

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 John C Harris, Chairman
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 Honorable Jerry Moss, Member
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For the period: Wednesday, February 25, through Sunday, March 01, 2009.

MINUTES – TENTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA

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WEDNESDAY02/25/09¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the seventh race on Sunday. Down the backstretch, Mr. Quinonez's horse appears to put the horse to his inside into close quarters with the inner rail. While there didn't appear to be contact, and the horse on the inside seems to overreact, we cautioned Mr. Quinonez with respect to having more control of his mounts.

02/25/09²**HEADLEY HEARING**

Trainer BRUCE HEADLEY met with the stewards in an informal hearing to discuss case 09SA047 which involved a feed room in his barn at Fairplex that was unclean. After repeated warnings by the Stable office at Pomona, the CHRB filed a complaint against Mr. Headley. While the CHRB was not seeking a fine, the investigator explained that in order to keep the backside free of rats and mice, and in order to comply with health department standards, some of the feed rooms had to be kept cleaner. The stewards felt that a warning was appropriate but cautioned Mr. Headley that the investigative staff would be continuing inspections and that if this situation was not remedied, a fine would be forthcoming.

02/25/09³**APOSTOLOU HEARING**

The stewards held an informal hearing regarding a financial complaint filed by trainer GUS HEADLEY against his owner DINO APOSTOLOU for unpaid training expenses. After some arguing, Mr. Apostolou agreed that he owed Mr. Headley \$2,915.59 and said that the check would be mailed later that day. He also asked for some help in extricating himself from his partnership with Mr. Headley and the stewards agreed to try to mediate a solution that would satisfy both parties.

02/25/09⁴**MORGAN HEARING**

Dr. JOE MORGAN met with the stewards in an informal hearing (case number 09SA038) to discuss a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging the late and improper filing of a necropsy submission form. Dr. Morgan took responsibility for the error and pledged that it would not happen again. Decision to follow.

02/25/09⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #4 Push Send – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck
Refund \$1,464.80; Minus Pool \$5,241.28

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$144.00; Minus Pool \$133.94

3rd Race #11 Ferndale Sal – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#12 Kingdom Come (IRE) – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$613.60

4th Race #3 Take From the Rich – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
#4 Waves of Honour – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,334.60

5th Race No changes

6th Race No changes; Refund \$20.00

7th Race No changes; Refund \$10.00

8th Race #14 Thinking of You – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#13 Ms Paint It Black – Rider change – J. Scott for C. Russell
(personal excuse)
Refund \$6.00

02/25/09⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,272	1,070,309.80
Inter-track	6,047	1,819,498.60
Out of state	n/a	3,958,647.48
Total	9,319	\$6,848,455.88

THURSDAY
02/26/09¹

FINANCIAL DISMISSED

A financial complaint filed by trainer Donald Warren against owner GREGORY UNRUH was dismissed when the alleged debt was paid in full (case 09SA056).

02/26/09²

MATIAS MEETING

The stewards met with apprentice rider Rodrigo Matias who had been referred by Hollywood Park security for smoking marijuana on the backside. Interestingly, Mr. Matias has a doctor's recommendation for the marijuana. Mr. Matias had not ridden for a month due to an injury but planned to ride in the near future. The stewards had decided earlier that he would have to test negative before resuming exercising and riding. This morning, Mr. Matias tested negative and was therefore clear to ride. This is an issue that the industry may have to address in a more standard way in the future.

02/26/09³

FILM REIVEW

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND met with the stewards to discuss her winning ride in Wednesday's sixth race in which she was aggressive in securing running room. Films revealed that Ms. Sutherland, in effect, pushed fifth place finisher #6 Mysterious Marissa out several lanes in order to create a running path. Ms. Sutherland explained that she initially tried to get out, thought better of it, but then jockey Danny Sorenson moved out in order to give her room. The majority felt that a warning was appropriate with days to come if it happens again, whereas Steward Chaney voted for three suspension days.

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the seventh race on Sunday. Films show that Mr. Espinoza was inside and behind horses down the back stretch and then shifts his horse to the outside, causing interference to the two horses to his outside. Mr. Espinoza acknowledged the abrupt move, but claimed that his horse was very rank and that he was clipping heels with the horse in front of him. The majority believed that this move was necessary to avoid clipping heels and therefore issued a warning, whereas Steward Chaney felt that three days were appropriate.

