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Hollywood Park

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MINUTES – TENTH WEEK OF HOLLYWOOD PARK SPRING/SUMMER MEETING
For the period: Wednesday, June 24, 2009 through Sunday, June 28, 2009

WEDNESDAY
06/24/09¹

RIDER IN

Jockey Joel Rosario was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips). At issue was the fact that the horse he rode in the eighth race on June 6, 2009, came into the testing barn with a welt on the right flank area. Video review of the race did not show excessive or brutal use of the whip and the injury did not seem severe. A decision will be rendered soon. Rosario also reviewed video of two races on Sunday for informational purposes.

06/24/09²

RULING HRTH #057

Trainer **JOHN SADLER** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn-Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horses "Remember Seattle" and "Chicks Rule" in the fourth race on June 12, 2009.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Sadler had no plausible excuse for being late to the Receiving Barn with two horses for the fourth race on June 12, 2009.

06/24/09³

INFORMAL HEARING HELD

An informal hearing was held into the possible theft of a pony horse from Santa Anita. Exercise rider Jeffery Rudd had informed Santa Anita Security that fellow pony rider, Mario Aguirre, had taken his horse from its stall and vanned it to Hollywood Park.

At the hearing were Rudd, Aguirre and the horse's actual owner, Renee Clark. Rudd testified that he and Aguirre had an agreement by which Aguirre would break the horse and then use it as long as Rudd had the horse to use as a pony. Things went well until the final two weeks of the Santa Anita meeting. At that time Aguirre's brother wanted the pony Rudd had been using returned to him at Hollywood Park. Aguirre replaced the pony with the horse which had been the subject of the argument. Rudd said Mario "stole" the pony while he was in jail on a bench warrant for a 2003 jay walking violation.

Aguirre testified that Rudd told him that he could have the horse as long as Rudd had a horse to use. He said that when someone told him about Rudd not being at the track he became concerned about the horse's welfare and shipped it to Hollywood Park. He wanted to be compensated for his expenses and time he put into the horse. Ms. Clark said that had she known that Rudd was not using the horse she never would have released it from her ranch. She wants the horse back and is willing to compensate Aguirre for his expenses.

Parties have reached an agreement-Ms. Clark gets her horse, Mr. Aguirre gets money, but Mr. Rudd is left out in the cold.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	443	86,636.50
Satellites	1,068	321,411.10
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	0.00
Out -of-State	n/a	0.00
Total	1,511	\$408,047.60

THURSDAY
06/25/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race-#4 Freebiehadthemoves (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$4,092.44

3rd race-#3 Aretrue (Veterinarian scratch-unsound) refund of \$685.00

6th race-#5 Brian the Brave (Veterinarian scratch-sick)

#8 No Caps No Floors (Stewards scratch-loose during night)

#10 Tizwhen (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$2,744.81

7th race-#6 Alex Foley (license problem) refund of \$614.50

8th race-#11 Siberian Heart (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$584.70

06/25/09²

FORMAL HEARING

A formal hearing was held today into the complaint against trainer Bobby Wayne Grayson for violation against California Horse Racing Board rules #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer). At issue was the fact that Mr. Grayson's horse, Holding Her Ground, was declared from the sixth race at Santa Anita on February 6, 2009, as it had been treated with lasix when not on the approved list. Grayson appeared and was not represented by counsel. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings.

Grayson testified that his assistant trainer, John Hudman, had turned in a health certificate, a Coggins test, and a request for authorized bleeder medication when the horse arrived from Florida. A call to the Stable Office at Santa Anita verified that the health certificate and Coggins were on file. The request for bleeder medication was nowhere to be found, either in the Stable Office or the Official Veterinarian's office. Compounding the problem was the fact that the horse had raced on January 10, 2009, and received lasix, apparently in error. Grayson assumed that it was alright to treat the horse on February 5, 2009, as there had been no repercussions from the January race.

