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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**HOLLYWOOD PARK RACING ASSOCIATION**

**Hollywood Park**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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**For the period: Wednesday, April 22, 2009 through Sunday, July 19, 2009.**

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**MINUTES – SECOND WEEK OF HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING/SUMMER MEETING**  
**For the period: Wednesday, April 29, 2009 through Sunday, May 03, 2009**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**04/29/09<sup>1</sup>**

**MICHAEL MITCHELL HEARING**

Trainer MICHAEL MITCHELL appeared informally before the Stewards to discuss California Horse Racing Board case #09SA11 involving the horse "Legs Eleven", the fifth place finisher in the third race at Santa Anita on March 26, 2009. The complaint alleged that the level of the Class 4 drug Phenylbutazone (5.80 ug/ml) was above the permitted limit in the post race blood sample. Mr. Mitchell felt the filly was thin and small of stature, perhaps explaining why the drug did not fully metabolize out of her system. The following Ruling was issued:

**HRT#004**

Trainer MICHAEL MITCHELL, who started the horse "Legs Eleven" which finished fifth in the third race at Santa Anita Park on March 29, 2009, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1844 (c) (1) (Authorized Medication –Phenylbutazone -Class IV, in excess of permitted level) and rule 1843 (a) (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances).

04/29/09<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEYS REVIEW FILM**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA met with the Stewards to review his ride aboard “Lanie’s Way” in Sunday’s fourth race. The horse shifted out turning for home, from left hand urging. Mr. Espinoza was cautioned to make a better effort going forward.

Jockey TYLER BAZE appeared to discuss two separate incidents from Sunday’s card. In the eighth race, Baze’s mount “Awesome Gem” made contact with “Wordly” at the sixteenth pole. Upon review, the Stewards felt there was mutual contact between both horses. The jockey finished first with “Seeuat Sticknstein” in the opener, but was disqualified to second for interference. Baze’s mount drifted out at the eighth pole from left hand urging, causing place horse “Gate to Wire” (R.Bejarano), to steady. Mr. Baze felt he should have gathered his horse earlier, prior to urging him. The Stewards deemed a three-day suspension was in order, as follows:

**HRTH #005**

Jockey **TYLER BAZE**, who rode Seeuat Sticknstein in the first at Hollywood Park on April 26, 2009, is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (May 6, 7 and 8, 2009) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference which resulted in disqualification of his mount from first to second position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1766 ( Designated Races).

04/29/09<sup>3</sup>

**SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED**

The late veterinarian scratch of “Tough Apples” (Tr. John Sadler) reduced the size of the fifth race field to four entries. Per California Horse Racing Board rule # 1954, show wagering was cancelled for this event.

04/29/09<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

04/29/09<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - No Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - No Changes Refund of \$ 81.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race - #4 Ditto This-claimed by H. Bacorn, trainer Refund of \$ 176.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Marcade-Veterinarian scratch, sick, Dr. Bailey  
Refund of \$ 1,216.80
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Tough Apples-Veterinarian scratch, unsound, Dr.Bailey  
No-Show wagering Refund of \$ 600.60
- 6<sup>th</sup> race - No Changes Refund of \$ 195.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Storm Brave- rider change P. Arambula for R. Bejarano (no-call)  
#7 Bamaha Breeze- Veterinarian scratch, injured, Dr. Beck  
Refund of \$ 1, 519.24
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #13 Lady Alex – Stewards scratch, Also Eligible  
Refund of \$ 262.40

04/29/09<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,474	713,436.70
Satellites	4,535	1,759,639.80
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	587,656.60
Out -of-State	n/a	2,984,657.32
Total	7,009	\$6,045,390.42

**THURSDAY MORNING BUSINESS**

04/30/09<sup>1</sup> The Stewards were in the office for scheduled hearings, entries and for morning matters.

04/30/09<sup>2</sup>**RACES CANCELLED**

Thursday's live racing card was cancelled due to insufficient entries; there were only forty-four total entries. The Stewards were notified by Racing Secretary Martin Panza that he was unable to fill the eight race card, even after delaying the draw by two days.

