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

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GENERAL DATA

DATES: December 26, 2021 through December 19, 2022. Racing is Saturday through Sunday.

POST TIMES: Saturday: 6:00pm - Sunday: 5:15pm

ENTRIES: Seventy-two hours in advance or as specified in the condition book. Scratch time is 9:00am the following day after entries.

WAGERING: \$1 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Doubles (early, mid-card and late) on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes (starting with race 2); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on the first four and final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All beginning with first race. Mid-Card Daily Double starts midway through the card. The Late Daily Double will always occur in the last two races of the race card. The Pick 6 will always occur on the last six races of the race card. In the event that there are not enough horses carded in a race to offer a Superfecta, we will then offer a \$1 Quinella. Place Pick All occurs in the first through final race.

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 20, 2021, through December 26, 2021.

Monday
 12/20/2021

(1) EXERCISE RIDER HEARING

A recorded hearing was held this "off" day into a complaint filed by the Board against Exercise rider Edgar Arriaga alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). The complaint stated that Mr. Arriaga was observed using the crop on a horse during training hours by several track officials. The veteran rider, who seems to have a propensity for crop violations (third this year), offered no acceptable excuse for his actions. In an attempt to mitigate the situation, he said that he no longer carries a crop in the mornings. This was also verified by track officials. It was explained to him that the decision to forego carrying a whip is totally up to him as there are times when it may be useful.

Tuesday
 12/21/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD/ FATALITY REVIEW

Tom Ward will be in the Stewards' office this week for entries, scratches and other related issues. The abbreviated week will be limited to racing only on Sunday, December 26th. The ten race program, drawn in the late afternoon, consisted of two thoroughbred races, four mixed breed events, and four Quarter Horse sprints. A total of 71 horses are scheduled to start. Ward will write minutes for this week.

In addition to entry duties, Ward met with Safety Steward Paul Atkinson, trainer Jesus Nunez, Dr. Alina Vale and Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeffrey Blea to discuss the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Nunez' horse Luca's Ride during the second race at this venue on October 17, 2021.

Wednesday
 12/22/2021

(1) PANEL MEETING

The Los Alamitos "Panel" convened this morning to discuss entries for Sunday. Dr. Fitzgerald will be forwarding results to the interested parties.

Sunday
 12/26/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Marino Heat (Vet-sick) Refund of \$360.77
 2nd Race #8 Siena Silk (Vet-sick) Refund of \$153.52
 3rd Race #4 Whatwasithinking (Vet-injured)
 #6 Harper's Gem (Stewards-owner unlicensed) Refund of \$624.41
 4th Race #2 Lookinformischief (Vet-injured)
 #3 Jess Fast Cartel (Stewards-did not meet workout minimum) Refund of \$770.58

6th Race #6 Vegas Moon (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$134.10
7th Race #3 Hez Our Lil Secret (Vet-sick) Refund of \$267.63

(2) KUDOS TO THE TRACK CREW

Despite the heavy rain which hit the area this past week, Track Superintendent Rick Hughes and his crew had the racing surface in pristine condition for the ten race card. Our thanks for a job well done.

(3) RIDERS EXCUSED

Apprentice jockey Abdul Alsagoor was excused from his mounts due to illness. Jockey Cesar Franco begged off of his final mount on the card as he was not feeling well. Replacements for Alsagoor were secured; however, a rider to replace Franco could not be found and the horse was scratched.

(4) RULINGS

Ruling # 1

EXERCISE RIDER EDGAR ARRIAGA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00*) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF THIS RULING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (1) (USE OF RIDING CROP).

This ruling finalized the complaint filed against him by Board investigators for an incident during morning training hours. (Ref 12-20-2021-1)

Ruling # 2

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS, WHO RODE LA CROIX IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 19, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 2ND, 8TH, AND 9TH, 2022) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was issued in response to Mr. Payeras' violation of the riding rule during the first race on December 20, 2021, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second position.

Ruling # 3

JOCKEY IRVING LARA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 2ND, 8TH, AND 9TH, 2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 19, 2021.

Ruling # 4

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 19, 2021.

These rulings were issued as neither rider appeared to offer an excuse for violation of the "crop" rule last weekend.

(5) LATE DECLARATION

#6 Bella Ciao was a late declaration from the ninth race as its rider, Cesar Franco, took off due to illness and a replacement rider could not be found. The refund amounted to \$2,026.59.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	532	\$92,723.70
Off track	991	\$217,779.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,523,056.82
Total	1,523	\$1,833,559.92

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 26, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 3 for sickness. One horse previously on the Veterinarian's List was examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 12/25	Sun 12/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	D				0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A				0	0	0
Claims	R				0	0	0
Disqualifications	K				0	0	0
Inquiries		D			0	0	0
Refunds		A			7	7	7
Rulings		Y			4	4	4
Voided Claims		S			0	0	0

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Ron Church and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward