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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 October 18, 2022, through October 23, 2022.

**Tuesday**

10/18/2022

**(1) TUESDAY MORNING HEARING**

Jockey Barrington Harvey was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him by Board Investigators. On August 13, 2022, Mr. Harvey and eight other jockeys riding that evening had their names randomly drawn and were tested in accordance with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1500.1 (Random Drug Testing). Eight tests came back showing no drugs or alcohol; Mr. Harvey's test showed the presence of 907 ng/ml of Marijuana metabolites.

Present at the hearing were Barrington Harvey, who was not represented by counsel, The Board of Stewards, and Investigator Barrett Halcromb, who represented the Board. Court Reporter Mikayla Lux recorded the proceedings. Mr. Harvey readily admitted using marijuana, stating that he has used for approximately seven years as it helps him get to sleep. He produced a form letter signed by Dr. Sabino Lara attesting to his need for the drug. The letter was not dated, causing the Stewards concern about its legitimacy. Mr. Harvey understands that he cannot use marijuana while riding and stated that he has not used since the August positive finding. A decision will be rendered this coming Saturday.

**(2) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be working mornings this week, handling entries, scratches, and changes. Ward will also be writing minutes for the week.

**Wednesday**

10/19/2022

**(1) WEDNESDAY ENTRIES**

A ten race card was drawn just prior to dinner time this afternoon. The entry process started off well, then hit the proverbial wall. Racing Secretary Scott Craigmyle indicated that it took four hours to fill the final four races.

**Thursday**  
10/20/2022

**(1) THURSDAY ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES/ PANEL**

Entries for the Sunday card were taken this morning, with ten hard-to-fill races being drawn. Scratches and changes were negligible. The Los Alamitos "Panel" met, with two "hard watch" horses being selected for enhanced scrutiny.

**Friday**  
10/21/2022

**(1) FRIDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Scratch time for the Sunday card came and went with not much to report. The "Panel", however, did submit a scratch for a horse in the third event due to veterinary concerns. The trainer was notified.

**Saturday**  
10/22/2022

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Am Yisreal Chai (Vet- sick)  
#6 Big Mama Thornton (Vet-sick) Refund of \$367.10  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Molto Vivace (Vet- unsound) Refund of \$303.80  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Race Thru the Fire (Entered back) Refund of \$81.85  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Watch Him Go (Stewards-could not be shod) Refund of \$314.04

**(2) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Erick Garcia was excused from his mounts this evening as he was injured in a spill at Santa Anita yesterday and has not recovered sufficiently. Replacement riders were named.

**(3) RULING**

**Ruling # 132**

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489 (a) (GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) #1500.1 (a) (RANDOM DRUG TESTING- POSITIVE FOR MARIJUANA).

IN ADDITION, BARRINGTON HARVEY SHALL SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND IS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the merits of the case against Mr. Harvey.

**(4) RULING**

**Ruling # 133**

JOCKEY FRANCISCO CALDERON IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) WHILE RIDING IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 16, 2022.

The ruling was issued as the rider was observed striking his mount three times in succession during the sixth race on October 16, 2022. Mr. Calderon did not deny the three strikes, but said that where he had been riding, three strikes were permissible. Unfortunately for him, that is not the case in this jurisdiction.

**(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	723	\$83,791.00
Off track	1,197	\$342,217.80
Out of state	N/A	\$768,405.59
Total	1,920	\$1,194,414.39

**Sunday**

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Restoring Dreams (Panel-soundness issues) Refund of \$136.90
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Rally Cat (Vet-injured) Refund of \$166.30
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 My Destiny (Miscommunication between trainer and Racing Secretary)  
Refund of \$1,120.81

**(2) VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Cesar Ortega was in the office this evening to discuss the third race from last evening in which he was nipped at the wire for the Win after leading the entire race. We were in receipt of calls from players decrying his lack of effort in the final one sixteenth. The young rider admitted that he thought he had the race won and did not realize that a competing horse was closing strongly. He did not stand up before the finish nor did he restrain his mount. As such, we were in agreement that a stern warning was the proper course of action.

**(3) RULING**

**Ruling # 134**

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING LOOKE N AT ME IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 22, 2022.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Gasca admitted to a violation of the “crop” rule during the sixth race here last evening.

**(4) VOIDED CLAIMS**

There were two claims voided this evening. The claim of #4 Tadeo, from the second race, by trainer Oscar Heredia, was voided as the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Angela Aquino. The second claim which did not pass muster was in the sixth race as #3 Whatwasithinking, claimed by Jose Raudales, was “off” in both forelegs following the race and was sent back to the barn of trainer Jesus Uranga.

**(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	575	\$96,611.10
Off track	948	\$245,767.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,212,621.11
Total	1,523	\$1,554,999.91

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 23, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 5 for soundness, 1 for injury, 2 for sickness, and 2 for EIPH. Four horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 10/22	Sun 10/23	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	16
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	2	3	158
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	19
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	44
<b>Refunds</b>		A		4	3	7	374
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		2	1	3	134
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	2	2	29

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

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward