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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association**  
Cypress, California

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**Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of January 10 - 14, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**

01/10/24<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer has morning duty and will record the minutes during this reporting period.

01/10/24<sup>2</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

01/10/24<sup>3</sup>

**THE DRAW**

The races were drawn at a respectable 4:30 p.m. with seventy horses passing the entry box.

**THURSDAY**

01/11/24<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Two scratches and one equipment change completed Saturday's changes.

01/11/24<sup>2</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, failed to fill.

01/11/24<sup>3</sup>

**THE DRAW**

Things were a bit more difficult for Sunday, but the racing department managed to get fifty-six horses and nine races.

01/11/24<sup>4</sup>

**CITATION #8177**

Exercise rider Hank Phillips was in to explain why he was raising rabbits on the backside. Sadly, his intent was to consume them. He was told to remove the bunnies from the racetrack to a safe venue. A ruling will be forthcoming.

**FRIDAY**  
01/12/24<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Scratch time resulted in two equipment changes.

**SATURDAY**  
01/13/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #10 (Refer 01/11/24-#4)**

**Ruling #10**

Exercise rider Hank J. Phillips is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – abusive or aggressive behavior towards security).

After review of the facts, the foregoing ruling was issued.

01/13/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS #11, #12, #13**

**Ruling #11**

Jockey Gabriel Lara 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) while riding Fireplace in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 7, 2024.

**Ruling #12**

Jockey Irving Lara is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding AJ Run For Cash in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 7, 2024.

**Ruling #13**

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* and suspended for three (3) racing days (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race), #1688 (b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop - more than two times in succession, without giving the horse a chance to respond), and Rule #1688 (c)(2) (Use of Riding Crop in the overhand position) while riding Patty's Saint in the ninth race (Grade I) at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 7, 2024.

The above rulings were issued after each of the riders were guilty of violation various sections of rule #1688.

01/13/24<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

The first race claim of Stormy Joe by trainer Angela Aquino was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list for bleeding by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Sally Rivera.

01/13/24<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

The first race claim of **Teagans ATM** by trainer Angela Aquino was voided after the gelding was placed on the vet's list as unsound by Dr. Beck. He was returned to trainer Cesar DeAlba.

01/13/24<sup>5</sup>

**GOOD EVENING**

With the exception of some late scratches, Saturday evening went quite smoothly.

01/13/24<sup>6</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #8 Let George Do It (S. Perez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$436.60  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Whisky My God (Arg) (S. Rivera) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$241.95  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Quick Finish (V. Garcia) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$186.75  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Blue Cloud (J. Nunez) – Flipped in gate – Stewards'  
Refund \$10,940.55  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Nero Tulip (G.B.) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$187.60  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Val Prince (R. Zuazo) – Flipped in paddock – Stewards'  
Refund \$2,669.65

01/13/24<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	644	\$83,061.30
Off track	1,197	\$319,273.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,011,215.70
Total	1,841	\$1,413,550.20

**SUNDAY**

01/14/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #14 (Refer 01/07/24- #4)**

**Ruling # 14**

Jockey Lidio Barrientos, who rode Tom Bombadil in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 7, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (January 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024) for riding his mount into a position approaching the turn, without sufficient room, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

After reviewing last Sunday's third race with Jockey Lidio Barrientos and explaining his errors in judgement we felt he had made, the above ruling was issued.

01/14/24<sup>2</sup>

**FILMS (Refer 01/07/24- #4)**

Jockey Armando Aguilar called from Santa Anita to discuss last Sunday's third race. After extensive review of the incident, Jockey Aguilar was exonerated with Steward Nuesch dissenting.

01/14/24<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #15 (Refer 01/07/24- #4)**

**Ruling #15**

Jockey Erick Garcia, who rode Dream Robber in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 7, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to unplaced. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

Jockey Erick Garcia was also in to examine Sunday's third race. Again, after a thorough review and discussion, the above ruling was issued. Concerning this issue, Steward Ward dissented.

01/14/24<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD EVENING**

It was an uneventful evening with nothing of significance to note.

01/14/24<sup>5</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS**

6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Marnays Queen (F. Gonzalez) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald  
Refund \$175.40

8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Nytro (M. Arrossa) - Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$1,414.365

01/14/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	590	\$52,164.10
Off track	959	\$143,936.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,080,524.60
Total	1,549	\$1,276,625.30

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on January 14, 2024. There were no equine deaths to report this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 4 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 3 for EIPH. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward James Dreyer.

### **SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 01/13	Sun 01/14	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	4	5	8
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	2
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	0	0	3
<b>Refunds</b>		A		6	2	8	17
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		4	2	6	15
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		2	0	2	6

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

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Ron Church, Safety Steward