

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Cypress, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, July 9, through Sunday, July 13, 2025.

WEDNESDAY07/09/25¹**DUTY STEWARD/SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Tom Ward is on duty this week and will also be writing minutes. Entries are being accepted for the Saturday evening card. Highlight of the evening will not focus on horses, but on dogs, as the annual Weiner Dog Nationals, featuring the fastest Dachshunds in the West, will be run. The event draws the largest crowd of the year.

THURSDAY07/10/25¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES/SATURDAY PANEL AND SCRATCHES**

The entry process for Saturday was quite slow, as the eight-race program was not drawn until close to 5:00 P.M. Entries for Sunday are being taken this morning. The panel met this morning, resulting in one horse being scratched as it did not receive a regulatory veterinary exam as required. The trainer was notified.

07/10/25²**OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Mr. David Nuesch will be on the Board of Stewards this week prior to departing for Del Mar. Mr. Herbuveaux will return next week.

07/10/25³**HEARING DAY**

Dr. Cecelia Chaparro was in the office this morning, along with her assistant, in response to two complaints filed against her by the Board. The first alleged that Dr. Chaparro treated 28 two-year-old horses in a 45-day period without noting the proper names on reports she submitted to Equitaps. All horses were entered with the name "2023 Outofafrika (AUS)".

The doctor came up with reasons for the omissions, the main one being that she did not have access to records which would have contained either the horse's correct name or, at least, the name of the dam. She also mentioned that many were not microchipped and that compounded the problem.

The second complaint dealt with her not reporting pre-race examinations at the proper time. Trainer Robert Lucas entered horses on consecutive days but did not request pre-race exams until race day. She said she was aware that it was too late but did them anyway and left the

decision up to the Official Veterinarian. We will discuss the merits of the cases and render a decision.

FRIDAY
07/11/25¹

SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL

The Racing Office staff had to work overtime today in order to provide an eight-race card for Sunday. Races were not drawn until after 6:30 P.M. The Los Al panel met this morning, with no significant issues arising.

SATURDAY
07/12/25¹

THE DRONES ARE FLYING-BUT NOT TOO LATE

Jim Porep, who runs the video and drone equipment at Los Alamitos, informed us that he obtained a waiver from FAA and will be able to fly one drone this evening. However, there is a restriction which will only permit the drone to fly until 10:00 P.M. The last post here is scheduled for 9:58 P.M. so we are very hopeful that the Weinerdog National races on tap will not cause any delays. The parimutuel department is aware of the situation.

07/12/25²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted following the seventh race as the Stewards reviewed an incident shortly after the break involving the fourth and fifth place finishers #3 Jess Maxi N Me (C. Mendez) and #2 Ladama Brava (I. Lara).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the break, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Jess Maxi N Me from fourth to fifth place. The horse lugged in quite dramatically about four strides into the race, making significant contact with Ladama Brava and costing that horse a better finish position. Jockey Mendez was not held responsible.

07/12/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Onward and Upward (Tr. S. Ledezma) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$509.83
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race #2 Ming Dynasty (Tr. M. Casselman) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$185.80
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,382	\$165,427.60
SCOTWINC	1,072	\$344,602.50
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$890,762.35
TOTAL	7,454	\$1,400,792.45

SUNDAY
07/13/25¹

FAIRLY SMOOTH SATURDAY EVENING

Weinerdog Nationals night, a very popular yearly event here, went off without a hitch. The crowd, as always, was large and loud, filling seats high into the grandstand to root for their favorite Weinerdog.

07/13/25²

RULING #101

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Veterinarian Cecelia Chaparro is fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* for multiple violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Reports – improperly entering veterinary treatments) from February 2, 2025, through March 17, 2025, at Los Alamitos Racing Course.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the merits of the complaint. It was felt that while unnamed two-year-olds are a yearly problem for the veterinarians, she was the only vet who resorted to using a made-up name. She could have refused to treat the horses until she was given the correct names but went ahead despite the lack of information. We are shifting responsibility for the second complaint over to the trainer who requested the exams be done.

07/13/25³

CLAIM VOIDED

A claim in the first race by trainer Troy Dial for #6 Whiskeyinateacup 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 barn of trainer Sergio Morfin.

07/13/25⁴

REFUND

The Stewards ordered a refund in race #6, as #4 Modera flipped during the loading procedure, prompting Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The resulting refund totaled \$18,557.60. The rider, Edgar Payeras, was not injured.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #7 Driver's Ed (Tr. F. Rodriguez) on vet list – Stewards – Refund: \$679.80
- 2nd Race #4 Doris Avenue (Tr. F. Rodriguez) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$274.19
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #4 Modera (Tr. C. Treece) flipped gate – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: #18,557.60
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes

07/13/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	613	\$71,412.00
SCOTWINC	880	\$209,463.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,147,701.07
TOTAL	1,493	\$1,428,576.17

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/11	Sat 7/12	Sun 7/13	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	6
Claims	R	1	3	4	54
Disqualifications	K	1	0	1	15
Inquiries	D	1	0	1	16
Refunds	A	2	3	5	187
Rulings	Y	0	1	1	101
Voided Claims		0	1	1	15

Tom Ward, Steward

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