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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 10-Sunday, February 26, 2012-Saturday, March 3, 2012

SUNDAY
02/26/12¹

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

The Stewards from Oaklawn Park requested a telephone conference concerning a show wager (\$100,000.00) in the first half of their Southwest Stakes on Monday which originated at Santa Anita Race Track one hour before post time of that race. Approximately ten minutes prior to post time the bet was withdrawn. It was confirmed by Mutuel Manager Randy Hartzell that all racing associations in California allow wagers to be canceled prior to the locking of the wagering windows. We informed the Stewards from Oaklawn Park that we would assist them with any other available information. Starting today Santa Anita Park chose to eliminate all simulcast wagering with Oaklawn Park until the Oaklawn Stewards have completed their investigation.

02/26/12²

CORDOVA UPDATE CASE #12SA066

A hearing was held on February 19th to try to resolve a partnership of the horse "Ride Captain" between trainer Jorge Periban and owner Henry Cordova. Mr. Periban on the 19th offered Mr. Cordova \$9,000.00 for his half, which was accepted. This amount was to be delivered on the February 26. Today Mr. Periban brought in \$4,500.00 cash as a good faith payment until the remainder would be paid on or before the 15th of March. In a phone conversation this information was relayed to Mr. Cordova and his counter offer was \$12,000.00 plus veterinarian bills which Mr. Periban had already paid. Mr. Periban turned down this offer.

With no current resolution to dissolve this partnership, the Stewards have placed the horse on the Stewards List until more information is obtained.

02/26/12³

COMPLAINT #11HP066

The financial complaint filed by John Araujo DVM against Shefa Enterprises in the amount of \$3,968.57 was signed off after verification that the debt was paid in full.

02/26/12⁴

SIXTH RACE ACCIDENT (6 1/2 furlongs-turf)

Shortly after the start of the race # 3 Batalha (Tr. A.C. Avila) went wrong and jockey Martin Garcia was unseated. Accident report attached.

02/26/12⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race - No Changes; Refund \$3,103.00 minus \$1,381.95

2nd race - No Changes; Refund \$431.00

3rd race - #5 Nonrefundable (Tr. P. Gallagher) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$2,528.30

4th race - #2 Howmuchisit (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande
#3 Farmer Giles (IRE) (Tr. B. Heap) claimed by Tr. A. Sherman
#8 Moscato (Tr. C. Dollase) DNF ambulance removed (turf)
Refund \$788.20

5th race - #3 Outta Splash (Tr. M. Tsagalakis) claimed by Tr. C. Lewis

6th race - #3 Batalha (Tr. A.C. Avila) DNF ambulance removed (turf)

7th race - #6 Luckarack (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. T. West

#8 Details R Sketchy (Tr. H. Palma) DNF ambulance removed (dirt)

8th race - #5 Hodge (Tr. M. Machowsky) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr. Stead
Refund \$ 114,533.60

9th race - #6 Sizzling Gold (Tr. E. Moger) claimed by Tr. G. Lopez

02/26/12⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,629	\$1,657,393.20
Inter-track	7,391	\$2,382,971.30
Out of state	n/a	\$3,747,492.77
Total	14,020	\$8,234,094.07

THURSDAY

03/01/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey Eswan Flores met with the Stewards as directed to discuss the eighth race Sunday. Although Mr. Flores drifted out late near the wire, this did not warrant days, but he was warned if he fails to correct in the future a penalty would be issued. He stated he understood and will make better efforts in the future.

03/01/12²

RICHARDS HEARING CASE #12SA074 and #12SA080

Melinda Blue DVM and trainer Jeff Mullins filed separate financial complaints against owner Ronald Richards for veterinarian services (\$8,206.90) and in training fees (\$13,285.25) for the horse "Midnight Con". After all testimony was heard Mr. Richards satisfied Dr. Blue with a check in the amount of \$ 5,200.00. When Mr. Mullins was asked by the Stewards if he would accept a payment of \$10,000.00 to clear the debt owed to him, he declined. The Stewards will make a decision shortly to resolve this matter.

