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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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WEEK 4-Sunday, January 16, 2010-Saturday, January 22, 2011

SUNDAY

01/16/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

7th race - #1 Michael's Rose (Veterinarian-sick)
#5 Giddyup Gadfly (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,512.00
8th race - #7 Life Well Lived (Stakes)
#8 It Tiz (Stakes) refund of \$1,947.30

01/16/11²

RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Omar Berrio, who was hospitalized for what was termed a minor stroke a short while ago, was excused from his lone mount of the day as his doctor, who approved him to exercise horses this past week, wants to see another CAT scan before he permits Omar to return to racing. A replacement rider was named.

01/16/11³

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT

A financial complaint filed by trainer Frank Martin against owner Ashley Francovich for past due training bills was settled somewhat amicably when Ms. Francovich and her mother, Lynne, agreed to relinquish their ten percent ownership in the horse Mikrocosmo for \$500.00, due within sixty days.

01/16/11⁴

RULING LATS #030

Owner **NOUR-DEAN ANAKAR**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876(Financial Responsibility-West Racing

Stable \$7,259.00) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

This ruling was issued after Mr. Anakar failed to attend a re-scheduled hearing involving a past due training bill to Ted West. Mr. Ankar requested a postponement and was informed via postal service of the new date.

01/16/11⁵

COMPLAINT SETTLED

A financial complaint filed by Dr.Melinda Blue against owner Sean Gerson was settled amicably as the parties agreed to a monthly payment plan.

01/16/11⁶

MINUS POOL

A minus pool was created in the eighth race as #2 Blind Luck, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 3-5, finished second. A total of \$29,684.08 had to be added in order to balance.

01/16/11⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,234	\$1,500,843.60
Inter-track	7,199	\$1,922,054.00
Out of state	n/a	\$3,310,641.18
Total	14,433	\$6,733,538.78

MONDAY

01/17/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

5th race - #6 Tiralee (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$90.10

9th race - #14 Del Mar Express (Also eligible) refund of \$83.30

01/17/11²

RULING LATS #029

Assistant trainer **PETER PIZZURRO**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876(Financial Responsibility-Dr. Melinda Blue \$6,168.50), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

This ruling was issued after efforts to contact Mr. Pizzurro proved unsuccessful. His last whereabouts was in Arizona, but it does not appear that he is racing at Turf Paradise.

01/17/11³

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Joe Talamo was in the office this morning to review his ride in the ninth race from Sunday as he started to ease his mount at mid-stretch while still in

contention. Talamo explained that he thought the horse took a bad step shortly after entering the stretch and he was concerned about the horse's condition. After looking at the replay of the race, he acknowledged that the "bad step" was not evident in the video. He was told that in the future, if the same scenario occurs, we would expect him to pull the horse up and dismount. He said he would comply.

01/17/11⁴ All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

01/17/11⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,017	\$1,657,472.90
Inter-track	6,400	\$1,974,062.40
Out of state	n/a	\$3,335,535.56
Total	15,417	\$6,967,070.86

THURSDAY

01/20/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3rd race - #1 Suances Flower (Veterinarian -injured)

#4 Phi Beta Heat (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$4,535.30

6th race - #5 Real Friend (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$218.50

01/20/11²

RULING LATS #031

Trainer **HENRY MORENO**, whose horse "Alphabet Cat" was entered in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 15, 2011, is fined **FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Late Declaration).

This ruling was issued after an informal hearing with the trainer into his horse's failure to be in the Receiving Barn in time to participate in the fourth race on January 15, 2011. Mr. Moreno, who has an enviable record of compliance during his training career of over 50 years, took full responsibility for the situation, stating that he left his barn shortly before the horse was scheduled to leave for the Receiving Barn and everything was in readiness. He found out later that the horse's groom had been imbibing earlier in the day and he suspects that this led to the problem.

01/20/10³

RULING LATS #032

Jockey **JOSEPH TALAMO**, who rode the horse "Los Bomberos" in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on January 17, 2011, is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey-failure to ride mount to the finish).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the fifth race from January 17, during which he stood up in the irons prior to the finish. The problem arose as his mount was beaten narrowly for fourth place. Mr. Talamo was forthright and contrite, stating that he apologized to the trainer right after the race and told him that his actions cost the connections fourth money. We explained that the wagering public was also impacted as, with exotic wagers,

fourth place can be as important as first place. He stated that he will make an effort to ride his horses through the wire.

01/20/11⁴

COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN

A complaint filed by Blue Sky Training Center against owner Marian Fortier was withdrawn as a settlement between the two entities was reached prior to hearing.

01/20/11⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the fifth race to review interference which occurred approaching the first turn involving the sixth and ninth place finishers, #1 Concerto Thunder(R. Bejarano) and #2 Woodland Flood(V. Espinoza).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards, even though pari-mutuel wagering was not affected, voted to disqualify Concerto Thunder from sixth to ninth position. Video showed that horse drifting out nearing the turn, forcing Woodland Flood out and onto the heels of #8 Mr. Katz, causing Woodland Flood to clip heels and stumble sharply.

01/20/11⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,293	\$649,834.40
Inter-track	5,129	\$1,185,108.30
Out of state	n/a	\$2,561,802.62
Total	8,422	\$4,396,745.32

FRIDAY

01/21/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #4 Camicory (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,582.50

7th race - #2 Royal F J (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$400.20

01/21/11²

COMPLAINT SETTLED

A complaint filed by Dr. Melinda Blue against her former employee, Dr. Nicola Hardgrove, was settled as the original figure of \$1,451.90, for reimbursement of monies advanced for malpractice insurance, was reduced to \$500.00. Dr. Hardgrove offered a check on the spot.

01/21/11³

COMPLAINT ON HOLD

A financial complaint filed by Dr. Melinda Blue against owner Scott Roberts was placed on hold after Mr. Roberts offered information that monies had been advanced to his former trainer, Mike Pender, in order to satisfy the bill. Roberts will file a complaint of his own against Pender.

01/21/11⁴

RULING LATS #033

Jockey **RAFAEL BEJARANO**, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (January 27, 28, and 29, 2011) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount "Concerto's Thunder" in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on January 20, 2011. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

This ruling was issued after the jockey had viewed the fifth race from 1-20-2011. His mount had been disqualified for interference approaching the first turn (Ref.2-20-2011⁵). Mr. Bejarano said his horse was difficult to guide, but accepted responsibility for the incident as he said he could have done a better job to protect the other rider.

01/21/11⁵

JOCKEY OBJECTION AND DISQUALIFICATION

The objection sign was posted after the first race as jockey Joel Rosario(2nd, #2 Dave's Ruler) lodged a claim of foul against jockey Abel Cedillo(1st, #8 Manofgold) for interference near the finish. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the race the Stewards, by a majority decision(Ward in the minority), disqualified Manofgold from first to second position. The majority felt that the contact caused by the drift was sufficient to cost Dave's Ruler the chance at a better placing. The minority was of the opinion that the contact was nothing more than a "brush", was insignificant, and had no effect on the placings.

01/21/11⁶

MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$2,188.77 was created in the fourth race as #5 Reba Is Tops, the odds-on favorite at 3/5, proved a game winner.

01/21/11⁷

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #2 Raebella was off in the left foreleg during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead .The refund amounted to \$26,347.66.

01/21/11⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,271	\$975,962.40
Inter-track	5,688	\$1,333,965.70
Out of state	n/a	\$2,941,717.52
Total	8,959	\$5,251,645.62

SATURDAY

01/22/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #9 Just Heat (Veterinarian-sick) see 1-22-2011⁵

5th race - #1a Bernsie's Baby (Also eligible)

#11 Big Wags (Also eligible) refund of \$695.80

6th race - #12 Bella Bubbles (Also eligible) refund of \$478.10

9th race - #9 Becky's Dream (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$149.70

01/22/11²

PETER MILLER

A formal hearing for Peter Miller into his failure to wear a safety helmet and his failure to cooperate with stable security was terminated midway through the hearing as Miller said that he could not understand what the State's main witness, outrider Mario Quinteros, was saying. Miller felt that an interpreter was needed so that he could properly cross-examine the witness. It has been re-set for February 3rd.

01/22/11³

RULING LATS #034

Apprentice jockey **ABEL CEDILLO** is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (January 28, 29, and 30, 2011) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount "Manofgold" from first to second place in the first race at Santa Anita Park on January 21, 2011. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

This ruling was issued after the apprentice, accompanied by jockey David Flores, had viewed video of the first race from 1-21, in which his mount was disqualified for interference (Ref. 1-21-2011⁵). He offered no reason which would excuse his lack of effort.

01/22/11⁴

LATE STAKES SCRATCH

#7 Don Tito was declared from the seventh race in compliance with the rules as trainer John Sadler called prior to the third race in order to initiate the scratch. The refund amounted to \$5,366.97.

01/22/11⁵

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the eighth race to review the circumstances under which jockey Patrick Valenzuela, aboard #6 She'll Heir, was unseated from his mount at the start. While that inquiry was in progress, Russell Baze, who rode #9 Cambina, lodged a claim of foul against Brice Blanc, who finished third aboard #4 Wallstreeter, for interference at the crossover.

After speaking with the riders available, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the two incidents, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. With no true head-on of the start available, it was impossible to conclusively say what caused the accident. It appeared as though mutual light contact between She'll Heir and the winner, #5 Bloemer Girl, was partly responsible, as well as Patrick possible falling back on the horse's mouth after breaking slowly. With respect to the objection, angles where the incident took place were inconclusive. Compounding the problem was the fact that the rail was out, causing a funnel effect entering the stretch. See attached accident report. As an aside, the Stewards have been asking for a true head-on for several years, but to this point we have been stonewalled, with the cost of installation being given as the problem.

01/22/11⁶

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race as #8 Beyond Loaded failed to warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$60,022.10.

01/22/11⁷

MINUS POOL

A minus pool of \$18,821.23 was created in the seventh race as #1 Smiling Tiger, odds-on at 2-5, hung on to finish third.

01/22/11⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,385	\$1,747,206.70
Inter-track	8,239	\$2,416,782.50
Out of state	n/a	\$4,876,346.87
Total	15,624	\$9,040,336.07

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 REPORT - WEEK of 01/10/11 – 01/16/11

Horses on Vet List 8
 Horses off Vet List **10**
 Shock Wave Therapy 19
 Deceased 1
 Medication 8

SUMMARY

	Sun 1/16	Mon 1/17	Thu 1/20	Fri 1/21	Sat 1/22		Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	2		4	5
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	0		2	2
Rulings	2	0	2	1	1		6	34
Refunds	2	2	2	3	5		14	75
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1		1	2
Claims	7	2	2	3	2		16	49
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	1	3		8	24

Respectfully submitted,

 Tom Ward, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward