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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB**

Santa Anita Park

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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**WEEK 2-Monday, December 31, 2012-Saturday, January 5, 2013**

**MONDAY  
12/31/12<sup>1</sup>**

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> race - #5 Hidden Hollow (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$296,90  
5<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Mechaya (Veterinarian-unsound)  
#5 Sallyana (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,013.40  
6<sup>th</sup> race - #2 Hey Cowboy (Veterinarian-unsound)  
#5 English Rhythm (Veterinarian-sick)  
#7 Smil'n From Above (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$2,298.  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #9 True Expectations (Veterinarian-unsound) see 12-31-12<sup>4</sup>  
8<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Level Headed (Veterinarian-injured) refund of \$534.80

12/31/12<sup>2</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Corey Nakatani was excused from his mounts this afternoon as he was still feeling the effects of a spill in which he was involved earlier in the week. It is likely that he will not return until next week at the earliest.

12/31/12<sup>3</sup>

**TRAINER IN**

Jerry Hollendorfer was in the office this morning in response to a citation issued to him by stable area security. According to security, Hollendorfer opened the gate on the track which leads to the paddock garden after being told not to do so by the morning outriders. Protocol dictates that the gate is not to be opened until the outriders are alerted that no equipment or workers are in the paddock. Hollendorfer explained that his horse had been taken to the track around 5:00 A.M. and, as he normally does, he wanted to take the horse back to the barn

through the paddock. He said that if the outrider told him not to open the gate he did not hear the prohibition. A decision will be rendered shortly.

12/31/12<sup>4</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #7 Lika flipped in the saddling barn and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. There was a total of \$6,780.34 refunded.

12/31/12<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,272	\$955,559.10
Inter-track	5,088	\$1,531,752.60
Out of state	n/a	\$3,353,053.94
Total	10,360	\$6,116,285.14

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

**TUESDAY**

01/01/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

6<sup>th</sup> race - #3 In High Regards (Veterinarian-injured)  
#7 Hey Yup (Veterinarian-unsound)  
#12 Chicsdigtheshark (Also eligible) refund of \$1,476.90  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #13 Cayton (Also eligible)  
#14 Hail Mary (Also eligible) refund of \$1,028.60  
8<sup>th</sup> race - #13 Birdlover (Also eligible) refund of \$880.00

01/01/13<sup>2</sup>

**RULING LATS# 001**

Trainer **JERRY HOLLENDORFER** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct-disobeying outrider).

This ruling was issued after the Stewards discussed the merits of the citation against the trainer.

01/01/13<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY IN FOR VIDEO**

Orlando Mojica, who recently relocated to California after a number of successful years in the mid-west, was in the office this morning to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday. He was cautioned to refrain from using the right hand whip on a horse which is lugging in at the time. He agreed and said he would be more cognizant in the future.

01/01/13<sup>4</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the ninth race as #6 Warren's Gussie became fractious after entering the track, reared up and unseated the rider, Rafael Bejarano, and ran off into the stable area. There was a refund of \$76,788.00 due to the late declaration.

01/01/13<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,868	\$1,500,999.50
Inter-track	6,551	\$2,007,857.70
Out of state	n/a	\$4,447,128.27
Total	16,419	\$8,415,847.67

**FRIDAY**

01/04/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> race - #7 Having Abig Middle (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$992.81  
5<sup>th</sup> race - #6 Like It On Top (Veterinarian-sick) see 1-4-13<sup>5</sup>  
7<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Prized by Buck (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$492.38

01/04/13<sup>2</sup>

**LICENSE FITNESS HEARING**

Groom Sergio Escalante was in the office in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(c), in that he attempted to gain a validation on a license which was observed to be counterfeit. Mr. Escalante was confronted by Board investigator Rick Ameiva, who enumerated the reasons he knew the license had not been issued by the Board. Escalante originally came to the office with Mr. Ameiva on December 28, at which time he maintained that he obtained the license from the Board office at Hollywood Park. When asked which license tech he obtained the license from, he could not come up with a name or description. Fortunately for Mr. Escalante, his wife, who had been in our waiting room with their family, came in the office and informed us that her husband was not telling the truth as she was present when he paid an unidentified individual \$300 for the fake license.

At the hearing this morning, Mr. Escalante was very contrite, stating that he did what he did as his immigration status was up in the air and he did not know if he could obtain a license legally. His status has since been clarified.

He indicated that the man who made the license for him was named Juan, but he did not know his last name. He said he would try to fully identify the man and provide it to Board investigators.

Since Mr. Escalante had been barred from the grounds since December 28, and with the recommendation of investigator Ameiva, he was allowed to apply for his license and return to work for trainer Mike Machowsky. A ruling memorializing the decision will follow.

01/04/13<sup>3</sup>

**RIDER UP AGAIN**

Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens, who hung up his tack in 2006 after a stellar career, was in the office this morning to renew his jockey's license. He said he is once again physically ready to get back in the saddle and a strict nutrition and exercise regimen has allowed him to resume his riding career. He will be able to "tack" 122 lbs without reducing and plans to be very selective regarding the horses he rides. At this point he will not have an agent and plans to ride only the current Santa Anita meeting.

01/04/13<sup>4</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the third race after #12 Lemon Drop Dream, with Corey Nakatani aboard, got loose from the assistant starter, unseated the rider and ran off. A ten minute delay ensued as the outriders attempted to corral the obstinate colt. The refund totaled \$145,550.16.

01/04/13<sup>5</sup>

**REFUND**

There was another refund, this time in the fifth race, as #13 Deception Free was off in the left front foreleg during warm up and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. A total of \$116,002.84 was refunded to the punters.

01/04/13<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,785	\$760,123.30
Inter-track	5,569	\$1,589,973.10
Out of state	n/a	\$4,199,435.07
Total	9,354	\$6,853,263.67

**SATURDAY**

01/05/13<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #11 Amy's Cashin In (Also eligible) see 1-5-13<sup>6</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> race - #3 Greeley Awesome (Stakes) refund of \$832.71

6<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Imponente Purse (Veterinarian-unsound) see 1-5-13<sup>9</sup>

01/05/13<sup>2</sup>

### **MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Julio Canani was in the office this morning in response to a medication complaint filed by the Board as his horse, Secret Motive, the winner of the sixth race at Betfair Hollywood Park on November 1, 2012, showed the presence of 2.63ug/ml in the post race sample. Mr. Canani, who has a very good medication compliance record, said the only explanation he has for the findings is that the filly is on the small side and that could have been the cause of the problem. Confidential records obtained from Canani's practicing veterinarian, Helmuth VonBleucher, showed the horse received an injection at 9:30 A. M. on the day before the race.

Since Mr. Canani has not had a similar violation in the past thirty six months he was eligible for, and received, a warning.

01/05/13<sup>3</sup>

### **VIDEO REVIEW**

Garrett Gomez was in the office this morning to look at the third race from yesterday, during which his mount altered course sharply during the final one sixteenth mile of the race. Mr. Gomez explained that his horse was closing strongly and he was concerned that the hole in front him was going to close and put him on heels. He said his only option was to alter to the inside and in doing so caused another rider to steady. He was warned to be more cautious in the future.

01/05/13<sup>4</sup>

### **RULING LATS #002**

Groom **SERGIO ESCALANTE** is suspended for time served for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(c) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License-license forgery). Mr. Escalante is eligible for relicensing as of January 4, 2013.

This ruling was issued to memorialize the decision in Mr. Escalante's case. (Ref. 1-4-13<sup>2</sup>)

01/05/13<sup>5</sup>

### **RULING LATS #003**

Trainer **FRANK LUCARELLI** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to have his horse "Eyes on the Prize" properly shod for the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 1, 2013.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Lucarelli accepted responsibility for failure to have his horse properly shod for the turf. Fortunately, Horseshoe Inspector Victor Tovar was able to grind off the toes on the racing plates in time for the horse to run. This was Mr. Lucarelli's second offense within the past year.

01/05/13<sup>6</sup>

### **REFUND**

The first race of the afternoon became a complete debacle as three horses were scratched, one during the warm up period and two at the starting gate. #8 Diamond Flush was off in the left foreleg as the horses were approaching the gate and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. #5 Magic Tiz became fractious during the loading procedure, flipped and injured itself, prompting Dr. Stead to recommend that the horse be scratched. Unfortunately, the antics of Magic Tiz injured #4 Bluejoy and that horse was scratched as well. The refund from the three scratches amounted to \$188,982.44.

01/05/13<sup>7</sup>

### **STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the second race to review the circumstances which resulted in #7 Grand Humor, with Tyler Baze aboard, clipping heels. The horses involved did not finish in the payoff positions. After

reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Grand Humor from seventh to eighth place. Video showed that #8, ridden by Ramon Guce, ducked out at the elbow after switching to its right lead entering the stretch.

01/05/13<sup>8</sup>

**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool was created in the third race as #2 Goldencents was “hammered” in the Show pool by the “bridge jumpers” resulting in a negative cash flow of \$35,483.24.

01/05/13<sup>9</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #3 Poker Dave was off in the left foreleg during the warm up period and was declared on advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund totaled \$31,503.16.

01/05/13<sup>10</sup>

**REFUND**

The Stewards ordered a refund in the eighth race as #6 Reach a Decision failed to warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead and was declared on his recommendation. There was a total of \$62,744.88 refunded.

01/05/13<sup>11</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,044	\$1,824,085.00
Inter-track	7,515	\$2,142,035.10
Out of state	n/a	\$5,562,988.49
Total	17,559	\$9,974,053.39

**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.

**SUMMARY**

	Mon 12/31	Tue 01/01	Fri 01/04	Sat 01/05	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	2
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	1
Rulings	0	1	0	2	3	3
Refunds	5	4	4	4	17	51
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	2
Claims	1	2	5	3	11	22
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	2	0	5	6

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward