

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of September 11, 2014 through September 14, 2014.

**THURSDAY**

09/11/14<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARDS DUTIES**

Vic Stauffer was available for entries and scratches.

09/11/14<sup>2</sup>

**CONTRERAS HEARING CASE 14DM033**

The complaint filed by the CHRB in behalf of owner Dominic Debellis, pursuant to CHRB Rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility). Mr. Debellis presented a Civil Judgment entered on June 17, 2014, in San Bernardino County Superior Court, to the CHRB Investigative staff in the amount of \$5,125.00. Small claims Case # SMC FS1401574. Present at the hearing were owner, Anthony Contreras, his girlfriend/bookkeeper, Heidi Forestner. After much discussion, Mr. Contreras was informed if he cannot pay the amount, \$5,125.00, listed on the judgment; a ruling will be issued suspending his CHRB license.

09/11/14<sup>3</sup>

**JANUARY RULING**

**RULING LAFL #003**

Trainer ELMER JANUARY, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication - Treated with lasix. Not registered bleeder) which resulted in the late declaration of IN CONTROL from the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 7, 2014.

The previous ruling was issued after Mr. January was informed of the penalty for the late declaration of his horse "In Control". Mr. January instructed his practicing veterinarian to administer the medication.

09/11/14<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

In the second race #1 Midnight Roar trained by Blake Heap was pulled up in mid stretch and ambulance removed. The claim submitted by trainer Mike Pender was voided.

09/11/14<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY - THIRD RACE - (1 mile) - NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident inside the eighth pole. Involved were the winner #2 El Vaguro (M. Pedroza) and the second place finisher #5 Deputy Striker ridden by apprentice D. Van Dyke. After a review of the videos, conversation with the Patrol

Judges and both jockeys involved it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. The winner, #2 did drift into #5 when it changed to its left lead. In the Stewards' opinion it did not cost #5 a placing.

09/11/14<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 Midnight Roar (Tr. B. Heap) claimed by Tr. M. Pender <b>VOIDED</b> #4 Captain Shawn D (Tr. R. Bean) V. Bednar replaced B. Boulanger (no show) CW 124 #6 Rosco (Tr. D. Fama) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande Refund \$278.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 Candy Shoes (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Grande Refund \$111,264.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Home Run Hitter (Tr. K. Walsh) Veterinarian - sick-Dr. Grande Refund \$3,337.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 Dixie Hawks (Tr. S Martinez) H. Herrera replaced B. Boulanger (no show) CW 124 #2 Keyed to Rock (Tr. K. Oliver) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Stead Refund \$661.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Brilliant Melody (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Stead Refund \$609.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$137.00

09/11/14<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,159	\$190,365.80
Off Track	3,792	\$402,152.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$1,512,227.01
Total	4,951	\$2,104,744.81

**FRIDAY**09/12/14<sup>1</sup>**GREEN GRASS HEARING CASE 14DM011**

This complaint was filed by the CHRB for vendor West Coast Feed pursuant to CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) against owner Nathaniel Green.

Present at the hearing were counsel for Nathaniel Green, dba Green Grass Stables, representative of West Coast Feed, Deven Owen and a representative of Dynamic Values Collection Agency hired by West Coast Feed. Sandra Green was available by telephone to testify on behalf of her husband Nathaniel Green. Issues pertaining to this financial (\$23,813.47) were thoroughly discussed. At one point all parties involved left the Stewards' office to discuss a payment option.

Upon their return an agreement was reached. West Coast Feed agreed to accept a payment of \$3,800.00 today, with a remainder \$16,200.00 owed and to be paid by or before October 1, 2014. Failure to do so will result in the license suspension of Nathaniel Green and Green Grass Stable.

09/12/14<sup>2</sup>**CONTRERAS RULING (REF 09-11-14<sup>2</sup>)**

Ruling LAFL #004

Owner ANTHONY CONTRERAS is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) for failure to pay owner Dominic Debellis \$5,125.00 as ordered by a civil court judgment.

During term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Anthony Contreras are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Contreras is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Contreras failed to pay the Civil Judgment.

09/12/14<sup>3</sup>**SANGARA RULING (ref 08-29-14<sup>2</sup>)**

Ruling LAFL #005

Owner KERRY SANGARA, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Equine Medical Center \$32,017.63) is restored to good standing. Ruling DMTD #042 issued at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 29, 2014 is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after confirmation Mr. Sangara paid the debt.

09/12/14<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

After an inspection by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande of #1 The Twelfth Man in the third race, the claim was voided as it was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The horse was returned to the stable of Dan Blacker.

09/12/14<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY FIFTH RACE (five furlongs) NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved was #5 Spring Breeze (A. Delgadillo 6th ), who simultaneously whipped its head to the left as the starting gate opened. After a review of the videos and conversation with the Patrol Judges and Starter Jay Slender, it was a unanimous decision to declare the horse a starter as it caused its own problems.

09/12/14<sup>6</sup>

**INQUIRY EIGHTH RACE (5 1/2) DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 1/16 pole. Involved were the winner, #10 Ron's Boy (E. Trujillo) and the second place finisher #3 Mahalo Arturo (F. Martinez). In deep stretch #10 steps out making hard contact with #3 to his outside. After a review of the videos, conversation with the Patrol Judges and jockeys it was a unanimous decision to disqualify #10 from first and place it second. In the Stewards' opinion #3 was cost the opportunity of a better placing (neck).

(10)-3-8-1-9-7-5-2-4

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09/12/14<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #8 Sweet Juju (Tr. R. Bean) V. Bednar replaced B. Boulanger (no show) CW 124

Refund \$0

2<sup>nd</sup> Race **NO SHOW WAGERING**

#3 Arigato (Tr. M. Pender) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead

#6 Holding Aces (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead

Refund \$1357.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #8 Truth Or Tale (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande

Refund \$469.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Brandon's Princess (Tr. M. Pender) claimed by Tr. D. Shidaker

#4 Amounted (Tr. D. Shidaker) R. Guce replaced B. Boulanger (no show) CW 119

Refund \$0

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Sumalee (Tr. G. Ruffu) L. Medina replaced B. Boulanger (no show) CW 122

Refund \$0

6<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Halo Red (Tr. A. Soto) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead

Refund \$244.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund \$0

8<sup>th</sup> Race #9 One Free Spirit (Tr. R. Bean) C. Sullivan replaced B. Boulanger (no show)

Refund \$402.00

09/12/14<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1361	\$174,781.00
Off Track	3936	\$412,338.10
Out -of-State	N/A	\$2,132,917.75
Total	5297	\$2,720,036.85

**SATURDAY**

09/13/14<sup>1</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING CASE 14DM024**

A complaint was filed by the CHRB against trainer Tim Yakteen for a possible violation of CHRB Rules 1844 (Authorized Medication), 1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), and 1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances). Mr. Yakteen's runner Mark of a Gem had a Phenylbutazone level (post race) of 6.30 ug/mL in test sample DM 05932. Mr. Yakteen was available by telephone. The facts pertaining to the case were documented by court reporter Michelle Derieg and Investigator Jim Hamilton represented the CHRB. Mr. Yakteen stated his barn will no longer be responsible for administering this medication; the practicing Veterinarian will be given that responsibility. He was eligible for and received the minimum fine memorialized in the following ruling.

#### RULING LAFL #006

Trainer TIM YAKTEEN, who started the horse "Mark of a Gem" in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on July 25th, 2014, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843(a)(d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances), #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and #1844(c)(1) (Authorized Medication – Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level –6.30 ug/ml) First offense.

09/13/14<sup>2</sup>

#### **FILM REVIEW**

As directed, jockey Elvis Trujillo met with the Stewards to review the disqualification of his mount in the eighth race yesterday. Mr. Trujillo stated he tried to grab his horse to stay straight and he missed the rein. In a majority decision (Stauffer dissent, voted for three days), Mr. Trujillo did not receive days. The majority felt the contact was caused by the horse changing leads and jockey Trujillo did make an effort to correct before contact.

09/13/14<sup>3</sup>

#### **ROUTINE AFTERNOON**

Except for the changes listed below, the nine race card was conducted without mishap.

09/13/14<sup>4</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Dyna Star (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Steward-stake #7 Heat the Rocks (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Steward-stake Refund \$871.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 No Ma'am (Tr. C. O'Callaghan) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande #7 Kochees (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed by Tr. M. Pender Refund \$757.00

09/13/14<sup>5</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,793	\$320,224.90
Off Track	6,464	\$721,238.40
Out -of-State	N/A	\$2,635,474.56
Total	9,257	\$3,676,937.86

**SUNDAY**

09/14/14<sup>1</sup>

#### **FORMAL HEARING CASE 14DM025**

A formal complaint was filed by the CHRB against trainer A.C. Avila for a violation of CHRB Rules 1844 (c)(1) (Authorized Medication), 1887 (a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), 1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and 1866 (d) (Veterinarian's List). Mr. Avila's runner Hawk's Eye who worked on July 30, 2014 for the Racing Veterinarian to be removed from the Veterinarian's List, had a Phenylbutazone level 2.36 ug/mL in test sample #NC12919. The facts pertaining to the case were documented by court reporter Michelle Dereig and Investigator Phil Miyazaki represented the CHRB. Mr. Avila, available by telephone, stated he administered the medication (pill form) at 5:00 AM the day before the morning workout. Official Veterinarian Tim Grande recommended the medication be given at least 30 hours prior to a race or a workout. He also recommended Mr. Avila have his practicing

veterinarian medicate his horses via IV injection in the future. Dr. Grande also warned Mr. Avila another violation will result in a suspension of authorization for him to use Phenylbutazone in his stable.

09/14/14<sup>2</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Fernando Perez met with the Stewards to discuss the last race yesterday. In a majority decision Mr. Perez was not penalized for not riding his mount through the wire. He was beat a half length for fourth place and the majority felt even though he started to raise up early the placing was not effected. Steward Stauffer voted for a \$500.00 penalty.

Elvis Trujillo once again met with the Stewards to discuss his riding style here at Los Alamitos. His rides yesterday did not involve infractions, nor were they penalty worthy. Mr. Trujillo admitted he is trying to hard and not concentrating on maintaining a straight course. He stated he will change his thinking straight away.

09/14/14<sup>3</sup>**NEW JOCKEY**

Alfredo Clemente met with Stewards to obtain his license as a jockey. He is currently licensed in New York and New Jersey. Mr. Clemente won a "WIN AND YOUR IN" event in Peru and the horse he rode has been shipped to trainer Gary Mandella to run in the Breeder's Cup Distaff. He arrived yesterday and will work the horse tomorrow, then return home until a week prior to the Breeder's Cup. He was informed what the Stewards expect of jockeys that ride in this jurisdiction.

09/14/14<sup>4</sup>**INQUIRY FOURTH RACE (5 1/2 furlongs) NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident leaving the starting gate. Involved was #6 Theatrical Cast (T. Baze), stumbled hard and unseated the jockey. After a review of the videos and conversation with the Patrol Judges, it was a unanimous decision no other horse was involved and the race was made official. Accident report attached.

09/14/14<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 My Last Tycoon (Tr. M. Parker) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande Refund \$271.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 Southern Owah (Tr. V. Belvoir) Stewards-entered back Refund \$911.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#10 Cin Ciy Lady (Tr. T. Proctor) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill #11 A B C Me Awesome (Tr. W. Solis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead Refund \$915.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Aperfectdaytofly (Tr. D. Warren) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande #3 Go Indygogo (Tr. M. Jones) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead #8 Kolokotronis (Tr.A. Espinoza) I. Orozco replaced A. Quinonez (agent error) #10 Day of Fury (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead Refund \$3990.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Cloud Hopper (Tr. A. Sherman) D. Van Dyke replaced A. Gryder (sick) #6 Memphis (Tr. B. Greely) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou Refund \$0
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Warren's Dynasty (Tr. R. Bean) V. Bednar replaced B. Boulanger (Stewards removal). Veterinarian-unsound in post parade - Dr. Stead Refund \$10,859.00

09/14/14<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,574	\$297,898.20
Off Track	6,034	\$586,633.00
Out -of-State	N/A	\$2,568,309.17
Total	8,608	\$3,452,840.37

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – Except as noted, the full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT** – week 09/11/14 to 09/14/14

Horses on Vet List	19
Horses off Vet List	21
Shock Wave Therapy	25
Deceased	2
Medication	0

### SUMMARY

	Thurs 09/11	Fri 09/12	Sat 09/13	Sun 09/14	Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	2	0	1	4	7
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	1
Rulings	1	2	1	0	4	6
Refunds	6	4	3	7	20	42
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	2
Claims	1	1	1	2	5	7
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	0	4	6
Voided Claims	1	1	0	0	2	3

Respectfully submitted,

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