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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, August 13, through Sunday, August 17, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**08/13/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, August 16, 2025, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

**THURSDAY**08/14/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, August 17, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program.

08/14/25<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

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

08/14/25<sup>3</sup>**FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS (Case #25LA0111)**

The financial complaint filed against Owner Serjio Garcia, by Equine Sports Medicine alleging an overdue debt for veterinarian services rendered, was withdrawn after the Stewards were informed by CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida that Mr. Garcia and Equine Sports Medicine have reached an agreement to satisfy the debt.

08/14/25<sup>4</sup>**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT (Case #25LA0133)**

An informal tape-recorded hearing was held today to address a financial complaint filed by Post Time Self Insurance against Trainer Thomas Ray Bell II, alleging an overdue insurance debt. Mr. Sam Flores, representing Post Time Self Insurance, was present at the hearing and Mr. Bell called in from his home in Arcadia. A lengthy discussion took place, after Mr. Bell acknowledged he owed the debt, but was dissatisfied with the lack of communication and billing process from Post Time Self Insurance. It became apparent that both parties need some time to negotiate their differences, and we decided to allow them one week to reach an equitable agreement and the hearing was concluded. More to come.

08/14/25<sup>5</sup>

**TRAINER LINDOLFO DIAZ (Case #25LA0135)**

An informal tape-recorded hearing was held today for trainer Lindolfo Diaz who has been charged with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a b & d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1844 (d)(5) (Authorized Medication), #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violation).

California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb presented the case.

Mr. Diaz's filly Candy Covered Nite finished first in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 21, 2025 and the post-race blood sample contained the drug substance Methocarbamol a class 4 penalty C violation.

Mr. Diaz testified that Candy Covered Nite was prescribed Robaxin tablets (Methocarbamol) by his barn veterinarian Anita Yacoub and he followed her instructions, Mr. Diaz also stated that he thought the filly did not metabolize the medication resulting in the positive. As there were no other witnesses, we entered the evidence and testimony into the record, and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**

08/15/25<sup>1</sup>

**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.

08/15/25<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches and changes to Sunday's program.

08/15/25<sup>3</sup>

**FATALITY REVIEW**

Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward Brice Blanc and Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM, attended the fatality review for the two-year-old thoroughbred filly "He'za Ten" trained by Jose Raudales who was also present.

**SATURDAY**

08/16/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #115**

Ruling #115

Exercise Rider Jairo Renteria, having appeared before this Board of Stewards, is restored to good standing. Ruling LAQL #070, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on June 17, 2023, is set aside with the provision that Jairo Renteria remain on a testing agreement for as long as he holds a license with the California Horse Racing Board.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Renteria met with the Stewards today and agreed to the terms listed.

08/16/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #116**

Ruling #116

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer Lindolfo Diaz, who started Candy Covered Nite, the winner of the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 21, 2025, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* and, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations), is assessed ½ point toward Multiple Medication Violations for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a,b&d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1844 (d)(5)(Authorized Medication – Methocarbamol in excess of permitted level – Class 4, Penalty class C).

The above ruling was issued after we considered Mr. Diaz medication record and the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing held on Thursday August 14, 2025. Mr. Diaz accepted responsibility and the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

08/16/25<sup>3</sup>

**ACCIDENT - INQUIRY 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the second race for a review of an incident at the start. Video shows #5 Capital Heat (Trainer Vann Belvior) duck in very sharply leaving the starting gate and unseating jockey Anthony Locke. Capital Heat hit and fell over the inside rail lacerating her right foreleg, Mr. Locke was examined by the Huntington Ambulance crew and was reported to be uninjured. Starter Gary Brinson reported that Capital Heat's outside rein had become unfastened at the bit causing Mr. Locke to lose his balance and fall. No other horses were involved in the incident.

08/16/25<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS REVIEW – 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted a video review of the start of the fourth race to determine the poor start of #1 Jessica Cruz (Jockey Rodrigo Aceves). Video shows the five-year-old mare breaking in the air as the starting gate doors opened and was solely responsible for her poor start. Starter Gary Brinson confirmed the actions of Jessica Cruz, and the race was declared official.

08/16/25<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 #5 Chicka Boom Babe (Tr. A. Valles) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$275.90  
#7 Dynamic Eyes (Tr. A. Valles) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$360.28
- 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

08/16/25<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	921	\$86,667.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,161	\$246,330.40
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$934,455.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,082	\$1,267,453.01

**SUNDAY**

08/17/25<sup>1</sup>

**INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – DISQUALIFICATION – 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the running of the fourth race to determine why #2 Good Vibes Only (Jockey Francisco Orduna – Rojas) clipped the heels of #7 Lessons Of Autism (Adrian Escobedo) the winner as they approached the 1/8 pole. The incident caused Mr. Rojas to lose his balance and fall. After a thorough review the Stewards in a unanimous decision disqualified #7 Lessons Of Autism from first to unplaced.

Video shows that the winner #7 Lessons Of Autism running on the outside of #2 Good Vibes Only drifted in on the turn of the 1000 yard event and cause the latter's running room to disappear and clip heels. Mr. Rojas was examined by the Huntington Ambulance crew and reported to be uninjured Good Vibes Only was caught by outrider Keith Craigmyle and was also reported to be uninjured and returned to the barn of Jesus Nunez.

Original Order of Finish (7)-6-5-1-3

Official Order of Finish 6-5-1-3 (7) unplaced

08/17/25<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Highland Echo (Tr. J. Bautista) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$249.30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 C'mon Lets Switch (Tr. R. Lucas) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$210.68
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Klimt A.P. (Jockey Efrain Hernandez) – Replaced by Edgar Payeras

- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Newpark (IRE) (Jockey F. Orduna-Rojas) – Replaced by Fernando Olague  
#5 Gross Profit (Tr. H. Rubin) – Claimed by Trainer Angela Aquino
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Terra Famous (Tr. J. Gomez) – Claimed by Trainer Cesar DeAlba  
#4 Dr Valiant Ways (Tr. A. Valles) – Claimed by Trainer Adan Farias  
#8 Unmarked (Tr. P. Jones) – Claimed by Trainer Ramiro Z. Lopez  
#9 CD Kellys Cartel (Tr. J. Gomez) – Claimed by Trainer Adan Farias

08/17/25<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	630	\$68,930.90
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	917	\$173,744.70
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$945,501.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,547	\$1,188,177.21

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 8/15</b>	<b>Sat 8/16</b>	<b>Sun 8/17</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	1	1	2	6
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	12
<b>Claims</b>	R	0	5	5	73
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	1	1	16
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	1	2	20
<b>Refunds</b>	A	2	2	4	219
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	2	0	2	116
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	0	0	16

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

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