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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 March 21, 2022, through March 27, 2022.

**Monday**

03/21/2022

**(1) MONDAY HEARING DAY**

The Board of Stewards was in session on the "off" day to address a complaint filed by the Board against outrider Lorenzo Ruiz for working with an expired license. The complaint originated following an "anonymous" tip regarding the license expiration. Mr. Ruiz, who is currently licensed in several categories, was candid regarding his failure to renew the license, stating that he "just forgot". He immediately renewed the license when informed of his violation. A decision will be formulated this coming weekend.

**Wednesday**

03/23/2022

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be working entries and scratches this week. The entry process went smoothly, as the nine race card was drawn shortly after 4:00 pm. The program will feature the \$400,000+ Los Alamitos Oaks for three year old fillies. Ward will also handle the minutes.

**Thursday**

03/24/2022

**(1) SUNDAY DRAW**

The nine race card for Sunday proved more difficult to fill as the draw did not take place until after 6:00 pm. The feature race will be the \$215,000 El Primero Del Ano Derby for the colts and geldings division. The Los Alamitos entry panel met to discuss any potential problem horses for Saturday.

**Friday**

03/25/2022

**(1) PANEL REVIEW**

The "panel" met once again to review entries for the Sunday card. There were no changes or corrections needed for the program.

**Saturday**  
03/26/2022

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 B D R Dragster (Vet-sick)  
#8 Minsky (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$152.50
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Secret of War (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$37.66
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Last Magic Rhythm (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$115.66
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Matilda The Eagle (Horse Identification) Refund of \$240.82
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Alfonso (Vet-Injured) Refund of \$127.92

**(2) RULINGS**

**Ruling # 44**

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT) RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 20, 2022.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Leon could not make his assigned weight last Sunday evening. We have been told that he is trying to reduce, but with limited success. Perhaps the young man should reconsider his career choice as he has lost several bouts with the scale resulting in late rider changes and subsequent fines.

**Ruling # 45**

OUTRIDER LORENZO RUIZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1481 (b) (OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES AND FEES) (WORKING WITHOUT AN OUTRIDERS LICENSE).

The preceding ruling was issued to finalize the complaint filed against Mr. Ruiz. (Ref. 3-21-22)

**(3) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jairo Rangel was excused from his only mount of the program due to a family situation. A replacement rider was announced.

**(4) REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #6 Iwontgiveuptheprize unseated the rider, Cesar Franco, during the post parade and ran off. The refund amounted to \$1,214.54. The horse went over the outside rail in the far turn and loped around the infield for a short period of time. Kudos should go out to Starter Gary Brinson's crew of assistants as they captured the loose two year old in a short period of time. The horse was relatively unscathed.

**(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	846	\$126,100.70
Off track	1,216	\$359,434.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,005,839.40
Total	2,062	\$1,491,374.50

**Sunday**  
03/27/2022

**(1) EARLY SCRATCHES**

- 2<sup>ND</sup> Race #1 My Bella Chick (Vet-injured)  
#3 Miss Helen Back (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$231.36
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Rocket Seventeen (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$148.90

**(2) RULING**

**Ruling # 46**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY VICTOR SALAZAR IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN

SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 26, 2022.

This ruling was issued as the rider was observed violating the “crop” rule – more than six times – during the fifth race last evening. He offered no excuse for the violation.

**(3) CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim in the second race deposited by trainer Roman Figueroa for #6 Dairy Kid was voided as the horse exhibited signs of lameness in the right foreleg while in the Detention Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Adan Farias.

**(4) TROUBLE FREE RACING PROGRAM**

All matters during the course of the nine race card were routine.

**(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	633	\$98,493.20
Off track	1,118	\$164,915.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,390,041.96
Total	1,751	\$1,653,450.56

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 27, 2022. There was one equine death reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian’s List as follows: 4 for soundness, 5 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. Eleven 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	Sat 03/26	Sun 03/27	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R			0	1	1	54
<b>Disqualification</b>	K			0	0	0	4
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	12
<b>Refunds</b>		A		6	2	8	113
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		2	1	3	46
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	1	1	9

Stewards’ Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, Rich Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward