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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of March 5, 2025, through March 9, 2025.

WEDNESDAY3/05/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be on the early shift this week, handling entries, changes and panel. Ward will also be in charge of minutes.

3/05/25²**SATURDAY ENTRIES AND FATALITY REVIEW**

Entries for the Saturday program went well, as the nine-race card was drawn at mid-afternoon. Ward participated in a fatality review along with Safety Steward Ron Church, Equine Medical Director Jeffrey Blea, DVM, Regulatory Veterinarian Jocelyn Lorbiecki, DVM and trainer Jose Flores.

THURSDAY3/06/25¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES/SATURDAY CHANGES/SATURDAY PANEL**

Entries are being accepted this morning for Sunday's program. The panel met, with two horses being scratched from the Saturday card – one for being on the Veterinarian's List, and the other for being a three-year-old first-time starter without a 350-yard qualifying work. There was also one "hard watch" horse.

3/06/25²**HEARING DAY**

A good portion of the morning was spent on the appeal of Owner Sean Perry, who was suspended for 30 days last December after testing positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine (Ref. 12-12-24-3). Also testifying in the matter were investigators Kevin Kitashima and Barrett Halcomb. Hearing Officer Shauna Weeks Averil heard the appeal.

FRIDAY3/07/25¹**SUNDAY PANEL AND SCRATCHES**

The nine-race card for Sunday filled rather well, as the races were finalized and drawn by mid-afternoon. The Los Alamitos panel convened this morning, resulting in one horse being scratched for lingering veterinarian concerns and three horses on the "hard watch" list. One rider change completed scratch time duties.

SATURDAY

3/08/25¹

RULING #25

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Jockey Gabriel Lara is suspended TWO (2) ADDITIONAL RACING DAYS (March 16th and March 22, 2025) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (h) (Designated Races – participated in more than one trial heat while under suspension) on March 1st and March 2, 2025.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Lara took advantage of the Designated Race rule and rode more than one trial last Saturday and Sunday. Consequently, he stands suspended for two additional days.

3/08/25²

RULING #26

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Jockey Edwin G. Escobedo is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding Prey N Cartel in the Fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 2, 2025.

Mr. Escobedo’s actions during the fourth race on March 2 prompted the Stewards to issue the foregoing ruling.

3/08/25³

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Jonathan Roman was excused from his mount due to illness. A replacement rider was named.

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LATE VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDATION

Early in the program, Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, DVM called to relate that in the sixth race, #5 CD Brookstone Boogie, which had shipped in from Turf Paradise yesterday, did not have proper examinations to be allowed to start and he was recommending the horse be declared. His recommendation was accepted, with the resulting refund amounting to \$320.34.

3/08/25⁵

GOOD NIGHT

All matters during the racing program were routine.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#4 Crazy About You (Tr. J. Nunez) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$201.32
6 th Race	#5 CD Brookstone Boogie (Tr. J. Uranga) Vet – Dr. Beck – Refund: \$320.34
7 th Race	#6 Val Sofia (Tr. R. Zuazo) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$298.52

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	718	\$71,612.00
SCOTWINC	1,219	\$193,143.00
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$866,057.52
TOTAL	1,937	\$1,130,812.52

SUNDAY

3/09/25¹

RACING OFFICIAL OFF

Steward James Dreyer will be out of the stand this evening for personal reasons. Safety Steward Ron Church will take Mr. Dreyer’s position.

3/09/25²

RIDERS EXCUSED

Leonel Camacho Flores will be unable to fulfill his commitment this evening as he was injured in a training accident at Santa Anita this morning. A replacement rider has been named. Eduardo Nicasio and Juan Pable Leon were both excused due to illness. Replacements were found.

3/09/25³

QUIET EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine, although trainers were active at the claim box. Nine horses changed barns, which is very unusual for this venue.

3/09/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #4 Itsallaboutmywife (Tr. R. Hanson) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$694.18
 3rd Race #3 Stormy Joe (Tr. J. Monascal) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$218.64
 5th Race #1 Lady Wolf (Tr. M. Stortz) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$324.04

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	656	\$86,473.70
SCOTWINC	978	\$253,095.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,160,262.14
TOTAL	1,634	\$1,499,831.44

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/07	Sat 03/08	Sun 03/09	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	9	9	22
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	-	0	0	0	4
Refunds	D	3	3	6	77
Rulings	A	2	0	2	26
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	5

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

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