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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 26, through Sunday, August 30, 2026.**

**WEDNESDAY**8/26/26<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward John Herbeveaux was present in the office this morning to oversee the entry process. The racing office was able to assemble an eight-race card consisting of fifty runners.

**THURSDAY**8/27/26<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward George Yniguez filled in for John Herbeveaux, who was out for personal reasons. Mr. Yniguez also monitored the entry process for Sunday's card, approved changes for Saturday's card, and will record the minutes for this week.

8/27/26<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel convened this morning to review the entries for Saturday's program which resulted in one horse being designated for the "hard watch" list

8/27/26<sup>3</sup>**TRAINER ANGEL VEGA - COMPLAINT (Case# 26LA0089)**

Trainer Angel Vega appeared before the Board of Stewards this morning in response to a complaint filed against him by Exercise Rider Jared Olguin pursuant to rule 1877 (Financial Responsibility). Mr. Vega stated he will be able to satisfy the debt by Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Olguin agreed and was instructed to contact this Board of Stewards by Wednesday of next week if the debt is not fulfilled.

8/27/26<sup>4</sup>**OWNER HECTOR PRECIADO - COMPLAINT (Case# 26LA0090)**

Trainer Jesus Nunez contacted the Board of Stewards and informed them that the debt owed by Owner Hector Preciado has been satisfied. Therefore, the complaint has been withdrawn.

**FRIDAY**8/28/26<sup>1</sup>**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Steward Yniguez was present to approve changes to Sunday's card which consisted of one rider change.

8/28/26<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The Entry Panel met to discuss Sunday's entries and identified two horses receiving the "hard watch" designation.

**SATURDAY**8/29/26<sup>1</sup>**JIM POREP VISITS**

Jim Porep, owner of Pegasus Communications and technical consultant, came into the office this afternoon to provide an update on the improvements to the quarter horse timing system. The changes will include upgrades to both the primary and back-up timers, as well as completely rewiring the system.

8/29/26<sup>2</sup>**REFUND - RACE 4**

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #4 Aj Majesty broke through the starting gate and proved difficult to catch before being apprehended by the Outrider, prompting the Stewards to Scratch the filly. The refund amounted to \$12,966.84.

8/29/26<sup>3</sup>**STEWARDS REVIEW - RACE 6**

Stewards conducted a review of an incident at the start of the sixth race involving #6 Gifted Diva, who veered sharply toward the inside rail shortly after the break. Race replays revealed that Gifted Diva and Jockey Alberto Zepeda making contact with the left-hand stall door at the start. The contact caused Mr. Zepeda's left stirrup to break, resulting in difficulty controlling the filly. No action was taken.

8/29/26<sup>4</sup>**REFUND - RACE 8**

A refund was ordered in race eight as Dr. Fitzgerald recommended the scratch of #4 Callaita (Tr. F. Rubio) after turning over during the saddling process. The total refund amounted to \$2,299.81.

8/29/26<sup>5</sup>**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

1st Race: No Changes

2nd Race: No Changes

3rd Race: No Changes

4th Race: Aj Dynasty (Tr. J. Aleman) Broke Through Gate - Stewards - Refund: \$12,966.84

5th Race: No Changes

6th Race: No Changes

7th Race: Bonus Bet (Tr. V. Zamudio) Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$96.40

8th Race: Callaita (Tr. F. Rubio) Turned Over in Paddock - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$2,299.81

8/29/26<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |      |                |
|---------------------------|------|----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 705  | \$66,774.20    |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 974  | \$194,040.20   |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | N/A  | \$755,409.58   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 1724 | \$1,016,223.98 |

**SUNDAY**8/30/26<sup>1</sup>**JOHN HERBUVEAUX RETIRES**

After years of dedicated service as a California Horse Racing Board Steward, John Herbuveaux leaves a legacy of integrity, fairness, expertise, and professionalism. The Board of Stewards sincerely appreciates his contributions to the industry and wishes him all the best in retirement.

8/30/26<sup>2</sup>**CLEAR EVENING**

Tonight's eight-race card was free of inquiries, objections, or voided claims.

8/30/26<sup>3</sup>**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

1st Race: Tascadero (Tr. S. Perez) Injured/Gate - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$12,229.14

2nd Race: Ara (Tr. G. Haley) Injured -Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$156.15

2nd Race: Sheza Gemini Jewel (Tr. J. Raudales) Claimed by Tr. S. Perez

3rd Race: Idiot Straits (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$103.80

3rd Race: Dancing Thru Fire (Tr. S. Rivera) Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$224.30

4th Race: Sensational ZZ (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Claimed by Tr. J. Uranga

4th Race: Broken Circle (Tr. J. Uranga) claimed by Tr. A. Aquino

5th Race: Molly Jensen (Tr. S. Morfin) Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$150.00

6th Race: No Changes

7th Race: No Changes

8th Race: No Changes

8/30/26<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |       |              |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 628   | \$55,466.10  |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 811   | \$136,209.00 |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | N/A   | \$725,016.21 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 1,439 | \$916,691.31 |

**SUMMARY**

|                          | <b>Fri<br/>8/21</b> | <b>Sat<br/>8/22</b> | <b>Sun<br/>8/23</b> | <b>Week</b> | <b>Meet</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 9           |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 16          |
| <b>Claims</b>            | 0                   | 0                   | 3                   | 3           | 56          |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 12          |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 34          |
| <b>Refunds</b>           | 0                   | 3                   | 5                   | 8           | 235         |
| <b>Rulings</b>           | 0                   | 0                   | 1                   | 1           | 71          |

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George Yniguez, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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