02/26/09⁴

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the third race on Thursday to examine an incident in which third place finisher #3 Defense King, ridden by Garrett Gomez, checks sharply while approaching the quarter pole on the main track. After reviewing the films, it became clear that although the angles were not ideal, the only horse that could have caused the interference finished last. Therefore, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

02/26/09⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes

2nd Race No changes

3rd Race #2 Capt. Pike – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
#3 Defense King – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer

- 4th Race #2 Unbridled Roman – Stewards' scratch, entered back
#8 Balfour Park - Stewards' scratch, entered back
- 5th Race #5 Cold Ruler – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
- 6th Race #2 Patriotic Soldier – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
- 7th Race No changes
- 8th Race #11 Kickin Caper – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Beck

02/26/09⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,873	1,349,624.40
Inter-track	7,311	2,273,292.10
Out of state	n/a	5,046,242.69
Total	11,184	\$8,669,159.19

FRIDAY02/27/09¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JESUS RIOS met with the stewards to review the third race yesterday in which his horse was the subject of an inquiry. Based upon the riders' and horses' reactions, it appeared that Mr. Rios allowed his mount to drift in approaching the quarter pole. Unfortunately, the video tapes do not conclusively demonstrate this theory and therefore the stewards felt that a warning was appropriate rather than suspension days.

Jockey GARRETT GOMEZ met with the stewards to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday during which his mount was involved in a bumping incident with two other horses. In reviewing the films, it is clear that while Mr. Gomez's horse does angle out to create running room, the move is fairly minor in nature. Mr. Gomez was therefore cautioned to keep a straighter course.

02/27/09²**MORGAN RULING**

Pursuant to our hearing with veterinarian Dr. Joseph Morgan, the following ruling was issued regarding a late and incomplete necropsy report:

LATS #040

Veterinarian JOSEPH MORGAN is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846 (c) (e) (Failure to file a request for postmortem examination in a timely manner).

02/27/09³**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to examine an incident in which the fourth place finisher, #3 Sayit ridden by Martin Garcia, checks in the closing stages of a six and one half furlong race. Films showed that while the eventual winner does drift inward, causing Mr. Garcia's horse to check, it did not appear to cost his horse a better placing.

Therefore, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards determined that no change was appropriate.

02/27/09⁴

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race, Patrick Husbands, rider of third place finisher #8 Showboater, claimed foul against the winner #4 Always Auditioning ridden by Victor Espinoza, for interference in the stretch. Films revealed that although the winner does drift out, it is due to an incident to his inside rather than any fault of his own; and that Mr. Husbands’ difficulty did not rise to the level of interference. Therefore, after consulting with the patrol judges and all riders involved, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

02/27/09⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Brendolyn – Claimed – T. West, trainer
Refund \$765.60
- 2nd Race #1 Stropo – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
#2 Ditto This – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
#4 Our Road Scholar – Claimed – B. Morey, trainer
Refund \$1,718.80
- 3rd Race #8 Poronui – Stewards’ scratch, medication
Refund \$766.70; Minus Pool \$2,363.98
- 4th Race #4 Fine Time to Leave – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock
Refund \$33,773.12
- 5th Race #6 Trigranaut – pulled up post race, walked off (synthetic)
Refund \$311.00; Minus Pool \$1,349.15
- 6th Race Refund \$3,899.50; #3 Kaptain Kordough – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$195.60
- 8th Race #6 Switch It Up – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
#1A Spanish Bunny – Late stewards’ scratch, unmanageable
Refund \$2,528.00

02/27/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,795	1,323,319.90
Inter-track	5,850	1,704,771.50
Out of state	n/a	4,271,984.66
Total	11,645	\$7,300,076.06

SATURDAY
02/28/09¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the second race yesterday in which we felt that he was a bit aggressive in driving his

horse to a space with questionable clearance. Although the horse with whom he made contact was certainly tiring, we explained that Mr. Quinonez needed to demonstrate more patience before splitting horses in the future, lest he be penalized with suspension days. He agreed.

Jockey JOE TALAMO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the eighth race yesterday during which he was tangentially part of an inquiry. A review of the films indicated that Mr. Talamo initially tried to maneuver his mount through an opening on the inside rail, but unable to get to the space before it closed, decided to abruptly angle his horse to the outside. In doing so, he made significant contact with the runner to his outside. Mr. Talamo did try to avoid the contact but had too much momentum to be successful in this endeavor. Also weighing in Mr. Talamo's favor was the fact that the horse in front of him failed to maintain a straight course, making it difficult for him to correctly choose a path. After considering the circumstances, we felt that a three day suspension was in order and issued the following ruling:

LATS #041

Jockey **JOE TALAMO**, who rode Irish Torrent in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on February 27, 2009, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 7, 8, and 11, 2009) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1766 (Designated Races).

