

## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.****Santa Anita Park****To the California Horse Racing Board**

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For the period: Thursday, January 03, 2008 through Monday, January 07, 2008.

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**MINUTES – SECOND WEEK of SANTA ANITA**

**THURSDAY**  
01/03/08<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey DAVID FLORES met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the fourth race on Tuesday, January 1 (El Conejo Handicap) in which his mount was the subject of an inquiry for interference in the stretch. Films showed that Mr. Flores' mount #3 Idiot Proof lugs in slightly and puts #1 Barber, in close quarters near the rail. While there always appeared to be room on the rail, the stewards cautioned Mr. Flores about riding his competition so aggressively. He agreed to be more cautious in the future.

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the ninth race Tuesday in which his mount was disqualified from second to fifth for interference in the stretch. After reviewing the films, it is clear that Mr. Valdivia's mount drifts out under left handed urging and interferes with a rival. Mr. Valdivia offered little in the way of a defense. The stewards issued the following ruling:

**LATS #06**

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, JR., who rode Society Hostess in the ninth race at the Los Angeles Turf Club on January 01, 2008, is suspended THREE (3) racing days (January 10, 11, and 12, 2008) 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 second to fifth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

Jockey MICHAEL BAZE met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the ninth race Tuesday in which his mount drifts inward in the stretch. While his mount was absolved of wrong-doing during an inquiry, the stewards cautioned him that allowing his mount to drift that far can have disastrous consequences.

01/03/08<sup>2</sup>**STOKES/DEUTSCH HEARING**

Trainer LANCE STOKES appeared in an informal hearing in support of a financial complaint against his owner JANICE DEUTSCH for unpaid training expenses in the amount of \$18,270.00. At issue was whether the agreed upon day rate for training was \$60.00 or \$85.00. After receiving documentary evidence with respect to the training fees as well as oral testimony, the stewards informed the parties that we would make a decision in the next couple of days.

01/03/08<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - No changes; Refund \$208.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - #5 Engine Sixty Nine – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor  
 #2 Good Man Dan – Claimed - M. Marlow, trainer  
 #6 Bear Creek – Claimed - K. Craigmyle, trainer  
 Refund \$878.00; Minus Pool \$2,313.83
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race - #4 Lemon – Rider change: G. Gomez for C. Nakatani (sick)  
 Refund \$542.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Our Partner – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor  
 #12 Gregorian Bay – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #8 Stella Mark – Claimed - T. West, trainer  
 Refund \$3,733.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #2 City Heat – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
 #3 Halle B – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey  
 Refund \$2,603.50; Minus Pool \$5.93

- 6<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Cloudbreaker – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor  
 #4 King of the City – Rider change: D. Flores for C. Nakatani  
 Refund \$2,770.20
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #12 Elvishaslefthebldg – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 #4 Cut Trail – Rider change: A. Gryder for C. Nakatani  
 Refund \$231.10
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Forgiveandforget – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
 #12 Sierra Rose – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 #5 Foggy Haze - Rider change: G. Gomez for C. Nakatani  
 Refund \$9.98

01/03/08<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,439	1,114,786.50
Inter-track	6,859	1,956,328.90
Out of state	n/a	3,071,115.40
Total	10,298	7,024,339.18

**FRIDAY**

01/04/08<sup>1</sup>

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

With serious rain in the forecast, the main track was sealed last night and was not open for training this morning.

01/04/08<sup>2</sup>

**MARTINEZ FITNESS HEARING**

Groom PEDRO MARTINEZ met with the stewards in an informal hearing to discuss a failure to appear from five years ago and to participate in a fitness for license hearing. Mr. Martinez has a long history of CHRB infractions but hasn’t been licensed since 2002. Since then, he has been active with the Winner’s Foundation – Bob Fletcher came in on his behalf. Also, he has participated in an extended in-house alcohol treatment program. Interestingly, and to this point inexplicably, Mr. Martinez could not get a hearing date in Northern California where he lives and plans to work. The stewards in Northern California could not provide additional information. Obviously, this is a practice that needs to be ironed out because it is burdensome for both licensees as well as stewards to hold hearings that should be held elsewhere.

After deliberation, the stewards set aside the failure to appear ruling and declared Mr. Martinez eligible for re-licensing with conditions. This action was memorialized in the following ruling:

**LATS #09**

Groom PEDRO PEREZ MARTINEZ, having appeared before the Board of Stewards, is declared eligible for re-licensing. Ruling #BMTB 114, issued on September 29, 2002, is set aside. As conditions of re-licensing, Mr. Martinez must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, enroll with the Winner’s Foundation, and abide by the terms set forth by that organization.

01/04/08<sup>3</sup>**JOCKEYS MEETING**

The stewards attended a meeting called by management with the jockey colony to discuss the condition of the racetrack. Management was quite frank in explaining that it doesn't really know what will happen with the large amount of rain predicted for the weekend. It asked for input from the jockeys throughout the coming days in assessing the track's safety. Two jockeys volunteered to gallop ponies on the track before the first race to evaluate its present condition.

01/04/08<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - #3 Hamoodly – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
#7 Vespucci – Stewards' scratch off turf  
#10 Towzee (NZ) – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
Refund \$9,048.80
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - #4 Professnl Courtesy – Stewards' scratch, track condition  
Refund \$3,709.80
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race - #2 Pt's Grey Eagle – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey  
#8 Handsome Michael K – Rider change: S. Arias for C. Russell (sick)  
#9 Plan for Fun – Claimed – J. Mullins, trainer  
Refund \$3,067.30
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Greenstone – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor  
#7 Stately Appeal, Stewards' scratch, track condition  
Refund \$4,411.00
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - No changes; Refund \$2,108.50
- 6<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Corage – Stewards' scratch, track condition  
#5 Gentle Gale – Stewards' scratch, track condition  
#9 Pegasus Lady – Stewards' scratch, track condition  
Refund \$20,863.06
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Bound to Be M V P – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Guillen  
#3 Silver Stetson Man – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$3,558.50
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Our Road Scholar – Stewards' scratch, track condition  
#5 Flying On Home – pulled up 3/8ths, vanned off (all weather)  
Refund \$11,819.20

01/04/08<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,393	988,593.10
Inter-track	6,161	1,953,553.50
Out of state	n/a	4,107,938.20
Total	9,554	7,050,084.80

SATURDAY

01/05/08<sup>1</sup>**RACE CARD CANCELLATION**

At approximately eight a.m., management decided that the track was unsafe and therefore cancelled all races on today's card.

01/05/08<sup>2</sup>**SAN LUIS REY EQUINE HOSPITAL FINANCIAL COMPLAINT**

The stewards conducted a formal hearing into a financial complaint (case 07HP139) filed by SAN LUIS REY EQUINE CLINIC (represented by Dr. Joe Cannon) against owner JOANNE NOR for failure to pay bills associated with veterinary care in the amount of \$7,639.89. Ms. Nor was represented by attorney Richard Craigo. During the hearing, Mr. Craigo agreed that the amount was owed and made an offer to pay the balance through earnings of a horse. Dr. Cannon rejected that offer. The stewards closed the matter and will make a decision in the near future.

01/05/08<sup>3</sup>**BLACK FINANCIAL COMPLAINT**

A formal hearing was scheduled to hear case number 07HP161, which was a financial complaint filed by trainer KENNY BLACK against owner JOANNE NOR for unpaid training expenses. Before the hearing, Mr. Black requested a continuance to obtain legal counsel – a request that the board of stewards granted. The hearing was rescheduled for a later date.

01/05/08<sup>4</sup>**BAROCIO REINSTATEMENT**

Having received evidence that trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO had complied with his financial obligations to KC Horse Transport, the stewards issued the following ruling:

**LATS #10**

Trainer LIBRADO S. BAROCIO, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is restored to good standing. OTTS ruling #24, issued at Oak Tree Racing Association on October 14, 2005, is set aside.

01/05/08<sup>5</sup>**BRANDENBURG RULING**

After careful consideration, the following ruling was issued regarding Dr. Kristie Brandenburg regarding a veterinary confidential that indicated a race day administration of bute. Dr. Brandenburg claimed that this was an administrative

error and that she had not treated a horse with bute on race day. The reported overage was for banamine. CHRB rule 1842 (Veterinarian Report), interestingly, was not part of the complaint.

**LATS #11**

Veterinarian KRISTIE BRANDENBURG, D.V.M. is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$400.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.5 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race).

01/05/08<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

Racing was cancelled for the entire card. Simulcast wagering only.

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - Refund \$1,708.80
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - Refund \$420.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> race - Refund \$1,015.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$645.80
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$1,871.30
- 6<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$408.40
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$1,208.20
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$699.80
- 9<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$1,080.00
- 10<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$499.00

01/05/08<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,120	812,614.60
Inter-track	6,848	2,014,372.30
Out of state	n/a	0
Total	9,968	2,826,986.90

**SUNDAY**  
01/06/08<sup>1</sup>

**RACE PROGRAM CANCELLED**

For a second day, the races were cancelled. At 11:15 a.m., after consultation with the jockeys and with more rain on the way, management determined that it would be imprudent to run.

01/06/08<sup>2</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

Racing was cancelled for the entire card. Simulcast wagering only.

1<sup>st</sup> race - Refund \$22,921.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> race - Refund \$14,530.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> race - Refund \$8,087.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$10,955.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$6,390.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$12,089.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$8,713.40  
 8<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$5,589.50  
 9<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$7,827.00

01/06/08<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,277	889,701.60
Inter-track	7,264	1,667,033.30
Out of state	n/a	0
Total	11,541	2,556,734.90

**MONDAY**  
01/07/08<sup>1</sup>

**RACE PROGRAM CANCELLATION**

For the third day in a row, racing was cancelled by Santa Anita management. At about 7:30 a.m., management decided that the track would not be in a condition upon which it would be safe to race.

01/07/08<sup>2</sup>**QUINONEZ RULING**

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ, while under suspension, rode in two designated races in Arizona, and therefore must serve on additional suspension day. This is outlined in the following ruling:

**LATS #12**

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1766 (Designated Races), jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ, having participated in at least one designated race outside of California on Saturday, January 5, 2008, shall serve an additional suspension day – Thursday, January 10, 2008, in order to satisfy the terms of LATS Ruling #03, dated December 29, 2007.

01/07/08<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

Racing was cancelled for the entire card. Simulcast wagering only.

1<sup>st</sup> race - Refund \$1,271.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> race - Refund \$279.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> race - Refund \$595.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$266.20  
 5<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$475.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$359.10  
 7<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$471.70  
 8<sup>th</sup> race - Refund \$452.00

01/07/08<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,284	378,846.20
Inter-track	3,886	885,727.60
Out of state	n/a	0
Total	5,170	1,264,573.80

**W E E K L Y   S U M M A R Y**

**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.

**VETERINARIAN'S LIST****Week of 12/31/07-01/06/08**

Horses on Vet List            22  
 Horses off Vet List            11  
 Shock Wave Therapy        18  
 Deceased                        2

**SUMMARY**

	Thu. 01/03	Fri. 01/04	Sat. 1/05	Sun. 01/06	Mon. 01/07		<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
Accidents	0	0	X	X	X		<b>0</b>	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	X	X	X		<b>3</b>	12
Claims	3	1	X	X	X		<b>4</b>	22
Disqualifications	0	0	X	X	X		<b>0</b>	1
Inquiries	0	0	X	X	X		<b>0</b>	3
Refunds	8	8	10	9	8		<b>43</b>	73
Rulings	1	3	2	0	1		<b>1</b>	12

Respectfully submitted,

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Tom Ward, Steward

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 Albert Christiansen, Steward

BOS:CSC/dm