

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 18 - 22, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

10/18/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, October 21, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY

10/19/23¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

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

10/19/23²

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were three recommended panel scratches and one entry listed as a hard watch.

FRIDAY

10/20/23¹

SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

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

10/20/23²

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were two recommended panel scratches and one entry listed as a hard watch.

SATURDAY

10/21/23¹

RULING #128

Ruling #128

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio 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 MR Prize KVN in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 15, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Nicasio failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the riding crop in the fourth race on Saturday October 15, 2023.

10/21/23²

CLAIM VOIDED – 6TH RACE

The claim deposited in the sixth race by trainer Jorge Farias for #4 Mister Mac was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the horse bled and would be placed on the vet’s list. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Scott Willoughby.

10/21/23³

DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS

- 1st Race #8 Erebus (Tr. G. Lopez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$246.55
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #3 Blackjack And Beers (Tr. E. Berman) – Unseated rider in post parade – Stewards. Refund: \$3,434.63
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race #4 Midnight Somewhere (Tr. M. Valenzuela Jr.) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$612.50
- #6 Swamp’N Ain’t Ez (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$188.95
- 6th Race #1 Bruno Czech (Tr. J. Nunez) – Claimed by tr. R. Viramontes
- 7th Race #6 Fly From The Fire (Tr. M. Casselman) – training accident Friday a.m.- Stewards. Refund: \$348.80
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race No Changes
- 10th Race #5 La Beverly Hills (Tr. J. Nunez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$434.70
- #6 Dasha Dynasty (Tr. J. Flores) – Stake Scratch – Stewards Refund: \$74.20

10/21/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,804	\$125,943.20
Off track	1,197	\$346,921.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,043,443.93
Total	3,001	\$1,516,308.23

SUNDAY

10/22/23¹

RULING #129

Ruling #129

Jockey Armando Cervantes is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (3) (Use of Riding Crop – struck mount with crop during warm up period) while riding Jo Lee in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 21, 2023.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Cervantes contacted the Stewards telephonically and acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

10/22/23²

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 2ND RACE

The Stewards posted the objection sign as jockey Jose Rodriguez, who finished fourth on #7 Above The Stars, lodged a claim of foul against #8 Island Life (Edgar Payeras) second and #3 Beautyinthebeast (Adrian Escobedo) third. Mr. Rodriguez alleged interference approaching the finish of the 4 ½ furlong event and although he did steady briefly between the two rivals, the video was inconclusive as to the cause. The Stewards decided unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish.

10/22/23³

CLAIM VOIDED – 2ND RACE

The claim deposited in the second race by trainer Sally Rivera for #7 Above The Stars was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the filly was unsound and would be placed on the vet’s list. Above The Stars was returned to the barn of trainer Jose Raudales.

10/22/23⁴

DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Tried Again (Tr. R. Guillen) – Panel – Stewards. Refund: \$294.55
 #7 Boomer Justice (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Claimed by Tr. Roman Figueroa
 2nd Race #3 Beautyinthebeast (Tr. P. DeJesus) – Claimed by Tr. M. Valenzuela
 #9 Flag Salute (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Panel – Stewards. Refund: \$137.20
 3rd Race #5 Gayles Evening (Tr. J. Uranga) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$103.55
 4th Race No Show Wagering
 #1 Truth Prevails (Tr. S. Morfin) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$102.00
 #5 Ana Lisa (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald.
 Refund: \$92.95
 5th Race No Changes
 6th Race #1 My Brother Mike (Tr. L. Boracio) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$150.35
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race #2 MV First Down Glock (Tr. M. Arrossa) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund: \$ 289.20
 9th Race No Changes
 10th Race #9 Cuatro Cinco (Tr. C. De Alba) – Flipped in saddling paddock –
 Stewards. Refund: \$3,776.35

10/22/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	678	\$77,193.10
Off track	881	\$225,982.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,144,477.72
Total	1,559	\$1,447,653.12

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 22, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 14 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 3 for injury, 4 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. One horse previously on the Veterinarian's List was examined and removed from the list.

This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 10/21	Sun 10/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	11
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			1	2	3	120
Disqualifications	K			0	0	0	28
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	43
Refunds		A		7	8	15	412
Rulings		Y		1	1	2	129
Voided Claims		S		1	1	2	30

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