02/28/09²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#8 Comical Alibi – Stewards' scratch, ownership #6 Built for Thederby – Rider change – K. Stra for G. Martin Refund \$1,155.24
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$440.12; Minus Pool \$27,062.94
3 rd Race	#1 Victoria Reel (GB) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$2,770.50; Minus Pool \$15,701.00
4 th Race	#7 Masterly (ARG) – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Durenburger #5 Return of the King – Claimed – R. Cardenas, trainer Refund \$2,619.24
5 th Race	No changes
6 th Race	#1 Ballistic Heat – Rider change – A. Quinonez for P. Arambula
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$55.68
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$83.58
9 th Race	#9 Ventana – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,760.88

10th Race #11 Multitasker – Claimed – G. Sherlock, trainer

02/28/09³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	11,770	3,086,171.20
Inter-track	9,821	3,241,355.10
Out of state	n/a	7,910,532.92
Total	21,591	\$14,238,059.22

SUNDAY

03/01/09¹

ENTRY MEETING

The stewards called a meeting this morning to discuss entry of horses on the Veterinarian's List, as the Racing Office had become disgruntled by a series of three scratches of horses that had been entered while on the list. Each scratch stemmed from the trainer's private veterinarian failing to notify the receiving barn in a timely manner that the horse had returned to good health after having been placed on the Vet's List. In each case, the call had come after entries were taken, forcing the stewards to make the scratches in compliance with the CHRB rules and regulations regarding eligibility at the time of entry. Racing office personnel became upset at what they thought to be a heavy handed application of the rules over what amounted to a formality.

Present at the meeting in addition to the stewards were Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui, Official Veterinarian Dr. Jennifer Durenburger, Racing Veterinarian Dr. Jill Bailey, Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur and Racing Secretary Rick Hammerle. Dr. Arthur spoke principally for the veterinarians in explaining that the requirement that trainers have their private veterinarians report horses good health status, while a seeming formality, was important to the process and frankly not very difficult. After some discussion, most agreed that the rule and its enforcement was proper and necessary and would be continued. The vets agreed to do what they could to prevent these scratches in the future and the racing office realized that they needed to be more pro-active in producing that result.

03/01/09²

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the fifth race in order to examine some contact between the winner and second place finisher early in the stretch. Films showed that the winner #2 Pindaric, ridden by Joel Rosario, angles out and makes contact with second place finisher #5 Rare Nugget, ridden by Garrett Gomez. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously determined that the contact did not rise to the level of interference and therefore that no change was appropriate.

03/01/09³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 It's Partytime – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$5,006.58

- 2nd Race #6 Nine to Dine – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
#4 Nuschka’s Dream – Claimed – R. Cardenas, trainer
Refund \$1,099.00
- 3rd Race #8 Elsa’s Rose – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock –
Dr. Bailey
Refund \$9,705.26
- 4th Race #2 High Stakes Silver – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr.
Durenburger
#3 Fantasy Free - Claimed – R. Becerra, trainer
Refund \$1,245.26
- 5th Race #5 Rare Nugget – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer
Refund \$115.00
- 6th Race #5 Kentucky Nectar – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
#8 Brahmzee – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$140,384.22
- 7th Race #5 Battle of Hastings (GB) – Stewards’ scratch, stake
#2 Preemo – broke down at the wire, right knee, vanned off and
euthanized (turf)
Refund \$2,346.30
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$2.00; Minus Pool \$5,759.91
- 9th Race No changes; Refund \$15.00

03/01/09⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	17,972	2,364,131.10
Inter-track	8,811	2,530,555.70
Out of state	n/a	4,999,671.00
Total	26,783	\$9,894,357.80

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 02/23/09 – 03/01/09

- Horses on Vet List 23
- Horses off Vet List 18
- Shock Wave Therapy 18
- Deceased 2
- Medication 12

SUMMARY

	Wed. 2/25	Thurs. 2/26	Fri. 2/27	Sat. 2/28	Sun. 3/01		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	0		1	6
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	2	0		5	43
Claims	0	2	2	2	3		9	125
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	1
Inquiries	0	1	2	0	1		4	21
Refunds	7	8	8	7	9		39	226
Rulings	0	0	1	1	0		2	41

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Randy Winick, Steward

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