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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 December 3, 2019 through December 8, 2019.

Tuesday
12/03/2019

(1) ENTRY DAYS

Steward David Nuesch will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters, overseeing entries, and recording the minutes for this reporting period.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Friday's eight race program was completed by 2 pm today. The card consists of three thoroughbred and five quarter horse races, with a total of forty-eight (48) horses scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The lone California-Bred race offered today did not attract a single entry.

Wednesday
12/04/2019

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Friday night's program was conducted at 9:00 am resulting in no changes.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's eight race program was drawn around 1:30 pm today. The card consisting of five around-the-turn races has a total of fifty-two (52) runners.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The lone California-bred race offered today was called off with no Cal-bred entries.

Thursday
12/05/2019

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00am, only one rider change.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's program, highlighted by two divisions of the Snowbound Superstar Stakes, going 870 yards, wasn't drawn until after 5 pm today. The eight-race card consists of five around-the-turn races, with a total of forty-seven (47) horses scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The lone California-bred race offered today was called off with no Cal-bred entries.

Friday
12/06/2019

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Sunday night's program was conducted at 9:00 am with just one jockey change.

(2) WARNINGS ISSUED

After careful consideration, the Stewards issued the following warnings on seven cases that all occurred between October 11, 2019 and October 27, 2019.

Ruling # 321

TRAINER SAMUEL NICHOLS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "CURRYFORTHREE BANG", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 11, 2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFUPREDONE).

Ruling # 322

TRAINER CESAR DE ALBA, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "KOOL BABY KOOL", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFUPREDONE).

Ruling # 323

TRAINER JOHN COOPER, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "HANGAR 24", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFUPREDONE).

Ruling # 324

TRAINER JAIME GOMEZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "DEXXTER", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFUPREDONE).

Ruling # 325

TRAINER ANGELA AQUINO, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "UNEXPECTED JOURNEY", THE FIFTH PLACE FINISHER IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 11,

2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFLUPREDONE).

Ruling # 326

TRAINER CHRISTOPHER O'DELL, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "POWERFUL FAVORITE", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 19, 2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFLUPREDONE).

Ruling # 327

TRAINER CHRISTOPHER O'DELL, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "TAC ME UP", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 27, 2019, IS ISSUED A WARNING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFLUPREDONE).

(3) GOOD TRACK

With light rain moving into the area, the track was floated for all eight races on tonight's card. The track carried an official rating of GOOD.

(4) CAMERA OUTAGE

Minutes before the first race field was due to arrive at the starting gate, the Stewards got word that our backstretch head-on camera went out. Thanks to some fast acting by the video crew, we were back in business without having to delay the running of the first race.

(5) CLEAR NIGHT OF RACING

Other than the brief camera issue, tonight's eight race card was conducted with no notable incidents.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #1 Yep Yep Yep (Tr. J. Gomez) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$762.00
5th Race #5 La Bella Cartel (Tr. S. Perez) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$133.00

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	756	\$58,438.00
Off track	1,688	\$187,394.70
Out of state	N/A	\$542,935.80
Total	2,444	\$788,768.50

Saturday
12/07/2019

(1) HEARING/RULING

This afternoon, the Stewards held an informal hearing in the Stewards' office to hear case #19LA0234, presented by investigator Barrett Halcromb. After considering all the facts in the case, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #328

TRAINER JOSE FLORES, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FREDERICOS FANTASY", THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIFTH RACE AT

LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 5, 2019, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (A) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFLUPREDONE).

(2) VANNED HOME

After the conclusion of tonight's first race, Erick Garcia (jockey of #2 Wicked Proof) hopped off his mount on the backstretch, having concern over the condition of that runner, who had just finished fourth. As a precaution, the horse ambulance was dispatched to give Wicked Proof a ride back to his stable. It was later determined that Wicked Proof had sustained a minor tendon injury.

(3) FILM REVIEW

Three jockeys, one from each of tonight's final three races, were asked to come into the Stewards' office tomorrow to review their actions regarding the use of the riding crop.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #6 Scott's Best Beth (Tr. S. Naranjo) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$364.00
4th Race #1 Evening Reward (Tr. A. Vallejo) – entered back – Stewards' Refund \$268.00
5th Race #2 Sierra Echo (Tr. S. Perez) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$217.00
#5 E Bradley Cooper (Tr. K. Craigmyle) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$429.00
6th Race #2 Scatchmelater (Tr. P. Jones) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$303.00

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	800	\$78,888.40
Off track	1,828	\$217,171.40
Out of state	N/A	\$732,454.83
Total	2,628	\$1,028,514.63

Sunday
12/08/2019

(1) CROP RULINGS

The following three rulings were issued as a result of crop violations from last night's race card.

Ruling # 329

JOCKEY JONATHAN ROMAN IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 7, 2019.

Ruling # 330

JOCKEY RUBEN CASTRO IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 7, 2019.

Ruling # 331

JOCKEY RAMON SANCHEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE

PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 7, 2019.

(2) STEWARDS INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the fifth race to review an incident at the start, where #2 Hawks Main Interest had to check out of tight quarters. After speaking to the riders involved, further review and deliberation, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #1 La Vita Dolce from second to sixth (last) position, for being the main contributor to the incident that cost Hawks Main Interest the opportunity at a better placing.

Original order: 6-1-4-3-5-2

New order: 6-4-3-5-2-1

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Forest Wildflower (Tr. D. Givens) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$438.00

8th Race #4 Turn Your Eyes (Tr. R. Viramontes) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$177.00

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	418	\$75,353.70
Off track	1,687	\$290,380.00
Out of state	N/A	\$751,068.26
Total	2,105	\$1,116,801.96

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 8, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward David Nuesch.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 12/06	Sat 12/07	Sun 12/08	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	9
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	23
Claims	R		1	6	1	8	280
Disqualifications	K		0	0	1	1	32
Inquiries		D	0	0	1	1	76
Refunds		A	2	5	3	10	449
Rulings		Y	7	1	3	11	322
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	57

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards David Nuesch, James Dreyer, Ron Church and Safety Steward Grant Baker were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Grant Baker, Safety Steward