04/30/09<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1, 547	269,612.80
Satellites	2,967	864,287.30
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	0.00
Out -of-State	n/a	0.00
Total	4,514	\$1,133,900.10

**FRIDAY**05/01/09<sup>1</sup>**JEFFREY RUDD HEARING**

Exercise rider JEFFREY RUDD appeared telephonically for an informal hearing to address a complaint filed by California Horse Racing Board rule 1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting), alleging smoking in a tack room. Mr. Rudd was cited by Santa Anita Stable Security Officer Franco, on April 16, 2009 at Santa Anita Park. Mr. Rudd offered no excuse. The following rule was issued:

**HRT# #006**

Exercise rider **JEFFREY RUDD**, is fined **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\*** for smoking in the shed row, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1437 (Conditions of Race Meeting).

05/01/09<sup>2</sup>**135<sup>th</sup> KENTUCKY OAKS**

Eight fillies went to post for the running of the 135<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Oaks. Morning line favorite Rachel Alexandra went to post at 2/5. The filly ran the mile and one eighth in 1:48.87 and went on to annihilate the field by 20 lengths!

05/01/09<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race- #2 Hard Woman-Veterinarian scratch, Dr.Bailey, sick

Refund of \$2,419.45

2<sup>nd</sup> race- No Changes- Refund of \$ 750.66

3<sup>rd</sup> race- #3 Sheza Maneater-Veterinarian scratch, Dr.Beck, injured

Refund of \$ 3,605.88

- 4<sup>th</sup> race-#14 Grand Symphony-Stewards scratch, Also Eligible  
Refund of \$ 199.30
- 5<sup>th</sup> race- No Changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> race- #1 Kaffeinator-claimed by D.O'Neill  
Refund of \$ 46.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> race- No Changes- Refund of \$ 58.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> race- #9 Talkthattalkpeter G-Veterinarian scratch, Dr.Beck, injured  
#11 Crestline-Late Veterinarian scratch, Dr.Bailey, run-off in post parade  
#16 Mystification-Stewards scratch, Also Eligible

05/01/09<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,357	1,011,495.20
Satellites	7,504	3,035,970.30
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	849,751.00
Out -of-State	n/a	4,843,432.00
Total	10,861	\$9,740,648.50

**SATURDAY**

05/02/09<sup>1</sup>

**ABBREVIATED MORNING**

There was no reportable business due to Kentucky Derby Day; first post was at 11.00am.

05/02/09<sup>2</sup>

**135<sup>th</sup> KENTUCKY DERBY (GRADE 1)**

Jockey Calvin Borel put on an impressive rail-hugging ride to win the 135<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby on the 50-1 longshot Mine That Bird.

05/02/09<sup>3</sup>

**THE 48<sup>th</sup> RUNNING OF WILSHIRE HANDICAP (GRADE III)**

The (Grade III) Wilshire Handicap winner Gorgeous Goose ran the mile on the turf course in 1:34.54. The win gave connections Trainer Mike Puype and Jockey Corey Nakatani two wins for the day.

05/02/09<sup>4</sup>

**ROUTINE AFTERNOON**

Today's twelve race card was conducted without incident.

05/02/09<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS,CHANGES & CHANGES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race- No Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race-No Changes Refund of \$137.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race-No Changes Refund of \$ 255.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> race-#2 Yankee Station-Veterinarian scratch, Dr. Bailey, sick  
#7 Quarta Coroa(BRZ)-Veterinarian scratch, Dr. Beck, sick  
Refund of \$1,828.26
- 5<sup>th</sup> race-No Changes Refund of \$9.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> race-No Changes
- 7<sup>th</sup> race-No Changes Refund of \$58.10
- 8<sup>th</sup> race-No Changes
- 9<sup>th</sup> race-#2 Jemmealey-C.Nakatani replaced A. Gryder, injured  
Refund of \$57.00
- 10<sup>th</sup> race-No Changes Refund of \$49.90
- 11<sup>th</sup> race-No Changes Refund of \$20.00

12<sup>th</sup> race-#8 Noble Courage-D.Sorensen replaced A.Gryder, injured  
Refund of \$97.20

05/02/09<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	13,127	3,954,875.70
Satellites	27,457	9,297,353.10
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,470,181.00
Out -of-State	n/a	7,816,854.99
Total	40,584	\$22,539,264.79

**SUNDAY**

05/03/09<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY ALTERCATION**

Jockeys OCTAVIO VERGARA and DANNY SORENSON participated in an informal hearing to discuss a report of an altercation between the two riders in the jockeys' room between races yesterday. It appears that Mr. Sorenson had said something to Mr. Vergara's wife while walking back to the room that Mr. Vergara interpreted as an insult. Mr. Vergara followed Mr. Sorenson into the room and either punched or slapped him. After listening to both jockeys, we issued the following ruling:

**HRTH Ruling #008**

Jockey **OCTAVIO VERGARA**, is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct-altercation in Jockey's Room) following the seventh race on May 2, 2009.

05/03/09<sup>2</sup>

**BECA HEARING**

Exercise rider JOSE BECA appeared in the office in response to complaint filed by the CHRB alleging that Mr. Beca had entered the women's restroom. Mr. Beca admitted that it is a normal practice of his because he believes that it is cleaner than the men's room. The following ruling was issued:

**HRTH Ruling #007**

Exercise rider **JOSE BECA**, is fined **FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct).

05/03/09<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEYS MEETING**

The stewards mediated a discussion between the jockey colony and Hollywood Park management that concerned the condition and maintenance of the track surface. The jockeys were able to put forth their concerns and management seemed amenable to suggestions.

05/03/09<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the third race to examine an incident at the eighth pole in which #8 Warrensgoodwarrior was bumped, fell and unseated her rider, Pedro Arambula. Video tapes revealed that the winner #3 Lunch Money, ridden by Jesus Rios, angled out in mid-stretch, forcing #7 Spirited Lady into #8 Warrensgoodwarrior, who then fell. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify the winner and move her to unplaced.

Original order of finish: (3)-6-4-2-1-7-5  
 Corrected order of finish: 6-4-2-1-7-5

05/03/09<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the fourth race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident at the eighth pole on the turf course in which the eventual winner appears to crossover in front of the second place finisher, causing that rival to check. Films revealed that the winner #7 Ocean Style, ridden by David Flores does drift in slightly while not clear, but films also revealed that #3 Mean Heat, ridden by Corey Nakatani, drifts out slightly. Since both horses contributed to the problem, no change was appropriate. While unnecessary given the analysis, the stewards further believed that the second place finisher was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change.

05/03/09<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race

#2 In Daddy's Honor – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey  
 #4 Star Voyager – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Durenberger  
 Refund \$4,345.56

2<sup>nd</sup> Race

No changes

3<sup>rd</sup> Race

No changes

4<sup>th</sup> Race

No changes

5<sup>th</sup> Race

No changes; Refund \$36.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race

No changes; Refund \$122.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race

#1 Mensa Heat – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
 #6 Ventana – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenberger  
 Refund \$1,793.28

8<sup>th</sup> Race

#8 Burg Berg – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 Refund \$1,185.10

9<sup>th</sup> Race

No changes

05/03/09<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,081	1,569,042.10
Satellites	7,202	3,392,216.90
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,387,644.80
Out –of-State	n/a	5,428,436.16
Total	13,283	\$11,777,339.96

**ADDITIONS/REMOVALS FROM VET-LIST**

Week of: 04-29-09 – 05-03-09

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List: 14  
 Horses off Vet List: 25  
 Shockwave Therapy: 20  
 Deceased: 1  
 Medication: 21

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Apr 29</b>	<b>Apr 30</b>	<b>May 01</b>	<b>May 02</b>	<b>May 03</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Claims</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Inquiries</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Refunds</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Rulings</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**C. Scott Chaney, Steward**

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**Kim Sawyer, Steward**

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**Tom Ward, Steward**