

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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GENERAL DATA

DATES: Thursday July 2, 2015, through Sunday July 12, 2015. Racing Thursday through Sunday.

DATES: Eight races weekdays, eight races Opening Day and nine races on weekends, unless otherwise designated.

POST TIMES: Thursday July 2, 2015, through Sunday July 12, 2015, 2:15 p.m.

SCRATCH TIME: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00am two days out, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3rd race or one hour before post time, whichever is longer.

WAGERING:**8 RACE CARD**

- 1.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, .50 Cent Pick Five
- 2.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, .50 Cent Pick Four
- 3.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, \$2 Pick 6
- 4.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3.
- 5.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, Pick Four (.50-Cent Min.)
- 6.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3.
- 7.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$2 Double
- 8.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.)

9 RACE CARD

- 1.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, .50 Cent Pick Five (Races 1-5)
- 2.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3.
- 3.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3.
- 4.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, \$2 Pick 6 (races 4-9)
- 5.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3,
- 6.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$1 Rolling Pick 3, Pick Four (.50-Cent Min.)

- 7.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$2 Rolling Double, \$1 Pick 3.
 8.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), \$2 Double.
 9.) Exacta, Trifecta, \$1 Superfecta (.10 Cent min.), Day/Night Double (1st Race Night).

AUXILIARY STABLES: San Luis Rey Downs, Santa Anita and Galway Downs

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of July 2, 2015 through July 4, 2015.

THURSDAY07/02/15¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3 rd Race	#5 Pulpit Rules	(Vet-injured)	
	#11 Octofy	(Also eligible)	
	#12 Just Google Me	(Also eligible)	Refund of \$634.90
4th Race	#8 Fort Atticus	(Vet-sick)	Refund of \$213.80
5th Race	#5 Keegers	(Stewards-double medication)	
	#11 Rock Steady Eddie	(Also eligible) see 7/2/15 ⁶	
6th Race	#11 Bound for Heaven	(Also eligible)	
	#12 Caliente Cat	(Also eligible)	Refund \$1,674.10
7 th Race	#2 China Prince	(Stakes)	Refund of \$2,896.00
8 th Race	#1 Alyeska	(Vet-sick)	Refund of \$630.00

07/02/15²**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Alex Solis, Alonso Quinonez, Omar Figueroa and Eswan Flores were excused from their mounts this afternoon due to illness. Replacement riders were named. Gonzalo Nicolas was late to the Jockey's Room and missed his mount in the first race. A replacement was named.

07/02/15³**MEETING WITH JOCKEY COLONY**

The Stewards met with the local riders and explained the rules and expectations for the upcoming meeting. Emphasis was placed on the newly implemented whip/crop rule, the unusual track configuration, and reporting to the Jockeys' room.

07/02/15⁴**CLAIM VOIDED**

Prior to the first race, we received a call from Paymaster of Purses Dawn Jackson to the effect that Steve Miyadi, the trainer of #5 Shy Rosa, requested a transfer of \$10,800.00 from the account of the owners of Shy Rosa, CN Racing and Starry Night Racing, to the account of Craig Seidler, whose trainer, Paul Aguirre, dropped a claim for Shy Rosa. It certainly had the appearance of a "protection claim", a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1652, and therefore the claim was voided. Investigators will be notified.

07/02/15⁵**RIDER UP PRIOR TO FINISH**

Apprentice jockey Brayan Pena, aboard #1 Our Trooper in the fourth race, stood up nearly one sixteenth of a mile before the wire while racing in second position. He still managed to finish second, beaten a half length for the "Win". His actions likely cost he and his mount the race. He will meet with us tomorrow.

07/02/15⁶**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #2 Rainsford became fractious in the starting gate, injured itself and was scratched on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$90,054.09

07/02/15⁷**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim from the fifth race deposited by trainer Peter Miller for the horse Takem by Surprise was voided as the horse was off in the left hind leg during its time in the Receiving Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of Gary Sherlock.

07/02/15⁸**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident during the stretch run involving the winner, #10 Pax Tecum (B.Panicucci) and the third place finisher, #2 No Bachi (O. Santos). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Pax Tecum from first to third position. Video review showed the winner drifting in at least five paths, forcing the third place horse off of its path and ultimately forcing that horse's rider to check sharply in order to avoid the winner's heels. Mr. Panicucci will meet with us tomorrow.

07/02/15⁹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,552	541,643.30
Off Track	4,140	1,169,128.40
Out -of-State	N/A	3,485,001.74
Total	6,692	5,195,773.44

FRIDAY
07/03/15¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3 rd Race	#6 Awe Gee	(enter back)	
	#11 Swiss Heart	(Also eligible)	
	#12 Warrensdollarsigns	(Also eligible)	Refund \$1,156.20
4 th Race	#8 Palm Canyon	(Vet-sick)	Refund \$448.10
6 th Race	#5 Screaming Tap	(Vet-sick)	
	#11 Lord Stark	(Also eligible)	
	#12 Pyrotechnics	(Also eligible)	Refund of \$916.40
8 th Race	#2 American Blend	(Vet-injured)	
	#4 Tribal Again	(Vet-sick)	
	#7 Fonz	(entered back)	
	#10 Congregationalist	(Vet-injured)	Refund of \$4,461.00

07/03/15²

RULING

Apprentice jockey BRUNO PANICUCCI, who rode PAX TECUM in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Racing Association on July 2, 2015, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (July 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to third position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Panicucci, who was extremely embarrassed by his actions yesterday, offered no excuse for permitting his mount to drift in so dramatically. He did say that he was so excited over the prospect of winning his first race in the States that he completely lost his focus.

