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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of June 3, 2026, through June 7, 2026.

WEDNESDAY6/03/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

6/03/26²**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled sixty runners to build a solid eight-race card for Saturday.

6/03/26³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Once the first race in the book for California bred two-year-old maidens was opened up to all runners, the race quickly filled to the point where it was split into two divisions.

THURSDAY6/04/26¹**ENTRIES, SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Once again, Steward Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Sunday. He also approved scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card. Additionally, the entry panel met to review and discuss all the runners on Saturday's eight-race program. No scratches were submitted.

6/04/26²**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT (Ref: 4/16/26⁴)**

The Board of Stewards intended to hear the rescheduled financial complaint filed against Gary Hartunian's Rockingham Ranch for an outstanding vet bill that is owed to Dr. Ashley Troncatty. Once again, Mr. Hartunian failed to appear, however, his lawyer was reached via telephone and agreed to the outstanding balance. One week was granted to satisfy the debt. More to follow...

6/04/26³**CITATION HEARING**

Exercise Rider Victor Olivera was in our office responding to a disorderly conduct citation issued by Los Alamitos Security. Officer Franco stated that Mr. Olivera displayed erratic and aggressive behavior toward another licensee and was removed from the grounds. Omar

Lizarraga from The Winners Foundation was contacted via telephone and weighed in on the matter. The Stewards will reach a decision over the coming days.

6/04/26⁴

THE DRAW

The racing office compiled another solid eight-race card for Sunday evening.

6/04/26⁵

CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book for California bred two-year-old maiden fillies only received one entry and was promptly called off.

FRIDAY

6/05/26¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Sunday's card. The entry panel met once again to review and discuss all the runners on the eight-race program. One Stewards/Panel scratch was submitted after the runner was found to be ineligible.

SATURDAY

6/06/26¹

FILM REVIEW (Ref: 5/31/26³)

Jockey Henry Lopez was in our office to review his ride in last Sunday's second race where his mount was disqualified for interference. After reviewing the race, in a majority decision, Mr. Lopez left our office with just a warning. Steward Church was the dissenting vote, feeling that a suspension was in order.

6/06/26²

RULING #44 & #45

The following two rulings were issued as a result of crop violations in last Sunday's futurity trials.

Ruling #44

Jockey CESAR ORTEGA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Zionsville in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 31, 2026.

Ruling #45

Jockey EDUARDO NICASIO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Rational in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 31, 2026.

6/06/26³

LATE SCRATCH

Shortly after the runners for the sixth race made their way onto the track, #3 Pupilo became fractious and unseated jockey Damian Diaz Cruz. The two-year-old colt evaded the outrider and exited the racetrack, which resulted in a late scratch by the Stewards. Mr. Cruz was uninjured in the incident but had no additional scheduled mounts on tonight's card.

6/06/26⁴

PICK-SIX CARRYOVER

The pick-six was not hit again this evening, so the carryover going into tomorrow stands at \$166,018.56. This should provide some additional excitement for Sunday's eight-race card.

6/06/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#2 City Glitter (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$78.20
	#3 Shes Just Fluffy (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$156.65
	#6 Feisty Mitole (Tr. J. Nunez) Claimed by trainer K. Watanabe
4 th Race	#1 Oh Boi (Tr. S. Willoughby) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$147.30
	#2 In The No (Tr. V. Zamudio) Stewards-Paddock - Refund: \$1,796.55

6th Race #2 Jess Good Time MRL (Tr. J. Gomez) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$169.40
 #3 Pupilo (Tr. A. Farias) Stewards-Post Parade - Refund: \$2,417.09

6/06/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,007	\$97,780.50
SCOTWINC	1,155	\$284,280.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,146,034.67
TOTAL	2,162	\$1,528,095.37

SUNDAY

6/07/26¹

OLIVERA RULING #46 (Ref: 6/04/26⁴)

After considering all the testimony heard on Thursday, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #46

Exercise Rider VICTOR A. OLIVERA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – aggressive behavior towards another person). Furthermore, Victor A. Olivera must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and sign and remain on a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so will result in suspension of all licenses held by Victor A. Olivera.

6/07/26²

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION - RACE 7

Following the running of the 110-yard event, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review contact between the inside four runners, with #3 Stel Charlie (E. Gasca) taking up sharply mid-race. The Stewards acknowledged that #4 Chamukini (G. Lara) broke inward initially, and #1 Apolliticalcollusion (I. Lara) shifted outward, however, the main cause forcing Stel Charlie (E. Gasca) to check sharply was #2 Teller Army MRL (D.D. Cruz) continually shifting outward under left-handed urging. As a result, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #2 from fourth to seventh. Once the result was made official, jockey Damion Diaz Cruz was ordered to see the Stewards next Saturday afternoon to review his ride.

Original order of finish: 6-5-1-2-7-4-3

Official order of finish: 6-5-1-7-4-3-2

6/07/26³

STRONG HANDLE

Tonight's eight-race card provided a total handle of \$1,850,977.14.

6/07/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 What A Relief (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Jockey changed to C. Ortega
 #4 Idiot's Gold (Tr. A. Williams) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$484.61
 #8 James J. Braddock (Tr. S. Morfin) Claimed by trainer J. Nunez

4th Race #4 Unusual Exchange (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Jockey changed to S. Vargas
 #5 Club Kodiak (Tr. V. Belvoir) Jockey changed to P. Flores

5th Race #2 Gemini Buzz (Tr. R. Figueroa) Stewards-Ineligible - Refund: \$335.90
 #5 Magilligan (Tr. J. Bautista) Jockey changed to A. Bautista

8th Race #1 PYC Last Dance Cindy (Tr. E. Willis) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$278.20
 #6 Talker (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) Stewards-Starting gate - Refund: \$39,153.91

6/07/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	634	\$79,618.60
SCOTWINC	904	\$222,811.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,548,547.34
TOTAL	1,538	\$1,850,977.14

SUMMARY

	Fri 06/05	Sat 06/06	Sun 06/07	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	6
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	1	2	34
Disqualifications	K	0	1	1	7
Inquiries	-	0	1	1	24
Refunds	D	6	4	10	163
Rulings	A	2	1	3	46
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	13

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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