

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: Monday, December 22, 2008, through Monday, December 29, 2008.

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Friday, December 26, 2008, through Sunday, April 19, 2009 – 84 racing days. Racing Wednesday through Sunday. Special Monday racing December 29; Holiday Monday racing January 19 and February 16; No racing Wednesdays January 21 and February 18.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races Opening Day and weekends, unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** 12:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays, including January 19 (Martin Luther King Day), February 16 (President's Day); *except* special 11:00 a.m. post time on Super Bowl Sunday (February 01), 11:45 a.m. on Sunshine Millions Day (Saturday, January 24), 12:00 p.m. on Strub Stakes Day (Saturday, February 7) Big 'Cap Day (Saturday, March 07) and Santa Anita Derby Day (Saturday, April 04). 1:00 p.m. on weekdays *except* special 12:00 noon post time on Friday, December 26 (Opening Day), Thursday, January 01 (New Year's Day), and holiday Mondays as noted.
- Scratch time:** 10:00 a.m. previous day deadline for scratches for overnight races and overnight stakes races. Scratch time for regular stakes will be prior to the 3rd race on race day.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; on all qualifying races \$1 Trifectas, \$.10 Superfectas; \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race; \$1 Pick Four on first and final four races (no carryover); \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Super High 5 on last race daily (with carryover).

Auxiliary stables: Hollywood Park, Fairplex Park, San Luis Rey Downs.

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MONDAY
12/22/08¹

ENTRIES

Steward Tom Ward was present for entries for opening day.

TUESDAY
12/23/08¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Tom Ward was present for opening weekend entries as well as scratches for opening day Friday.

OPENING DAY

FRIDAY
12/26/08¹

OPENING DAY

Friday marked the beginning of Santa Anita's 72nd season of racing. The track registered 33,112 people in attendance for the kickoff.

12/26/08²

DESIGNATED RACES

The stewards issued a list of the designated races for this meeting which included graded races as well as those races associated with the Sunshine Millions. Copies were posted in the stewards' office, the racing office and the jockey's room.

12/26/08³

VETERINARIAN SUBSTITUTION

Official California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian Dr. Tim Connor will be absent for approximately 2 to 3 weeks, during which time Dr. Jennifer Durenberger will substitute.

12/26/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st Race #12 Halo's Highway – Rider change – M. Pedroza for J. Court (airline problems)
#8 Lifeline – Claimed – M. Cho, trainer
#5 Warren's Kenzo – broke down six and a half pole, euthanized (synthetic)
#11 Nascar Johnny – pulled up half mile pole, vanned off (synthetic)
Refund \$ 1,739.64
- 2nd Race #4 Catastaire – Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#7 Yankee Bay - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#8 Cavanal - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#10 Mississippian (IRE) - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#11 Rather Be Lucky - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
Refund \$5,612.90
- 3rd Race #7 Pauper's Prize – Stewards' scratch (medication)
Refund \$2,202.22
- 4th Race #2 Broctane NZ) - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#3 Devoted Magic - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#7 Railroad - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#10 Shadow of Illinois - Stewards' scratch (off turf)
#14 Ramsgate – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
#4 Taxi Fleet – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
#11 Luhuk's Dancer – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
#4 Taxi Fleet – Rider change – C. Nakatani for J. Talamo (first call on also eligible drew in)
Refund \$5,428.54
- 5th Race #3 Skippy Due – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
#9 Men Only – Claimed – M. Conlon, trainer
Refund \$215.36
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$479.96
- 7th Race #1 Liberian Freighter – Stewards' scratch (stake)
#4 Fifteen Love – Stewards' scratch (stake)
#10 Ghetto (GB) – Stewards' scratch (stake)
#13 Il Girasole – Stewards' scratch (stake)
Refund \$6,353.40
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$10.00
- 9th Race No changes; Refund \$137.90

12/26/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	33,112	4,039,661.60
Inter-track	11,015	3,023,831.40
Out of state	n/a	7,982,843.34
Total	44,127	\$15,046,336.34

SATURDAY12/27/08¹**SADLER HEARING AND RULING**

Trainer JOHN SADLER met with the stewards in an informal hearing to discuss case number 08HP0082, which alleged that one of his horses contained phenylbutazone over the permitted limit when working out for removal from the Veterinarian's list. Mr. Sadler explained that the workout had been rescheduled and that horse had been given bute on two consecutive days, as a reason for the overage. Mr. Sadler then accepted the following penalty without objection:

LATS #001

Trainer JOHN SADLER, who worked the horse Tissy Fit for removal from the Veterinarian's list at Santa Anita on October 30, 2008, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (C) (1) (Authorized Medication – Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted levels).

12/27/08²**METZ HEARING**

Trainer JEFF METZ met with the stewards informally to discuss a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging violation of rule 1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting). This case involved a complaint filed by the racetrack veterinarian that centered around difficulty locating Mr. Metz's runners for pre-race exams and the apparent fact that Mr. Metz had changed barns several times without informing the receiving barn. After a brief discussion with Mr. Metz, the stewards took the matter under consideration.

12/27/08³**PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

The stewards conducted a formal hearing into case 08SA168 which was filed under CHRB rule 1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). This complaint involved a mule trained by KEITH CRAIGMYLE that tested positive for the class 3 drug Gabapentin at the Big Fresno Fair on October 8, 2008. Although the owner, trainer and jockey were each noticed, none of the parties chose to attend the hearing. The stewards therefore went on the record, took the relevant documents and testimony into evidence and brought the matter to a close. A disqualification and purse redistribution order shall be forthcoming.

12/27/08⁴**JOCKEY MEETING**

The stewards had the usual meeting with members of the riding colony. We went over our expectations for the meeting and addressed concerns voiced by the jockeys.

12/27/08⁵**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, jockey JOHN VELAZQUEZ, rider of third place finisher #4 Star Time, claimed foul against the winner of the race #7 Temple City, ridden by Rafael Bejarano, for interference at the sixteenth pole. The objection was based on the winner drifting in slightly and allegedly causing the third place finisher to steady. After reviewing the films and speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously decided to make no change to the original order of finish. It was our opinion that the winner was clear when it drifted in and that the action did not cost the objector the opportunity at a better placing.

12/27/08⁶**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to examine an incident in which #1 Back at You appears to duck into the inside fence on the turf course while racing on the lead. Video tapes revealed that #1 Back at You was not influenced by any other horses and in fact, there was no obvious reason for the sudden action other than possibly a shadow cast by the grandstand. Jockey Garrett Gomez was unseated and transported to the emergency room for evaluation (see attached injury report).

12/27/08⁷**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#7 Dark Nose – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey Refund \$1,147.74
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$257.00
3 rd Race	#3 Eagle Strike – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey #6 Witness Protection – Veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$2,043.92
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$13.80
5 th Race	No changes
6 th Race	#9 Mark Bertrando – pulled up post race, vanned off, minor injury (synthetic) Refund \$73.00
7 th Race	No change; Refund \$463.00
8 th Race	#1 Country Star – Stewards' scratch, stake #8 Accopela Choir – Stewards' scratch, stake #9 She's Cheeky – Stewards' scratch, stake for G. Gomez (injured) #6 Indyanne – broke down eighth pole, condition serious (synthetic) Refund \$3,672.50; Minus Pool \$15,030.32
9 th Race	#9 Silent Trick – Claimed – H. Palma, trainer

12/27/08⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,720	2,391,926.50
Inter-track	8,917	3,924,477.50
Out of state	n/a	6,325,72.96
Total	19,637	\$11,642,146.96

SUNDAY12/28/08¹**BENZEL RULING**

The following ruling was issued after speaking with trainer SETH BENZEL. Mr. Benzel failed to register a horse he trained on the authorized bleeder list at entry time. His horse was permitted to race with lasix but Mr. Benzel was fined for the oversight:

LATS #002

Trainer SETH BENZEL is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication) on December 27, 2008 at Santa Anita Park.

12/28/08²**ALCALA HEARING**

An informal hearing was held regarding case number 08HP121 which alleged a high bute, high banamine and a double NSAID violation during a workout for removal from the veterinarian's list for a horse trained by JORGE ALCALA. The trainer explained that his foreman had given bute and that his veterinarian had inadvertently administered banamine, but had no explanation for the two overages. Topics of discussion at the hearing were the occurrence of the violation during a workout, the accidental nature of the administration, and Mr. Alcala's poor medication record. Decision to follow.

12/28/08³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#6 Scout About – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey Refund \$64,477.26
2 nd Race	#6 More Than Class – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$792.90; Minus Pool \$159.20
3 rd Race	#1 Leedsthe way – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$491.30
4 th Race	#3 Internallyflawless – Rider change – C. Nakatani for G. Gomez (injured) Refund \$12.00
5 th Race	#4 Spirit of Chochise – Rider change – J. Talamo for G. Gomez Refund \$19.30
6 th Race	#5 Wild Diplomat – Rider change – J. Talamo for G. Gomez #4 Bestdressed – Claimed – Trainer J. Carava #7 Heroi Do Bafra (BRZ) – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer Refund \$408.42
7 th Race	#1 Unusual Spirit – Rider change – M. Smith for G. Gomez

Refund \$930.72

8th Race #3 Sartorial – Stewards' scratch, stake
 #8 Obrigado (FR) – Stewards' scratch, stake
 #2 Proudinsky (GER) – Rider change – R. Bejarano for G. Gomez
 Refund \$9,018.54

9th Race No changes

12/28/08⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,283	2,059,932.80
Inter-track	8,168	2,211,542.90
Out of state	n/a	4,528,932.24
Total	17,451	\$8,800,407.94

MONDAY
 12/29/08¹

PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

The following ruling was issued pursuant to the hearing held on Saturday (ref. 12/27/08³):

LATS #003

Acting on a report from the University of California Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #FO4677, taken from the mule "My Sandy Girl", the winner of the fourth race on October 8, 2008, at the Big Fresno Fair, contained the prohibited drug Gabapentin (Class III), it is ordered that "My Sandy Girl" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon Positive Test).

It is further ordered that the purse money earned in said race (\$2,530) be returned by owner Sandra Hanna (\$2,277) and jockey Jesus Arriaga (\$253.00) to the Paymaster at the Big Fresno Fair by January 29, 2009, for redistribution in accordance with the revised order of finish.

Revised order of finish:

1st Bar JF SuperGirl
 2nd Bar JF Dixie Bell
 3rd Gambler's Cash
 4th Tom Cat
 5th Guccis N Diamonds

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.

12/29/08²

CERIN RULING

The following ruling was issued after trainer VLADIMIR CERIN informed the stewards that one of his runners for opening day had inadvertently been given clenbuterol on the day preceding its intended race. The horse, therefore, had to be scratched resulting in the penalty described below:

LATS #004

Trainer VLADIMIR CERIN is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run), causing a late declaration from the third race on December 26, 2008.

12/29/08³**METZ RULING**

The following ruling was issued after consideration of Mr. Metz's failure to inform the receiving barn of the location of his runners:

LATS #005

Trainer JEFFREY METZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting - failure to properly inform authorities of his horse's whereabouts).

12/29/08⁴**ALCALA RULING**

After careful consideration of the facts, history and circumstances surrounding Mr. Alcala's bute and banamine overage, and double NSAID during a workout, the following penalty was imposed:

LATS #006

Trainer JORGE ALCALA, who worked the horse Si Se Puede for removal from the Veterinarian's list at Hollywood Park on December 3, 2008, is fined TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$2,500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (d) (Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances – more than one non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drug substance), #1844 (c) (1,2) (Authorized Medication – medication in excess of permitted levels) and #1866 (Veterinarian's List).

12/29/08⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#2 Grey Storm – Claimed – S. Miyadi, trainer Refund \$158.00
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$118.56
3 rd Race	#2 Nate' N Ed – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger #1 High Intellect – Claimed – O'Neill, trainer #7 You Is What You Is – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer Refund \$955.80
4 th Race	#8 Dajolie (GER) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$515.28
5 th Race	#5 Trainspotting – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer Refund \$85.00
6 th Race	#10 Brian Boru – first time lasix Refund \$237.20
7 th Race	#2 We Will Rock You (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey #4 Flashing Forward – pulled up, three eighths (synthetic), condition serious Refund \$1,047.90
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$55.00

9th Race #7 Princess Integrity – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
 #8 Flower Fusion – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
 #6 Nicole’s Image – Claimed – D. Bernstein, trainer
 Refund \$928.88

12/29/08⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,352	1,269,082.10
Inter-track	5,504	1,647,349.90
Out of state	n/a	4,187,179.74
Total	9,856	\$7,103,611.74

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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 12/22-12/28/08

Horses on Vet List 13
 Horses off Vet List 18
 Shock Wave Therapy 9
 Deceased 1
 Medication 6

SUMMARY

	Fri. 12/26	Sat. 12/27	Sun. 12/28	Mon. 12/29		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0		1	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	0		4	4
Claims	5	1	2	5		13	13
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0		0	0
Inquiries	0	2	0	2		4	4
Refunds	9	7	8	8		32	32
Rulings	0	1	1	4		6	6

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Randy Winick, Steward

Attachments
BOS:CSC/dm

