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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 12-Sunday, March 13, 2011-Saturday, March 19, 2011

SUNDAY
03/13/11¹

KITCHINGMAN RULING

After careful consideration of case number 11SA048 (referenced in 3/12/11⁵), the double NSAID complaint filed against trainer ADAM KITCHINGMAN, we published the following ruling:

LATS #070

Trainer **ADAM KITCHINGMAN**, who started the horse "GO TENA GO" in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 6, 2011, 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)(Authorized Medication-more than one approved NSAID-Phenylbutazone and Flunixin).

03/13/11²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ came to the office this morning to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday in which he angles his mount out crossing the dirt on the hillside turf course. Although the initial move was artful, we felt that he went a little too far. He agreed and pledged to do a better job in the future.

03/13/11³

SUTHERLAND RULING

After careful consideration following the meeting with jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND (ref. 3/12/11²), the following ruling was issued:

LATS #071

Jockey **CHANTAL SUTHERLAND** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers-failure to meet with Stewards) and #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers-repeated failure to report weight in a timely manner).

03/13/11⁴

TRACK ISSUE

Assistant trainer SCOTT BLASI with exercise riders Ricky Aguirre, Peter Artieda, and Daron Long came to the office as directed by Safety Steward Luis Jauregui to discuss their actions on the track this morning. As the human ambulance and the horse ambulance were leaving the track after an accident, Mr. Blasi instructed his riders to gallop in direct contradiction of the outriders' orders. It was Mr. Blasi's feeling that the ambulance had left the track and didn't want to disrupt his training. We explained that the outriders were in charge and that they must follow all of their instructions or face fines in the future. Mr. Blasi understood and we are certain it will not be a problem in the future.

03/13/11⁵

OUTRIDER MEETING

At Director of Racing Mike Harlow and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui's request, we had a meeting with morning outriders Scott Craigmyle, John Cortez and Mario Quinteros. With outrider Blake Heap on the sidelines with injuries suffered in an accident, we wanted to encourage the current crew to be stricter about safety and enforcing the rules. We explained that we would support actions they take on the track and do our part to make it clear that the outriders are really an extension of our authority. They appreciated the support and pledged to do their part to maintain a fair and safe environment.

03/13/11⁶

WEST HEARING

Trainer TED WEST met with us this morning informally to discuss case number 11SA057 which was a complaint for being late to the receiving barn. With no similar infractions in the last year, he was warned.

03/13/11⁷

LOPEZ HEARING

Groom JOSE GUILLERMO LOPEZ came to the office this morning in response to a complaint filed by the CHRB (case number 10HP138) alleging violation of CHRB rule 1489(A) (Grounds for Refusal or Denial of License). The allegations stemmed from a vandalism conviction. A review of the complaint indicated that his license was expiring at the end of the month and that pursuant to the ED's memo, he would be automatically refused and would have to participate in a fitness for license hearing based on the conviction. To be more judicially efficient, we sent the case back to the CHRB, and instructed Mr. Lopez to apply for the renewal for which he will be refused and would start the appeal process if he remained interested in a CHRB license.

03/13/11⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Streets of Heaven – Claimed – M. Pender, trainer
2 nd Race	#2 Lauren C – Pulled up post race, vanned off (dirt) – V. Garcia, trainer
4 th Race	No changes; Minus Pool \$1.55
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$93.00
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$134.00
7 th Race	#12 Kate's Event – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande Refund \$1344.00

8th Race No changes; Refund \$89.00
 9th Race #9 No La Hace – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$1,308.98

03/13/11⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,703	\$1,694,117.10
Inter-track	8,106	\$2,199,836.80
Out of state	n/a	\$3,117,609.31
Total	15,809	\$7,011,563.21

THURSDAY

03/17/11¹

MIKUS HEARING

Trainer LINDA MIKUS came to the office as directed by Safety Steward Luis Jauregui to discuss the fact that she worked a horse when the track was closed due to an accident. Evidence showed that she was on the track when the accident occurred and had gone behind the gate to wait for the track to be cleared. After the ambulances left the track and the siren and warning light were turned off, Ms. Mikus presumed that it would okay to work. Unbeknownst to her, a decision had been made to close the track so that the tractors could renovate, although the track needed to be cleared before that could occur. Given the circumstances, we felt that a warning was appropriate.

03/17/11²

WILLIAMS HEARINGS

Trainers Matt Chew (case number 11SA037) and Mike Puype (case number 11SA039) filed financial complaints against owner Scott Williams (dba Owners' Stable) for unpaid training bills. In both cases, financial agreements were struck and both were memorialized in contracts signed by all parties.

03/17/11³

AVILA HEARING

We held a formal hearing into case number 11SA046 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer AC AVILA alleging a double NSAID violation uncovered in a sample taken from one of the horses in his care that was working for removal from the vet's list. Although Mr. Avila failed to appear, we nevertheless proceeded with the hearing during which the complaint materials were entered into evidence. Mr. Avila subsequently called and informed us that he knew about the allegation but had forgotten that the hearing was this morning. The following ruling resulted:

LATS #072

Trainer **A.C. AVILA**, who worked the horse "DAVE'S PACEMAKER" for removal from the Veterinarian's List on February 10, 2011, is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rules #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and #1866 (Veterinarian's List) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (C)(Authorized Medication-more than one approved NSAID-Phenylbutazone and Flunixin).

03/17/11⁴

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the fourth race, we put up the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which #1Tribal Nation unseated his rider Garrett Gomez at the start of the hillside race. Films revealed that the horse stumbled on its own and therefore no change was appropriate. Accident report attached.

