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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of October 7, 2026, through October 11, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

10/07/26¹

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.

10/07/26²

THE DRAW

The racing office compiled an eight-race card for Saturday, consisting of three HISA regulated thoroughbred races, all going four and one-half furlongs.

10/07/26³

TEAMS REVIEW

Safety Steward George Yniguez set up a fatality review via Microsoft Teams for the horse Exalting. Dr. Jocelyn Lorbiecki chaired the review, which was also attended by Dr. Jeff Blea and trainer Jorge Farias.

THURSDAY

10/08/26¹

ENTRIES, SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Sunday and to also approve 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.

10/08/26²

HEARING CONTINUED

Investigator Stuart Ida received word that groom Carlos Aguilar was stuck at the US/Mexico border and would not make his scheduled hearing (case # 26LA0092) this morning. Considering the circumstances, the Stewards agreed to grant Mr. Aguilar a continuance with the opportunity to reschedule.

10/08/26³

MEDIATION MEETING

Owner Juan Padilla and trainer Ivan Becerra were in our office to discuss an outstanding training bill for the unraced filly Emilies Account, prior to a financial complaint being filed.

Mr. Padilla explained that he wanted to move his horse to New Mexico and Mr. Becerra wanted to be compensated for his training expenses before releasing the filly. After some back-and-forth an agreement was reached and the terms were memorialized in a financial agreement that was signed by both parties.

10/08/26⁴

THE DRAW

The racing office compiled another eight-race card for Sunday, featuring the Grade 1 Robert L. Boniface Los Alamitos Invitational Championship, going the classic distance of 440 yards.

FRIDAY

10/09/26¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Ron Church 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.

SATURDAY

10/10/26¹

FILM REVIEW (Ref: 10/04/26³)

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez, who is currently suspended, traveled to Mexico during his time off, so the Stewards agreed to review his ride in last Sunday's sixth race next week. More to follow...

10/10/26²

VOIDED CLAIM – Race 3

The claim submitted by trainer Santos Perez, for the horse Crypto Craze, was voided by the Stewards, as the runner was found to be unsound by Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck during the post-race examination. The six-year-old gelding returned to the Jesus Uranga barn.

10/10/26³

INJURY – RACE 8

The running of tonight's feature race was marred when heavily favored Empressum sustained a right-hind injury at the start of the 440-yard event. Jockey Rodrigo Sigala Vallejo quickly pulled up the eight-year-old gelding and the horse ambulance was dispatched. Early prognosis was pointing to a possible pelvic fracture.

10/10/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Savannahs Big Girl (Tr. S. Sherman) Claimed by trainer S. Perez
2nd Race #4 Drop The Bit (Tr. A. Aquino) Claimed by trainer J. Farias
#5 Summer Haze (Tr. S. Paldanius) Vet-Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$309.40
#6 Alan's Conquest (Tr. J. Uranga) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$179.74
3rd Race #8 Crypto Craze (Tr. J. Uranga) Claimed by trainer S. Perez - VOIDED

10/10/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	809	\$77,270.40
SCOTWINC	888	\$211,018.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$742,044.27
TOTAL	1,697	\$1,030,333.07

SUNDAY

10/11/26¹

JOCKEY OBJECTION – RACE 3

Following the running of the third race, jockey Francisco Orduna-Rojas, aboard the second-place finisher Nijinsky Halo, lodged an objection against the winner, Instinct D'oro and jockey Pedro Flores, alleging interference entering the stretch. Though the runner-up was in tight quarters for a few strides, the Stewards unanimously agreed that original order of finish was not affected, and the race was made official. However, Mr. Flores was summoned to see the Stewards next week to review his ride.

10/11/26²**INQUIRY / NON-STARTER – Race 8**

After the runners for the final race of the evening crossed the finish line, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start, where co-favorite AJ Flawless (E. Escobedo) broke poorly and was never in the race. Starter Gary Brinson reported that AJ Flawless “false broke” just before he dispatched the field, causing him to break so poorly. After review, in a majority decision, the Stewards ruled that AJ Flawless would be deemed a non-starter, as he was in the process of being reset by the assistant starter and not afforded a fair start. Steward Tom Ward dissented. All wagers involving AJ Flawless were refunded or paid out as a consolation.

10/11/26³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #5 R Danny Boy (Tr. R. Lucas) Claimed by trainer K. Watanabe
 2nd Race #3 Cioppina Pasadina (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$301.50
 3rd Race #1 All The Greats (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Vet-Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$108.80
 #3 Daniel's Magic (Tr. C. Dollase) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$261.40
 4th Race #1 She's Back (Tr. J. Thomas) Claimed by trainer O. Heredia
 #3 Autism Bona Fide (Tr. G. Vallejo) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$139.63
 #5 Beauty Jenny (Tr. A. Aquino) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$287.66
 #7 Miss Chardonnay (Tr. A. Aquino) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$280.21
 7th Race #2 Rosalinda Hunting (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$109.50
 8th Race #6 AJ Flawless (Tr. M. Jungers) Non-Starter – Stewards - Refund: \$46,934.18

10/11/26⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	850	\$45,510.50
SCOTWINC	1,051	\$155,805.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$626,595.73
TOTAL	1,901	\$827,911.93

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/09	Sat 10/10	Sun 10/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	9
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	16
Claims	R	2	2	4	69
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	16
Inquiries	-	0	2	2	40
Refunds	D	2	8	10	275
Rulings	A	0	0	0	83
Voided Claims	Y	1	0	1	22

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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