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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Los Alamitos Race Course**  
**Cypress, California**  
**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, May 29 through Sunday, June 2, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**5/29/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, June 1, 2024, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

**THURSDAY**5/30/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, May 12, 2024, and changes to Saturday's program.

5/30/24<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one recommended scratch.

5/30/24<sup>3</sup>**GENARO VALLEJO – (CASE #24LA0053 & #24LA0054)**

An informal hearing was held this morning to address two complaints filed against Mr. Vallejo by the California Horse Racing Board, alleging a violation of CHRB rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards James Dreyer, Tom Ward and Ron Church, was California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb, who read the complaint into the record. Mr. Vallejo was advised of his rights to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. According to the complaint filed by CHRB Regulatory Veterinarian Rebecca Fitzgerald, two horses under Mr. Vallejo's care worked out prior to receiving training soundness examinations. Blackjack Betty, who worked out at Los Alamitos on April 23, 2022, and not again until January 11, 2024, and Flika's Ride, who worked out on August 25, 2023, and January 19, 2024. Both horses were well outside of the ninety-day rule without being examined by a CHRB Regulatory Veterinarian.

Mr. Vallejo testified that he was aware of CHRB rule #1846.2. He also stated that his attending veterinarian submitted the request forms to have both horses examined by the regulatory veterinarian prior to their workouts. Mr. Vallejo's attending veterinarian was interviewed by Investigator Halcromb and stated that she did not request the examinations on Mr. Vallejo's behalf but did advise him that it was needed prior to the horses working out. There were no other witnesses or exhibits offered and the hearing was closed. Both cases will be reviewed, and a decision will be forthcoming.

5/30/24<sup>4</sup>

**OWNER JOHN A. ELDER FINANCIAL CONTINUED (Ref: 4/18/2024<sup>3</sup>)**

After a request from Mr. Elder and Ms. Aquino, the original hearing scheduled for April 18, 2024, was continued today. The complaint was filed by Trainer Angela Aquino against Owner John A. Elder alleging an unpaid training debt in the amount of \$12,500.

Present at today's informal hearing, in addition to the Board of Stewards, were Ms. Aquino, California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Kevin Kitashima, and Mr. Elder attended telephonically. After Mr. Elder expressed some dissatisfaction of not being involved in the day-to-day training and racing schedule of the four-year-old filly (Lights Astern), and a lengthy back and forth from both sides, Ms. Aquino and Mr. Elder were able to reach an agreement satisfactory to both parties. Mr. Elder was given a week to complete the agreement and the hearing was closed.

**FRIDAY**

5/31/24<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches.

5/31/24<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

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

**SATURDAY**

6/01/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #75**

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Trainer Genaro Vallejo is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* for two violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the testimony presented during the informal hearing held on Thursday May 30, 2024 (Ref: 5/30/24<sup>3</sup>). The decision was unanimous.

6/01/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #76**

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Jockey Victor Salazar is suspended ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACING DAY (June 8, 2024) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (h) (Designated Races- participated in more than one trial heat while under suspension).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Salazar participated in more than one trial race on Sunday May 26, 2024, while under suspension.

6/01/24<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#5 Gungagungagalunga (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$343.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#6 Gypsy Lynn (Jockey A. Aguilar) Replaced by E. Payeras #2 Fordy G (Tr. T. Abraham) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$244.80 #4 Quick Intro (Jockey E. Rojas) – Replaced - by J. Valenzuela Jr.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Kedar (Tr. R. Hanson) – Claimed by Tr. J. Farias  
 #6 Prince Graygray (Tr. A. Aquino) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$92.60  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Mirror Image (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$202.50  
 #7 Steel Dynasty (Tr. J. Gomez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$637.40  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Dangerous Guy (Jockey J. Leon) – Replaced by I. Lara  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

6/01/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	771	\$95,428.00
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,269	\$308,252.00
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$977,014.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,040	\$1,380,694.47

**SUNDAY**

6/02/24<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW – 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted a review of the start as #6 Where Is Zizi failed to break. The video shows #6 Where Is Zizi, ridden by Edgar Payeras, refused to break when starter Gary Brinson dispatched the field. In a unanimous decision, Where Is Zizi was declared a starter. This was the three-year-old filly's second refusal in as many starts. The filly was placed on the starters list.

6/02/24<sup>2</sup>

**TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 9<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the ninth race at the request of trainer Paul Jones (#5 Optical Illusion) fifth, who lodged a claim of foul against #4 Freddie (Cruz Mendez), who finished fourth.

The video revealed that #4 Freddie drifts out midrace causing #5 Optical Illusion to steady. In a unanimous decision, we agreed that the actions of #4 did not cost #5 a chance at a better placing and made the original order of finish official.

6/02/24<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 Beyond Compare (Jockey E. Rojas) replaced by E. Garcia  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Cowgirl Royal (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$311.99  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Change  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #8 No Sedona (Tr. J. Aleman) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$204.60  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Change  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Change

6/02/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	548	\$82,329.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,019	\$242,958.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,483,254.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,567	\$1,808,542.15

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat 6/01</b>	<b>Sun 6/02</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	0	1	59
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	14
<b>Inquiries</b>		0	1	1	27
<b>Refunds</b>	D	5	2	7	127
<b>Rulings</b>	A	2	0	2	76
<b>Voided Claims</b>	Y	0	0	0	22

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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