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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 October 25, 2023, through October 29, 2023.**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

10/25/23<sup>1</sup>

#### **DUTY STEWARD/ SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Tom Ward will be in the office this week for entries, scratches, and changes. Ward will also be tasked with writing the minutes for the next five days.

#### **THURSDAY**

10/26/23<sup>1</sup>

#### **SUNDAY ENTRIES/ SATURDAY PANEL/ HEARING**

Entries for the Saturday card filled, although rather slowly. The ten race program was finalized around five o'clock. The Los Alamitos panel met, with one horse being placed on the "hard watch" list.

Trainer Sally Rivera was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against her by the Board alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1866 (f), in that she worked her horse Noisy Burglar against the instructions of Regulatory Veterinarian Jocelyn Lorbiecki.

Noisy Burglar had been placed on the Veterinarian's List by Dr. Lorbiecki on August 4, 2023, following a pre-race examination. The investigator's report indicated that Dr. Lorbiecki gave Ms. Rivera a document called the "Los Alamitos Regulatory Vet/ Trainer Communication Record" in which she noted that the horse was not to work without a recheck exam by a regulatory or state vet. This did not occur, as Ms. Rivera contended that she did not receive any document from Dr. Lorbiecki. When she examined the signature on the form, she said it was not hers, but likely her groom's signature. She contended that she asked the groom where the document was located, but he could not find it. We attempted to contact Dr. Lorbiecki to clarify

the matter, but were not successful. At this point, the case is on hold until we can speak with Dr. Lorbiecki.

10/26/23<sup>2</sup>

**INCREASED SECURITY**

Ms. Cathy Monji, President of Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association, along with Racing Secretary Jordan Castaneda, was in the office today to let us know that security for the horses which qualified for the Golden State Million Finals will be extremely tight, with extra security guards on duty.

**FRIDAY**

10/27/23<sup>1</sup>

**SUNDAY SCRATCHES , AND PANEL**

The Sunday ten race card was unusually difficult to fill, as it was not finalized until well after the dinner hour. The feature race will be the Golden State Million Futurity, a Grade I race for two-year-olds. Scratches were limited to also eligibles and one horse which was not eligible to enter.

The Los Alamitos panel met today, with one horse being scratched as it was still on the Veterinarian's List from New Mexico.

**SATURDAY**

10/28/23<sup>1</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#2 Fever (Vet-injured) Refund of \$1,052.25
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 Sorelli Lights (entered back) Refund of \$154.50
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Herradura (entered back)
	#7 Change Happens (entered back) Refund of \$1,237.28

10/28/23<sup>2</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the first race as #1 Intense Moment reared up and flipped over shortly after stepping on the track. The horse ultimately ran off into the stable area. The refund from the scratch totaled \$1,052.25. The rider was not injured.

10/28/23<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited by trainer Pablo De Jesus for B B Gun Bullseye in the third race was voided as the horse exhibited signs of lameness while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Satchel Stevens.

10/28/23<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ TRAINER OBJECTION/ DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted following the fourth race as the Stewards looked into an incident entering the far turn which involved the third, fourth, and fifth place finishers - #1 Crosskirk (R. Ramirez), #4 Agrigento (C. Ortega), and #2 City of Champions (H. Lopez). Angela Aquino, the trainer of #2, also lodged an objection against both horses.

After speaking with the riders and reviewing video of the incident from all pertinent angles, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #4 Agrigento from fourth to fifth position. Video showed that Agrigento was lugging in approaching the turn, forcing City of Champions onto the heels of Crosskirk and forcing jockey Lopez to steady sharply. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost horse and rider the chance for a better placing. The objection by Ms. Aquino against Crosskirk was dismissed.

10/28/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	641	\$91,919.60
Off track	1,217	\$314,491.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$805,944.77
Total	1,858	\$1,212,356.07

**SUNDAY**

10/29/23<sup>1</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Tigerad (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$217.45
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Dorita's Lemon (Vet-injured) Refund of \$263.75
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 J Brave Boogie (Vet-injured) Refund of \$198.75
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Southern Divine (Stakes) Refund of \$393.65

10/29/23<sup>2</sup>

**RULING**

**Ruling #130**

Trainer Sally Rivera is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00\*) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866 (f) (Veterinarian's List – working a horse on the Veterinarian's list without prior approval of the Regulatory Veterinarian).

This ruling was issued following a discussion of the facts in Ms. Rivera's case. We were finally able to contact Dr. Lorbiecki, who strongly refuted Ms. Rivera's story. She said that the trainer was present, but refused to sign the slip. Rather, Ms. Rivera gave it to the groom, who happens to be the owner, to sign.

10/29/23<sup>3</sup>

**CLEAR EVENING**

The ten race program was free from incidents or controversy. The feature race, the Golden State Million Futurity, was conducted without a straw in any horse's path. Once again, Starter Gary Brinson and his crew of assistants did a great job of getting the field away in good order. The winner, Trane Station V, was extremely impressive as he stopped the timer at 19.863 seconds, while running into a strong headwind.

10/29/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	665	\$89,353.10
Off track	935	\$224,890.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,057,482.03
Total	1,600	\$1,371,725.73

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 29, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 7 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 1 for EIPH. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

2023  
**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 10/28	Sun 10/29	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	11
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	16
<b>Claims</b>	R			2	1	3	123
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			1	0	1	29
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		1	0	1	44
<b>Refunds</b>		A		4	4	8	420
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		0	1	1	130
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		1	0	1	31

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

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward