

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 Jesse H. Choper, Member  
Honorable Jerry Moss, Member

Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director  
Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

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

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**MINUTES – FIFTEENTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA**

**THURSDAY**  
04/03/08<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #5 Red State Rules (Tr. Mike Puype) sick, Dr. Guillen  
#8 Shriek (Tr. David Hofmans) injured, Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$2,445.90

04/03/08<sup>2</sup>

**APPRENTICE JOCKEY**

Apprentice jockey Amanda Casey was approved for a California license today. Ms. Casey has won two races, and ridden about seventy races in Texas and Oklahoma.

04/03/08<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY REVIEWS DISQUALIFICATION**

Jockey Tyler Baze appeared before the stewards to review Monday's fourth race disqualification of his mount. The horse was very erratic in the stretch and the stewards agreed that the blame could be placed on the horse. No sanction for the jockey was warranted.

04/03/08<sup>4</sup>**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted to address complaint #08SA094. The case involves C.H.R.B. rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). The horse "Lotacat", who ran second in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 10, 2008, was reported by U.C. Davis Laboratory to have "Promazine", a Class 2 drug, in his system.

Present at the hearing were C.H.R.B. Senior Investigator Rick Amieva, who presented the case, the Board of Stewards, and court reporter Barbara Weinstein, who recorded the proceedings. Neither owner Cecil Peacock nor trainer Dan Hendricks attended the hearing. The case was presented, exhibits were marked for identification, and the record was closed.

04/03/08<sup>5</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the first race (2 year olds-two furlongs) the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start. Involved were the fifth place finisher #4 Skims Chime (jockey Eulices Gomez) and the sixth place filly, #3 Tamis Stormtrooper (jockey Michael Baze).

After receiving the patrol judges' reports, talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #4 break in at the start and brush with #3, however, the incident did not cost the latter the opportunity at a better placing.

04/03/08<sup>6</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was required in the fifth race when the racing vet recommended the declaration of #7 Mutakddims Pyramid (jockey Isaias Enriquez). The horse was reported off in his right front leg. Refund amounted to \$16,932.10.

04/03/08<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,216	\$1,161,144.10
Inter-track	6,712	2,123,505.90
Out of state	n/a	4,015,706.12
Total	10,928	7,300,356.12

**FRIDAY**04/04/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #6 M's Momentum (Tr. Charles Trent, Jr.) sick, Dr. Bailey  
Total refund \$51,365.37

7<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Medzendekron (Tr. Barry Abrams) stake, Stewards  
#8 Unusual Suspect (Tr. Barry Abrams) stake, Stewards  
Refund \$2,644.00

8<sup>th</sup> race - #10 Herecometheirish (Tr. Barry Abrams) enter back, Stewards  
Refund \$526.90

04/04/08<sup>2</sup>      **RULING #181****LATS #181**

Stable employee ANTHONY NICOMETO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$100.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1489(h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License). Mr. Nicometo is required to undergo an evaluation by the Winner's Foundation and abide by the terms set forth by that organization. Mr. Nicometo is further ordered to enter into a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and his license will be considered probationary until June 30, 2008.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Nicometo appeared for an informal hearing. Bob Fletcher of Winners Foundation accompanied Respondent and testified on his behalf. Mr. Nicometo stated the breakup of a relationship was the cause of his problem.

04/04/08<sup>3</sup>      **REFUND**

A refund became necessary when #4 Branquino (jockey Joe Talamo) was scratched from the first race. Dr. Bailey noted the horse was off in the left hind leg. The refund amounted to \$51,365.37.

04/04/08<sup>4</sup>      **NO PROBLEMS**

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

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

On track	3,497	\$1,072,868.90
Inter-track	6,555	1,772,828.50
Out of state	n/a	5,478,372.81
Total	10,052	8,324,070.21

**SATURDAY**  
04/05/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race - #12 Master Plan Tr. Patrick Gallagher) sick, Dr. Connor  
Refund \$234.00

7<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Storm Military (Tr. Robert Frankel) Stake, Stewards  
Refund \$999.00; Minus Pool \$1,615.25

04/05/08<sup>2</sup>      **RULINGS #182 - #193**

These rulings were issued for various stable violations at Hollywood Park:

**LATS #182**

Hotwalker HUMBERTO RAMIREZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS\* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1922 (Identification Required).

**LATS #183**

Groom SALOMAN HERNANDEZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS\* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1922 (Identification Required – lending license to another person).

**LATS #184**

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

**LATS #185**

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

**LATS #186**

Hotwalker RAMONA CHAVEZ is fined EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS\* (\$85.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1928 (Fire Regulations – tampering with smoke detector, illegal hot plate) and 1530 (Cases Not Covered By Rules and Regulations – selling food from room).

**LATS #187**

Groom JULIO GARCIA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1530 (Cases Not Covered By Rules and Regulations – illegal vending).

**LATS #188**

Groom JOSE AGUILAR is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – interfering with investigation).

**LATS #189**

Groom RUBEN HERNANDEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – interfering with investigation).

**LATS #190**

Groom JOSE BARRERA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1922 (Identification Required – unlicensed visitor).

**LATS #191**

Groom CARLOS ROSALES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – interfering with investigation).

**LATS #192**

Groom HENRY SANCHEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – interfering with investigation) and 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication).

04/05/08<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #194**

This ruling was issued after the stewards received a stipulated agreement from Sacramento:

**LATS #194**

Trainer BRIAN KORINER, who started the horse “BLACK SEVENTEEN” in the fifth at Hollywood Park on May 01, 2007, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, is suspended for forty days (April 14, 2008 through May 23, 2008) and fined FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (A) (B) and (D) (Medication, Drugs, and other Substances); #1843.2 (Classification of Drug Substances – Procaine Class III).

