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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 18 through Sunday, September 22, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**9/18/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD AND ENTRIES**

Tom Ward is in the office this week for Steward associated duties. Ward will write the minutes for the week. The process of filling races for Saturday evening is extremely slow today, perhaps due to entries being accepted for the “day” meet’s closing weekend.

**THURSDAY**9/19/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

The Saturday card eight races – two Thoroughbred and six Quarter Horses – were drawn late yesterday afternoon. Changes to the program were limited to one weight correction and one rider change. The Panel met this morning, with one horse making the “Hard Watch” list.

9/19/24<sup>2</sup>**HEARINGS**

Three hearings were scheduled and heard this morning. The first involved groom Juan Duarte, who was suspended in January of 2021 for failure to appear at a hearing after testing positive for methamphetamine. He is seeking to be re-instated as he has an opportunity to work at Santa Anita. He admitted using the drug prior to the original finding but could not give a plausible reason for failing to appear. He said he has been clean since 2022. Unfortunately for Mr. Duarte, he could not be tested today as Board investigators were participating in their quarterly mandated firearm proficiency training. He will return on Saturday; at which time he will be required to submit a drug-free sample before being considered for re-licensing.

The second hearing was a financial complaint filed by Mr. Jason Baker, representing Bradbury Farms, against Tom and Clint Roberts. The complaint alleged non-payment of a \$3,711.60 board bill for the horse Wakara. Mr. Clint Roberts responded by telephone and indicated that it was not his intention to ignore the bill but felt that an adjustment was in order. He said that he and his father had originally planned to give the horse away, but their trainer, George Papaprodromou, sent the horse to the farm. Once there, the horse received shoes and dental

work and was ultimately transported to Chino Valley Equine Hospital after suffering a bout of colic. Mr. Baker indicated that he was willing to adjust the bill and will contact Mr. Roberts in a few days with a lower amount. This should settle the problem. Complaint on hold.

The final complaint of the morning was a horse transportation bill filed by Kerri Sahadi or KC Horse Transportation against trainer Bruce Dillenbeck in the amount of \$4,725.00. Mr. Dillenbeck acknowledged that the money was owed, but he could not come up with that amount today. He did give the company's representative one thousand dollars in cash this morning. Mr. Dillenbeck signed a financial agreement to pay a minimum of \$350.00 per month until the delinquency is paid in full.

**FRIDAY**  
9/20/24<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES/CHANGES/PANEL**

Entries for Sunday were extremely difficult to come by, as the nine-race card was not finalized until the dinner hour. Today there was one scratch, and one rider change at scratch time. The panel met this morning with no problems arising from the discussion.

**SATURDAY**  
9/21/24<sup>1</sup>

**LICENSE DENIED – POSITIVE TEST**

Mr. Juan Duarte, who was in our office this past Thursday seeking to be re-licensed, tested this afternoon and promptly showed positive for his drug of choice, methamphetamine. He admitted that he had used four to five days prior. Mr. Duarte has chosen meth over a second chance at licensure, showing a complete lack of concern for his family.

The Stewards contacted Darin Scherer of Winners Foundation to see if Mr. Duarte would be a candidate for help even though he is not currently licensed. Mr. Scherer graciously said that his group would be pleased to help Mr. Duarte get his career at the track going once again, provided he agrees to an in-house program. The ball is now in Mr. Duarte's court.

9/21/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #137**

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Jockey Gabriel Lara is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing late rider change in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2024.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Lara told the Jockey Room custodian, Ramiro Castillo, that he would not fulfill his commitment in the seventh race last weekend.

9/21/24<sup>3</sup>

**LATE RIDER CHANGE**

Jockey Armando Ayuso did not arrive to ride his mount in the second race and a substitute jockey was named. The trainer, Brian Koriner, said that he had spoken with the rider's agent and was told that his rider would accept the mount. We will gather more information before deciding who to penalize.

9/21/24<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim from the second race deposited by trainer Jesus Uranga for #3 Capo Sorella was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the right foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the original trainer, Brian Koriner.

9/21/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Pessimist (H. Botello, Jr.) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerlad – Refund: \$81.30  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

9/21/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	738	\$103,531.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,037	\$308,978.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$877,300.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,775	\$1,289,810.42

**SUNDAY**

9/22/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS #138**

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Jockey Armando Ayuso is fine THREE HUNDRED DOLLASE (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing late rider change in the second race at Los Alamitos Course on September 21, 2024

This ruling was issued as the rider did not fulfill his obligation and did not call.

9/22/24<sup>2</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Efrain Hernandez was excused from his engagement this evening due to a family matter. A replacement was named.

9/22/24<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

All matters taking place during the racing program were routine and not worthy of mention.

9/22/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 Acceleray (Tr. J. Monascal) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$144.70  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Unrelentless (Tr. E. Willis) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$500.20  
 #3 Space Flight (Tr. S. Willoughby) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$569.76  
 #5 Princesa Rock (Tr. S. Morfin) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$154.50

Three scratches reduced the field to three racing interests and prompted Win wagering only on straight wagers. Exotics were limited to exacta, trifecta, and quinella.

9/22/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	542	\$74,823.80
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	783	\$201,883.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$804,148.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,325	\$1,080,855.03

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 9/20</b>	<b>Sat 9/21</b>	<b>Sun 9/22</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	15
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	4	5	96
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	20
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	0	0	0	40
<b>Refunds</b>	A	1	4	5	227
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	1	1	2	138
<b>Voided Claims</b>		1	0	1	35

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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