

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 July 15, 2016 through July 17, 2016.

FRIDAY

07/15/2016

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was on duty for entries and declarations this past Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will write the minutes for the coming week. Entries were a bit slow this week, while changes at scratch time were held to a minimum. Cal breders were still a "no show".

(2) STEWARD SWITCH

Steward Randy Winick was not available this evening for personal reasons. Safety Steward David Nuesch filled in for Mr. Winick, while Paul Atkinson replaced Mr. Nuesch in the Safety Steward position.

(3) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #6 Pink Sky (entered back)) refund of \$123.68
8th race - #3 Vain Eagle (entered back)
#5 First Tempting (entered back) no refund

(4) VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Cruz Mendez was in the office to review the eighth race from July 10th, after which his mount was disqualified for interference at the start. After a review of the incident and a discussion with the rider, it was the unanimous decision that a sanction was not in order as he made a reasonable effort to prevent interference.

(5) QUIET EVENING

All matters during the course of the evening card were routine.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	723	On Track Handle:	\$109,744.20
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,837</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$412,724.40
Total:	2,560	Out of State:	<u>\$713,739.46</u>
		Total:	\$1,236,208.06

SATURDAY

07/16/2016

(1) **STEWARD OUT ONCE MORE**

Steward Randy Winick is still on the mend and will not be available this evening. Substitutes are the same as last night.

(2) **RULING #182**

RULING # 182

IN THE MATTER OF: JOHN LITZO

HAVING NOW SATISFIED THE OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL OBLIGATION TO EQUINE SPORTS MEDICINE, THE LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF OWNER JOHN LITZO ARE RESTORED AND LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE RULING #188, DATED NOVEMBER 13, 2015, SUSPENDING JOHN LITZO FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY) IS HEREBY SET ASIDE AND JOHN LITZO IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING.

This ruling was issued after we were informed that Mr. Litzo had satisfied his indebtedness to Equine Sports Medicine

(3) **RULING #183**

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JOCKEY AGENT NEIL BRICKS IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION) ON SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Bricks acknowledged his error in entering a horse belonging to trainer Richard Rosales into the wrong race. They had talked about a race in the condition book, but entered in an "extra" race.

(4) **RULINGS #184 & #187**

RULING # 184

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN A SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 3, 2016.

RULING # 187

JOCKEY ALEX BAUTISTA 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 JULY 15, 2016.

These rulings were issued as neither rider had an acceptable excuse for violating the "crop" rule.

(5) **RULINGS #185 & #186**

RULING # 185

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), GROOM JOSE BALBINO MUNOZ IS FINED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25)* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA REGULATIONS – RIDING BICYCLE IN BARN AREA.

RULING # 186

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530(CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES OR REGULATIONS), OWNER HERIBERTO RAMOS PABON IS FINED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS(\$25)* FOR VIOLATION OF STABLE AREA REGULATIONS – RIDING BICYCLE IN BARN AREA.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both men pleaded guilty to violating the stable area prohibition against riding a bicycle in the stable area.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The stewards conducted an inquiry following the running of the first race to review an incident in the final one sixteenth which involved the fifth and seventh place finishers, #9 Lady Berlin (V. Bednar) and #7 Makayla's World (M. Arana). The inquiry sign was not posted on the totalizer board as pari-mutuel payoffs were not affected; however, an announcement was made as to the inquiry in process. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Lady Berlin from fifth to seventh position. Video showed the horse drifting in, causing Arana to take up due to lack of racing room. It was the opinion of the stewards that the incident cost Makayla's World and her rider the opportunity for a better placing.

(7) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the third race by trainer Candalerio Villamar for the horse Miss Tessa was voided as the horse was "off" in the left foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Tanya Kay Schvaneveldt.

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	7510	On Track Handle:	\$212,710.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>2049</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$526,787.80
Total:	9,559	Out of State:	<u>\$881,861.58</u>
	Total:		\$1,621,359.88

SUNDAY

07/17/2016

(1) STEWARD STILL AILING

Steward Randy Winick is still under the weather and will not be here tonight. Replacements remain the same as before.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race - #7 Miss Marin (Vet-unsound) refund of \$455.00
- 4th race - #2 Charlie Monkey (Vet-sick) refund of \$438.00
- 6th race - #1 Stel Happens (Vet-sick) refund of \$802.00
- 8th race - #1 Burning Fire (Vet-injured) refund of \$86.00

(3) RULINGS #188 & #189

RULING # 188

GROOM GUADALUPE RIOS SAN MIGUEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT)/(FIGHTING).

RULING # 189

PONY RIDER GELBER RACAEI ESTRADA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT)/(FIGHTING).

The foregoing rulings were issued after both admitted their participation in a physical altercation in the Los Alamitos stable area.

(4) RULING #190

RULING # 190

JOCKEY VINNIE BEDNAR WHO RODE "LADY BERLIN" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JULY 24TH, 29TH AND 30TH, 2016) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE RESULTING IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIFTH TO SEVENTH. 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.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Bednar had viewed the first race from last evening, after which his mount was disqualified from fifth to seventh position for interference in the stretch. The rider was candid, stating that he did not realize the other rider was in the hole until it was too late to relieve the pressure.

(5) RULINGS #191 & #192

RULING # 191

JOCKEY TONY F. GUYMON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 16, 2016.

RULING # 192

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE 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 JULY 16, 2016.

These rulings were issued after both riders admitted to a violation of the "crop" rule.

(6) REDUCTION IN APPRENTICE ALLOWANCE

Apprentice Jockey Edgar Orozco dropped from a ten pound "bug" to a seven pound allowance as he won his fifth race in this evening's third event. Announcements were made as to the rider adding three pounds to the weight he was originally scheduled carry on the remainder of his mounts.

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	808	On Track Handle:	\$109,442.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1849</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$339,048.70
Total:	2,657	Out of State:	<u>\$763,618.90</u>
		Total:	\$1,212,110.00

TRACK SAFTEY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 17, 2016. No 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: four for soundness, one for injury, and two for sickness. Four 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 07/15	SAT 07/16	SUN 07/17	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	17
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	12
CLAIMS			R		0	1	0	1	1
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	1	0	1	21
INQUIRIES	D				0	1	0	1	45
REFUNDS		A			1	0	4	5	227
RULINGS			Y		0	6	5	11	195
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	1	0	1	33

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)

Paul Atkinson (Safety Steward)