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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of January 22, 2025, through January 26, 2025.

WEDNESDAY1/22/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be handling entries, scratches, changes and panel this week. Hopefully entries will flow smoothly, as the possibility of rain is forecast for Saturday and Sunday. Ward will also write minutes for the week.

1/22/25²**CHANGE IN FIRST POST APPROVED**

An email was received from Chief Steward Darrel McHargue to the effect that the Board has approved management's request to change first post on Saturdays from 6:10 PM to 7:00 PM. The reason given for the later post was for improved exposure and handle.

THURSDAY1/23/25¹**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

The entry process for Saturday evening went well, as an eight-race card was drawn in midafternoon. Highlighting the program are three trials for the Winter Derby.

1/23/25²**SUNDAY ENTRIES / SATURDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Entries are being accepted this morning for the Sunday racing program. The Brad McKinzie Winter Championship trials will highlight the card. The Los Alamitos panel convened today, resulting in one "hard watch" horse. Scratch time came and went with no changes.

1/23/25³**HEARING NO SHOW**

Owner Kuldeep Singh Rajput, who races under Gandharvi LLC, failed to appear to address a financial complaint filed against him by Trackside Vet Group in the amount of \$3,253.71 for services rendered at San Luis Rey Downs. All efforts to contact Mr. Rajput were unsuccessful.

FRIDAY1/24/25¹**SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Sunday entries were more difficult to come by yesterday, as the eight-race card was not finalized until shortly before the dinner hour. The panel met once again, with no significant actions to report. Changes to the original overnight were minimal.

SATURDAY

1/25/25¹

OFFICIAL REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward Ron Church is on the sidelines this weekend. His position will be ably filled by Mr. John Herbuveaux.

1/25/25²

FILM REVIEW

Jockeys Cesar Franco, Juan Pablo Leon and Eduardo Nicasio, who were involved in racing incidents last weekend, were exonerated after the Stewards reviewed videos of their respective races.

1/25/25³

RULING

Ruling #8

Owner Kuldeep Singh Rajput (DBA Gandharvi LLC), having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$3,253.71 to Trackside Vet Group) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

This ruling was published after all attempts to reach the individual proved fruitless.

1/25/25⁴

INCIDENT-FREE EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine. Nothing to report.

1/25/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Trinidad (Tr. R. Hansen) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$288.85

#7 Rhino (Tr. R. DeLeon) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$365.39

4th Race #2 Sawyer's Speed (Tr. J. Aguila) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$369.54

1/25/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	623	\$72,592.00
SCOTWINC	1,153	\$158,374.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$869,339.86
TOTAL	1,776	\$1,100,306.46

SUNDAY

1/26/25¹

AND THE RAINS CAME - FINALLY

Overnight and morning rain has left the racetrack in a "floated" condition. We will monitor the racing surface with the hope that things go smoothly.

1/26/25²

RIDERS OFF

Francisco Orduna-Rojas and Erick Garcia were excused from their mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were named. Adrian Escobedo rode at Santa Anita this afternoon and was unable to make the drive to this venue in time to ride in the first race. A replacement was named.

1/26/25³

CAMERA INOPERABLE

The backstretch head-on camera was not available for the first three races as there was no power at the position. Overnight and morning rain was the likely cause. A drone was used instead. Power was restored for the fourth race with no interruptions for the remainder of the card.

1/26/25⁴

QUIET EVENING

There were no reportable incidents during the racing program.

1/26/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #1 Swift Nonni (Tr. M. Stortz) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$464.50
 #2 Pineapple Cruise (Tr. M. Trujillo) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$154.86
 3rd Race #2 Baladi (Tr. C. Dollase) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$416.65
 #3 Thirsty Gambler (Tr. J. Nunez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$131.95

Note: declarations from these races reduced the number of starters to four and required the cancelation of “Show” wagering.

1/26/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	390	\$49,309.20
SCOTWINC	925	\$196,146.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$869,277.04
TOTAL	1,315	\$1,114,732.34

SUMMARY

	Fri 01/17	Sat 01/18	Sun 01/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	0	1	7
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	D	0	0	0	3
Refunds	A	3	4	7	34
Rulings	Y	1	0	1	8
Voided Claims		0	0	0	4

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