veterinarian's List

were examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Dreyer.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**  
**SUMMARY**  
**2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 2/26	SAT 2/27	SUN 2/28	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		4	4	5	13	98
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	5
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	10
REFUNDS		A			4	2	1	7	69
RULINGS			Y		5	5	2	12	55

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

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James Dreyer (Steward)

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Randy Winick (Steward)

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Tom Ward (Steward)

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David Nuesch (Steward)