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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, October 9 through Sunday, October 13, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**10/9/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be in the office this week for entries, Panel, scratches and changes; also, for anything else that may arise. Ward will be writing the minutes for the period of 10/9 thru 10/13/2024.

10/9/24<sup>2</sup>**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Entries for the Saturday program filled rather well, for this venue, as the nine-race card was drawn before 3:00 p.m. Highlighting the evening's races is the Grade I Robert Boniface Handicap, which is a qualifier for an open spot in the Champion of Champions, to be run in December.

10/9/24<sup>3</sup>**EXERCISE HORSE CAPER**

Exercise rider Pedro Zavaleta came to the Stewards office this morning, seeking help in recovering a mechanical exercise horse he loaned to jockey Lidio Barrientos. He said that Barrientos is reluctant to return the apparatus, despite Zavaleta's asking for it. While this is a personal matter, we will attempt to help Mr. Zavaleta recover his "horse".

**THURSDAY**10/10/24<sup>1</sup>**SUNDAY ENTRIES/SATURDAY PANEL AND CHANGES**

Entries are being accepted for the Sunday card this morning and hopefully they will fill as well as yesterday – with emphasis on "hope". Scratch time for Saturday came and went without much to report. Two rider changes were it. The Los Alamitos panel met, with one horse making the "hard watch" list.

10/10/24<sup>2</sup>**HEARING DAY**

There were two financial hearings scheduled for this morning. The first was a complaint filed by Tex Sutton Horse Transportation against owner Wendy Ouriel for shipping a horse from Los

Angeles to Miami, Florida, amounting to \$5,100.00. Ms. Ouriel did not appear, and all efforts to contact her failed. However, we were able to contact her trainer in Florida, Robert Dibona, and he related that he did have two horses for her earlier in the year. He said he was owed money by Ms. Ouriel and one day she called to say that she could not pay and gave him the horses. Both won, Mr. Dibona was made whole, and all were happy. Not so here. We will issue a ruling suspending Ms. Ouriel this coming Saturday.

The second financial complaint was filed by Post Time Insurance against trainer Jennifer Nunnally in the amount of \$1,451.00. Ms. Nunnally was contacted by telephone, acknowledged the debt, and agreed to pay \$500.00 per month until the debt is paid in full. The payments will start on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**FRIDAY**  
10/11/24<sup>1</sup>

**SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Entries for the Sunday card filled better than expected, as the ten-race card was drawn shortly after 3:00 p.m. The Panel convened by telephone this morning, with no major problems surfacing.

**SATURDAY**  
10/12/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #148**

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Exercise rider MIGUEL GONZALEZ-LOPEZ, having entered into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board, is placed on probation for the term of his license period, subject to the following conditions: (a) He will sign a testing agreement with the Board. (b) He will abstain from consuming products that contain marijuana or marijuana metabolites. (c) He agrees that in the event CHRB investigators obtain a sample detecting the presence of marijuana or marijuana metabolites, he will not be permitted to exercise horses until a negative test is obtained.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Gonzalez-Lopez, who works for trainer Phil D'Amato, was tested as part of a Board investigation regarding a positive test.

10/12/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #149**

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Jockey MARTIN ARRIAGA is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding Go Tell Carter in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 6, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the eighth race from October 6<sup>th</sup>, during which it appeared that he violated the crop rule. Mr. Arriaga offered quite a bit of dialog regarding his situation, but not enough to absolve him of the violation.

10/12/24<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #150**

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Owner Wendy Ouriel, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$5,100.00 to Tex Sutton Equine Air Transportation), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

Ms. Ouriel was suspended in this ruling as she failed to appear for a financial complaint and efforts to contact her were unsuccessful.

10/12/24<sup>4</sup>

**QUIET EVENING**

The nine-race card run this evening was free of issues needing the Stewards' intervention and was also free of controversy, which can happen when the Stewards get involved.

10/12/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Paul Vincents Poem (Tr. R. Lucas) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$116.87
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Act of Serendipity (Tr.G. Vallejo) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$244.08
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes
- 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 #2 Scoops Dynasty (Tr. M. Arrossa) Stakes – Stewards – Refund: \$338.78

10/12/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	906	\$109,527.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,129	\$298,553.60
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$808,635.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,035	\$1,216,715.66

**SUNDAY**

10/13/24<sup>1</sup>

**RIDER CHANGE**

Adrian Escobedo, who rode the final race at Santa Anita this afternoon, was replaced in the second race as traffic, as usual, was heavy and he could not fulfill his commitment. His agent called to inform us of the problem.

10/13/24<sup>2</sup>

**SMOOTH AS SILK**

The ten-race program was run without any noteworthy incidents.

10/13/24<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 Kedar (Tr. J. Uranga) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$183.07
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Gostoso (Tr. G. Vallejo) Owner Ineligible – Stewards – Refund: \$167.17
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Mucho Suerte (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$74.45
- #7 St. Eligius (Tr. V. Cerin) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$346.87
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Daisy Dancer (Tr. A. Aquino) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund \$262.27
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

10/13/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	543	\$64,347.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	871	\$201,434.80
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$928,712.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,414	\$1,194,495.37

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 10/11</b>	<b>Sat 10/12</b>	<b>Sun 10/13</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	0	2	2	103
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	21
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	0	0	0	44
<b>Refunds</b>	A	3	4	7	248
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	3	0	3	150
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	0	0	36

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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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