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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
Honorable David Israel, Vice Chairman
Honorable John Andreini, Member
Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
Honorable Bo Derek, Member
Honorable Jerry Moss, Member
Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

For the period: Wednesday, March 04, 2009, through Sunday, March 08, 2009.

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MINUTES – ELEVENTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA

WEDNESDAY
03/04/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 2nd Race #4 On Fire (Tr. Barry Abrams) injured, Dr. Beck
#7 King of the Green (Tr. Brian Koriner) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,754.03
- 3rd Race #2 Justinero (Tr. Jerry Wallace) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$318.50; Minus Pool \$235.94
- 4th Race #7 Royal Seal (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) on Vet's list, Stewards
Refund \$2,113.10

03/04/09²

RULING #042

This ruling was agreed upon after exercise rider Cordero appeared to address a failure to appear. The respondent was discharged from parole for a felony conviction on 9/2/08. In compliance with C.H.R.B. Directive 01-09, the case was referred to Sacramento for further action.

LATS #042

Having appeared before the Board of Stewards, exercise rider ANTONIO JOSE CORDERO, is reinstated and LATS Ruling #27 dated January 15, 2006 is set aside. Mr. Cordero is therefore eligible to reapply for licensing.

03/04/09³**FOUR JOCKEYS REVIEW RACES**

Jockey David Flores appeared to review last Friday's eighth race. Jockey Mike Baze reviewed Friday's seventh and Thursday's fourth races. Next, jockey Joel Rosario, accompanied by his agent Vic Stauffer, reviewed the fifth event from Sunday. Lastly, Rafael Bejarano watched Sunday's tenth race with the stewards. All four riders were cautioned to have better control of their mounts and make better efforts to keep their horses straight.

03/04/09⁴**INFORMAL HEARING**

Assistant trainer John Daly, representing trainer Eric Guillot, appeared in response to a complaint that his horse was late to the receiving barn. Mr. Daly explained that he was caught in traffic from Hollywood and was late putting the run downs on the horse; additionally, the shavings truck was in front of the barn. According to the assistant trainer, these problems added up the ten minutes he was delayed. Decision to follow.

03/04/09⁵**GOOD DAY**

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

03/04/09⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,481	1,013,177.90
Inter-track	5,727	1,644,338.10
Out of state	n/a	3,622,096.70
Total	9,208	\$6,279,612.70

THURSDAY03/05/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #3 Vaso (Tr. George Papaprodromou) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$917.24; Minus Pool \$682.30

3rd Race #4 Mont La Salle (Tr. Victor Garcia) unsound, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$954.38

4th Race #7 Final Journey (Tr. Martin Jones) unsound, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,668.90

5th Race #6 Cape Diver (Tr. Jose DeLima) injured, Dr. Beck
#10 Good Shot Mally (Tr. Mark Glatt) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,540.00

6th Race #3 Pinkarella (Tr. Doug O'Neill) sick, Dr. Beck
Refund \$1,886.52

8th Race #2 Wheaton Hall (Tr. Ruben Cardenas) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,845.00

03/04/09²**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Joel Rosario appeared to review yesterday's fifth race with the stewards. He was accompanied by his agent Vic Stauffer. After much discussion from all parties, the rider was cautioned to give rivals a little bit more room going into the turn. Steward Ward was of the opinion that Rosario deserved days.

03/04/09³**DISTINGUISHED VISITOR**

Assistant Executive Director of the California Horse Racing Board Bon Smith visited the stewards today. Mr. Smith is here for tomorrow's C.H.R.B. meeting.

03/04/09⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,081	1,116,310.00
Inter-track	6,145	1,739,932.80
Out of state	n/a	3,788,518.96
Total	10,226	\$6,644,761.76

FRIDAY03/06/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1st Race #3 Such a Shame (Tr. Edward Freeman) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$530.00

2nd Race #7 Isabella Monique (Tr. David Hofmans) sick, Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$319.30

5th Race #6 Princess Quinn (Tr. Jesus Mendoza) no rider available,
stewards
Refund \$5,324.85

6th Race #2 On Vapors (Tr. Jason Lopez) injured, Dr. Bailey
#1 Inara (Tr. Mike Pender) injured, Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$1,817.00

8th Race #2 South Coast (Tr. Martin Jones) injured, Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$1,041.60

03/06/09²**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Corey Nakatani appeared to review last Saturday's seventh race. The rider's horse was well last at the eighth pole, and Nakatani whipped the horse to the wire. The jockey explained the trainer instructed him to ride the horse hard the last eighth of a mile. Mr. Nakatani was advised that whipping a hopelessly beaten horse was unacceptable.

03/06/09³**STIPULATED AGREEMENTS**

Trainer Mike Mitchell and his barn veterinarian Dr. Dowd appeared to address stipulated agreements. The case involved a procaine positive on the horse "Scat Thief" which ran in the seventh race at Del Mar on August 3, 2008, finishing third.

Both Mitchell and Dowd stated that another vet from Dr. Dowd's practice treated the horse multiple times daily; Mr. Mitchell added that he moved the sick horse to an outside pen. Dr. Dowd accepted responsibility for the incident and indicated he has since changed the procedure for treating sick horses. Rulings to follow at a later date.

03/06/09⁴**WARNING ISSUED**

Trainer Uri Rafaeli was issued a warning regarding a barn area dispute at Pomona. The trainer was advised to get along with his neighbors.

03/06/09⁵**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the first race (six furlongs) the stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey David Flores, rider of the second place finisher #1 Dana Dynamo. Flores alleged interference by the winner #5 Defense King, Garrett Gomez aboard, at the three-eighths pole. After speaking with these riders, receiving the patrol judges' reports and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Films failed to substantiate the claim of foul, as the incident was of a minor nature.

03/06/09⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,519	1,301,854.60
Inter-track	6,257	1,920,119.00
Out of state	n/a	4,812,937.12
Total	12,776	\$8,034,910.72

SATURDAY
03/07/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #14 Niger River (Tr. Victor Fernandez) injured, Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$361.00
- 2nd Race #8 Premium Quality (Tr. Jenine Sahadi) sick, Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$226.50
- 7th Race #10 Acronym (Tr. Robert Frankel) stake, stewards
Refund \$779.10; Minus Pool \$66,656.19
- 9th Race #2 Mast Track (Tr. Robert Frankel) stake, stewards
#3 Monterey Jazz (Tr. Craig Dollase) stake, stewards
Refund \$2,560.10
- 10th Race #5 Colonel John (Tr. E.G. Harty) stake, stewards
Refund \$5,626.58

03/07/09²**RULINGS #043, 044 (ref 03/06/09³)**

These rulings were issued after hearings yesterday for the stipulated agreements.

LATS #043

Trainer MICHAEL MITCHELL, who started the horse "SCAT THIEF" in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on August 3, 2008, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the

California Horse Racing Board, 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 (Authorized Medication – procaine, Class 3).

LATS #044

Veterinarians JOSEPH DOWD, EDWIN SIMPSON and JENNIFER FINLEY, whose veterinary practice, Equine Medical and Surgical Group, treated the horse “SCAT THIEF,” who ran in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on August 3, 2008, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, are fined FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$4,500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1843 (Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances) and 1844 (Authorized Medication – procaine, Class 3).

03/07/09³

WARNING ISSUED

Exercise Rider Thierry Guillaume appeared before the stewards. It's been called to the attention of the stewards that the rider has been warned several times to buckle his chin strap. Mr. Guillaume stated he now understands and will keep strap fastened. The rider was warned today, but was put on notice that a further violation would result in a penalty.

03/07/09⁴

JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Chantal Sutherland appeared to review yesterday's fifth race with the stewards. The rider was cautioned to have better control of her mounts.

03/07/09⁵

STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the second race (6 ½ furlongs), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident nearing the wire. Involved were the fourth place finisher #1 Belafonte (jockey John Velazquez) and the sixth place horse #3 Devoted Magic (jockey Mike Smith). After talking with these riders, receiving reports from the patrol judges, and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show that a hole along the rail closes before #3 arrives at a passable position.

03/07/09⁶

STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the seventh race (The Santa Anita Oaks – 1 1/6 miles), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the sixteenth pole. Involved were the second place finisher #9 Third Dawn (jockey Rafael Bejarano) on the outside of a three horse spread, #4 Hooh Why (jockey Robby Albarado) – on the inside finishing third, and #3 Miss Silver (jockey Alex Solis) the seventh place filly who was racing in the middle and took up. After discussion with the riders, review of patrol judges reports, and replays of the race films, the stewards unanimously agreed to let the order of finish stand. The replays show #3 being hard to handle and erratic while between horses, then #9 drifts in slightly as #4 comes out. All three horses contributed to the incident thus no change was warranted.

03/07/09⁷

MINUS POOL

Heavily favored Stardom Bound got up to win the Oaks at the wire, creating a deficit of \$66,656.19 in the seventh event.

03/07/09⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	31,496	4,593,620.90
Inter-track	11,965	3,965,927.40
Out of state	n/a	11,162,400.51
Total	43,461	\$19,721,948.81

SUNDAY03/08/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 1st Race #2 Lemon (Tr. Declan Jackson) unsound, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$68,060.51
- 5th Race #5 In Session (Tr. Marcelo Polanco) injured, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$684.95
- 6th Race #10 We Will Rock You (Tr. Christophe Clement) injured, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$4,142.20
- 8th Race #1 Fastongrass (Tr. J. C. Canani) injured, Dr. Bailey
#3 Cornish Rose (Tr. Jamie Lloyd) enter back, stewards
#8 Hooh Why (Tr. Carla Gaines) ran yesterday, stewards
Refund \$3,112.36

03/08/09²**RULING #045**

This ruling was issued when the jockey rode a designated race in New York yesterday.

LATS #045

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), jockey JOSEPH TALAMO, having participated in a designated race in New York on Saturday, March 7, 2009, shall serve an additional suspension day – Thursday, March 12, 2009, in order to satisfy the terms of LATS Ruling #041 dated February 28, 2009.

03/08/09³**RULING #046 (ref 03/04/09⁴)**

This ruling was agreed upon after due deliberation from Wednesday's hearing. Assistant trainer Daly admitted to being late to the receiving barn.

LATS #046

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer), trainer ERIC GUILLOT is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

03/08/09⁴**RULING #047**

Trainer Cerin admitted to being late and accepted this penalty.

LATS #047

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer), trainer VLADIMIR CERIN is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

03/08/09⁵**JOCKEY MEETING**

Jockey Guild President Terry Meyocks and Regional Manager Darrell Haire requested a meeting with the stewards this morning. In addition to their representatives, in attendance were jockeys (1) Garrett Gomez (2) Alex Solis (3) Mike Smith (4) John Velazquez (5) Jose Valdivia, Jr. (6) Corey Nakatani, and Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui as an observer. Yesterday's Santa Anita Oaks was the catalyst for the meeting. Much discussion and numerous opinions were offered. Other topics were discussed, and most participants left in more or less a jovial mood.

03/08/09⁶**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Joel Rosario and his agent Vic Stauffer appeared to review yesterday's first race with the stewards. The rider was cautioned about bringing his horse in a sharp angle towards the rail.

03/08/09⁷**EXERCISE BOY APPEARS**

Exercise rider Jose G. Lopez came before the Board of Stewards. The rider was accompanied by trainer Mike Mitchell and Winners' Foundation representative Le Roy Martinez. Mr. Lopez had tested positive for marijuana in Arizona on February 13, 2009. Acting on our own motion, with Arizona's concurrence, the rider agreed to enter into a program with the Winners' Foundation and sign a testing agreement with the C.H.R.B. Mr. Lopez tested negative today.

03/08/09⁸**CAL-BRED TOTALS**

A total of five races were run exclusively for Cal-Breds this week.

03/08/09⁹**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the first race (six furlongs), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the head of the stretch. Horses and jockeys involved were the winner #5 Mossad (Garrett Gomez) and the third place finisher #6 Thor's Bullet (Alex Solis). After speaking with these riders, receiving patrol judges reports and reviewing the tape replays, the decision to make no change in the finish order was unanimous. Films show that #5 ducked out into #6 at the quarter pole, however, the incident did not cost the latter the opportunity at a better placing.

03/082/09¹⁰**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,794	2,032,548.80
Inter-track	8,538	2,423,927.40
Out of state	n/a	5,355,357.99
Total	17,332	\$9,811,834.19

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

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 03/02/09-03/08/09

Horses on Vet List 23
 Horses off Vet List **23**
 Shock Wave Therapy 22
 Deceased 2
 Medication 7

SUMMARY

	Wed. 03/04	Thurs. 03/05	Fri. 03/06	Sat. 03/07	Sun. 03/08	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	0	1	1	5	48
Claims	2	1	3	1	1	8	133
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	2	1	4	25
Refunds	4	7	5	6	6	28	244
Rulings	1	0	0	2	3	6	47

Respectfully submitted,

 Albert Christiansen, Steward

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

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