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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE
Cypress, California**

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Report for the week of April 1, 2026, through April 5, 2026.

WEDNESDAY4/01/26¹**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.

4/01/26²**THE DRAW**

With just one day of racing this week, as Los Alamitos will not be racing on Easter Sunday, the racing office compiled sixty-one runners to put together a strong nine-race card for Saturday.

4/01/26³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book for California bred maidens, fillies two-year-olds and upward, only received three entries and was called off.

THURSDAY4/02/26¹**SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card. Additionally, the entry panel met to review and discuss all the runners on Saturday's nine-race program. No scratches were submitted.

4/02/26²**JUNGERS HEARING**

The Board of Stewards conducted a hearing to address complaint #26LA0027, filed against trainer Marc Jungers for allegedly violating rule 1845(b)(2) – authorized bleeder medication. Investigator Steward Ida presented the complaint that was filed by Dr. Gary Beck. Mr. Jungers attended the hearing via telephone, as he was currently back in Texas. Mr. Jungers explained that he was familiar with the current procedure required by the Official Veterinarian and thought the paperwork in question was filed in a timely manner. After considering all the facts that were included in the complaint packet, the Stewards felt it appropriate to issue an Official Warning.

Trainer MARC E. JUNGERS is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845(b)(2) (Authorized Bleeder Medication – improperly submitting request form to the Official Veterinarian.)

SATURDAY

4/04/26¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Damian Diaz Cruz came into our office to review his ride in last Sunday's third race. Stewards felt that because Mr. Cruz rushed up into a tight spot along the inside rail as he was approaching the far turn, he was unable to negotiate the turn properly, impeding the runners to his outside. The Stewards unanimously agreed that his actions were careless and so the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 27

Jockey DAMIAN DIAZ CRUZ, who rode Hellova Louella in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 29, 2026, is suspended for (3) THREE RACING DAYS (April 18, 19 and 25, 2026) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

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CROP RULING

As a result of violating the crop rule in last Sunday's eighth race, jockey Irving Lara was issued the following ruling.

Ruling # 28

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 Brother Ray in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 29, 2026.

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LATE SCRATCH

As the seventh race runners were performing their pre-race warm-ups, #1 Executive One unseated jockey Cesar Franco and ran free around the racetrack. The two-year-old colt appeared to be uninjured but was ordered scratched by the Stewards after running loose for several minutes before being caught. Jockey Franco was uninjured in the incident and rode his remaining scheduled mounts on the card.

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POST-RACE INJURY

Shortly after the runners of the James Smith Memorial Handicap crossed the finish line, #6 Cheap Bar sustained an injury and fell. After being evaluated by the Racing Veterinarian, the decision was made to euthanize the three-year-old gelding. After being attended to by the on-call medical team, jockey Martin Arriaga was transported to an area hospital for further evaluation.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#6 Ebok's Dream Girl (Tr. A. Aquino) Claimed by trainer C. Treece
3 rd Race	#2 Arteta (Tr. J. Uranga) Stewards-Lost shoe at gate - Refund: \$3,148.85
4 th Race	#1 Far Over Loaded (Tr. J. Farias) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$81.40
	#7 Soli (Tr. T. Dial) Claimed by trainer J. Nunez
	#8 Time To Bolt (Tr. A. Aquino) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$85.89
6 th Race	#3 Quite Perfect (Tr. J. Aleman) Jockey changed to I. Lara
7 th Race	#1 Executive One (Tr. E. Andrade) Stewards-Loose post parade - Refund: \$6,725.80
	#6 Norka (Tr. J. Aleman) Jockey changed to I. Lara

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	677	\$99,150.30
SCOTWINC	1,123	\$301,852.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,073,013.73
TOTAL	1,800	\$1,474,016.93

SUNDAY

4/05/26¹

NO RACING

There was no racing scheduled for today, Easter Sunday.

SUMMARY

	Fri 04/03	Sat 04/04	Sun 04/05	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	1	N	1	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	O	0	0
Claims	R	3	R	3	23
Disqualifications	K	0	A	0	3
Inquiries	-	0	C	0	16
Refunds	D	4	I	4	92
Rulings	A	3	N	3	28
Voided Claims	Y	0	G	0	9

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

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