03/17/11⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$59.00; Minus Pool \$5,888.02
2nd Race No changes; Refund \$114.00
3rd Race #3 Flemingstouchgold – Stewards' scratch, missed lasix
#1 John Eli – pulled up quarter pole (dirt), vanned off and euthanized – R. McAnally, trainer. Refund \$796.80
4th Race #4 Desperate Times – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Jenkins
#12 Warren's Big Cat – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#13 Visual Intensity – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$854.76
5th Race #7 Caffeine High – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer
Refund \$19.00
6th Race #5 Jana Gail – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#8 Glory Pride – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer
#9 Hot Citizen – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer
Refund \$432.80
8th Race #7 Black Wildcat – Late veterinarian scratch, injure in gate – Dr. Stead
Refund \$178,156.52

03/17/11⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,697	\$904,473.70
Inter-track	5,367	\$1,386,568.60
Out of state	n/a	\$2,669,586.99
Total	10,064	\$4,960,629.29

FRIDAY

03/18/11¹

APPRENTICE APPEARS

Apprentice jockey NICOLE SHINTON came to the office this morning to talk about her absence from the apprentice program. She explained that she had car trouble and said that she could provide documentation supporting that claim. We told her that we believed her, but that excuses like this were becoming too numerous and occurring too often. She understood and pledged to be more diligent in her efforts in the future.

03/18/11²

APPEAL WITHDRAWN

The following ruling was published when jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO withdrew his appeal of a riding suspension he incurred earlier in the meet:

LATS #073

Jockey **RAFAEL BEJARANO**, having withdrawn his appeal of LATS ruling #033 dated January 21, 2011, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (March 31, April 1 and 2, 2011).

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

03/18/11³

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the third race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident just after the crossover on the hillside turf course involving #1 Star Billing (first, jockey V. Espinoza) and #3 Blue Grass Music (third, jockey P. Valenzuela). Films revealed that #3 Blue Grass Music actually stepped out into #1 Star Billing,

and in effect turned himself through contact in the hind end. Since he finished behind the horse he interfered with, no change was appropriate.

03/18/11⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #4 Lucky Fitz – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr .Stead
#3 Royal Import (GB) – Claimed – H. Palma, trainer
#5 Courtside Action – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer
Refund \$871.57
- 2nd Race #5 Misinjennuous – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
Refund \$9,427.52
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$28.00
- 4th Race #2 Syllabus – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
Refund \$32,876.51
- 5th Race #2 Daytona (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$903.63
- 6th Race #1 Gladiatrix – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer
- 8th Race #6 Answer to Abby – Claimed – J. Kasparoff, trainer

03/18/11⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,270	\$899,521.60
Inter-track	5,077	\$1,474,504.00
Out of state	n/a	\$2,699,036.75
Total	9,347	\$5,073,062.35

SATURDAY
03/19/11¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey OMAR BERRIO came to the office this morning to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday in which his horse made a steady drift outward throughout the stretch run on the turf course. Mr. Berrio acknowledged the mistake but felt that the his rivals were drifting as well. The majority issued a warning whereas Steward Chaney felt that a suspension was in order.

Jockeys PATRICK VALEZUELA and PEDRO ARAMBULA both came to the office this morning to discuss their rides in the eighth race yesterday in which they finished fourth and fifth. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the importance of riding their mounts to the finish. We acknowledged that their mounts were tired but explained that in the last race, wagering goes down to fifth place and that the public deserved that the jockeys, at the very least, not stand up before the wire. They understood.

03/19/11²

SEELBINDER RULING

The following ruling was published when owner ARTHUR SEELBINDER failed to appear for a hearing (case number 11SA059) that involved a complaint filed by veterinarian Melinda Blue alleging unpaid veterinary charges:

LATS #074

Owner **ARTHUR SEELBINDER**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876(Financial Responsibility-Melinda J. Blue DVM \$1,580.93) 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 Arthur Seelbinder are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Seelbinder is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

03/19/11³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Bertran Hill – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer
 #4 Via Verde – Claimed – G. Headley, trainer
 2nd Race #7 Lost Prophet – Claimed – R. Hess, Sr., trainer
 Minus Pool \$1.57
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$98.00
 4th Race #4 Ascot’s Highflyer – Claimed – AC Avila, trainer
 Refund \$138.00; Minus Pool \$30.45
 5th Race #1 West Ruler – Stewards’ scratch, stake
 Refund \$2,413.61
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$223.03
 7th Race #2 Church Champ – Stewards’ scratch, stake
 Refund \$2,847.61
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$135.00
 9th Race #3 Supermodel – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$420.88
 10th Race #5 Warren’s Hopeful – Stewards’ scratch – entered back
 Refund \$3,295.71

03/19/11⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,952	\$1,771,919.00
Inter-track	8,558	\$2,545,152.00
Out of state	n/a	\$4,729,367.41
Total	17,510	\$9,046,438.41

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 REPORT - WEEK OF 03/07/11 – 03/13/11

Horses on Vet List 25
 Horses off Vet List 8
 Shock Wave Therapy 17
 Deceased 8
 Medication 3

SUMMARY

	Sun 3/13	Thurs. 3/17	Fri. 3/18	Sat 3/19	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	1	1	0	2	20
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rulings	2	1	1	1	5	74
Refunds	5	7	5	8	25	247
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	11
Claims	1	3	4	4	12	168
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	0	2	7	59

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward