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Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 3 through Sunday, April 7, 2024.

WEDNESDAY4/03/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be on the early shift this week and will also be writing minutes.

4/03/24²**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

Entries for the Saturday program filled rather well. Jordan Castaneda and his crew assembled a nine race card, including four two-year-old races, which was finalized shortly after 1:30 p.m.

THURSDAY4/04/24¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES/ SATURDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Entries for the Sunday card were accepted this morning, with nine races eventually filling and being used. As far as changes and scratches were concerned, there were two horses declared from the first race field – one horse was scratched by the panel due to lingering veterinary concerns, while the other did not have a layoff veterinary exam and was therefore not eligible to enter. Two horses are “hard watch” and will receive extra veterinary scrutiny.

FRIDAY4/05/24¹**SUNDAY PANEL AND SCRATCHES**

The Los Alamitos panel is taking a horse out of the first race due to veterinary concerns, while a horse in the second event will be scratched as it is not eligible for the conditions. There will be one “hard watch” horse in the fifth race. Scratch time was uneventful other than the previously listed scratches.

SATURDAY4/06/24¹**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Eduardo Nicasio and Cruz Mendez were excused from their mounts this evening as both of them had “family issues”. Jockey Juan Pablo Leon called in sick, albeit later than he should have. Replacement riders were named.

4/06/24²

RULING

Ruling #44

Jockey Victor M. Salazar, who rode Favorite Nuke in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 24, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (April 13th, 14th and 20th, 2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (d) (3) (Use of Riding Crop – Striking mount with the crop in the overhand position).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Salazar came to the office and admitted to the crop violation. He said that he simply forgot about not turning the stick over.

4/06/24³

CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited in the first race by trainer Adan Farias for #5 Picahouse was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was unsound in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse went back to the barn of trainer Edward Freeman.

4/06/24⁴

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the ninth race as #1 CD Docs Candidata exhibited signs of soreness when it approached the starting gate and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$19,179.21.

4/06/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	739	\$128,430.10
SCOTWINC	1,184	\$309,398.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,064,603.66
TOTAL	1,923	\$1,502,432.06

SUNDAY

4/07/24¹

RIDERS EXCUSED

Javier Matias, Ismael Eluid Mosqueira, and Armando Cervantes were excused this evening for various reasons. Replacement riders were named.

4/07/24²

RULING

Ruling #45

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio is fined SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00)* and suspended for five (5) racing days (April 14th, 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th, 2024) 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 SC Time To Run in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 24, 2024.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Nicasio admitted to his riding crop violation in the El Primero Del Ano Derby last Sunday night. He struck his mount eleven times during the 400 yard event. The Stewards felt that a larger fine was in order as a check of Mr. Nicasio's penalties for crop violations showed that most of his violations have come from either trials or finals.

4/07/24³

RULING

Ruling #46

Jockey Panfilo V. Alegria is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond and more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Diamond Bac in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on April 6, 2024.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider failed to appear to explain the reason for his crop violation last Sunday.

4/07/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

Two claims from the third race this evening were voided for soundness issues. Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that #4 Lampy, claimed by Arturo Williams, was “off” in the left foreleg while in the Detention Barn and was returned to trainer Jesus Nunez. #5 Smarty Nose, who had been haltered by trainer Williams, was also unsound in the left front limb. This horse went back to the barn of trainer Sally Rivera.

4/07/24⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #2 Echo Alpha Six flipped awaiting the start and was scratch on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$10,228.78.

4/07/24⁶

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards reviewed video of the seventh race, specifically the actions of #3 Separate Sparks nearing the finish line. The Inquiry sign was not posted as wagering positions were not affected, but an announcement was made as to the Inquiry. Following a review, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Separate Sparks from fifth to sixth position. The video showed the horse ducking in near the wire, causing #2 Gray Valiant to veer away and clip the heels of #1 I’m Delighted.

4/07/24⁷

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards reviewed the start of the ninth race as there was significant contact between #3 Interesting Talk and #2 Delightful Again. Once again, wagering was not affected, but an announcement was made regarding the Inquiry. Following review, Interesting Talk was disqualified from fifth to sixth place. The video showed the horse breaking in sharply, making hard contact with Delightful Again and costing that horse a placing.

4/07/24⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	582	\$63,083.00
SCOTWINC	1,063	\$164,648.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,049,056.96
TOTAL	1,645	\$1,276,788.16

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat 4/06	Sun 4/07	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	3	1	4	35
Disqualifications	K	0	2	2	10
Inquiries		0	2	2	19
Refunds	D	1	1	2	83
Rulings	A	1	2	3	46
Voided Claims	Y	1	2	3	20

Tom Ward, Steward

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