

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association
Cypress, California**

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

- Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Chairman
- Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman
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- Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member
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- Marc Shaw, Chief, Enforcement Division
- Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of
September 6, 2023, through September 10, 2023**

WEDNESDAY

9/06/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, September 9, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY

9/07/23¹

LUCAS HEARING – (Case #23LA0127)

A formal hearing was held this morning at the request of trainer Robert Lucas, who was charged with alleged violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Present, in addition to Mr. Lucas and the Board of Stewards, were Veterinarian Kelsey Sapp (complainant), CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida, who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board, and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg who transcribed the proceedings.

At issue is Mr. Lucas’s abusive language during a morning training session when monitoring veterinarian Dr. Sapp requested Mr. Lucas return one of his trainees to the barn for apparent lameness. After Dr. Sapp and Mr. Lucas were given the opportunity to testify and call witnesses, the hearing was closed. After we considered the testimony, in a unanimous decision, the complaint was dismissed. Dr. Sapp could not say positively that it was Mr. Lucas who used abusive language.

9/07/23²

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Sunday night’s program and changes to Saturday’s card.

9/07-23³

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one horse that made the hard watch list.

FRIDAY

9/08/23¹

SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches for Sunday's program.

9/08/23²

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one panel scratch in the first race and three horses made the hard watch list.

SATURDAY

9/09/23¹

RULING #108

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Jockey Erick Garcia 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 Cousin Niecey in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 3, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Erick Garcia contacted the Stewards to discuss his use of the crop in the second race on Sunday, September 3, 2023. Mr. Garcia agreed that he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

9/09/23²

RULING #109

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Owner Dino Baccari, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$633.79 to Kingfisher Farms), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

The above ruling was issued after owner Dino Baccari was notified and failed to appear for a complaint that was filed against him by Kingfisher Farms alleging an unpaid boarding bill.

9/09/23³

INQUIRY/ DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the running of the fourth race to review and incident at the start involving #8 Sweet Bet (V. Salazar) second and #1 Give Heed (J. Leon) who finished eighth.

The video revealed that #8 Sweet Bet broke in and #1 Give Heed broke out, starting a chain reaction which affected most of the field, costing those rivals an opportunity of a better placing. The decision was unanimous.

Original order of finish 9-(8)-7-2-6-5-3-(1)-4

Official order of finish 9-7-2-6-5-3-4-(8)-(1)

9/09/23⁴

DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS

1st Race #7 Girth – Jockey change E. Hernandez replaced by K. Camacho

2nd Race #1 First Down Pisces – Jockey A. Belloc replaced by J. Gonzalez

3rd Race No changes
 4th Race No changes
 5th Race #1 VF Bonafide (Tr. J. Flores) – Unsound Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$325.10
 6th Race #1 Cartel N Sass (Tr. P. Jones) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$890.97
 7th Race #4 Quirky Bitty Jess (Tr. L. Diaz) – Stake – Stewards
 Refund: \$532.33
 8th Race No changes
 9th Race No changes
 10th Race #3 Navaja – (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Gate scratch (Flipped) - Stewards
 Refund: \$18,457.84

9/09/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	826	\$107,804.30
Off track	1,248	\$301,218.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$981,975.23
Total	2,074	\$1,390,997.53

SUNDAY

9/10/23¹

RULINGS #110 AND #111

Ruling # 110

Jockey Oscar Peinado is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* 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 Favorite Jet MRL in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 9, 2023.

Ruling #111

Jockey Irving Lara is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding Required First in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 9, 2023.

The foregoing rulings were issued after neither rider appeared to contest their crop violations.

9/10/23²

INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION -9TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the ninth race for a review of an incident at the start involving #7 You See That (J. Nicasio) fourth and #6 Around Town (J. Roman) who finished ninth (last). After reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #7 You See That from fourth to ninth (last).

The video shows #7 You See That breaks in crossing over into the path of #6 Around Town causing that rival to clip heels stumble lose ground and any opportunity of a better placing.

Original order of finish 2-4-8-(7)-1-3-9-5-6
 Official order of finish 2-4-8-1-3-9-5-6-(7)

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LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #1 Legal Candy (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$69.65
 #4 Cap Gallant (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Ran off during post parade-
 Stewards. Refund: \$3,906.16
 #5 Prince Graygray (Tr. A. Aquino) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$147.60 Win wagering only.

2nd Race #2 Big Creek (Tr. A. Farias) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$68.00

3rd Race #5 Ray Of The Sea (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Claimed by tr. J. Farias

4th Race No changes

5th Race No changes

6th Race #7 Mambacita (Tr. J. Nunez) – Flipped in saddling paddock -
 Stewards. Refund: \$751.41

7th Race No changes

8th Race No changes

9th Race No changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	589	\$73,051.80
Off track	1,005	\$198,160.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$878,717.71
Total	1,594	\$1,149,929.81

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 10, 2023. There was one equine death reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 3 for injury, 1 for sickness, 4 for medication, and 1 for EIPH. Nine horses previously on the Veterinarian’s List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 9/09	Sun 9/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	11
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			0	1	1	108
Disqualification	K			2	1	3	25
Inquiries		D		1	1	2	38
Refunds		A		4	5	9	360
Rulings		Y		2	2	4	111
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	24

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

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward