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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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Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director

WEEK 16-Sunday, April 10, 2011-Sunday, April 17, 2011

SUNDAY

04/10/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

8th race - #5 Quail Hill (Stakes) refund of \$1,101.10

04/10/11²

COMPLAINT DISMISSED

A complaint filed by Cheryl Lankford against trainer Peter Miller for horse transportation services was dismissed this morning as the dates of service were over a year old and therefore did not fall under the parameters of the financial responsibility rule Ms. Lankford was informed that she could pursue the matter in civil court and if she prevailed with a judgment we could then intervene.

04/10/11³

RULING LATS #106

Jockey **DOMINIC TERRY** is fined **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips-use on head prohibited) during the running of the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on April 7, 2011

This ruling was issued after reviewing the sixth race on April 7, during which the rider hit his mount on the face during the run around the far turn. The horse had been bearing out dramatically from the 3/8th pole to the 1/4 pole. Terry said he was concerned for his safety and that was why he took the action he did. While we could accept use of the whip on a couple of occasions, six times was too much.

04/10/11⁴

RULING LATS #107

Trainer **A.C. AVILA**, who started the horse "SUBPOENA THE DRESS" in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 13, 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)(1)(Authorized Medication-phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level).

The foregoing ruling was issued after a hearing with the trainer into a test finding of Phenylbutazone in excess levels in his horse Subpoena The Dress, the winner of the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 13, 2011. Mr. Avila said that he normally feeds the medication, but since this horse suffers from stomach ulcers, he had his veterinarian, Dr. Araujo, give an injection twenty four hours out from the race. He surmises that his stable help, who were used to feeding Bute, gave the medication orally as well.

04/10/11⁵

JOCKEY EXCUSED

Luis Medina was excused from his lone mount of the day as he was in Illinois to ride in the Illinois Derby. A replacement rider was named.

04/10/11⁶

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race in order to investigate the circumstances which caused #2 Orbach, with Martin Garcia aboard, to fall while in the clear near the ¼ pole on the turf course. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the original order of finish. Review made it clear that no other horses were involved, the horse simply lost its footing and fell. Additionally, #5 Run Candy Run had broken stride just before Orbach fell and was being pulled up by his jockey, Patrick Valenzuela. Fortunately, neither horse nor jockey suffered any serious injury.

The incident today, unfortunately, is not the first time horses have lost footing on the turf. There have been a number this meeting, but management has not been able to rectify the situation. They have inspected the course after each instance of horses slipping or taking a bad step, but have not found anything amiss. Presently, only Queens Plate or Queens Plate X shoes are allowed, but perhaps it is time to allow shoes with better traction to be worn.

04/10/11⁷

JOCKEY EXCUSED

Patrick Valenzuela was excused after riding in the first race as he injured his knee while pulling up his horse in the first event.(Ref. 4-10-2011-6) Replacement riders were named.

04/10/11⁸

ACCIDENT FOLLOWING RACE

Jockey Melvin Perez was unseated following the running of the fifth race(one mile on main track) when his mount, #4 Chito Mono, which finished far behind the field after being in contention until the 3/8th pole, collapsed and fell shortly after the finish. Racing Veterinarian Stead was on the scene immediately and administered veterinary care to the horse. Chito Mono lay on the track for approximately ten minutes before regaining its feet and entering the equine ambulance. Accident report attached.

04/10/11⁹

ANOTHER TURF INCIDENT

#3 King Cola was eased in the late stages of the eighth race after slipping in the far turn of the one and one eighth mile turf event. This was the second time one of trainer Tim Yakteen's horses did not handle the course as he was the trainer of Orbach, which slipped and fell during the first race this afternoon.