Dr. B. William Bell, who was the Official Veterinarian on February 5, testified that he was notified of the administration and found that the horse was not on the approved list. He could not offer an opinion on the January race as he was not working that day. A decision will be rendered shortly.

06/25/09³

RULING HRTH #058

Jockey **MICHAEL BAZE** having withdrawn his appeal of HRTH Ruling #026 dated May 23, 2009, is suspended **THREE (3) RACING DAYS (June 27, 28 and July 2, 2009)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

This ruling was issued after it was learned that the rider had dropped his appeal of a three day riding suspension issued earlier in this meeting. The days will be the same as previously issued-Saturday, Sunday and Thursday.

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All other matters during the conduct of the racing program were routine.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,768	835,043.90
Satellites	5,414	1,901,783.50
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	609,369.50
Out -of-State	n/a	3,115,644.98
Total	9,182	\$6,461,841.88

FRIDAY

06/26/09¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st race-#4 Nashoba's Excess (Veterinarian scratch-injured) refund of \$3,301.00

3rd race-#2 Boldnregent (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$3,107.74

7th race-#3 Heathersdaddysbaby (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$1,734.10

8th race-#9 Holland Creek (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$15,258.10

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RULING HRTH #059

Jockey **JOEL ROSARIO**, is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (3) (Use of Whip-causing welts or breaks in the skin) in the eighth race on June 6, 2009 at Hollywood Park.

This ruling was issued after a discussion and video review in which Rosario's mount, Noble Court, came to the Receiving Barn with a welt on the right flank. The decision to penalize was a majority vote, with Ward dissenting.

The rider also viewed the second race from June 25, 2009, in which he tied into an incident in the stretch. He was cautioned to guide his mounts with the reins rather than the whip.

06/26/09³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fourth race to review an incident in the stretch involving the first and second place finishers, #5 Silent Trick (F. Valdez), and #6 White Lace Jimmy (J. Talamo).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Silent Trick from first to second position. Video shows the horse drifting out under left hand whip, bumping the second place horse on several occasions and forcing that horse off its path. In the opinion of the Stewards, the cumulative results of the contact and float cost Talamo and his mount the opportunity for a better placing.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,049	1,037,002.90
Satellites	6,070	1,784,449.00
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	871,719.00
Out -of-State	n/a	2,464,070.88
Total	13,119	\$6,157,241.78

SATURDAY

06/27/09¹

A.M DECLARATIONS

4th race-#2 You Lift Me Up (Stakes)

#3 Forest Melody (Stakes) refund of \$4,134.90

5th race-#2 Winterscore (Veterinarian scratch-injured) refund of \$1,283.28

6th race-#6 Charlie and Chris (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$4,769.02

10th race-#8 Seedless (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$3,098.88

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RIDER EXCUSED

Danny Sorensen was excused from his mounts today as he suffered a back injury in a starting gate mishap this morning. First Aid personnel examined him and determined that he should not ride. Replacement riders were named.

06/27/09³

RULING HRTH #060

Jockey **FELIPE VALDEZ** who rode "Silent Trick" in the fourth race at Hollywood Park on June 26, 2009, is suspended for **THREE RACING DAYS (July 4, 5 and 9, 2009)** for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to second place. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the fourth race on Friday, in which his mount was disqualified for interference during the stretch run. Valdez acknowledged his mistake, stating that he should have put the whip away and just hand ridden the horse.

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FORMAL HEARING HELD

A formal hearing was held into charges filed against exercise rider Richard Johnson this morning as the Board had charged him with a violation of rules #1489(c)(h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). One allegation charged was that he was involved in the sale of methamphetamine to an exercise rider at Santa Anita. Secondly, that he resisted arrest and struck security officers. A third charge was that he changed his social security number when renewing his license. This charge was dropped during the hearing. Johnson represented himself. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. Testifying for the state was exercise rider Joe Holmes, Sr, who identified Johnson as the person who had sold him the drug. He said he had paid him \$180.00 for a baggie of methamphetamine. He also said that he had done business with Johnson on prior occasions. With respect to the disorderly conduct charge, Investigator Rick Amieva, who represented the Board, made a request to have his witness, Santa Anita Stable Security Manager Roger Middleton, testify by phone. Johnson objected, stating that his request to have his witnesses testify in the same manner had been rejected in a conversation with the investigator. Consequently, Amieva's request was denied and there was no direct testimony regarding the disorderly conduct allegation, only hearsay. The Stewards will review the case and issue a decision shortly.

