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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of February 26, 2025, through March 2, 2025.

WEDNESDAY2/26/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

2/26/25²**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled sixty-one runners to complete a nine-race program, which included four divisions of the Los Alamitos Oaks Trials.

2/26/25³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for California bred three-year-old maidens going 300 yards, only received one entrant and was quickly called off.

THURSDAY2/27/25¹**SCRATCHES**

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card, along with overseeing entries for Sunday's races. Additionally, the entry-panel met this morning to review all of Saturday night's runners, with no panel scratches to report.

2/27/25²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book, for California bred maiden fillies three years old going 300 yards, was not used.

2/27/25³**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled sixty runners to complete another nine-race program for Sunday night, which included four trials for the El Primero Del Ano Derby.

2/27/25⁴**COMPLAINT #25LA0017**

The Board of Stewards heard a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer Rodolfo Viramontes for allegedly failing to submit a stall application to Los Alamitos and for failing to have a workout

exam on a horse that was injured at the starting gate during morning training. Mr. Viramontes participated in the hearing via telephone, where he explained that the horse in question was only gate-schooling that morning, so a pre-workout exam should not have been necessary. Additionally, he explained that being he is a “ship-in” trainer, he assumed that he would not be required to complete a stall application. More to follow...

FRIDAY
2/28/25¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was in the office to oversee scratches and changes for Sunday evening’s card, and to participate in the entry-panel review of Sunday’s runners, which resulted in one panel scratch from Sunday’s second race.

SATURDAY
3/01/25¹

CARRANZA RULING (Ref: 5/18/24³)

Ruling #22

Groom Gabriel Carranza, having complied with the terms of ruling #70, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on May 8, 2024, is restored to good standing. Mr. Carranza will remain on probation for as long as he holds a license from the California Horse Racing Board.

After appearing before the Board of Stewards and complying with the terms of a previous ruling, the above ruling was issued, restoring Mr. Carranza’s license to good standing.

3/01/25²

FORAN RULING (Ref: 2/15/25¹)

Ruling #23

Owner Dave Foran, having appeared and complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is restored to good standing. Ruling #LAQL014, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on February 15, 2025, is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards received confirmation that the debt owed to veterinarian Dr. Nicola Hardgrove was paid in full.

3/01/25³

VIRAMONTES DECISION (Ref: 2/27/25⁴)

Ruling #24

Trainer Rodolfo Viramontes is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – failure to file stall application).

The above Official Warning was issued as a result of Mr. Viramontes failing to submit a stall application to the Los Alamitos racing office.

3/01/25⁴

WIN ONLY

As a result of three program scratches from this evening’s third race, Place and Show wagering was cancelled, in addition to the Superfecta wager that was originally offered.

3/01/25⁵

SMOOTH SAILING

Tonight’s nine-race card was conducted with no notable incidents.

3/01/25⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #2 Chevy Girl (Tr. J. Wallace II) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$904.75
 3rd Race #2 He Did (Tr. R. Gomez) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$123.00
 #4 Bellagio Bags (Tr. J. Nunez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$179.46
 #5 Shedunit (Tr. C. Treece) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$109.10
 4th Race #3 Running Tiger (Tr. T. Dial) – Claimed by trainer C. Treece
 #4 Mongolian Master (Tr. R. Lucas) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$315.80
 5th Race #3 Apolitical Solution (Tr. A. Farias) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$358.81

3/01/25⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	893	\$80,540.40
SCOTWINC	1,247	\$184,832.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$967,005.00
TOTAL	2,140	\$1,232,377.60

SUNDAY3/02/25¹**RACE DELAY**

Tonight's seventh race was delayed nearly fifteen minutes after a post-race injury in the sixth race to Low And Fast, requiring the horse ambulance to be dispatched to the clubhouse turn to transport that runner back to the Jose Flores barn. Once the horse ambulance was back in its on-call position, the seventh race field was allowed to enter the racetrack.

3/02/25²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

2nd Race #5 Sawasdee (Tr. C. Dollase) Entry Panel – Stewards – Refund: \$895.27
 6th Race #2 Low And Fast (Tr. J. Flores) Jockey changed to I. Lara
 #5 Special Batch (Tr. J. Aleman) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$289.18
 8th Race #7 Astronomical 123 (Tr. M. Casselman) Stake – Stewards – Refund: \$461.94

3/02/25³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	520	\$82,772.20
SCOTWINC	828	\$247,872.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,480,758.09
TOTAL	1,348	\$1,811,403.19

SUMMARY

	Fri	Sat	Sun	Week	Meet
	02/28	03/01	03/02		
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	0	1	13
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	-	0	0	0	4
Refunds	D	6	3	9	71
Rulings	A	3	0	3	24
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	5

David Nuesch, Steward

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