04/10/11¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,671	\$1,597,146.90
Inter-track	7,472	\$2,016,444.40
Out of state	n/a	\$2,938,233.83
Total	16,143	\$6,551,825.13

THURSDAY

04/14/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #6 Warren's Dr. Boo (Veterinarian-unsound)

#11 Tribal Mobile (Also eligible) refund see 4/15/11⁵

3rd race - #4 Rock Solid King (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$1,056.74

5th race - #7 Eyesablazin (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$2,017.38

8th race - #1 Lucky Sis (Veterinarian -sick)

#4 Mystery Bird (Veterinarian-sick)

#7 Imperatriz (Veterinarian-unsound) refund see 4/14/11⁸

04/14/11²

RULING LATS #108

Jockey **MARTIN GARCIA** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report-left jockeys' room without permission) on April 10, 2011.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia met with the Stewards to discuss his leaving the Jockeys' Room during the racing card. Garcia, who was involved in a spill during the first race, explained that he had several races off and that the pain medication he was given by First Aid was not working and so he went to a pharmacy to get Aleve. He said it was entirely his fault and at the time he thought it was likely against the rules. He is absolutely correct as rule #1680 is explicit as far as jockeys leaving the room without permission.

04/14/11³

RULING LATS #109

Trainer **THOMAS BLINCOE**, who started the horse "TRIBAL WISH" in the first race at Santa Anita Park on March 20, 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)(1)(Authorized Medication-phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level).

The preceding ruling was issued after a formal hearing with the trainer into an overage of Phenylbutazone found in his horse Tribal Wish, which finished third in the first race on March 20, 2011.

Mr. Blincoe accepted full responsibility, stating that he mistakenly gave the medication inside the twenty four hour limit. He said he forgot that the horse was in the first race.

04/14/11⁴

JOCKEY COUNSELED

Jockey Melvin Perez, who was aboard Chito Mono, the horse which fell following the running of the fifth race on Sunday, was counseled as to use of the whip when a horse is out of contention. Perez hit the horse once on the flank and once on the shoulder approximately one quarter mile before it fell. After he put the whip away he eased up on the horse and guided it to the finish. The vote to leave the incident at a warning stage was by majority, as Mr. Chaney was of the opinion that a fine was in order.

04/14/11⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the first race as #10 Nolaruninfor Jayci unseated the rider, Cruz Mendez, and ran off. The refund amounted to \$5,721.52

04/14/11⁶

ACCIDENT

Jockey Martin Pedroza was unseated during the stretch run of the third race when his mount, #3 Sky Thrill, fell just inside the 1/16th pole while racing in the clear. Video review was not conclusive; however, it appeared that the horse may have thought about jumping a set of hoof prints then changed its mind. Accident report attached.

04/14/11⁷

INQUIRY INTO START/NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review the circumstances which caused #2 Lyrical to break well behind the field. After speaking with the Starter and reviewing video of the break, the Stewards declared the horse a starter. Video shows that the horse, which was fractious in the gate, lifted and threw its head as the stall doors opened, and then just walked out.

04/14/11⁸

REFUND-POOL CANCELED

A refund was ordered in the eighth race after #5 Fire and Spice, which did not warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead, was declared. The late scratch reduced the field to four runners and in accordance with an ARCI rule regarding minimum number of starters needed for the Pick High Five to be viable(5), the wager was canceled. Additionally, Show wagering was canceled. The total refund amounted to \$85,400.83

04/14/11⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,059	\$792,443.50
Inter-track	4,994	\$1,295,433.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,827,491.58
Total	9,053	\$3,915,368.58

FRIDAY
04/15/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #2 Luckarack (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,255.18
2nd race - #1 One Game Dame (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$275.06
7th race - #5 Teroda (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$693.67

04/15/11²

JOCKEY COUNSELED

Luis Medina was in the office this morning to explain his tardiness in calling to alert the Stewards to the fact that he missed his flight out of Chicago, where he had ridden on Saturday, and would not be able to complete his engagement at this

venue this afternoon. Medina explained that traffic on the way to the airport led to his missing the last flight of the day and he thought if he called an hour before first post he would be ok. A warning was issued, although Steward Chaney felt a fine was in order.

04/15/11³ All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

04/15/11⁴ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,091	\$975,271.50
Inter-track	5,028	\$1,400,179.40
Out of state	n/a	\$2,310,935.76
Total	11,119	\$4,686,386.66

SATURDAY

04/16/11¹ **A.M. DECLARATIONS**

8th race - #4 Privileged (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$455.02

10th race - #9 Warren's Doctor (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$946.30

04/16/11² **VIDEO REVIEW**

Chantal Sutherland and Alonso Quinonez were in the office this morning to review races from Friday, during which their mounts were responsible for interference. Both were counseled and warned that a better effort would be expected in the future.

04/16/11³ **TRAINER IN**

Trainer Marcelo Polanco was in the office this morning to address two complaints filed against him for Phenylbutazone overages found in post-work samples obtained from a horse he had worked for removal from the Veterinarian's list on two occasions. Mr. Polanco said that on the first occasion he gave two pills in the feed, and surmised that the horse did not ingest the medication in a timely manner. When he worked the horse for the second time he was aware of the first violation so consequently had his attending veterinarian inject the horse with Phenylbutazone. A decision will be rendered shortly.

04/16/11⁴ **WARNING ISSUED**

Trainer Kathy Walsh was in the office this morning to respond to a complaint filed against her for a Phenylbutazone overage in one of her horses following a workout for removal from the Veterinarian's list. She said that Dr. Vince Baker had injected the horse at approximately 10:00 A. M. the day before the work. Since the horse actually worked around 7:30 the next day, it was inside 24 hours since the administration. Ms. Walsh has not had a Phenylbutazone violation since 2003; therefore a warning was issued.

04/16/11⁵ All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

04/16/11⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	13,427	\$2,224,013.60
Inter-track	8,815	\$2,786,626.80
Out of state	n/a	\$4,287,976.04
Total	22,242	\$9,298,616.44

SUNDAY
04/17/11¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st race - #7 Exclamation (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$962.32
- 4th race - #3 Big Bad Boo (Veterinarian-sick) refund see 4/17/11⁴
- 6th race - #7 Cheers to Boogie (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,336.48
- 7th race - #5 Nuclear Missile (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,129.66
- 9th race - #9 Brady Blue eyes (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$479.30

04/17/11²

RIDERS EXCUSED

The Stewards received word from Tom Knust, agent for Patrick Valenzuela, that the rider missed connections out of Oaklawn Park, where he rode in the Arkansas Derby, and would miss his early mounts. Replacements were named on a race by race basis.

Alex Procel, who represents Christian Santiago Reyes, reported that the rider, who rode at Charles Town last night, missed his flight out Baltimore, Md., and would not make the card. Replacements were named.

04/17/11³

STEWARD OUT

Scott Chaney was off today as he is travelling to Boston, MA in order to participate in the Boston Marathon tomorrow. We wish him well in his endeavour.

04/17/11⁴

ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the third race to review an accident at the 3/16th pole which involved #4 Tokubetsu, the even money favorite who was well on her way to a win. After speaking with the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards voted to make no change in the placings. Review of pertinent angles showed that the horse suffered a catastrophic injury to the left foreleg, causing it to fall. Jockey Martin Garcia landed heavily, but fortunately was not seriously injured. He was, however, excused from his remaining engagements as a precautionary measure. The horse, however, was euthanized at the scene by Racing Veterinarian Dana Stead. Accident report attached.

04/17/11⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fourth race as #1 Jeffrey's Groove was off during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. There was a refund of \$19,926.26 due to the scratch.

04/17/11⁶

REFUND

The Stewards ordered a refund in the eighth race as #13 Brace Yourself did not warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead and was declared on his recommendation. The resulting refund amounted to \$60,159.45

04/17/11⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	18,018	\$2,559,701.00
Inter-track	7,545	\$2,255,985.70
Out of state	n/a	\$3,746,211.48
Total	25,563	\$8,561,898.18

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 04/04/11 – 04/10/11

Horses on Vet List 13
Horses off Vet List 11
Shock Wave Therapy 12
Deceased 3
Medication 2

SUMMARY

	Sun. 4/10	Thurs. 4/14	Fri. 4/15	Sat. 4/16	Sun. 4/17	Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	1	0	0	1	3	25
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Rulings	2	2	0	0	0	4	109
Refunds	1	4	3	2	6	16	334
Accidents	2	1	0	0	1	4	17
Claims	3	2	3	2	3	13	217
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	0	0	0	1	74

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward