

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Los Alamitos Racing Association

Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, June 29, through Sunday, July 5, 2026.

TUESDAY

06/30/26¹

DARK DAY DUTY/ENTRIES

Steward **Grant Baker** was present to assist the Racing Office while Entries for Friday were being taken. An eight-race card was produced with sixty (60) runners and one Also Eligible.

WEDNESDAY

07/01/26¹

ENTRY DAY – SCRATCHES - VET PANEL

Once again, the Board of Stewards were represented by **Mr. Grant Baker** for scratches to Friday's program and entries for Saturday. An Overnight was produced consisting of nine (9) races with seventy-four (74) entrants, including two Also Eligible entrants in race Five.

A "Panel" review for Friday led by Dr. Grande was part of the duties Steward **Baker** partook in.

THURSDAY

07/02/26¹

HEARING DAY

The full Board of Stewards **Baker, Sawyer** and **Lewis**, were present to hear four (4) scheduled Complaints. Steward **Kim Sawyer** will chair all the Hearings.

Along with the hearings Steward **Baker** attended to his regular duties overseeing entries, scratches/changes and Entry Panel.

07/02/26²

CHRB COMPLAINT 26SA0116 KNAPP FINANCIAL

A complaint filed by **Mike Machowsky** on behalf of **Fasig-Tipton** to recover \$16,600 on the sale of two horses to **Steve Knapp** was presented by CHRB Investigator **Hiroshi Yokoyama**. Present at the proceedings were the three aforementioned gentlemen, along with Court Reporter **Michelle Derieg**.

During testimony and inquiries made by the Board of Stewards to both sides Mr. **Knapp** admitted that he made a mistake in signing the "Acknowledge of Purchase". He stated that he was buying the horses back for his client, **Tom Halasz**, but was not authorized to sign nor was the sales company notified to the fact that the horses were "buy-backs".

Ms. **Sawyer** asked if both sides could come to an agreement. The sales company indicated that they would like to recover the sales prices at minimum. Mr. **Knapp** said if he could make payments, it would be helpful to his cause.

A CHRB Form – 51, "Financial Complaint Agreement", was signed by both parties with terms to be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) a month due on the first of each month. Evidence was put into the record and the Hearing was closed.

07/02/26³

CHRB COMPLAINT 26SA0117 ROGERS - FINANCIAL

CHRB Investigator **Anne Dillon** made this panel aware to the fact that the monies owed to Bob Hubbard Horse Transport by Owner **Sara Rogers** in the amount of \$883.51 had been "Paid in Full". The Complaint was withdrawn.

07/02/26⁴

CHRB COMPLAINT 26SA0124 PAPPAS – FINANCIAL

This was a "TEAMS" meeting put together by CHRB Investigator **Anne Dillon**. Both parties involved Owner **Gregory Pappas**, whom the Complaint was filed against, and Owner **Alison Fournogerakis**, who alleges being owed fifty-seven thousand, one hundred and eighty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$57,185.98), attended remotely. Mr. **Pappas** from California had audio and visual abilities. Ms. **Fournogerakis** was only able to get audio.

The Complaint Package consisted of twelve (12) pages: the Title page, Request for Financial Responsibility Complaint page, three (3) pages of the Governing Procedure for Disciplinary Hearing Before the Board of Stewards, Rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility), two (2) pages of an incomplete Bill of Sale, a Statement of Account from the Santa Anita Paymaster and three (3) pages of License history. There was no documentation of percentages of ownership other than the Paymaster Statement, which showed the horse running under the partnership of **CTR Stables LLC, Pappas Horse Racing Corp** or **Fournogerakis**.

Michelle Derieg memorialized the proceedings, starting with swearing in the witnesses after Chairperson **Sawyer** opened the Hearing. The main issue of this Hearing surrounded the earnings of a horse named **Its a Cinch** trained by **Luis Mendez**. During testimony **Fournogerakis** attempted to use a broodmare called **Manorelli** as a defense but that was not allowed as she was not part of the complaint nor was she involved in the monies being discussed. To further complicate issues, the husband of Ms. **Fournogerakis**, **Mike**, took over speaking for her with nothing concrete to offer as to the Partnership agreement.

One item that both parties agreed upon was that **CTR Stables LLC** did own fifty per cent (50%).

Mr. **Pappas**, in his defense, offered to submit an e-mail which spelled out the terms of the partnership. He was going to forward it to Investigator **Dillon** for distribution. After much back and forth and the Stewards questioning both parties with little answers, Steward **Sawyer** indicated that we would take everything into consideration and develop a decision. When asked what that could be, the Chair said it could go three ways, a 40/10 cut or 50/0 or dismissed. **Fournogerakis** asked "10% of the \$57,185.98?" Which was confirmed and they sounded comfortable with it.

Steward **Sawyer** submitted the documents into evidence without objection and brought the hearing to a close. Discussion among the Board of Stewards regarding testimony and evidence will take place prior to a decision.

07/02/26⁵

CHRB COMPLAINT 26SA0125 YAGER – FINANCIAL

The noon hearing, **Equine Athletes Veterinary Services**, represented by **Dr. Jennifer Finley** by phone, vs. Owner **George Yager** for remittance of \$1,685.00 for services rendered, was delayed half an hour to allow Mr. **Yager** to appear or to contact this office. When that didn't occur within the time permitted, the Stewards reached out to a representative of Mr. **Yager** and to **Equine Athletes Veterinary Services**. Both parties requested that the Stewards delay a ruling so payment can be completed over the holiday weekend. That request was granted.

FRIDAY

07/03/26¹

NEW APPRENTICE JOCKEY MEETING

Apprentice Jockey **Roxane Liegeois** was present before the Board of Stewards as she is named on her first stateside mount in the fourth race. **Ms. Liegeois's** resume indicates five (5) wins across the Pond with four (4) in France and one (1) in Dubai. The crop rule was explained and what the Stewards will be looking for. After the conversation, an Apprentice Certificate was issued.

07/03/26²

RACE 4 – DNF

Shortly after the start #3 **Maury Wills** was squeezed by horses on both sides of him and steadied. Jockey **Kyle Frey** tried to encourage his mount to get back in the race but the grey four-year-old appeared to refuse and headed for the outside fence behind the field. Jockey and horse galloped on the outside far behind the other seven runners. At the quarter pole, the Outrider assisted in getting #3 pulled up short of the Finish Line, thus getting the Did Not Finish (DNF) designation.

07/03/26³

RACE 5 – DNF

As the field approached the 3/16ths pole, while running in the back of the pack, #2 **Hot Chicks Only** took a strange step and was immediately pulled up by his rider **Kazushi Kimura**. **DVM Austgen** radioed for the Equine Ambulance to give the horse a ride home for further evaluation.

07/03/26⁴

RACE 6 – POST RACE INCIDENT

While horses were returning to unsaddle after the running of the sixth event, Jockey **Tiago Pereira** was not pleased with the way his mount #2 **Pretty Cecy** was traveling. He stopped her and dismounted as the horse ambulance was dispatched by **Dr. Austgen**, who was observing the horses on the return. This four-year-old filly was loaded on the vehicle and taken back to her barn to be examined.

07/03/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
2nd race #6 – REXFORD (tr. P. Miller) claimed, M. Badilla, trainer
3rd race #5 – ALOHA DREAMIN (tr. J. Mullins) claimed, K. Watanabe, trainer
4th race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
5th race #6 – SHADY APPEAL (tr. J. Bonde) claimed, F. Rodriguez, trainer
5th race #9 – ONE SMOKIN DUDE (tr. L. Barocio) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer. Refund: \$0.00
6th race #6 – GOOD GOLLY DOLLY (tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
7th race #7 -WHAT A GIFT (tr. V. Garcia) claimed, G. Vallejo, trainer
8th race #2 Wild King (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian – sick – Dr. Patio
Refund: \$319.50

07/03/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	852	\$115,951.62
SCOTWINC	2,324	\$236,523.94
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,525,132.66
TOTAL	3,176	\$2,877,608.22

SATURDAY

07/04/26¹

RULING #5 CHRB CASE 26SA0124 (ref. 07/02/26⁴)

After factoring in documents presented as evidence and testimony from both parties during the hearing on Thursday, July 2, 2026, the Stewards produced the following ruling.

LAFL #5

Following a formal hearing held at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 2, 2026, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), it is ordered that purse earnings being held by the paymaster at Santa Anita Park for the horse IT'S A CINCH shall be distributed as follows.

Owner GREGORY PAPPAS, dba PAPPAS HORSE RACING CORP - \$5,719.00
Owner ALISON FOURNOGERAKIS - \$51,466.98

07/04/26²

JOCKEY ARMANDO AGUILAR INFORMAL HEARING

Jockey Armando Aguilar was in the Stewards' office to explain his tardiness to be present in the Paddock for yesterday's 4th race. Mr. Aguilar explained he was not feeling great and was in the Men's room and lost track of time. The Board of Stewards felt that the excuse was not viable, so the following ruling was issued.

LAFL #6

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – late to paddock) for the fourth race on July 3, 2026, at Los Alamitos Race Course.

07/04/26³

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards had the INQUIRY sign illuminated after the running of this route race to look into the start centering on #6, **BLAME IT ON ABBY**, ridden by **Edwin Maldonado**. Video showed #6 stepping out at the break into #7, E Z REWARD making slight contact then straightening out. After hearing from the Patrol Judges and in a unanimous decision, there was no change to the order of finish.

07/04/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st race #6 SUPER BILL (tr. S. Paldanius) – Unsound - Dr. Patio
Refund: \$486.80

2nd race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00

3rd race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00

4th race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00

5th race #2 GRANDE RIVIERE (tr. A. Aquino) - Injured – Dr. Patio
#9 FORZA PALERMO (tr. P. Miller) - Jockey, A. Aguilar replaced K. Kimura
#11 SOUTHERN RIFF (tr. M. Meier) - Also Eligible - Stewards
Refund: \$165.00

6th race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00

7th race #8 TEQUILAANDTHERAPY (tr. G. Vallejo) - Jockey C. Belmont replaced K. Kimura. Refund: \$0.00

8th race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00

9th race #6 OTTO'S MAGIC (tr. P. D'Amato) - Sick – Dr. Patio
#7 J T'S WATCH (tr. G. Vallejo) - Injured – Dr. Patio
#8 SOGNO DI VINO (tr. P. Miller) – Jockey E. Maldonado replaced K. Kimura. Refund: \$1,393.20

07/04/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,217	\$117,533.38
SCOTWINC	3,570	\$243,076.68
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,690,207.28
TOTAL	4,787	\$3,050,817.34

SUNDAY

07/05/26¹

ESCOBEDO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Adrian Escobedo** contacted the Stewards' Office indicating he would be unable to attend film review of Saturday's first race as requested. He sent a representative, **Jesus Beniche**, his Valet. Video was reviewed and it showed **Escobedo** on #5 BET THE OM crossing down without looking, causing #2 JAMES J. BRADDICK ridden by **Ricardo Ramirez** to steady, losing ground. The #2 finished second, beaten by a nose, and the full Board of Stewards felt the interference cost him an opportunity for a better placing, which resulted in the production of the following ruling.

LAFL #7

Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO, who rode BET THE OM in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 4, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 19, 23 and 24, 2026) for crossing over without sufficient clearance soon after the start and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules –Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

07/05/26²

CLEAR RACING

Today's eleven (11) races were free from Inquiries, Objections or any other reportable incidents.

07/05/26³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
 2nd race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
 3rd race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
 4th race #3 SCOOP OF CHOCOLATE (tr. E. Berman) – Jockey D. Masud
 #8 HIGHLAND ECHO (tr. J. Bautista) – Jockey, A. Aguilar
 5th race #3 BUCKY'S BOY (tr. R. Lucas) – Jockey, A. Aguilar
 6th race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
 7th race #11 BACKSTAGE DRAMA (tr. G. Vallejo) – Jockey, R. Ramirez
 #12 LITTLE GATOR (tr. A. Garcia) – Unsound, Dr. Austgen
 Refund: \$1,328.50
 8th race #1 COSMO FRIDAY (tr. F. Rodriguez) – Injured, Dr. Austgen
 #12 VIOLENCES OHR (tr. J. Uranga) – Jockey F. Monroy
 Refund: \$426.70
 9th race NO CHANGES. Refund: \$0.00
 10th race #1 OMISSION (tr. G. Haley) – Sick, Dr. Grande
 #6 GATO VOLADOR (tr. E. Alvarez) Jockey, Alfredo Bautista
 Refund: \$138.10
 11th race #4 DEVIL BE ME (tr. G. Vallejo) – Jockey, J Leparoux

07/05/26⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	1,182	\$155,870.48
SCOTWINC	3,092	\$357,411.12
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,251,081.86
TOTAL	4,274	\$4,764,363.46

SUMMARY

	Fri 07/03	Sat 07/04	Sun 07/05	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	5	7	20
Claims	6	1	2	9	19
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	1	3	3	7	27
Rulings	0	2	1	3	7
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/29/26 TO 07/05/26

Horses on Vet List 13
 Horses off Vet List 19
 Shock Wave Therapy 2
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

Richard Lewis, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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