

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 June 3, 2016 through June 5, 2016.

FRIDAY

06/3/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Randy Winick filled in on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Tom Ward, who was unavailable due to a family situation. Entries went well, especially for Sunday, when thirteen trials for the Ed Burke Futurity were drawn. Changes at scratch time were minimal. Ward will handle the minutes for the week.

(2) EARLY SCRATCHES

- 1st race - #1 Slew Keyty (dispute over ownership)
 #4 Leaping Lady (Vet-sick) refund of \$2,486.00
 4th race - #1 Trixie Nine (stewards – entered back)
 #7 Quick Louder (vet-injured) refund of \$868.00

(3) Short Term Change in Official Veterinarians

Dr. Sid Gustafson will be in charge of the Receiving Barn and Detention Barn tonight and tomorrow as Dr. Gary Beck will be at Santa Anita for two days. We will be back to normal for the trials on Sunday. Ms. Jessica Lighthill, who is the Official Veterinarian's secretary, will hold down the fort until Dr. Beck's return.

(4) Ruling #144

RULING # 144

IN THE MATTER OF: JERRY RASKEY

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO SALLY RIVERA, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER JERRY RASKEY ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #138, DATED MAY 28, 2016, SUSPENDING JERRY RASKEY FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND JERRY RASKEY IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

This ruling was issued after verification was received that Mr. Raskey had complied with the ruling issued earlier in the year compelling him to pay Sally Rivera for training expenses.

(5) Ruling #145-146

RULING # 145

HAVING NOW APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 3, 2016, RULING #89, DATED APRIL 22, 2016 IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER ALICIA HERNANDEZ ARE RESTORED.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Ms. Hernandez appeared to address a complaint filed against her for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1652(b&d)(Prohibited Actions with Respect to Claims).

RULING # 146

OWNER ALICIA HERNANDEZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1652 (b&d)(PROHIBITED ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS) ON APRIL 2, 2016.

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the facts of the case originally heard on April 22, 2016. While Ms. Hernandez was somewhat complicit in the matter, evidence points to the fact that trainer Adriana Aceves was the perpetrator in this instance as she thought that she would likely lose the horse via the claim box and wanted a little protection.

(6) Jockey Injured- Delay in Post

There was a delay in post time for the fourth race of approximately eight minutes due to the fact that Marcial Ramirez, scheduled to ride #3 Ercoles, was injured when the horse unseated him in the walking ring. Vinnie Bednar rode the horse to a second place finish. Ramirez was excused for the remainder of the card.

(7) Steward's Inquiry and Disqualification

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident shortly after the start involving the fourth through seventh place finishers - #6 Looking For Love (E. Nicasio), #4 Im Leonidas (C. Mendez), #3 Countless Ways (C. Marquez), and #5 Fire Is Blue (C. Huerta). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Looking For Love from fourth to seventh position. Video shows the horse lugging in badly early in the 300 yard race making hard contact with Fire is Blue and forcing that horse into the other affected runners. The incident, in the Steward's opinion, cost all three horses the opportunity for a better placing. Jockey Nicasio was held blameless.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	758	On Track Handle:	\$71,456.00
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,947</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$29,948.70
Total:	2,705	Out of State:	<u>\$801,925.40</u>
		Total:	\$903,330.10

SATURDAY
06/04/2016

(1) Early Declarations

- 2nd race - #5 Love Forever (Vet-sick)
#7 Parliamentarian (Vet-injured) refund of \$1,433.90
- 4th race - #2 Jess Kick It (Vet-sick) refund of \$844.26

(2) Trainer Voices Concern

John Cooper was in the office this afternoon to relay his concern over the fact that his stable employees had to run an unknown individual out of the shedrow shortly after noon yesterday. He said that his particular issue was that the man tried to give a carrot to the best horse in his barn, Moonist, who may be the number one Quarter Horse in the country. Since Moonist is scheduled to race in the Vessell's Maturity Trials next weekend he wanted to raise the issue now. Supervising Investigator Thomas Blake contacted Equine Medical Director, Dr. Rick Arthur, and made arrangements for the horse to have blood pulled and sent to U.C. Davis for analysis. The results should be available on Thursday.

(3) Ruling #147

RULING # 147

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR 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 IN A SIXTY (60) DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 3, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider offered no excuse for violating the “crop” rule.

(3) Claim Voided

The claim deposited in the third race by Trainer Francisco Vallejo for #3 Monterey Legacy was voided as Dr. Gustafson reported the horse was unsound in both front legs during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of Trainer Jorge Gutierrez.

(4) Racing Rarity

Placing Judge Devon Torres reported that the time of the sixth race – 15.62 – was the same as the official order of finish in the race – 1,5,6,2.

(5) Steward's Inquiry and Disqualification

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review an incident shortly after the start, which was a complete mess, involving the first and second place finishers, #5 Eclipse Through Time (M. Arana), and #3 Jack Mountain (C. DeAlba). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start of the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Eclipse Thorough Time from first to second position. Video showed that the winner broke in sharply, coming down to the #3 path and forcing that horse's rider to check sharply. In the Steward's view, the incident cost Jockey DeAlba and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	1,042	On Track Handle:	\$80,802.60
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,947</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$40,648.70
Total:	2,989	Out of State:	<u>\$730,267.32</u>
		Total:	\$851,718.62

SUNDAY

06/05/2016 (1) Meeting With Riders

The Steward's met with the Jockey colony prior to the evening card to remind them that even though there are thirteen trials for the Ed Burke Futurity tonight, the “crop” rule is still in effect and that we expect them to make a strong effort to maintain a straight course leaving the gate.

(1) Ruling #148

RULING # 148

JOCKEY MINOR ARANA WHO RODE “ECLIPSE THROUGH TIME” IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JUNE 12TH, 17TH, AND 18TH, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SECOND. 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 THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the eighth race from the last evening, after which his mount was disqualified for interference shortly after the start. (Ref. 6-4-16-6) Mr. Arana, who was accompanied by Trainer Jesus Nunez as translator, offered no excuse for failing to make an effort to straighten his mount.

(2) Ruling #149

RULING # 149

JOCKEY TONY F. GUYMON 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 IN A SIXTY (60) DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 4, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Guymon had viewed video of the ninth race from Saturday, during which he used the “crop” more than three times. He said that he knew he was in trouble right after he committed the violation and therefore accepted the penalty. As an aside, he said he had just flown in from Utah, where there is no such rule in effect. He did not use that as an excuse.

(3) Fairly Smooth Card

With thirteen two-year-old trails taking place this evening, all things considered it was a pretty smooth night. A few broke in, a few broke out and a few broke slowly. No incidents, however, warranted action on the part of the Stewards.

(4) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	824	On Track Handle:	\$1,479,070.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,851</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$20,717.80
Total:	2,675	Out of State:	<u>\$1,175,563.49</u>
		Total:	\$2,675,352.19

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on June 10, 2016. Zero equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period seven horses were added to the Veterinarian’s

List as follows: one for soundness, two for injury, and three for sickness. Zero for medication, Zero for bleeding, and one for shock wave therapy. Zero horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY 2016**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 06/03	SAT 06/04	SUN 06/05	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	13
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS			R		4	6	0	10	229
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	1	1	0	2	10
INQUIRIES	D				1	1	0	2	32
REFUNDS		A			2	2	0	4	184
RULINGS			Y		3	1	2	6	153
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	27

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)