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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, July 30, through Sunday, August 3, 2025.

WEDNESDAY07/30/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, August 2, 2025, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

07/30/25²**FATALITY REVIEWS**

Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson, Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM and Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea, attended the fatality review for the two-year-old filly "Back Row Attack" trained Mike Casselman, who was also present.

The second review was for the three-year-old gelding "Contrary Gig", those in attendance were Trainer Neil Koch, Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward Eddie Rich, Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM, and Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea.

THURSDAY07/31/25¹**STEWARD ABSENT**

Steward Tom Ward was absent today for personal reasons and replaced by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson.

07/31/25²**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, August 3, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program.

07/31/25³**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were three entries listed as a hard watch and one recommended panel scratch.

07/31/25⁴**FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS (Case #25LA0117)**

An informal hearing was held today to address a financial complaint filed by Equine Sports Medicine against trainer Clemente Hurtado alleging an overdue debt for veterinarian services rendered, in the amount of \$1,167.00.

Present at the hearing in addition to the Board of Stewards was Mr. Hurtado, Ms. Yesi Tenas, representing Equine Sports Medicine and CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb who presented the case. Investigator Halcromb read the complaint into the record and Ms. Tenas informed us that Mr. Hurtado had paid the alleged debt in full, and the hearing was closed. Case dismissed.

07/31/25⁵

MUTUAL COMBAT/ LOS ALAMITOS SECURITY VIOLATION

Stable Foreman Ervin Jimenez and Groom Jose Torres met with the Stewards regarding a security notice alleging an altercation took place on July 26,2025.

Both individuals acknowledged an incident occurred, with each blaming the other for instigating the dispute. They were both employed by trainer Philp D'Amato and have not had any problems before or since the incident. Both licensees left the office with a warning.

FRIDAY

08/01/25¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one entry listed as a hard watch.

08/01/25²

SCRATCHES

Steward John Herbuveaux was present to oversee scratches and changes to Sunday's program.

SATURDAY

08/02/25¹

OWNER LISA COPELAND (Cases #25LA0055 & #25LA0056)

An informal hearing was held today to address two complaints filed against Owner/Expired Trainer's licensee Lisa Copeland for alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1878 (Workouts) #1481 (a)(4) (Occupational Licenses and fees) and #1501 (Workers Compensation Insurance Required).

Those present for the hearing included Ms. Copeland, exercise rider Cesar Serrano who was a witness for the respondent, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb who presented the case and the Board of Stewards Ron Church, Tom Ward and John Herbuveaux. Ms. Copeland was advised of her rights to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. The hearing was opened, and Ms. Copeland and Mr. Serrano were questioned at length and were given the opportunity to ask questions of Investigator Halcromb and the Board of Stewards, there were none. Documentary evidence was submitted into the record, and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

08/02/25²

RULING #110

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Jockey Oscar M. Peinado, who rode Dr. Valiant Ways in the ninth race on Sunday July 27, 2025 at Los Alamitos Race Course, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for failure to ride his mount to the finish line; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Oscar Peinado, and the Stewards reviewed the video of the ninth race from Sunday July 27, 2025.

Mr. Peinado was very apologetic about his actions but did not feel his error cost his mount a better placing. We did not agree with his assessment. Video shows that Mr. Peinado stood up briefly before the finish while his mount was only beaten a nose for second. After considering the facts in a unanimous decision we felt a fine was appropriate.

08/02/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Two Twelve (Tr. S. Rivera) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$339.02

- #5 Pondergating (Jockey Francisco Ramirez) – Replaced by Leonel Camacho Flores
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #3 Superman Shaq (Jockey Francisco Ramirez) – Replaced by Pedro Flores
- 4th Race #5 Val Sofia (Jockey Francisco Ramirez) – Replaced by Salvador Vargas
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #7 Mission Possible (Tr. M. Casselman) Turned over in Receiving Barn -Stewards – Refund: \$1,716.76
- 7th Race #6 Miss Relentless (Tr. R. Figueroa) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$405.73
- 8th Race #4 Da One On Fire (Jockey Francisco Ramirez) – Replaced by Jonathan Roman
- 9th Race No Changes

08/02/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	838	\$96,455.80
SCOTWINC	1,239	\$338,929.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,096,563.46
TOTAL	2,077	\$1,531,948,860

SUNDAY
08/03/25¹

COPELAND DECISION

After considering the evidence presented in the Copeland hearing last night, we dismissed the complaint, feeling that a preponderance of the evidence did not prove a rule violation against Ms. Copeland. The decision was unanimous.

08/03/25²

CLEAR EVENING

The evening program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

08/03/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #6 Splashed In Gold (Tr. G. Preciado) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$112.70
#8 Big Splash (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$246.49
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race #1 Cangrejo (Tr. S. Morfin) – Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias
#2 Lisa's Doctor S (Tr. J. Farias) – Claimed by Tr. Santos Perez
- 6th Race #4 Smoove Over (Jockey F. Orduna-Rojas) – Replaced by E. Rojas – Fernandez
#7 Gray Sea (Jockey F. Ramirez) – Replaced Henry Lopez
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race #3 Sunday Rain (Tr. A. Valles) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$258.32
(No Show Wagering) – Scratched down to Four Wagering Interests.
- 9th Race #2 Quick Chick Error (Jockey F. Ramirez) – Replaced by Jonathan Roman
#3 On The Right (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias
#4 Singing Along (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$943.65

08/03/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	675	\$79,893.10
SCOTWINC	948	\$203,611.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,120,637.75
TOTAL	1,623	\$1,404,142.62

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/01	Sat 8/02	Sun 8/03	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	12
Claims	R	0	3	3	62
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	15
Inquiries	D	0	0	0	18
Refunds	A	3	4	7	204
Rulings	Y	1	0	1	110
Voided Claims		0	0	0	16

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

BOS:RC:dj