07/03/15³

RULING

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO 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), during the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2015.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Maldonado accepted responsibility for striking his mount more than three times in succession, thereby giving him the dubious honor of becoming the first jockey on the Southern California circuit to be penalized for violation of the new crop/whip rule.

07/03/15⁴

RULING

Apprentice jockey BRAYAN PENA, is suspended for SEVEN (7) racing days (July 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, and 18) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1884 (Unsatisfactory Rides –misjudged finish) while riding OUR TROOPER in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2015. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

This ruling was issued as the rider, who said he made “a big mistake”, accepted full responsibility for standing up well before the finish.

07/03/15⁵

RULING

Jockey GONZALO NICOLAS is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*for failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the second race at Los Alamitos Racing Association of July 2, 2015. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The preceding ruling was issued as the rider accepted responsibility for missing his mount in the second race on opening day. He said that he had to return to his home in San Bernardino to retrieve some immigration documents and got caught in traffic on his way to the track.

07/03/15⁶

RULING

Owner TARI BROCKLEBANK, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$4,252.25 to Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS#139, issued at Santa Anita Park on June 19, 2015, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after word was received that an overdue veterinary bill owed to Dr. Nicola Hardgrove had been paid in full.

07/03/15⁷**RULING**

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ 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), during the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2015.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Valdez admitted striking his mount more than three times in succession. He said his mount was lugging in, but the tapes did not corroborate his statement.

07/03/15⁸**MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Caesar Dominguez was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed for an excess amount of Phenylbutazone found in the horse Sidepocket Champ, the winner of the sixth race at Santa Anita on May 2, 2015. The post race analysis showed the presence of 2.97 ug/ml of the drug in the horse's system. Mr. Dominguez, who has an excellent record for medication compliance, had absolutely no explanation for the finds. His attending veterinarian, Dr. John Araujo, told Official Veterinarian Tim Grande that he did not alter his medication regimen. His record earned him a warning.

07/03/15⁸**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the second race to review an incident during the stretch run involving the second and third place finishers, #5 Sharpest One (C. Aragon) and #6 Some Caan Job (F. Prat). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Sharpest One from second to third position. Video showed the horse drifting out during the stretch run, floating the third place horse and forcing it off of its path. Since the margin between second and third was a "nose", it was the Stewards' opinion that the incident cost Prat and his mount a position.

07/03/15⁹**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race to review an incident approaching the finish involving the first and third place finishers, #3 Shallot (M. Gutierrez) and #9 Let the Girl Go (M. Pedroza). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. We felt that both horses contributed to the contact as the winner drifted out, while the third place horse stepped in. The contact tipped the winner out, making it more difficult for Mr. Gutierrez to correct his mount.

07/03/15¹⁰**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,657	613,776.20
Off Track	5,171	1,726,388.90
Out –of-State	N/A	3,950,700.36
Total	7,828	6,290,865.46

SATURDAY07/04/15¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1 st Race	#2 My Dynamo	(Vet-sick)	Refund of \$670.20
3 rd Race	#1 Jamie Said No	(Vet-sick)	Refund of \$952.70
4 th Race	#2 Carolina Carmen	(no rider available)	Refund of \$2,126.95
7 th Race	#11 Stormy's Blazer	(Also eligible)	Refund of \$300.39

07/04/15²**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Carlos Marquez was excused from his mount this afternoon due to illness. Unfortunately, no replacement rider could be found.

07/04/15³**RULING**

Stable cafeteria employee MANUEL MARTINEZ having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License-felony carjacking –domestic violence) 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 MANUEL MARTINEZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspended or Fine), Mr. MARTINEZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction

This ruling was issued after Mr. Martinez failed to appear for a hearing involving several felony charges. We understand that he is currently incarcerated.

07/04/15⁴**RULINGS**

Jockey Christian Aragon 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), during the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 3, 2015.

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON, who rode SHARPEST ONE in the second race at Los Alamitos Racing Association on July 3, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 10, 11, and 12) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to third position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

These rulings were issued after Mr. Aragon had viewed video of the second race from July 3rd. He had no excuse for the whip violation or the drift in the stretch which resulted in disqualification.

07/04/15⁵**RULING**

Jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ 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), during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 3, 2015.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Iniguez had viewed the third race from this past Friday. He was apologetic, stating that it would not happen again.

07/04/15⁶**STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race to review the start of #7 Karma King, which was off well behind the field. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the break, the Stewards unanimously voted to make the horse a “starter”. Video showed the horse rearing coincident with the stall doors opening, causing its own problem.

07/04/15⁷**RIDER UP BEFORE WIRE**

Jockey Eswan Flores, aboard #7 Delaney's Joy, stood up before the finish then got back down, managing to finish in a dead heat for second. He will meet with us tomorrow.

07/04/15⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,633	856,996.60
Off Track	6,386	2,365,678.60
Out –of-State	N/A	4,799,836.56
Total	10,019	8,022,511.76

VETERINARIAN REPORT – week 06/22/15 to 06/28/15

Horses on Vet List	22
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	30
Deceased	3
Medication	0

ATTENDANCE REPORT- The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SUMMARY

		Thurs 7/2	Fri 7/3	Sat 7/4	Week	Meet
Accidents		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races		2	2	2	6	6
Claims		2	3	1	6	6
Disqualifications		1	1	0	2	2
Inquiries		1	2	1	4	4
Refunds		6	4	4	14	14
Rulings		0	6	4	10	10
Voided Claims		1	1	0	2	2

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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