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MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$55,049.64 occurred in the fourth race as the undefeated mare Zenyatta swooped to her eleventh straight victory in the Grade I Vanity Handicap.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,907	1,750,799.60
Satellites	8,367	3,524,572.30
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,273,193.70
Out -of-State	n/a	5,742,617.02
Total	15,274	\$12,291,182.62

SUNDAY

06/28/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race-#6 Awesome Swiss (Veterinarian scratch-injured) refund of \$2,571.46

4th race-#4 Jamieson (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$2,530.40

5th race-#1 Foxy Games (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$1,306.86

7th race-#9 Underground (Veterinarian scratch-injured) refund of \$10,273.22

8th race-#1 Hot N' Dusty (Stakes)

#5 Restless Soul (Stakes) refund of \$5,267.30

9th race-#7 Southern Moment (Veterinarian scratch-sick) refund of \$1,166.52

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RULINGS HRTH #061 AND #062

Trainer **OSCAR GARCIA** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn-Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) with his horses “Kaptain Kordough” in the sixth race on May 13, 2009.

This ruling was issued after the trainer accepted responsibility for being late to the Receiving Barn.

Trainer **OSCAR GARCIA**, who worked the horse “Warside Attraction” at Santa Anita Park on April 25, 2009, for removal from the Veterinarian’s List, is fined **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rules #1866 (Veterinarian’s List), and #1844 (c)(1) (Authorized Medication-Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level-11.85 ng/ml).

The preceding ruling was issued after Garcia took the blame for an excess of Phenylbutazone in his horse Warside Attraction following a workout. He said the horse did not pull up well after the work and he gave it bute prior to blood being taken. This would seem a very unlikely scenario since the drug would likely not metabolize that quickly.

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RULING HRTH #063

Owner/Assistant Trainer **JOHN M. MEAIRS**, having appeared and complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #066, issued at Santa Anita Park on April 3, 2009, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after Meairs appeared in the office and signed a financial agreement with Hollywood Park and the Stewards.

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VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Julien Couton was in the office this morning to review a race from earlier in the week. It was determined that the blame lay with his “green” mount, not the rider.

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LATE DECLARATION

#8 Jelly Cat was a late scratch from the second race as it arrived to the Receiving Barn with improper plates behind. According to Plating Inspector Louis Damore, Jr., the horse had “Quarter Horse” toes on the hind shoes which could not be ground off in time. The refund amounted to \$1,599.50.

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CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the second race by trainer Peter Miller for the horse Bubbley Blonde was voided as the horse’s name was spelled incorrectly on the claim slip.

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REFUND

A refund was ordered in the third race as #2 Ata Benchmark was off during the warm up period and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Bailey. There was a refund of \$37,731.16.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,142	1,598,410.40
Satellites	7,747	3,029,551.20
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	1,265,860.80
Out -of-State	n/a	4,555,937.22
Total	12,889	10,449,759.62

ADDITIONS/REMOVALS FROM VET-LIST

Week of: 06-22-09 – 06-28-09

Track: Hollywood

Horses on Vet List: 22
 Horses off Vet List: 13
 Shockwave Therapy: 24
 Deceased: 0
 Medication: 9

SUMMARY

	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	2	2	2		8	53
Claims	0	3	1	4	4		12	65
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	0		1	5
Inquiries	0	0	1	0	0		1	16
Refunds	0	5	5	4	9		23	229
Rulings	1	1	1	1	3		7	63

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward