

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday, June 3, through Sunday, June 9, 2024.

WEDNESDAY6/5/24¹**ENTRIES**

Steward GRANT BAKER was in to oversee entries for Saturday (9 races) and scratches for Friday.

THURSDAY6/6/24¹**MUNOZ HEARING**

Groom JUAN MUNOZ was summoned to our office to respond to a complaint filed by the CHRB for alleged rule violation #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) when he tested positive for Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, and THC (Marijuana) on May 9, 2024, at Santa Anita Park. Present at the hearing was CHRB Investigators Anne Dillon and Octavio Vergara Jr. and Winners Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer. Mr. Munoz was currently on a testing agreement and was asked by the Investigators to test is when he submitted a positive test. After hearing all the facts, the hearing came to an end. We asked Mr. Munoz to take another test after the hearing. Decision to follow.

6/6/24²**ALFEREZ RULING**

Outrider ENRIQUE ALFEREZ was in responding to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation 1874 (Disorderly Conduct), when the Safety Steward David Nuesch and CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama did a random inspection of the pony barn during the races on May 4, 2024, at Santa Anita Park. Present in the office was CHRB Investigator Yokoyama and Winners Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer. During the inspection they discovered Mr. Alferez sitting in a tack room with a beer in his hand and had several empty bottles (5) on the table of the tack room. Investigator Yokoyama conducted a breathalyzer test on Mr. Alferez in which he blew a 0.052 BAC. Mr. Alferez denied drinking in between races while pony horses during the races, and stated he was done ponying for the day. While his pony was still tacked to ride. Decision to follow.

6/6/24³

LEWIS HEARING (case #24SA0063)

Trainer CRAIG LEWIS and his Counsel Lawrence Lewis were in to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for a violation of HISA rule #2276 (Horseshoes) when his horse "Buffalo Run" suffered an injury while galloping and was found to have 4mm toe grabs on his hind shoes on April 5, 2024, at Santa Anita Park. Present at the hearing was Trainer Craig Lewis, Attorney Lawrence Lewis, CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama and Court Reporter Michelle Derrig. Mr. Lewis stated that he was not aware of the HISA rule, and he refers all shoeing decisions to his Farrier Kyle Baze. After hearing all the facts and entering the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

6/7/24¹

SECRETARY OUT OF THE OFFICE

Our secretary Diana Welsh is out of the office this weekend, we are hoping to have her back next week.

6/7/24²

VETERINARIAN REPLACEMENT

Dr. Joyclyn Lorbiecki will be taking over the duties as the Official Veterinarian since Dr. Pattio is out of town for the weekend.

6/7/24³

GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went with no major issues to report other than the changes or declarations listed below.

6/7/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$139.00
2 nd Race	#1 Lettheliquortalk- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon- sick #4 Instinct D' Oro- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer #5 Beer Money- Claimed by G. Stute, trainer NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$404.28
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$11.00
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$14.00
5 th Race	#3 Golden Temper- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery- injured #7 Marinas Tina (IRE)- Claimed by I. Kruljac, trainer. Refund \$312.83
6 th Race	#3 Peaceful Waters- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
7 th Race	#7 Duran- Claimed by K. Mulhall, trainer
8 th Race	#7 Duran- Claimed by K. Mulhall, trainer
9 th Race	No changes; Refund \$82.20

6/7/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,686	\$576,688.33
SCOTWINC	2,979	\$1,094,597.83
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$5,714,320.30
TOTAL	5,665	\$7,385,606.46

SATURDAY

6/8/24¹

PONY RIDER IN

Pony Rider CESAR A. AGUIRRE was asked to come in to discuss why he was riding his pony in the stretch the wrong way during the eighth race as the field was running the race. Our outrider directed him to station the horse in the tunnel during the running of the race, he disregarded his instructions. Mr. Aguirre took full responsibility and promised it would not happen again. The following ruling was issued.

LATS Ruling #106

Pony Rider CESAR A. AGUIRRE is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to following the instructions of the outrider) on June 7, 2024, at Santa Anita Park.

6/8/24²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA was in to discuss his crop usage in yesterday’s ninth race. The film shows that Mr. Verenzuela did indeed go over the allowed limit. Verenzuela did not argue it and accepted the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #107

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA, who rode THE GIANTS CANDY in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on June 7, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (June 15, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

6/8/24³

GOOD RACING

The ten (10) race card went very well with no major issues to report. There was a good crowd to watch the races and to view the classic car show in the infield.

6/8/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$82.00
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$29.00
- 3rd Race #2 Annie Fox- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon- injured
#3 Ace Ace Baby- Claimed by J. Periban, trainer. Refund \$426.80
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 5th Race #6 Brutto- Claimed by D. Azcarate, trainer
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 8th Race #3 Madiha- Claimed by G. Papaprodromou, trainer
- 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 10th Race #1Carver- Claimed by K. Craigmyle, trainer

6/8/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	14,608	\$1,609,876.78
SCOTWINC	7,182	\$3,085,323.76
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$6,127,400.89
TOTAL	21,790	\$10,822,601.43

SUNDAY
6/9/24¹

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey DIEGO HERRERA was in to review yesterday’s third race in which he went over the allowed usage of the riding crop. Mr. Herrera walked in and took full responsibility for his actions. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #108

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode DISCREPANCY in the third race at Santa Anita Park on June 8, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (June 16, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ was in to review the sixth race for an incident that occurred at the 5/16th pole in which another horse steadied. After reviewing the race several times, we all agree that it was a combination of things, the inside horse was lugging out and Mr. Hernandez shifted in slightly. Mr. Hernandez left with a warning and promised to be better in the future.

6/9/24²

GOOD RACING

The nine-race card went very well, it was an uneventful day with no major issues to report.

6/9/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd Race #4 Shes Just Fluffy- Claimed by J. Periban, trainer. Refund \$6.00
 3rd Race #4 Dr. Soulfire- Claimed by P. D'Amato, trainer. Refund \$30.00
 4th Race #1 Petit Filet- A. Fresu replace R. Ramirez, personal
 #2 Easter Coming Back- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon- unsound
 #5 We'll Do It Live- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
 #6 Satellite Heart- Claimed by K. Mulhall, trainer. Refund \$480.27
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$3.00
 6th Race #3 Soul of Midnight- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
 7th Race #4 Crosby Beach- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$331.00
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$218.00
 9th Race #8 Charley Pride- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon- injured
 #12 Western Grit- T. Baze replaces U. Rispoli, personal
 #13 Unzip Me Lord- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #14 L Squared- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$3,394.50

6/9/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,679	\$877,038.20
SCOTWINC	3,017	\$1,154,120.66
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$6,645,752.14
TOTAL	8,696	\$8,676,911.00

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/7	Sat 6/8	Sun 6/9	Meet	
Accidents	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	1	5	147
Claims	5	4	6	15	160
Disqualification	0	0	0	0	15
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	32
Refunds	6	3	7	16	415
Rulings	0	0	3	3	108
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	32

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/3/24 TO 6/9/24

Horses on Vet List 10
 Horses off Vet List 17
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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