03/01/12³

GOOD RACING

The eight race program was performed without notable mishaps.

03/01/12⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race - No Changes; Minus Pool \$1,022.05

2nd race - #1 All My Chips (Tr. K. Muhall) claimed by Tr. K. Craigmyle

#5 Rocket Roan (Tr. M. Anderson) claimed by Tr. D. Pederson

#6 Man Chester Man (Tr. M. Bellocq) CW 121

3rd race - No Changes; Refund \$282.00

4th race - #2 Dance Thewayouare (Tr. M. Cho) claimed by Tr. G. Sherlock

#5 Too Five n'Ten (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed by Tr. T. Taylor

#7 T J's Stormy Wit (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.

Refund \$487.03
 5th race - #7 Salty Sarah (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
 Refund \$2,081.62
 6th race - #6 Real Dream (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. D. Pederson
 #7 Maryjean (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. W. J. Morey, Jr.
 Refund \$55.00
 7th race - No Changes; Refund \$46.00
 8th race - #10 Banana Split (Tr. B. Greely) DNF-walked off
 #11 Chilling Command (Tr. R. Diodoro) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead
 Refund \$1,309.82

03/01/12⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,692	\$887,378.40
Inter-track	5,726	\$1,648,384.10
Out of state	n/a	\$3,179,974.29
Total	9,418	\$5,990,797.49

FRIDAY

03/02/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice jockey Eswan Flores met with the Stewards to review the fourth race yesterday. Mr. Flores, while on the outside and marginally clear, applied pressure leaving the gates on the horses to his inside causing a rider to take up. He was told this is not acceptable and next time a penalty would be issued. He stated he understood.

03/02/12²

CASE #12SA073 WITHDRAWN

A financial complaint filed by trainer Jeff Mullins against owner Tim Hart in the amount of \$17,225.00 has been withdrawn by Mr. Mullins.

03/02/12³

URBINA RULING CASE #12SA073

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Urbina failed to be present for the scheduled hearing.

LATS #053

Pony rider **TOMAS URBINA**, having failed to appear to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility-Angel's Feed \$866.38, 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 Tomas Urbina are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Urbina is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

03/02/12⁴

PEREZ RULING CASE #12SA071

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Perez failed to appear for the scheduled hearing:

LATS #054

Groom **BENITO PEREZ**, having failed to appear to respond to charges alleging a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing-theft), 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 Benito Perez are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Perez is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

03/02/12⁵

INQUIRY SIXTH RACE (6 ½ furlongs-turf)-NO CHANGE

After the finish of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 3 1/2 furlong marker. Involved in a three horse spread; On the rail # 1 What a Rush (7th O.Berrio) next out, # 6 Warren's Dr. Yang (1st K. Krigger) and outside # 8 Zombyslayermrdarcy (8th C. Nakatani). After a review of the videos, conversation with the Patrol Judges and the riders involved it was the Stewards' opinion that as the threesome approached the left turn down the hill, it was apparent that # 1 was in a position in which he should have taken back but did not. This caused his horse to jump and possibly clip heels. The original order of finish was made official.

03/02/12⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st race - #2 Arraignment (Tr. R. Gilker) claimed by Tr. R. Ellis
- 2nd race - No Changes
- 3rd race - No Changes; Refund \$69.04
- 4th race - #2 Clear to Canada (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. L. Mikus
#8 Usurp (Tr. M. Machowsky) claimed by Tr. J. Carava
Refund \$170.04
- 5th race - #7 Autumn View (Tr. K. Muhall) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
Refund \$2,418.56
- 6th race - #7 I'll Fly for You (Tr. R. Gomez) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead
Refund \$114,337.18
- 7th race - No Changes; Refund \$81.05
- 8th race - #6 Depistry (Tr. P. Bellasis) Steward-no jockey available
Refund \$1,728.38

03/02/12⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,261	\$850,046.80
Inter-track	5,391	\$1,611,206.20
Out of state	n/a	\$3,169,065.44
Total	8,652	\$5,939,652.64

SATURDAY

03/03/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Victor Espinoza met with the Stewards to review the third race (6 ½ turf) yesterday.

During the stretch run there were shifts among several different horses which caused some bumping. After exchanging opinions with Mr. Espinoza he was not held accountable for what had appeared to be his involvement.

Kayla Stra was summoned for the same event. After a thorough review everyone agreed including Ms. Stra that she could have made a better effort to maintain a straight course. Martin Pedroza received permission review films on Sunday.

03/03/12²

NO CONTEST THIRD RACE (6 ½ furlongs-tuf)

The race was declared no contest pursuant to CHRB rule #1544 (Calling off Race). After a review of the videos and conversation with Starter Jay Slender the decision was made due to the following chain of events. After the last horse was loaded in the gates # 3 broke through its stall, this caused the assistant starters to hold their horses. Simultaneously to # 3 popping the doors open the Starter pushed the button to release the field. Three horses (#5, #6, and #7) left the gates and finished the race, #1 left the gate with the assistant hanging on, the jockey fell off, the horse got loose and was caught by the outrider. Numbers 2 and 4 remained in the gate being held by the assistant starters.

All single race monies wagered were refunded. For multiple race wagers ticketholders received the field "all". Santa Anita paid purse money to the three horses that finished and divided the remainder among the other four horses.

03/03/12³ **STEWARD REPLACEMENT**
Safety Steward Luis Jauregui replaced Scott Chaney in the stand after the fourth race today.

03/03/12⁴ **INQUIRY FIFTH RACE (1 1/16-dirt)/NO CHANGE**
Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. This involved the # 8 Believe in Hope (5th A. Quinonez), whose stall doors opened just prior to the field being dispatched. First jump out of the gate the horse was in front but the jockey fell back on its mouth which placed the horse last entering the first turn. The assistant starter was not involved and in a unanimous decision the Stewards felt that the horse caused his own problem and the race was made official.

03/03/12⁵ **TRAINER OBJECTION NINTH RACE (1 mile-dirt)**
After the finish of the race trainer Peter Miller, conditioner of # 7 Reneesgotzip (2nd C. Nakatani), lodged a claim of foul against # 5 Eden's Moon (1st M. Garcia) for possible interference in the stretch approaching the eighth pole. After a review of the video, conversation with the Patrol Judges and both jockeys it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. In the Stewards' opinion # 7 drifted into the hind quarters of # 5 thus initiating the contact. Jockey Corey Nakatani stated that his horse was struck in the face with the whip of # 5. The tight pan camera proved that this did not occur.

03/03/12⁶ **CAL-BRED REPORT**
Two Cal-Bred races were used during this reporting period.

03/03/12⁷ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**
1st race - No Changes
2nd race - #6 Cat's Enough (Tr. D. O'Neill) DNF-ambulance removed (dirt)
Minus Pool \$25,196.11
3rd race - NO CONTEST; Refund \$ 632,298.16
4th race - No Changes; Refund \$314.04
5th race - #10 American Blend (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Jenkins
Refund \$ 2,629.06
6th race - No Changes; Refund \$1,179.95
7th race - No Changes; Refund \$2.00
8th race - No Changes; Refund \$58.80
9th race - No Changes
10th race - No Changes
11th race - No Changes

03/03/12⁸ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	26,147	\$3,507,084.70
Inter-track	9,873	\$3,446,560.00
Out of state	n/a	\$7,467,353.90
Total	36,020	\$15,177,065.40

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 02/20/12 – 02/26/12

Horses on Vet List 26
 Horses off Vet List 9
 Shock Wave Therapy 24
 Deceased 3
 Medication 6

SUMMARY

	Sun 02/26	Thurs 03/01	Fri 03/02	Sat 03/03	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	1	3	4	19
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rulings	0	0	2	0	2	54
Refunds	3	2	3	1	9	174
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1	11
Claims	4	7	3	0	14	151
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	0	2	38

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward