

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**

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
Honorable Richard B. Shapiro, Chairman  
Honorable John C Harris, Vice Chairman  
Honorable John W. Amerman, Member  
Honorable John Andreini, Member  
Honorable Marie G. Moretti, Member  
Honorable Jerry Moss, Member  
Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
Richard Bon Smith, Acting Executive Director

For the period: Thursday, January 31, 2008 through Monday, February 04, 2008.

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**MINUTES – SIXTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA**

**THURSDAY  
01/31/08<sup>1</sup>**

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> race - #7 Las Patronas Lady (Tr. Patrick Gallagher), sick – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$1,968.80
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #10 Lucky Stab (Tr. Bruce Headley), injured – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$847.60
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Shore Do (Tr. Robert Frankel), Stewards  
Refund \$6,076.10
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Lit’sgoodlookngray (Tr. Jack Carava), sick – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$946.60

01/31/08<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS #83 - #95**

These rulings were issued in response to Hollywood Park Security violations.

**LATS #83**

Groom JORGE CHAVEZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1928 (Fire Regulations – tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #84**

Groom MARIO CALIXTO is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1928 (Fire Regulations – tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #85**

Groom DANILO PEREZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1928 (Fire Regulations – tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #86**

Hotwalker ROLANDO NAVAS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1928 (Fire Regulations – tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #87**

Hotwalker JOSE HERRERA is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1928 (Fire Regulations – tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #88**

Stable Foreman ERICK AGUIRRE is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication).

**LATS #89**

Exercise rider ALFREDO RAMOS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting).

**LATS #90**

Exercise rider JESUS JIMENEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting).

**LATS #91**

Hotwalker HAROLDO HERRERA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting).

**LATS #92**

Groom DANILO PEREZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting and intoxication).

**LATS #93**

Groom ERIK DONIS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers).

**LATS #94**

Groom RAFAEL PARAMO is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of stable area regulations – unauthorized vending from tack room).

**LATS #95**

Hotwalker MARIA GUTIERREZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of stable area regulations – unauthorized vending from tack room).

01/31/08<sup>3</sup>**RULING #96****LATS #96**

Groom JULIAN AGUIRRE, having appeared before the Board of Stewards to answer case 07SA0135, is restored to good standing. HRTH ruling #39, issued at Hollywood Park on May 27, 2007, is set aside.

This ruling was agreed upon after Mr. Aguirre appeared to discuss why he couldn't get a C.H.R.B. license. After consulting with investigators for the Board, it was discovered respondent had failed to appear to answer to charges of reckless driving in the barn area. As Mr. Aguirre is paying Santa Anita for damage to a barn and investigators have dropped the charges for reckless driving, this ruling is deemed proper.

01/31/08<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

After the finish of the third race (one mile) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the start. Runners involved were the third place finisher #5 Cantabile (jockey David Flores), and the fifth place filly #6 Mahalo Lani (jockey Aaron Gryder).

After talking with these riders, receiving the patrol judges' reports and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #5 from third and place her fifth behind #6, for interference shortly after the start. Replays show #5 break out at the start into the path of #6, causing the latter to clip heels, nearly unseating jockey Gryder, clearly costing #6 more than the half length as she got beat for fourth place.

Original Order of Finish: 9 – 1 - (5) - 2 – (6)  
 Official Order of Finish: 9 - 1 - 2 - (6) - (5)

01/31/08<sup>5</sup>

**SIXTH RACE REFUND**

Just before entering the track from the tunnel, #6 Rudeameani threw jockey Tyler Baze and ran off. Jockey Baze was cleared by the EMTs' and rode the next race. Refund \$33,669.26

01/31/08<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,360	1,098,676.60
Inter-track	6,353	2,019,673.20
Out of state	n/a	4,764,459.50
Total	9,713	7,882,809.30

**FRIDAY**  
 02/01/08<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Mo's Pocolino (Tr. Paul Assinesi), sick – Dr. Guillen  
 Refund \$1,215.28

- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #9 Sublet (Tr. Ronald McAnally), also-eligible – Stewards  
#10 Wee Jinky (Tr. Steve Knapp), also-eligible – Stewards  
Refund \$522.41
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Limestone Edge (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.), medication -Stewards  
Refund \$1,027.31
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #9 Britney Heat (Tr. Mike Puype), also-eligible – Stewards  
Refund \$512.70

02/01/08<sup>2</sup>**APPRENTICE JOCKEY**

An apprentice jockey license was granted to Jose Felix Cedeno. Mr. Cedeno has ridden seven races in his native Panama, with no wins. On December 4, 2007, the young rider had graduated from the Laffit Pincay Jr. Jockey School in Panama. The license was authorized with the understanding that the rider breaks out of the gate, gets the starters okay and the approval of two licensed jockeys.

02/01/08<sup>3</sup>**JOCKEY REVIEWS D.Q.**

Jockey David Flores appeared to review yesterday's third race disqualification (ref 01/31/08<sup>4</sup>). After thorough review, the rider was cautioned to make a better effort to correct his mount. Steward Chaney was of the opinion Mr. Flores deserved days.

02/01/08<sup>4</sup>**RULING #97****LATS #97**

Owner PETER PROUSALIS, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is restored to good standing. HRTH ruling #97, issued at Hollywood Park on July 11, 2007, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after receiving notice that the owner had paid his outstanding debt.

02/01/08<sup>5</sup>**RULING #98****LATS #98**

Owner RYAN ORAM, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Ryan Oram are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Oram is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Mr. Oram failed to appear to answer to alleged charges that he owes Southern California Equine \$224.37 for services.

02/01/08<sup>6</sup>**RULING #99****LATS #99**

Trainer R. B. HESS, JR. is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for medicating an in-today horse, necessitating the late declaration of LIMESTONE EDGE from the seventh race on Friday, February 01, 2008, at Santa Anita Park.

This ruling was issued after trainer Bob Hess, Jr. notified the Stewards that his foreman inadvertently administered clenbuterol to Limestone Edge. The problem was that the horse was in today's seventh race.

02/01/08<sup>7</sup>**INFORMAL HEARING**

An informal hearing was conducted to address C.H.R.B. complaint #08SA062. The case involved an alleged moral turpitude violation against groom Fred Peterson. At the hearing were C.H.R.B. Senior Investigator Rick Amieva, who presented the case, Stable Security Roger Middleton and officer Eduarte Carlos, as well as Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Peterson waived his right to an attorney and a formal hearing. He pled guilty to the charge and was advised to return tomorrow for a decision in the case.

02/01/08<sup>8</sup>**GOOD DAY**

Nine races were completed without a further reportable incident.

02/01/08<sup>9</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,232	\$ 1,153,455.40
Inter-track	6,595	2,160,372.80
Out of state	n/a	5,275,294.94
Total	9,827	8,589,123.14

SATURDAY  
02/02/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #13 Dee's Fling (Tr. Jay Robbins), also-eligible - Stewards  
#14 A.C.'s Miracle (Tr. Richard Mandella), also-eligible – Stewards  
Refund \$1,165.00

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #2 Bob Benoit (Tr. David Hofmans), sick – Dr. Bailey

Refund \$268.70; Minus Pool \$1,270.23

- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #1 County Tune (Tr. Dan McFarlane), injured – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$782.90
- 6<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Czechers (Tr. Mark Glatt), Stake – Stewards  
Refund \$1,626.50
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Pussycat Doll (Tr. Bob Baffert), Stake – Stewards  
Refund \$3,113.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> race - #6 Fitz Flag (Tr. Juan Reviriego), sick – Dr. Connor  
Refund \$968.10
- 9<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Air Commander (Tr. Bob Baffert), stake – Stewards  
Refund \$3,710.40
- 11<sup>th</sup> race - #6 Rate of Change (Tr. E.G. Harty), sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$545.00

02/02/08<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #100**

**LATS #100**

Trainer SUZANNE RODRIGUEZ, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Suzanne Rodriguez are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Ms. Rodriguez is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was dispensed after Suzanne Rodriguez failed to sign a financial agreement as she consented to do last month. Ms. Rodriguez owes a debt to Bonnie Acres Ranch.

02/02/08<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #101**

**LATS #101**

Groom JUAN CACERES, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (g) (Moral Turpitude), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Juan Caceres are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Caceres is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The Stewards issued this ruling after Mr. Caceres failed to show up for his scheduled hearing. The case alleged against Mr. Caceres is related to the moral turpitude case involving groom Fred Peterson.

02/02/08<sup>4</sup> **RULING #102****LATS #102**

Groom FRED PETERSON is suspended for FOURTEEN (14) DAYS (February 4, 2008 – through February 17, 2008) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (g) (Moral Turpitude).

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

After serious deliberation, this ruling was issued. The moral turpitude incident was committed in a public place. A majority agreed with the ruling as Steward Chaney voted for a fine.

02/02/08<sup>5</sup> **NO PROBLEMS**

Eleven races were completed without a further reportable incident.

02/02/08<sup>6</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	15,089	\$3,335,628.10
Inter-track	10,466	3,979,171.40
Out of state	n/a	9,212,417.46
Total	25,555	16,527,216.96

**SUNDAY**  
02/03/08<sup>1</sup>**RULING #104****LATS #104**

Trainer DAVID HOFMANS is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$500.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse Can This Be True, which ran in the third race at Santa Anita Park on January 11, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

This ruling was issued after conferring telephonically with Mr. Hofmans. The trainer explained that he just forgot to report the horse as a gelding.

02/03/08<sup>2</sup> **JOCKEY REVIEWS STRUB**

Jockey Mike Smith appeared to review yesterdays' eleventh race (the Strub Stakes), with the Stewards. The rider explained that his mount, #3 Tiago, always lugs in after he changes leads in the stretch. The rider was cautioned that this behavior might cost him someday. However, in the instant case the rider was given a warning as the blame was placed on the horse.

02/03/08<sup>3</sup> **RULING #105****LATS #105**

Owner/Trainer STEPHAN MITCHELL is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication and fighting). Mr. Mitchell is ordered to enter into agreement with the Winner's Foundation and abide by the terms set forth by that organization. Mr. Mitchell is further prohibited from riding any horse on the premises and his license is considered probationary for its term.

Owner/Trainer Stephan Mitchell appeared to address two Hollywood Park security violations. The respondent was candid in admitting he took a couple of drinks when the exercise boy failed to show up. The problem was magnified when Mr. Mitchell proceeded to gallop his own horse. Also, Mr. Mitchell got into an altercation with a neighboring groom over the acting merits of John Wayne. It's apparent to the Stewards that the trainer has a drinking problem.

02/03/08<sup>4</sup>**SUNDAY'S RACES CANCELLED**

After rain last night and this morning, management decided at about 9 a.m. to cancel today's live racing card.

02/03/08<sup>5</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

For this shortened week of racing there were two Cal-Bred races.

02/03/08<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,860	\$ 677,453.90
Inter-track	5,209	1,732,667.70
Out of state	n/a	0
Total	7,069	2,410,121.60

**MONDAY**02/04/08<sup>1</sup>**RACING CANCELLED**

As the cushion track renovation project is underway, racing was cancelled in advance through next Thursday, February 07.

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**W E E K L Y   S U M M A R Y**


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**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 01/28/08-02/03/08**

Horses on Vet List           14  
Horses off Vet List           **07**  
Shock Wave Therapy       16  
Deceased                       2

**SUMMARY**

	Thu. 01/31	Fri. 02/01	Sat. 2/02	Sun. 02/03	Mon. 02/04		<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
Accidents	0	0	0	X	X		<b>0</b>	2
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	0	X	X		<b>2</b>	25
Claims	6	2	0	X	X		<b>8</b>	66
Disqualifications	1	0	0	X	X		<b>1</b>	4
Inquiries	1	0	0	X	X		<b>1</b>	12
Refunds	5	2	7	X	X		<b>14</b>	159
Rulings	23	3	4	2	X		<b>22</b>	95

Respectfully submitted,

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 Albert Christiansen, Steward

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 Tom Ward, Steward

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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