

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION  
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of April 16, 2020 through April 19, 2020.

**Thursday**  
04/16/2020

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this week to handle entries, scratches and changes. Los Alamitos had a problem with entries this week, a unique problem- there were too many! There are twenty-eight races on tap for the week, with a total of 233 horses set to face Starter Gary Brinson. Ward will handle minutes for the coming week.

**Friday**  
04/17/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Flags West (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$220.10.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #7 Karma Reigns (Lasix issue) Refund of \$143.70.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Silent Musketeer (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$44.70.  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Valentin JQM (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$103.14.

**(2) CHANGE IN OFFICIALS**

We have the pleasure of Ms. Kim Sawyer's company for the next three evenings as C. Scott Chaney, who was the third member of this Board of Stewards, has been appointed to the position of Executive Director of the California Horse Racing Board. Additionally, Dr. Nolton Pattio will be filling in for Dr. Gary Beck as Official Veterinarian for the next two evenings.

**(3) ACCIDENTS/ STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE**

The first race at this venue this evening was an absolute debacle. During the run down the backstretch, #4 Isla's Toy was injured and ultimately unseated the rider, Eduard Rojas. Then, at mid-stretch, #3 Informato, with Edgar Payeras aboard, drifted in and struck the inside rail, ejecting Payeras into the infield. Both horses were racing in the clear when the incidents took place; therefore, the race was made "Official".

Initial reports from medical personnel indicated that Rojas had "jammed" a finger, while Payeras was transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital for observation. Both riders involved were fortunate that their injuries were not more serious. Replacement riders were announced.

**(4) REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #7 Destiny's Journey was "off" in the left hind leg during warm up and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$11,540.76.

**(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted following the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident mid-race involving #4 Royaltys Molly (I. Lara), and #3 Clean Up Man (V. Bednar), the second and seventh place finishers, respectively.

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Royaltys Molly from second to seventh position. Video shows the horse shifting in at the midway point in the race, placing jockey Bednar in very tight quarters and forcing him to check sharply, costing him all chance for a better placing.

**(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |                |                |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| On track     | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Off track    | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Out of state | \$2,310,716.47 | \$2,310,716.47 |
| Total        | \$2,310,716.47 | \$2,310,716.47 |

**Saturday**  
04/18/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 More Honor (Vet-sick)
- #3 Jazzie Cat (Vet-sick)
- #4 Castle Gate (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$1,737.79.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Paradise Blue (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$93.56.
- #8 Flip The Coin Jan (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$261.61.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 WS Tiny Star (Vet-injured) Refund of \$330.50.
- 10<sup>th</sup> race #3 Run Raging Rhino Run (Stakes) Refund of \$300.37.

**(2) RIDERS EXCUSED**

Jockey Edgar Payeras, who was involved in a spill in last evening's first race, was excused due to body soreness, while jockey Carlos Huerta was also given the night off as he suffered an injury during morning training. Replacement riders were announced.

**(3) CLEAN CARD**

All maters during the course of the racing program were routine.

**(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |                |                |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| On track     | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Off track    | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Out of state | \$2,362,704.29 | \$2,362,704.29 |
| Total        | \$2,362,704.29 | \$2,362,704.29 |

**Sunday**  
04/19/2020

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Coleinator (Vet-sick) Refund of \$104.45.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Grey Tsunami (Vet-sick) Refund of \$170.31.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Trojan Magic (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$331.56.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Favorite Foose (Vet-sick) Refund of \$146.00.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Ima Separatist (Vet-injured) Refund of \$114.00.

**(2) CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENTS**

Racing Veterinarian Dr. Becky Fitzgerald will move from her normal position to that of Official Veterinarian as Dr. Gary Beck is still on the "Vet's List" and will not be available. Dr. Ashley Troncatty will move into Dr. Fitzgerald's role.

**(3) RIDER STILL AILING**

Jockey Edgar Payeras was once again excused from his mounts as he was still feeling the aftereffects of his spill on Friday evening. Replacement riders were announced.

**(4) ALL IS WELL**

The Sunday evening card was run without any reportable incidents.

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |                |                |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| On track     | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Off track    | \$0.00         | \$0.00         |
| Out of state | \$2,291,489.95 | \$2,291,489.95 |
| Total        | \$2,291,489.95 | \$2,291,489.95 |

**TRACK SAFTEY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on April 19, 2020. Three equine deaths were reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 5 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**SUMMARY**

|                          | Wed | Thurs | Fri<br>04/17 | Sat<br>04/18 | Sun<br>04/19 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | D   |       | 2            | 0            | 0            | 2    | 3    |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | A   |       | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Claims</b>            | R   |       | 3            | 3            | 6            | 12   | 112  |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | K   |       | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 18   |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         |     | D     | 2            | 0            | 0            | 2    | 27   |
| <b>Refunds</b>           |     | A     | 5            | 5            | 5            | 15   | 156  |
| <b>Rulings</b>           |     | Y     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 86   |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>     |     | S     | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0    | 16   |

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Scott Chaney, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward