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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: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 through Monday, February 25, 2008.

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MINUTES – NINTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA

WEDNESDAY
02/20/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st race - #6 Secret Flame (Tr. Roger Stein), injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$575.00
- 5th race - #1 Almacita (Tr. Mike Mitchell), sick – Dr. Connor
\$5,251.42
- 6th race - #2 Haggis Macpherson (Tr. Brian Koriner), sick – Dr. Bailey
\$2,929.40
- 8th race - #3 Babu (Tr. Paul Aguirre), enter-back, Stewards
#11 Media Maker (Tr. Mike Puype), injured – Dr. Connor
#14 Dee's Fling (Tr. Jay Robbins), enter-back – Stewards
Refund \$13,263.92

02/20/08²**RULING #115**

This ruling was agreed to after due consideration. At her formal hearing last week, respondent Conlon had requested payment arrangements of her \$3,000 fine at a rate of \$500/month for six months. After evaluating the request, this ruling was issued.

LATS #115

Trainer MELODY CONLON, who started the horse "Tommys Luck" in the sixth race at Hollywood Park on November 21, 2007, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, is fined THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00), to be paid in two installments (\$1,500.00 by February 27, 2008, and the remainder by March 27, 2008) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs, and other Substances) and #1844 (f) (Authorized Medication – Clenbuterol in excess of permitted level).

02/20/08³**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the fourth race (seven furlongs) the stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Isaias Enriquez, who rode the sixth place finisher #3 Bear Mountain. Enriquez alleged interference approaching the quarter pole by the winner #8 The Firebird (jockey Jon Court).

After talking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judges' reports, and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #3 steady briefly coming to the quarter pole while racing in tight quarters; however, the incident did not affect the order of finish.

02/20/08⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,990	\$ 763,050.90
Inter-track	4,824	\$1,388,837.40
Out of state	n/a	\$3,492,406.74
Total	6,814	\$5,644,295.04

THURSDAY
02/21/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 3rd race - #5 River Echo (Tr. Martin Jones), dirt only – Stewards Refund \$635.00
- 4th race - #3 Famous Ruby (Tr. Jorge Alcalá), injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$1,383.10
- 6th race - #9 Hasty Court (Tr. John Sadler), injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$785.90
- 8th race - #5 Ata Honour (Tr. E.G. Burnison), sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$85,539.58

02/21/08²**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Jon Court appeared to discuss yesterday's fourth race. Jockey Isaias Enriquez had lodged an objection against Court for alleged interference approaching the quarter pole. Court thought Enriquez drove up into a place he shouldn't have been. The stewards tend to agree with Court's evaluation of the race.

02/21/08³**RULING #116**

This ruling was issued after talking telephonically with trainer Shulman. Mr. Shulman, who has a good medication record, thought an early post contributed to this Azium positive.

LATS #116

Trainer SANFORD SHULMAN, who started the horse "Exclusive Danielle (GB)" which finished second in the first race at Santa Anita on January 14, 2008, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$400.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (A)(D) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Dexamethasone).

02/21/08⁴**FILM REVIEW**

Before the first race, the stewards ventured to the jocks room for the weekly review. Six to eight riders were in attendance. Three races were offered for discussion. Everyone present commented on the races shown and most were in agreement with the stewards' actions.

02/21/08⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the third race (about 6 ½ furlongs on the turf) the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the sixteenth pole. Involved were the third place finisher #6 Lit'sgoodlookngray (jockey Joe Talamo) and the fifth place horse #4 Midnight Excess (jockey David Flores).

After talking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judges' reports and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to let the order of the finish stand. Replays show #6 coming through a hole about midstretch, bumping #4, who was stopping; however, the incident did not cost #4 the opportunity at a better placing.

02/21/08⁶**REFUND**

A refund was required in the eighth race when #2 Enlightened Lady fell while behind the gate, and was scratched. The total amount refunded for the race was \$85,539.58.

02/21/08⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,026	\$1,001,851.30
Inter-track	6,238	\$1,828,018.50
Out of state	n/a	\$3,826,315.32
Total	9,264	\$6,656,185.12

FRIDAY
02/22/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 2nd race - #2 Smooth and Savvy (Tr. Marcelo Polanco), sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,172.00
- 3rd race - #4 Angeletta (Tr. Patrick Gallagher), off turf – Stewards
#5 Butterfly Belle (Tr. Mark Glatt), off turf – Stewards
Refund \$3,667.55
- 4th race - #2 Gooch’s Dream (Tr. Michael Machowsky), injured – Dr. Connor
Refund \$99,296.84; Minus pool \$533.81

02/22/08²

JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Joe Talamo appeared to review yesterday’s third race with the stewards. Talamo’s horse comes through a hole, but in doing so bumps the horse outside of him. After hearing Talamo’s explanation and reviewing the incident, the rider was cautioned to have better control of his mount. Possibly, Talamo’s mount ducks from the inside rider’s whip.

02/22/08³

FORMAL HEARING

A lengthy, one hour and fifty minute, formal hearing was conducted today. The case is an alleged moral turpitude violation involving jockey Martin Pedroza. Attorney Roger Licht represented Mr. Pedroza, who appeared in person. Also present were the jockey’s agent Richie Silverstein and Senior Special Investigator Rick Amieva, who presented the case for the C.H.R.B. Court reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. Arguments, introduction of evidence and exhibits, a witness and cross examination were heard. Due to time constraints, the case is scheduled for completion next month.

02/22/08⁴

REFUND

A refund was in order in the fourth race due to the scratch of #3 Purr for Me. The track veterinarian reported the horse was off in the right front leg. The refund amounted to \$99,296.84.

02/22/08⁵

GOOD RACING

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

02/22/08⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,530	\$1,082,252.40
Inter-track	6,252	\$2,104,954.20
Out of state	n/a	\$5,153,666.93
Total	9,782	\$8,340,873.53

SATURDAY
02/23/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st race - #2 Hold This (Tr. J. C. Green), Off Turf – Stewards
#9 Giant Gem (Tr. Neil Drysdale), Off Turf – Stewards
#11 Spartaco (Tr. Mark Glatt), Off Turf - Stewards
Refund \$4,294.30
- 4th race - #10 White Pine (Tr. Richard Rosales), sick – Dr. Guillen
Refund \$2,022.80
- 5th race - #2 Only Him (Tr. Richard Mandella), sick – Dr. Bailey
#8 Sevengoldnmissiles (Tr. Gary Mandella, sick – Dr. Guillen
#9 Incurable Lou (Tr. A.C. Avila), track condition – Stewards
Refund \$7,184.44
- 7th race - #6 Add Heat (Tr. Barry Abrams), Stake – Stewards
Refund \$27,319.54

02/23/08²

JOCKEY REVIEWS RACES

Jockey Alonso Quinonez appeared to review a couple of races with the stewards. In reviewing yesterday's eighth race, the rider was cautioned to make a better effort in maintaining a straight course.

The third race from yesterday was also reviewed. At the head of the stretch, both Mr. Quinonez and jockey Rafael Bejarano were heading for a hole between horses where there was room for only one. The pushing and shoving that ensued as the riders competed for the opening was about equal.

02/23/08³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION

After the finish of the fifth race (one mile on the turf), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review two separate incidents at the top of the stretch. Both incidents happened almost simultaneously, one on the inside and one on the outside.

On the inside, #7 Wild Diplomat (jockey Martin Garcia) and #3 Dr. Seacliff (jockey Joel Rosario) were both responsible for a bumping match; no change was warranted.

Involved in the second occurrence were the winner #1 Mind the Minister (jockey Tyler Baze) and the fourth place finisher #10 Tent (jockey Aaron Gryder). After receiving the patrol judges' reports, talking with five riders from the two incidents and reviewing the replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #1 from first place to fourth, behind #10, for interference at the top of the stretch. Replays show #1 lug into the path of #10, causing the latter to take up sharply and lose the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: (1) – 6 – 7 – 10
Official Order of Finish: 6 - 7 – 10 – (1)

02/23/08⁴**REFUND**

A refund was necessitated in the seventh race due to the stake scratch of #4 Obrigado. The refund totaled \$27,319.54.

02/23/08⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,194	\$2,369,847.60
Inter-track	9,718	\$3,435,581.10
Out of state	n/a	\$8,418,857.65
Total	18,912	\$14,224,286.35

SUNDAY02/24/08¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

4th race - #2 Presidential Cause (Tr. Richard Mandella), Off Turf – Stewards
 #3 Brilliant Cut (Tr. Robert Frankel), Off Turf – Stewards
 #4 Rush Country (Tr. Steven Miyadi), injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$5,556.58

5th race - #3 Joy's Comet (Tr. Ted H. West), sick – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$1,102.00

6th race - #4 Powerofvoodoo (Tr. Barry Abrams), Off Turf – Stewards
 #6 La Serra Medre (Tr. Beau Greely), Off Turf – Stewards
 #8 Pink Polkadots (Tr. Ronald McAnally), Off Turf – Stewards
 #9 Soothing Touch (Tr. Robert Frankel), Off Turf – Stewards
 Refund \$2,428.36

02/24/08²**JOCKEY REVIEWS REPLAYS**

Jockey Martin Garcia appeared to review yesterday's fifth race with the stewards. The rider was cautioned to have complete control of his mount.

02/24/08³**FORMAL HEARING**

Acting upon a remand from the C.H.R.B. for lack of a record, a formal hearing was conducted this morning. At issue was an alleged violation for moral turpitude filed against groom Fred Peterson. Respondent Peterson appeared accompanied by his representative, trainer/employer Barry Abrams. Also present were Stable Security Manager Roger Middleton, Stable Security Officer Carlos Eduarte, appearing as a witness; Chief of Security Lou Scalera, observer Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui, and Senior Special Investigator Rick Amieva, who presented the case for the C.H.R.B. Court reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. Exhibits, argument, cross-examination of witness and closing statements were presented and the record was closed.

02/24/08⁴**JOCKEY REVIEWS DISQUALIFICATION**

Jockey Tyler Baze appeared to review the fifth race disqualification of his mount with the stewards. Although his mount does cause interference, it is clear the rider was doing all possible to keep the horse straight.

02/24/08⁵**RIDER REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Mike Smith came in to review yesterday's ninth race with the stewards. The rider's mount drifted out steadily down the stretch. The rider was warned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course.

02/24/08⁶**RULINGS #117 – 124**

These eight rulings were issued for Hollywood Park Security backstretch violations.

LATS #117

Groom RAFAEL MORALES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct - driving while intoxicated on premises).

LATS #118

Groom EDWIN HERNANDEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – refused to show license).

LATS #119

Groom HECTOR MEJIA is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1928 (Fire Regulations – smoking in the shed row).

LATS #120

Groom JAVIER PENA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct -fighting).

LATS #121

Groom ARTURO MEJIA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct -fighting) and 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – refused to show license).

LATS #122

Hotwalker RIGOBERTO QUEVEDO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct –fighting, intoxicated).

LATS #123

Groom HECTOR TORRES is fined TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1928 (Fire Regulations – hot plate in tack room).

LATS #124

Groom CATACHO MARQUEZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1922 (Identification Required – no license).

02/24/08⁷**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the fourth race (6 ½ furlongs) the stewards posted the objection at the request of jockey Martin Pedroza, who rode the second place horse #11 Go Go Dancer. Pedroza alleged interference by the winner #9 Exceeding (jockey Rafael Bejarano) nearing the wire.

After receiving the patrol judges' reports, talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to let the order of finish stand. Replays show that #11 initiates contact with #9, thus a change would be inappropriate.

02/24/08⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,545	\$1,832,856.20
Inter-track	8,799	\$2,928,272.10
Out of state	n/a	\$5,482,986.10
Total	17,344	\$10,244,114.40

MONDAY
02/25/08¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st race - #2 Dr. J J (Tr. Alexis Barba), sick – Dr. Connor
#7 Onetimeatbandcamp (Tr. Eric Kruljac), dirt only – Stewards
Refund \$2,152.62
- 4th race - #5 True Man (Tr. Doug O'Neill), sick – Dr. Guillen
Refund of \$1,922.42
- 5th race - #1 Hewitts (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.), dirt only – Stewards
Refund \$1,816.44

02/25/08²**RULING #125****LATS #125**

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$500.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse SEA GULL SEZ, which ran in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on January 27, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

This ruling was issued after talking telephonically with trainer Miller. Mr. Miller accepted the penalty stating he just made a mistake.

02/25/08³**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Isaias Enriquez appeared to review the fourth race from Saturday with the stewards. The rider's horse lugged in up the stretch. Mr. Enriquez noted the horse runs in an outside extension blinker and stated he was surprised at the horse bearing in. Under the circumstances, the stewards were inclined to place the blame on the horse, no penalty for the rider.

02/25/08⁴**NO PROBLEMS**

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

02/25/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,127	\$959,549.30
Inter-track	5,093	\$1,537,833.20
Out of state	n/a	\$3,208,716.80
Total	8,220	\$5,706,099.30

ATTENDANCE REPORT - THE FULL BOARD OF STEWARDS WAS IN SESSION FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK, INCLUDING ASSISTANT STEWARD LUIS JAUREGUI.

VETERINARIAN'S LIST

Week of 02/18/08-02/24/08

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	20
Deceased	5

SUMMARY

	Wed. 21Feb	Thu. 22Feb	Fri. 23Feb	Sat. 25Feb	Sun. 24Feb	Mon. 25Feb	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	0	3	0	9	7	39
Claims	6	3	5	7	0	4	25	135
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7
Inquiries	1	1	0	2	1	0	5	21
Refunds	6	5	5	9	9	4	38	253
Rulings	1	1	0	0	8	1	11	125

Respectfully submitted,

 Albert Christiansen, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

BOS:AC/dm