

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
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 Honorable Marie G. Moretti, Member
 Honorable Jerry Moss, Member

Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
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For the period: Thursday, March 13, 2008 through Monday, March 17, 2008.

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MINUTES – TWELFTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA**THURSDAY**03/13/08¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

5th race - #4 No Sweat (Tr. Jerry Fanning) injured, Dr. Connor
 Refund \$594.00

8th race - #10 Kadayif (Tr. Mike Pender) sick, Dr. Connor
 Refund \$197.00

03/13/08²**RULING #158****LATS #158**

Trainer CIRILO SIERRA is suspended for FIFTEEN (15) DAYS (March 20, 2008 through April 03, 2008) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare). This ruling was agreed upon after due deliberation from the hearing on March 08, 2008. Trainer Sierra worked his horse when the Official Veterinarian had informed him that the horse was too sore to work out. In mitigation, the stewards took into consideration that there might have been communication problems or a misunderstanding. Also, the horse and rider were apparently no worse after the work. However, the work should not have occurred and the trainer is the responsible party.

03/13/08³**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted this morning to address C.H.R.B. case #085SA069. The case involves C.H.R.B. rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding) and the winner of the third race on January 17, 2008 at Santa Anita Park, "Chicks Rule". The horse tested positive for the class 3 Total Carbon Dioxide above 37 millimoles.

Present at the hearing was attorney Anthony D. Scott, who represented the four owners. Three of the owners were also present - Mark Gorman, Earl Smith and Kevin Bogart, dba The Sterling Stable. Senior Special Investigator Rick Amieva presented the case for the C.H.R.B., and court reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. Attorney Scott presented a passionate address concerning owners' rights. Exhibits were presented, closing arguments were heard and the hearing was adjourned.

03/13/08⁴**REFUND**

A refund in the second race was caused when #5 "South Bay Scoty" broke through the gate and was injured. The refund amounted to \$83,662.11. Additionally, there was a minus pool of \$1,322.41.

03/13/08⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY / ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the eighth race (seven furlongs) the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident approaching the sixteenth pole. Involved was #11 "Parisian Art" with jockey Rafael Bejarano. At the quarter pole, the horse suddenly dropped back and slowly galloped almost to the sixteenth pole. At this point the horse abruptly fell, throwing jockey Bejarano heavily to the ground. Jockey Bejarano suffered a compressed fracture of a vertebra in the middle of his back (see attached accident report). Dr. Bailey reported the horse had no heartbeat when she reached the scene.

03/13/08⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,794	\$1,090,304.70
Inter-track	6,526	1,885,511.30
Out of state	n/a	3,856,472.97
Total	10,320	6,832,288.97

FRIDAY03/14/08¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

6th race - #5 Valley Storm (Tr. Carla Gaines) injured, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,400.80

03/14/08²**RIDER REPLACEMENTS**

Jockey Rafael Bejarano was replaced on his five scheduled mounts. The rider is reportedly out indefinitely with a compression fracture of a vertebra.

03/14/08³**INFORMAL HEARING**

An informal hearing was conducted to address C.H.R.B. case #08SA095. The alleged violation against veterinarian Dr. Alaine Hu, D.V.M., concerned C.H.R.B. rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication). Present at the hearing were Dr. Hu, who waived her right to an attorney and indicated she was ready to proceed; Official Veterinarian Dr. Tim Connor, D.V.M., and observer Luis Jauregui, Assistant Steward.

After hearing testimony from doctors Hu and Connor and evaluating the situation, Dr. Hu was given a stern warning. The problem appeared to be with communication within the veterinary group.

03/14/08⁴**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Joel Rosario appeared to review yesterday's fifth race with the stewards. The rider was cautioned to make a better effort in maintaining a straight course.

03/14/08⁵**THIRD RACE REFUND**

A refund on #2 Overt N Out became necessary when the filly became unmanageable in the post parade. Jockey Michael Baze was thrown several times during the post parade. Total refund \$31,661.36

03/14/08⁶**GOOD RACING**

Eight races were completed without a further reportable incident.

03/14/08⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,736	\$	1,228,060.50
Inter-track	5,992		1,981,901.10
Out of state	n/a		5,113,608.28
Total	9,728		8,323,569.88

SATURDAY03/15/08¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

5th race - #2 Art House (Tr. John Sadler) sick, Dr. Connor
Refund \$322.00

8th race - #9 Bayngen Bartok (Tr. Richard Baltas) injured, Dr. Guillen
Refund \$66.00

03/15/08²**QUIET MORNING**

The morning consisted of routine matters.

03/15/08³**ST. PAT'S HORSESHOE CONTEST WINNER**

For the first time in the history of the contest, a patron pitched a ringer to win the \$1,000,000 first prize. There was huge approval from the crowd, and broad media coverage resulted as well.

03/15/08⁴**GOOD RACING**

Ten races were completed without a reportable incident.

03/15/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	15,660	3,043,657.60
Inter-track	10,281	3,908,380.60
Out of state	n/a	8,992,791.16
Total	25,941	15,944,829.36

SUNDAY03/16/08¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race - #6 Afleet's Love Song (Tr. Vladimir Cerin) injured, Dr. Guillen
Refund \$932.00
- 2nd race - #11 Total Sum (Tr. Mike Marlow) injured, Dr. Beck
Refund \$2,059.48
- 4th race - #1 Headed for Home (Tr. J. Paco Gonzalez) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$480.00
- 6th race - #3 Warrens Scooter (Tr. Jorge Gutierrez) injured, Dr. Beck
Refund \$3,424.64
- 9th race - #3 El Don (Tr. Martin Jones) stake, Stewards
#4 Medzendeeekron (Tr. Barry Abrams) stake, Stewards
Refund \$1,867.10

03/16/08²**RULING #159****LATS #159**

Trainer RAFAEL BECERRA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$500.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "Anzisiong", which ran in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 14, 2008. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

This ruling was issued after a discussion with the trainer. Mr. Becerra stated this was the first time he ran the horse, and neglected to check the horses' papers.

03/16/08³**RULING #160****LATS #160**

Groom GEOFFREY DAPP is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1489(h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License). Mr. Dapp is required to undergo an evaluation by the Winner's Foundation and abide by the terms set forth by that organization. Mr. Dapp is further ordered to enter into a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and his license will be considered probationary for its term.

This ruling was dispensed after analysis of the facts presented at the hearing of March 09, 2008. Mr. Dapp had no previous history of violations.

03/16/08⁴**STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the eighth race (Six furlongs) the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the top of the stretch. Involved were the winner #9 Kinsale King (jockey Michael Baze), the second place horse #5 El Legado (jockey Chantal Sutherland) and the twelfth place finisher #14 Futuro (jockey Victor Espinoza).

After receiving the patrol judge's reports, talking with the riders involved and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to let the order of finish stand. Replays show #9 came out at the head of the stretch and briefly forced #5 out into #14, who was on the outside. However, #5 was not cost the opportunity at a better placing as he was beaten about two lengths. As for #14, he was well beaten and was not cost a better placing.

03/16/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,068	\$ 2,290,973.70
Inter-track	11,279	2,981,153.30
Out of state	n/a	5,875,198.07
Total	20,347	11,147,325.07

MONDAY
03/17/08¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

4th race - #7 Rip Curl (Tr. F. Bart Edwards) unsound, Dr. Beck
Refund \$1,302.18

5th race - #3 Redness (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) retired, Stewards
#10 Mikey Bones (Tr. Craig Lewis) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$2,324.92

7th race - #2 Swiss Diva (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) injured, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$4,113.74

8th race - #1 Splendid Kiss (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$18.56

03/17/08²**CAL-BRED RACES**

There were eight Cal-Bred races for the five day racing week.

03/17/08³**RULING #161****LATS #161**

Jockey MICHAEL BAZE, who rode "Kinsale King" in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on Sunday, March 16, 2008, is suspended THREE (3) racing days (March 24, 27 and 28, 2008) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference, which is 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.

This ruling was issued after jockey Mike Baze appeared and reviewed yesterday's eighth race with the stewards. The rider argued that the horse was lugging in and suddenly veered out. However, the stewards were of the opinion that Mr. Baze could have prevented the interference.

03/17/08⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY / ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fifth race (one mile on the turf), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an accident at the top of the stretch. Involved in the incident was #7 Just Knock (jockey Brice Blanc), who apparently clipped heels and fell. Tape replays were inconclusive as to where the blame should be placed; therefore no change in the order of finish was warranted. It was reported Just Knock broke her shoulder and was euthanized on the track. Jockey Brice Blanc was shaken up but otherwise appeared okay (see attached accident report).

3/17/08⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,650	\$1,414,202.30
Inter-track	5,922	2,000,159.80
Out of state	n/a	4,169,890.84
Total	10,572	7,584,252.94

WEEKLY SUMMARY

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in session for the entire week, including Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui.

VETERINARIAN'S LIST

Week of 03/10/08-03/16/08

Horses on Vet List 18
 Horses off Vet List **16**
 Shock Wave Therapy 21
 Deceased 2

SUMMARY

	Thur. 13Mar	Fri. 14Mar	Sat. 15Mar	Sun. 16Mar	Mon. 17Mar		Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1		2	6
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	1	1	2		8	55
Claims	4	3	3	3	1		14	185
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	7
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	1		3	29
Refunds	3	2	2	6	5		18	293
Rulings	1	0	0	2	1		4	161

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Christiansen, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

attachments
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