

## 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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Honorable Bo Derek, Member  
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For the period: Wednesday, March 18, through Sunday, March 22, 2009.

## MINUTES – THIRTEENTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA

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**WEDNESDAY**03/18/09<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO participated in an informal hearing this morning to review his ride in the ninth race on Sunday. Films show that Mr. Rosario's horse drifts out at the three eighths pole and makes hard contact with the horse to his outside. Films also show that Mr. Rosario is making a strong effort to prevent this move. Therefore, no sanction was required.

03/18/09<sup>2</sup>**BAZE HEARING**

Jockey TYLER BAZE met with the stewards to discuss case 09SA081 which alleged violation of CHRB rule 1688 (Use of Whips). The complaint also included pictures documenting that Mr. Baze had cut and left a welt on a horse's flank during the running of a race. Although an inadvertent act, we felt the following ruling was necessary; taking into account the fact that Mr. Baze had not been cited under this rule in quite some time:

**LATS #055**

Jockey TYLER BAZE is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b) (3) (Use of Whips – causing welts or break in the skin) in the sixth race on March 14, 2009.

03/18/09<sup>3</sup>

**O’HARA HEARING**

Trainer JOHN O’HARA contacted the stewards yesterday to explain that he had entered a horse to run Wednesday, March 18 which the owner had begun the process of selling, including a veterinary examination. The horse was therefore scratched and Mr. O’Hara was issued the following ruling:

**LATS #054**

Trainer JOHN O’HARA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) necessitating a late declaration from the seventh race on March 18, 2009 at Santa Anita Park.

03/18/09<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$53.00
  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race            #5 Squire Trelawny – Claimed – W. Delia, trainer  
Refund \$172.00
  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race            #6 Lovely Catherine – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck  
Refund \$1,084.80
  
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race            #2 Shebang (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck  
#4 Mrs. Rocha – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck  
#6 Turks Rebecca – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck  
Refund \$2,710.06
  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race            #1a Angel’s Law – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$76.24
  
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$76.24
  
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race            #10 Medjool – Stewards’ scratch, ownership  
#8 Victorian Prince (IRE) – Rider change -- C. Potts for A. Gryder  
(personal issue)  
Refund \$1,816.64
  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race            #1 Raise Again – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck  
#2 Aunt Pink – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Beck  
#8 Why Whynot – Stewards’ scratch, works  
Refund \$3,055.62

03/18/09<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,636	1,115,196.00
Inter-track	6,165	1,767,447.50
Out of state	n/a	3,808,566.44
Total	9,801	\$6,691,209.94

**THURSDAY**  
03/19/09<sup>1</sup>

**ROUTINE MORNING**

Other than small issues, all matters this morning were routine.

03/19/09<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$1,147.04

2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$34.75

8<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Trueno – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$41,519.90

03/19/09<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,069	1,017,316.80
Inter-track	5,616	1,478,592.00
Out of state	n/a	3,805,783.92
Total	9,685	\$6,674,559.02

**FRIDAY**  
03/20/09<sup>1</sup>

**RIOS HEARING AND RULING**

Jockey JESUS RIOS participated in an informal hearing to discuss case 09SA062 which alleged that Mr. Rios had caused a welt on one of his mounts in violation of the whip rules. In the face of photographic evidence, Mr. Rios had little defense other than to offer a better job in the future. The following ruling was published:

**LATS #056**

Jockey JESUS RIOS is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b) (3) (Use of Whips – causing welts or breaks in the skin) in the seventh race on February 21, 2009.

03/20/09<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$70.29

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Unusual Fun – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$130.86

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #7 Surprise Minister – Claimed – L. Powell, trainer  
Refund \$3.00

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$28.31
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$146.40
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Prize Play – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$949.20
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Brendolyn – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$1,062.12
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Noble Courage – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey  
#12 Southern Moment – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$3,206.60

03/20/09<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,491	1,285,828.80
Inter-track	6,095	1,767,212.00
Out of state	n/a	4,540,375.82
Total	12,586	\$7,593,416.62

**SATURDAY**  
03/21/09<sup>1</sup>

**SADLER HEARING**

A formal hearing was held into case numbers 08DM016, 08DM017, 08DM021 and 08DM022 which embodied complaints filed against trainer JOHN SADLER for violation of several CHRB rules concerning steroid (stanozolol) overages. Present at the hearing were DAG Dana Cartozian, DAG Bruce Reynolds, CHRB Investigators Jim Hamilton, Rick Amieva, and Guy Bourgeois, Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui, lawyer Donald Calabria, Respondent John Sadler, and expert witness Dr. Tom Tobin. Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. The complaint involved four steroid positives from Del Mar last August during the phase-in period of the new rule. The DAG presented the CHRB's case which relied on documentary evidence to prove the overages. Mr. Sadler also relied on documentary evidence as well as expert testimony. The evidence was submitted and the record closed. A decision will be forthcoming.

03/21/09<sup>2</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$3.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$9.60
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$30.70
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Inara – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
#3 Blame the Wine – Claimed – AC Avila, trainer  
Refund \$371.50
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$921.00

- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Caspian – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped on way to paddock – Dr. Durenburger  
Refund \$17,561.12
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 You Got Me Rocking – Stewards' scratch, stake  
#7 On Fire – Stewards' scratch, stake  
#5 Spring House – vanned off post race, precautionary (turf)  
Refund \$9,590.12
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Swiss Ski – Claimed – M. Chew, trainer  
#5 Magnificent – Claimed – J. Mullins, trainer  
#8 Khun Dan – Claimed – M. Conlon, trainer  
Refund \$279.00
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Dilemma – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Durenburger  
Refund \$2,352.80

03/21/09<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,010	2,268,865.20
Inter-track	9,257	2,971,837.70
Out of state	n/a	7,499,609.96
Total	18,267	\$12,740,312.86

**SUNDAY**  
03/22/09<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MICHAEL BAZE participated in an informal hearing to discuss his ride in the fifth race yesterday in which his horse drifted in slightly during the stretch run on the turf course. After reviewing the films, it appears that although there was some contact with the horse to his inside, Mr. Baze did make an effort to prevent the incident. Mr. Baze pledged to make a better effort in the future.

03/22/09<sup>2</sup>**FERNANDEZ HEARING**

Trainer VICTOR FERNANDEZ participated in an informal hearing to answer case 09SA022 which represented a complaint filed by groom and former employee Carlos Laboy. The licensees disagreed about the terms of Mr. Laboy's employment and more specifically, Mr. Laboy alleged that Mr. Fernandez owed him \$816.00 for past wages. After a fair amount of bickering, both parties agreed to settle the case for \$400.00. Mr. Fernandez will bring in the money within a week.

03/22/09<sup>3</sup>**ELLIS HEARING AND DECISION**

An informal hearing was held to discuss case number 09SA024, which alleged that trainer RON ELLIS violated CHRB rule 1902.5 (Animal Welfare). The CHRB requested a continuance of the hearing. Each party had already been granted a continuance which is standard procedure for this office. The CHRB was not able to offer a legitimate reason for a second continuance (or any reason for that matter); and as counsel for Mr. Ellis pointed out, the continuance violated the rules outlined on the face of the complaint (which requires that the request must be made in writing 72 hours before the hearing). Furthermore, the CHRB

investigator had represented to the respondent’s attorney that the case would be withdrawn or dismissed. Given all of the above, the majority voted not to allow the continuance (Steward Ward did not think that a continuance was inappropriate). The CHRB was not prepared to go forward and the case was therefore dismissed.

03/22/09<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 E Bee Girl – Rider change – M. Baze for L. Molina (sick)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$218.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$313.80
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1a – My City by the Bay – Stewards’ scratch, off turf  
 #4 Headache (FR) - Stewards’ scratch, off turf  
 #9 Mt. Orient - Stewards’ scratch, off turf  
 #6 Kruger Park – Claimed – A. Marquez, trainer  
 Refund \$3,098.10
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Topper Shopper – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer  
 Refund \$554.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Unusual Strike - Stewards’ scratch, off turf  
 #8 Birdie Birdie- Stewards’ scratch, off turf  
 Refund \$5,146.50
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$1,869.20
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Eissoai (BRZ) – Stewards’ scratch, stake  
 #9 Dawn After Dawn – Stewards’ scratch, stake  
 Refund \$18,411.80
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$33.00

03/22/09<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,691	1,791,369.70
Inter-track	8,209	2,469,537.30
Out of state	n/a	4,916,327.50
Total	16,900	\$9,177,234.50

**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 03/16/09 – 03/22/09**

Horses on Vet List 16  
 Horses off Vet List 17  
 Shock Wave Therapy 28  
 Deceased 2  
 Medication 7

**SUMMARY**

	Wed. 3/18	Thurs. 3/19	Fri. 3/20	Sat. 3/21	Sun. 3/22		<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>	7
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	2		<b>5</b>	57
Claims	1	0	1	4	2		<b>8</b>	154
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0		<b>0</b>	26
Refunds	8	1	8	10	8		<b>35</b>	300
Rulings	2	0	1	0	0		<b>3</b>	56

Respectfully submitted,

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 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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 Tom Ward, Steward

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 Albert Christiansen, Steward

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