04/05/08<sup>4</sup>**JOCKEYS REVIEW REPLAYS**

Jockey Martin Garcia appeared to review yesterday's fourth race with the stewards. The rider was cautioned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course. Jockey Joe Talamo reviewed the second race from yesterday. The rider was advised to have better control of his mount.

04/05/08<sup>5</sup>**THE SANTA ANITA DERBY (GRADE I)**

Colonel John won the Santa Anita Derby without incident. The on-track attendance of just over 50,000 was a pleasant surprise.

04/05/08<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	50,358	5,078,003.00
Inter-track	13,598	4,769,587.00
Out of state	n/a	12,666,475.57
Total	63,956	\$22,514,065.57

**SUNDAY**04/06/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

9<sup>th</sup> race - #8 Jack Allen (Tr. Gary Sherlock) injured, Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$1,204.98

04/06/08<sup>2</sup>**RULING #196****LATS #196**

Based upon a report from the University of California, Davis Laboratories, an official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #SA04627, obtained from the horse "Lotacat", the second place finisher in the sixth race on February 10, 2008, at Santa Anita Park, contained promazine (class II) in excess of the authorized decision level, it is ordered that "Lotacat" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that the purse money earned in said race (\$9,600) be returned by owner Cecil Peacock to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park by May 06, 2008, for redistribution in accordance with the revised order of finish.

Revised order of finish:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liberty Watch
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scibelli
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dakota Phone
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mossad

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official), neither the pari-mutuel payoff nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

This ruling was agreed upon after the hearing of April 03, 2008. The horse tested positive for promazine, a metabolite of acepromazine, in excess of the authorized decision level.

04/06/08<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #197 and #198**

These rulings were issued when both licensees failed to appear to address complaints filed by veterinarian Dr. Melinda Blue. Nelson Leung is alleged to owe \$410 for veterinary treatment. Owner Stephen Zimmerman is alleged to owe Dr. Blue \$3,305.

**LATS #197**

Owner NELSON LEUNG, 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 pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

**LATS #198**

Owner STEPHEN ZIMMERMAN, 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 pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

04/06/08<sup>4</sup>

**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Joel Rosario appeared before the board to review yesterday's first race. The race in question was a 6 ½ furlong turf race, down the hill. The jockey caused an opponent on his inside to take up just after crossing the turf to dirt transition. No penalty was issued as there was a question whether the opposing rider drove up into a precarious spot. Coming across the transition is a very difficult proposition. However, jockey Rosario was cautioned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course.

04/06/08<sup>5</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund amounting to \$7,903.29 was ordered in the fifth race, when #9 Cee's No Prisoners, threw jockey Modesto Linares and ran off the track.

04/06/08<sup>6</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Nine races were completed without a reportable incident.

04/06/08<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,085	2,221,131.30
Inter-track	8,893	2,990,646.00
Out of state	n/a	5,443,959.28
Total	18,978	\$10,655,736.58

**MONDAY**  
04/07/08<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #1A Worcester (Tr. Robert Frankel) sick, Dr. Guillen  
Refund \$76.98

5<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Refusal (Tr. John Meairs) unsound, Dr. Connor  
Refund \$919.18

04/07/08<sup>2</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted concerning two alleged violations against trainer William Spawr. Both cases were positives for the muscle relaxant Methocarbamol (Class 6). Present at the hearing was Bill Spawr, respondent, attorney Thomas Sanford representing Mr. Spawr, Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui, the Board of Stewards, Senior Investigator Rick Amieva, who presented the case for the C.H.R.B., and court reporter Barbara Weinstein, who recorded the proceedings. Additionally, Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur, practicing veterinarians Dr. Michael Steppe and Dr. Karen Valko appeared as witnesses during the hearing.

Both parties presented witnesses and were afforded cross-examination, exhibits were marked for identification, closing statements were heard and the record was closed. A decision will be rendered at a later date.

04/07/08<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEYS REVIEW RACES**

Two riders appeared before the stewards to review races from yesterday's program. Jockey Alex Solis watched the sixth race, in which he was caught behind a horse stopping suddenly in front of him. Upon review, all present agreed Solis did a reasonable job under the circumstances.

Jockey Joel Rosario reviewed the first race. For most of the race, the rider's horse appeared difficult to handle. Mr. Rosario was advised to have better control of his mount.

04/07/08<sup>4</sup>

**NO PROBLEMS**

Eight races were contested, while no reportable incidents occurred.

04/07/08<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,021	1,224,352.40
Inter-track	5,825	1,838,707.60
Out of state	n/a	3,459,764.06
Total	10,846	6,522,824.06

**W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y**

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

**VETERINARIAN'S LIST****Week of 03/31/08-04/0/08**

Horses on Vet List           12  
Horses off Vet List           **18**  
Shock Wave Therapy       19  
Deceased                       1

**SUMMARY**

	Thur. 03Apr	Fri. 04Apr	Sat. 05Apr	Sun. 06Apr	Mon. 07Apr	<b>Week</b>	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	6
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	1	2	1	<b>8</b>	76
Claims	5	1	2	3	3	<b>14</b>	234
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	9
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>	38
Refunds	3	5	2	2	1	<b>13</b>	359
Rulings	0	1	14	3	0	<b>18</b>	198

Respectfully submitted,

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 Albert Christiansen, Steward

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Tom Ward, Steward

BOS:AC/dm