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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
OAK TREE RACING ASSOCIATION  
AT  
HOLLYWOOD PARK

To the California Horse Racing Board

- Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
- Honorable Keith Brackpool, Chairman
- Honorable David Israel, Vice-Chairman
- Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
- Honorable Bo Derek, Member
- Honorable John C. Harris, Member
- Honorable Jerome S. Moss, Member
- Honorable Richard Rosenberg, Member
- Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
- Richard Bon Smith, Assistant Executive Director

For the period: Thursday, September 30, 2010, through, Sunday, October 31, 2010.

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WEEK 3-OCTOBER 11, 2010-OCTOBER 16, 2010

MONDAY

10/11/10<sup>1</sup>

COLUMBUS DAY

Nine races are carded for today's special Monday racing in honor of Columbus Day.

10/11/10<sup>2</sup>

DELIMA RULING

The following ruling stems from a Stewards' ruling issued in May of 2007 that suspended trainer Jose DeLima's license for thirty days for violation of the then newly enacted Animal Welfare rule. The case involved Mr. DeLima working one of the horses in his care the day after it was scratched by the track veterinarian for being unsound. Unfortunately the horse was euthanized after the work due to injuries sustained therein; the exercise rider was also injured. After exhausting several avenues of appeal and after the stay related to those appeals had been vacated, we reissued the new suspension in the following:

OTTH #011

Owner/trainer **JOSE DELIMA**, having withdrawn his appeal filed on December 30, 2009 and the stay dated January 11, 2010 having been vacated, is suspended

thirty (30) days (October 18, 2010 to November 16, 2010) pursuant to ruling HRT#18 dated May 10, 2007.

10/11/10<sup>3</sup>

**KNUST RULING**

The following ruling was issued when agent Tom Knust (jockey Patrick Valenzuela) failed to take his rider off of his mount at scratch time (flight arrangements) necessitating a late jockey change:

**OTTH #012**

Jockey Agent **TOM KNUST**, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\*** for failure to conduct his business in a proper manner-late rider change.

10/11/10<sup>4</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI came to the office to review two races this morning. The first was Saturday's sixth in which he allowed his mount to angle sharply to the rail down the backstretch. Although he did leave some room at the fence we advised him to ride less aggressively. The second film was from the eighth race in which his mount makes some contact with the horse to his inside throughout the stretch run. Although he did make some effort to maintain a straight course, we explained that we needed to see more of an effort. He agreed.

10/11/10<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which # 3 Brought It was extremely slow leaving the starting gate. After consulting with the starter and examining the films of the incident, it became clear that the horse threw her head shortly before the start which required the assistant starter to straighten her up just as the gates were opening. This led #3 Brought It to remain in the gate and for all intents and purposes, be eliminated from any chance of finishing in the money. No change was appropriate because the horse caused its own problems. She will be required to show a work out of the gate before being permitted to re-enter.

10/11/10<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 No Ka Oi – Rider change – M. Garcia for J. Garcia (injured)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Minus Pool \$13,387.93
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$14.90
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$10.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#10 Bradium – Rider change – D. Flores for J. Garcia Refund \$73.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 My Sister Lauren – Pulled up eighth pole, vanned off as a precaution S. Martinez, trainer (synthetic) Refund \$10.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#14 Renewing – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #15 Stakin Stewart – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #16 Shane Daniel – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #12 Lookintogetout – Rider change – J. Gihua for F. Valdez (injured – see accident report) Refund \$131.30

10/11/10<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,571	\$737,335.60
Satellites	4,773	1,923,115.50
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	880,705.10
Out –of-State	n/a	3,091,746.48
Total	8,344	6,632,902.68

**THURSDAY**10/14/10<sup>1</sup>**ACALA HEARING**

Trainer JORGE ALCALA came to the office for an informal hearing concerning a financial complaint (case number 10SA098) filed by the Estate of Steve Warner Thoroughbred Maintenance alleging an unpaid feed and bedding debt. The filing party had procured a court judgment and was seeking to enforce it through this office. Both parties agreed to and signed a payment plan to satisfy the debt.

10/14/10<sup>2</sup>**MIKUS INQUIRY**

Trainer Linda Mikus came to the office this morning to discuss her horse which was the subject of an inquiry on Monday for its refusal to break from the starting gate. She blamed the assistant starter for the problem, but we did our best to explain that we determined based on all of the evidence that the horse was the problem. The main issue for discussion, however, was whether the horse should be required to show a gate work before entering. While she was concerned about working her horse from the gate, we explained that there is a counter veiling responsibility to the wagering public that is entitled to have some confidence that the horse will successfully the leave the starting gate during its next race. While Ms. Mikus disagreed, it appears that the horse will work tomorrow in hopes of being removed from the Stewards' list.

10/14/10<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#5 Silver Luna – Rider change – J. Rosario for C. Nakatani (sick) Refund \$218.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#2 Cool Haleigh – Claimed – G. Stute, trainer Refund \$245.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#3 Success Again – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Beck No Show Wagering Refund \$593.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$44.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$82.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 Paleo (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck Refund \$761.70
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Free Pourin – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$268.60

10/14/10<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,076	\$549,721.30
Satellites	4,481	\$1,723,075.20
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	\$571,539.00
Out –of-State	n/a	\$2,473,253.41
Total	6,557	\$5,317,588.91

**FRIDAY**

10/15/10<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI came to the office this morning to review his ride in the eighth race on Monday. Films revealed that Mr. Nakatani's mount was very green and initially ducked out under a left handed whip. Unfortunately, after straightening his mount up, Mr. Nakatani used his left handed whip again, at which point his mount ducked out again and interfered with the eventual second place finisher. Fortunately, Mr. Nakatani's mount finished third negating the need for an inquiry or a disqualification. Mr. Nakatani focused on the greenness of his mount and felt that he was doing the best he could under the circumstances to keep his mount running straight. We disagreed and issued the following penalty:

**OTTH #013**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI , is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (October 21, 22, and 23, 2010) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference while riding "War Pilot" in the ninth race at Oak Tree on October 11, 2010. 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).

10/15/10<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, we put up the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which the third place finisher #4 Benecia, ridden by M. Garcia, steadied in the stretch. Films revealed that the second place finisher #3 Katy's Kitty, ridden by Johnny Gihua, drifted over, making the space for #4 Benecia, along the rail extremely tight. Fortunately, Mr. Garcia anticipated the problem and relayed to us that neither he nor his horse wanted to idle in such a spot, and angled out, clear of traffic. After speaking with the patrol judges and other riders involved, it was our unanimous opinion that given the minor steady, the finish positions of the participants and Mr. Garcia's comments, that no change was appropriate.

10/15/10<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#8 Fortyfivewithruby – Stewards' scratch – entered back Refund \$453.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$182.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#5 Meter Me Gone – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$1,594.07
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Sky Cape – Stewards' scratch, entered back Refund \$761.20
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Oilisblackgold – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #9 Turf and Sky – Veterinarian scratch, sick –Dr. Stead Refund \$2,232.78
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$10.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$2.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#12 Atticus Rose – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey #9 Pacific Coast Girl – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer Refund \$228.70

10/15/10<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,128	653,885.50
Satellites	4,583	1,671,456.20
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	696,032.30
Out –of-State	n/a	3,380,643.34
Total	7,711	6,402,017.34

**SATURDAY**

10/16/10<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOHNNY GIHUA came to the office this morning to review his ride in the third race yesterday after which his mount was the subject of an inquiry. Mr. Gihua explained that he was intimidated by David Flores and his mount to his outside and made an error when he allowed his mount to drift down to the rail. We agreed with his assessment and cautioned him that a straight course is almost always the safest way to ride.

Jockey JOSE VERENZEULA came to the office as directed this morning to discuss his ride in the last race yesterday in which we felt that he overused his whip when his horse had fallen out of contention. He claimed that he was worried that his horse might prop and was trying to get its attention. We didn't accept this explanation. We told Mr. Verenzuela that we strictly enforce the whip rules and promised a fine for similar future behavior.

10/16/10<sup>2</sup>

**CORDERO MEETING**

Exercise rider EFRAIN CODERO came to the office as ordered this morning to discuss an incident that occurred at the Hollywood Park Spring/Summer meet. Apparently, he had used his whip in the morning in a manner that seemed excessive to some onlookers. While the CHRB declined to file an official complaint because of evidentiary problems, we nevertheless felt we should call him into the office, explain the whip rules and warn against future incidents. He understood our position at the end of the discussion.

10/16/10<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the ninth race, we put up the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving the first three finishers as they approached the wire. Films revealed that the eventual winner #6 Warring Heart, ridden by Martin Garcia, drifted in and made contact with second place finisher #5 Three Pointer, who in turn made contact with the third place finisher #3 Elusive Moment. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. It was our opinion that the two points of contact were minor and that neither horse was cost the opportunity at a better placing.

10/16/10<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Gold Star Status – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$30.00  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Stormy Linda –Claimed – J. Carava, trainer  
Refund \$56.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Unbridled Story – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$537.40

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$10.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund \$25.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Bernsie's Baby – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead  
 #5 Three Pointer – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer  
 #9 Unusually Lucky – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer  
 #9 Unusually Lucky – Pulled up, vanned off – B. Abrams, trainer  
 (synthetic). Refund \$394.10

10/16/10<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,631	1,144,952.00
Satellites	7,561	3,077,708.40
TVG/Xpress/Youbet	n/a	910,396.20
Out –of-State	n/a	3,636,575.58
Total	12,192	8,769,632.18

**WEEKLY SUMMARY**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**SUMMARY**

	Mon. 10/11	Thu. 10/14	Fri. 10/15	Sat. 10/16	Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	1	1	<b>3</b>	4
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Rulings	2	0	1	0	<b>3</b>	13
Refunds	5	7	8	6	<b>26</b>	69
Accidents	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	3
Claims	0	1	1	4	<b>6</b>	22
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	1	2	<b>4</b>	16

Respectfully submitted,

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Tom Ward, Steward

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010 through SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2010

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

<b>BARONA</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>\$200,264.70</b>
<b>CABAZON</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>\$136,988.20</b>
<b>COMMERCE</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>\$330,655.40</b>
<b>FAIRPLEX</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>\$762,403.00</b>
<b>LAKE PERRIS</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>\$157,830.50</b>
<b>LANCASTER</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>\$168,234.40</b>
<b>LOS ALAMITOS</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>\$1,566,496.30</b>
<b>SAN BERNARDINO</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>\$290,322.00</b>
<b>SANTA ANITA</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>\$2,133,780.50</b>
<b>SANTA BARBARA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>SANTA MARIA</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>\$43,575.70</b>
<b>SHALIMAR</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>\$50,573.70</b>
<b>SURFSIDE</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>\$940,745.00</b>
<b>SYCUAN</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>\$77,292.90</b>
<b>VENTURA</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>\$313,103.20</b>
<b>VICTORVILLE</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>\$77,401.00</b>
<b>VIEJAS</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>\$123,171.10</b>
<b><u>SATELLITE TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>22,696</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,373,837.60</u></b>
<b>NO. CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,229,208.60</b>
<b>OUT-OF-STATE</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$11,994,169.31</b>
<b>ON-TRACK</b>	<b>13,787</b>	<b>\$3,162,201.80</b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>36,483</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,758,417.31</u></b>