



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS WINTER THOROUGHBRED MEET
AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE

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GENERAL DATA:

Address: Los Alamitos Racing Association
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Dates: Thursday, November 30, 2017 through Sunday, December 17, 2017.
Twelve racing days. Total number of racing days per week: four, Thursday through Sunday.

Races: Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 1:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:30 p.m. weekends.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, 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 two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick Four on final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1-5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races.

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WEEK 1 - Thursday, November 30, 2017 through Sunday, December 3, 2017.

MONDAY

11/27/17¹

DUTY STEWARDS

Tom Ward was in the office this morning to supervise the entry process for opening day. Mr. Scott Chaney will take over starting on Tuesday.

THURSDAY

11/30/17¹

A. M. DECLARATIONS

1 st Race	#4 VODKA TEXTED YOU (Vet –unsound)
	#6 PROUDTOBESICILLIAN (Vet – injured). Refund \$1,095.00
2 nd Race	#1 LOGAN’S MOON (Vet –sick). Refund \$2,177.00
3 rd Race	#7 PAPA CABALLERO (Vet – sick). Refund \$2986.00.
6 th Race	#12 KANTHAKA (Also eligible). Refund \$4,044.00
8 th Race	#2 LUCKY PATRICK (Vet – injured) see 11/30/17 ³

11/30/17²**STEWART ELLIOTT RULING LWTL #001**

Jockey STEWART ELLIOTT is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop –strike on the nose) while riding the horse “Haig’s Factor” during the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 26, 2017.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the eighth race from Del Mar on closing day. At issue was the fact that MR. ELLIOTT’S horse had been trying to get out the entire race and he struck it on the nose twice during the stretch run. He acknowledged his error. Steward Chaney voted for a \$500.00 fine.

11/30/17³**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #8 ALPHA UNO lost a racing plate during the warm up period and Plating Inspector Victor Tovar was unable to nail on a replacement shoe due to the horse’s failure to cooperate. The refund amounted to \$37,115.00

11/30/17⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	912	\$264,138.10
Off Track	2,890	\$788,631.60
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,613,922.14
Total	3,802	\$3,666,691.84

FRIDAY12/01/17¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

7TH Race #4 MEET AND GREET (Vet – sick). Refund \$560.00

12/01/17²**CHANGE IN STEWARDS**

Jon White will be in the stand for the coming three days as Steward Luis Jauregui is in Florida regarding the implementation of third party Lasix starting next year.

12/01/17³**INFORMAL HEARINGS**

There were three hearings held this morning into complaints against owner JOSEPHINE GOLDBERG alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Contact). Two complaints were filed by Ms. Amy Hartunian , the wife of Gary Hartunian, who owns Rockingham Ranch Racing Stable. Ms. Hartunian asserted that on two occasions this year, May 6 and October 7, at Santa Anita Park, she was verbally accosted by Ms. Goldberg, whose comments were very upsetting and caused her great concern. Ms. Hartunian also stated that in her opinion, Ms. Goldberg’s agenda was to cause problems between her and her husband. Gary Hartunian also commented that he was the victim of Ms. Goldberg’s harassment, as well. Ms. Goldberg testified that she and Mr. Hartunian became friendly and that he wanted to take the relationship further. She also stated that she asked Mrs. Hartunian to stop her husband from harassing her. During the encounter on October 7, she thanked Amy for helping her. Phil Daniels, who Ms. Goldberg referred to as her “horse partner” of seven years, said Ms. Goldberg was close enough to Mr. Hartunian that he offered to buy her a horse after hers horse was injured in 2015. He further stated that she is living in fear as her car has been vandalized on four occasions while in the Owner/Trainer parking lot at Santa Anita.

Owner Aaron Hesz was also in the office today as he had filed a complaint, albeit in 2016, against Ms. Goldberg alleging that she verbally harassed him at Santa Anita. He said that he attempts to avoid any contact with her as he is aware of her reputation, but on the day in question she accosted him at the walking ring and continued her rants up both escalators to the main line. He said since the day in question there has been no contact between the two. We will reinstate Ms. Goldberg tomorrow and come to a determination in the case shortly.

12/01/17⁴**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted this morning into a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against Jockey Valet MICHEL POINCELET alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). On November 3, 2017, Mr. Poincelet got into an argument with Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul over the number of extra jockey cubicles at Del Mar Poincelet was afforded to accommodate riders coming in from out of town for Breeders Cup. The complaint stated that Mr. Poincelet pushed Mr. McCaul and then threw a cup of water on him. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Poincelet, who was represented by Jeff Foehlich, the business agent for Mr. Poincelet's union, was candid, admitting to the allegations. He said that he "lost his cool" when Mr. McCaul refused to help him obtain more cubicles. Mr. Poincelet has worked as a valet on the Southern California thoroughbred circuit for over fifteen years and has never had any incidents during that time. Darren Scharrer, of Winners Foundation, stated that Mr. Poincelet has been attending anger management classes and is moving forward. Charles McCaul testified and attested to what happened. He said that he has always gotten along with Michel and does not feel threatened by him, even after the incident. He felt that Mr. Poincelet just had "a bad week and a bad day". A decision will be rendered shortly.

12/01/17⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – HORSE DECLARED A NON-STARTER – REFUND**

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review the start of #4 CARRIE. The horse broke slowly and stumbled a couple of strides away from the gate. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the start the Stewards determined that the horse had its head turned by the assistant starter and was unprepared for the break. The decision was unanimous. The refund amounted to \$35,827.00.

12/01/17⁶**STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the seventh race as #5 DASHIN ASHEN clipped the heels of #6 NOT NOW CAROLYN shortly after the start. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video, the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the original placings intact. Although the horse did clip heels, it finished a well beaten last and it was felt that its position was not compromised by the incident.

12/01/17⁷**JOCKEY OBJECTION - DISQUALIFICATION**

The objection sign was posted after the eighth race as jockey Evin Roman (2nd, #8 EMPIRE RULER) lodged an objection against the winner, #10 SPEND IT (B. Pena) for interference in deep stretch. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the stretch run of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify SPEND IT from first to second position. Video showed the horse racing erratically in the stretch, switching leads and changing direction on two occasions. The last time the horse ducked in, it put Roman on heels and forced him to check and alter his course. His horse closed strongly in the final yards and was beaten a "neck" for the Win.

12/01/17⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	930	\$299,770.50
Off Track	3,427	\$1,261,160.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,618,390.80
Total	4,357	\$5,179,321.30

SATURDAY12/02/17¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

5th Race #1 RIDGEFIELD ROCKET (Vet - sick)
 #3 AGGRESSIVEBRAWLER (entered back) Refund \$611.00
 9th Race #11 LAMBO LUXX (Also eligible) Refund \$338.00

12/02/17²**PRAT RULING LWTL #002**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* 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) during the third race at Del Mar Race Track on November 26, 2017. This constituted licensee's fourth offense in the last sixty days (previous offenses during this period having occurred in 2017 on October 8, October 22 and November 3).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Prat's agent, Derrick Lawson, viewed the race in question with the Stewards. While Mr. Lawson was very vocal in stating his displeasure with the current crop rule, there was no denying that his rider struck the horse five times in succession during the late stages of the race.

12/02/17³**GOLDBERG RULING LWTL #003**

Owner JOSEPHINE GOLDBERG, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is restored to good standing. Ruling DMTD #025 issued at Del Mar Race Track on November 19, 2017 is set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Ms. Goldberg appeared for her rescheduled hearing yesterday. A decision on the merits of the complaints will be finalized shortly.

12/02/17⁴**HAUSCHILD RULING #004**

Apprentice Jockey AMELIA HAUSCHILD, who rode the horse "SECOND GEAR" in the eighth race on December 1, 2017, at Los Alamitos Race Track, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 9, 10 and 14, 2017) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey – failure to ride her mount to the finish, costing him a better finish position).

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 Ms. Hauschild had viewed the eighth race from December 1, in which she stood up before the finish line and cost her mount a better placing. She was candid, stating that she thought the pole for the mile start was the line of finish.

12/02/17⁵**GROOM RESPONDS TO COMPLAINT**

Rodolfo Ramos was in the office today responding to a complaint filed by the Board due a positive test for methamphetamine. Ramos was field tested and proved positive for the drug.

During the early stages of the hearing he strongly denied being a user but finally, at the urging of his interpreter, Jesus Nunez, he came clean and admitted his use. Ramos was tested after the hearing and was negative for any drugs. A decision will be rendered shortly.

12/02/17⁶**COMPLAINT DISMISSED**

A complaint filed against Trainer PETER MILLER for failure to report a first time gelding was dismissed after a discussion of the merits of the case. Mr. Miller had called the racing office at Santa Anita to report the castration a day before scratch time, but due to the fact that scratch time for the meeting had been moved to the day of the race, programs were being finalized the day before. By the time Mr. Miller called, the program procedure was too far along for the sex to be changed. We felt that Miller was a victim of circumstances and therefore no penalty was warranted.

12/02/17⁷**VIDEO REVIEW**

KENT DESORMEAUX, who is riding at Golden Gate Fields today, sent fellow rider Vinnie Bednar to represent him. Shortly after the start of the seventh race, Desormeaux's mount, #6 Not Now Carolyn, began to lug in dramatically. It made contact with the #5 horse, Dashin Ashen, tipping itself in even more. By majority vote, Mr. Desormeaux received a warning as it was felt that he made enough of an effort to avoid a sanction. Steward Chaney felt a three day suspension was in order.

BRAYAN PENA was also in regarding the disqualification of his mount in the eighth race on Friday. Once again, by majority decision, a warning was issued. The majority put the blame on the horse, which had raced erratically in the stretch, and not on the rider. Steward Chaney voted for a three day suspension.

12/02/17⁸**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the first race to review an incident in the stretch involving the first and second place finishers, #4 ANGELINA'S HEAVEN (E. Orozco), and SWALLOWS INN GAL (B. Boulanger). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards, by unanimous decision, allowed the original order of finish to stand. While the winner did drift out to make contact with the runner up, we felt that the incident did not cost SWALLOWS INN GAL the opportunity for a better placing.

12/02/17⁹**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the second race as two horses were late declarations. #2 ALWAYS NEVER became very fractious in the starting gate and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. Shortly thereafter, #3 MIZTER KOOT CAT unseated the rider and ran off. The combined refund amounted to \$110,252.00.

12/02/17¹⁰**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,123	\$562,271.60
Off Track	6,260	\$2,069,153.80
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,911,809.50
Total	8,383	\$7,543,234.90

SUNDAY12/03/17¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

5th Race #7 JUSTABEAN (Vet-unsound)
 #11 MISS KITAEN (Also eligible) Refund \$373.00
 7th Race #10 PLAIN WRAP (Vet-sick) Refund \$401.00
 9th Race #11 DORITA'S CANDY (Also eligible)
 #12 SONNET'S JOY (Also eligible) Refund \$753.00

12/03/17²**JOSEPHINE GOLDBERG RULING LWTL #005**

Owner JOSEPHINE GOLDBERG is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - Threatening, abusive or aggressive behavior toward another person) at Santa Anita Park on May 6, 2017; on October 20, 2017; and on April 9, 2016. Licensee also is hereby placed on probation for the term of her license. Licensee also is hereby prohibited from any contact with owner Gary Hartunian, Amy Hartunian and owner Aaron Hesz.

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the cases against Ms. Goldberg. The main focus of the ruling was to keep the parties away from one another, even though Ms. Goldberg was the aggressor in all instances. When informed of the decision, she indicated that she was going to file an appeal.

12/03/17³**JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA RULING LWT 006**

Jockey ERICK GARCIA 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) during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Track on December 2, 2017. This constituted licensee's second offense in the last sixty days (previous offense during this period having occurred in 2017 on November 17).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia had viewed the fourth race from December 2. The rider said he just relocated from Parx racetrack in Pennsylvania and was not aware of the "three Strikes" rule. This seems ironic as he was just fined for the same violation last month.

12/03/17⁴**EDWARD FREEMAN RULING #007**

Trainer EDWARD FREEMAN, who was scheduled to saddle BELOVED HOLIDAY in the fifth race on December 2, 2017, at Los Alamitos Race Track, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer – failure to appear to saddle).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Freeman, who is out of the country, was forced to have two valets saddle his horse. He had made arrangements to have another trainer fill in for him, but that person was nowhere to be found.

12/03/17⁵**CAFARCHIA RULING LWTL #008**

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rules 1755 (Grounds for Protest – suspended owner's license; ineligible to participate) and 1759 (Horse to be Disqualified on Valid Protest), MY ITALIAN BABBO, who won the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on June 24, 2017, is disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race and deemed unplaced. The Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita is ordered to distribute the purse money in said race in accordance with the revised order of finish:

- 1st Record Highs
- 2nd Crown the Kitten
- 3rd Unapologetic
- 4th Street Moxie
- 5th Rye Patch

All records are order to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1856 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of a pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

DOB: 5/28/1939
 LIC#: 089052 exp. 5/2018
 CASE#: 17SA194

The ruling was issued to finalize the case filed against Mr. Cafarchia in that he participated in racing without a valid license. His horse "My Italian Babbo" won the eighth race at Santa Anita on June 24, 2017, but Mr. Cafarchia had been suspended the previous day for failure to appear on a financial complaint.

12/03/17⁶**MEDICATION COMPLAINT**

Trainer Alfredo Marquez was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for a Phenylbutazone overage – 2.70 ug/ml – found in his horse MUCHO CHROME, the winner of the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on September 10, 2017. Mr. Marquez was candid, stating that before the horse left for the engagement up North, Dr. Dowd treated the horse with 5ccs of Bute. On the day before the race, Dr. Kuhlman pre-race treated the horse with 10ccs of the drug. Mr. Marquez admitted that he neglected to inform Dr. Kuhlman that the horse had previously received the 5cc injection.

12/03/17⁷**CLEAR CARD**

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

12/03/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,612	\$426,447.20
Off Track	5,775	\$1,769,544.70
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,732,737.47
Total	7,387	\$6,928,729.37

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.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 11/27/17 TO 12/03/17

Horses on Vet List	12
Horses off Vet List	16
Shock Wave Therapy	18
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 11/30	Fri 12/1	Sat 12/2	Sun 12/3	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	3	3
Claims	3	4	0	2	9	9
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	3	1	0	4	4
Refunds	5	2	3	3	13	13
Rulings	1	0	3	3	7	7
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

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**BOARD OF STEWARDS
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LOS ALAMITOS WINTER MEET**

DESIGNATED RACES

In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), Stakes races with a purse of \$100,000 or more shall be recognized as Designated Races for the Los Alamitos Winter Meet, meeting from November 30, 2017 through December 17, 2017.

Jockeys under suspension will be permitted to ride in such races, unless it is specified in the ruling that they are not afforded that privilege.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF STEWARDS

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

*Additional races may be considered.

Rule #1766 Designated Races:

(f) A day in which a suspended jockey participates in more than one designated race in California shall not count as a suspension day.

(g) A day in which a jockey participates in one or more designated races in another jurisdiction while under suspension in California shall not count as a suspension day.

November 30, 2017

NOTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR SERIOUS RACING AND TRAINING ACCIDENTS/FATALITIES

RACING OR TRAINING LOCATION: Los Alamitos (day time thoroughbreds)
DATE OF INCIDENT: 1 December 2017
RACE NUMBER: 8
NAME OF HORSE: #2 CHIDAMAC
NAME OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: Tyler Baze
CONDITION/STATUS OF HORSES: Euthanized. Left front sesamoids.
CONDITION/STATUS OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (NOTE IF TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHAT IS THEIR CONDITION) Not injured.
ACTIONS OF THE HORSE AND JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (HORSE FELL, JOCKEY PULLED UP, VANNED OFF, ETC.) #2 Chidamac was injured near the quarter pole and was pulled up by his jockey who then dismounted.
CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE INCIDENT: (EXPLAIN HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AND WHY) #2 Chidamac was not influenced by any other runner.
WAS THE HORSE CLAIMED? No
WAS THE CLAIM VOIDED? N/A
NAME OF THE TRAINER: Matthew Chew
NAME OF THE OWNER: Millard, Starr or Thompson
TRACK SURFACE: (MAIN, TURF OR TRAINING TRACK) Dirt
SPECIFIC LOCATION OF INCIDENT: (E.G. QUARTER-POLE, FAR TURN, ETC.) ¼ pole
TYPE OF RACE/CLASS: (CLAIMING \$5,000; ALLOWANCE; MAIDEN, ETC.) Maiden Claiming \$20k
BASED ON THE PAST PERFORMANCES OF THE HORSE INDICATE ANYTHING NOTEWORTHY: (DROP IN CLASS, ETC.) Beaten 20 lengths for Maiden \$40k at Del Mar 11/16/17, one ½ mile work since then on 11/27.

State of California

JOCKEY/DRIVER ACCIDENT REPORT

CHRB-201 (Rev. 2/14)

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

JOCKEY/DRIVER ACCIDENT REPORT

Business and Professions Code Section 19481.3(e) provides that the stewards shall investigate and prepare a report regarding all on-track accidents involving jockeys that occur during the performance of the jockeys' duties. The investigation shall commence no later than the next live racing day and shall be completed expeditiously. Board Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes, includes drivers in this requirement.

Upon completion of the report, it shall immediately be sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the Jockeys' Guild or California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA); the jockey/driver or his representative; the racing association; the horse owner; and the trainer of the horse the jockey/driver was riding/driving at the time of the accident.

Name of jockey/driver & CHRB License No.: Tyler Baze #264912Name of horse owner & CHRB License No.: Marianne Millard #071755Name of trainer & CHRB License No.: Mathew Chew #075341Name of horse & Tattoo No.: Chidamac #R13403Race No.: EightDate/time/location of accident: December 1, 2017 – 4:30 p.m. - Los Alamitos Race Course (Thoroughbred)**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Include circumstances of accident, likely causes and the extent of injury to jockey/driver, if any. Complete one Jockey/Driver Accident Report for each jockey/driver involved in an accident. A copy of each report shall be attached to the stewards' minutes in accordance with Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes.

CHIDAMAC was injured nearing the quarter pole and was pulled up by jockey Tyler Baze who then dismounted. Mr. Baze was attended to by the EMT's on scene and walked back to the jockeys' room uninjured.

Jockey/Driver condition: Jockey was not injured.Horse condition: Euthanized, left front.Ron Church

Prepared by:

Signature:

12/3/17

Date report completed:

Distribution

- Jockeys' Guild/ CHHA
- Jockey/Driver
- Racing Association
- Owner
- Trainer

Note: Attach original CHRB-201 form to stewards' minutes.