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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 8, 2015 – Saturday, March 14, 2015

SUNDAY
3/8/15¹

HOUSER HEARING - CASE 15SA0010

The case was filed by the CHRB alleging a violation of CHRB rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) against groom TAYLOR HOUSER. Supervising Investigator RICK AMIEVA represented the CHRB. Ms. Houser is currently not in the state, but was available by telephone. The accusation by assistant trainers for MARK CASSE, RANDI LEE MELTON and CHESTER A. ZUKOWSKI against Taylor Houser, involved an incident that took place in the shed row of trainer Mark Casse. Ms. Houser was not employed by Mr. Casse, but was visiting with another licensee. One of Mark Casse's employees was there when the alleged violation took place. A picture taken by Ms. Houser of a beer bottle near the mouth of one of Mr. Casse's trainees was posted on face book. Ms. Houser stated she did take the picture, texted it to two friends, but she did not touch the beer bottle or post the picture on face book. According to the Security report, assistant trainer Mr. Melton had warned Ms. Houser to stay away from their barn. In the report she stated she had not been told that until after the picture had been posted by a third party. After reviewing the information received the following ruling was issued.

LATS # 065

Groom TAYLOR HOUSER is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1889 (Entry to Assigned Area to Trainer – unauthorized presence in shed row).

3/8/15²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA met with the Stewards to review the seventh race yesterday wherein Mr. Garcia drifted outward late in the stretch. He crossed in front of another horse, marginally clear, if that. He left the office with a warning. He agreed he could have done better and stated he would be more careful in the future.

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO also met with the Stewards to review the third race yesterday. After crossing the transition in the 6 ½ down the hill (turf) race, Mr. Bejarano angled out and made contact with a horse to his outside. The horse to his outside did step in at the same time, therefore Mr. Bejarano received a warning. He did state he should have waited to move out after the field adjusted from the transition.

3/8/15³**INQUIRY - THIRD RACE (7/8-dirt) NO CHANGE**

After the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the sixteenth pole involving #2 SWEET SILVER (C. Nakatani 2nd) and #4 OLEANDERPOLARBEAR (J. Talamo 3rd). After a review of the stretch run, and conversation with the Patrol Judges and both riders involved, it was a unanimous decision to leave the order of finish alone. It was the Stewards' opinion that the #2 did drift in, the #4 stepped out slightly, but had to check. The margin the #4 got beat for a better placing was one and one-half lengths; the Stewards felt the incident did not affect the placing.

3/8/15⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st race	No Changes;	Refund \$211.00
2 nd race	#2 HOOK 'EM KURT (Tr. R. Ellis) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Grande	Refund \$722.70
		Minus Pool \$19,346.30
3 rd race	No Changes;	Refund \$0
4 th race	#8 CITY CHAPEL (Tr. V. Trujillo) claimed by Tr. K. Castaneda	Refund \$11,336.15
5 th race	#6 MOTOWN MAN (Tr. E. Moger) claimed by Tr. T. West	
	#8 PRESS BARON (GB) (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed by Tr. E. Moger	Refund \$249.00
6 th race	No Changes;	Refund \$344.00
7 th race	#2 SILVER TORCH (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead	Refund \$4,631.26
8 th race	#6 PATRIOTIC BROTHER (Tr. P. Biancone) Steward - stake	Refund \$409.70
9 th race	#6 VICIOUS (Tr. E. G. Harty) Steward – broken equipment	Refund \$261,874.71

3/8/15

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,926	1,441,523.20
SCOTWinc	5,926	2,017,438.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,970,838.80
Total	12,852	9,429,800.80

THURSDAY3/12/15¹**STEWARDS REPLACEMENT**

LUIS JAUREGUI is filling in for SCOTT CHANEY this week. Mr. Chaney is competing in a half triathlon in Puerto Rico.

3/12/15²**MILLER RULING**

The following ruling was issued after PETER MILLER was informed of the penalty. Mr. Miller shipped in to race on Sunday and two of the horses were bay in color with no white markings. After the morning Veterinarian inspection, the horses were switched when returned to their stalls. The wrong horse was brought over for the fourth race which was discovered by Horse Identifier JENNIFER PAIGE and the horse THE MAD HUNGARIAN, back at the barn, was scratched.

LATS #067

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainers)

for presenting the incorrect horse at the receiving barn necessitating the late scratch of THE MAD HUNGARIAN from the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on March 8, 2015.

3/12/15³**D'AMATO FORMAL HEARING - CASE 14DM067**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer PHILIP D'AMATO. Representing the CHRB was Investigator JIM HAMILTON and the proceedings were recorded by court reporter MICHELLE DERIEG. Mr. D'Amato was available by telephone. The rules involved, CHRB rule #1844 (c)(1) (Authorized Medication), #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances). Mr. D'Amato started the horse GRAZENETTE in the fifth race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 31, 2015, and was reported to have a Phenylbutazone level of 2.48 ug/ml in a post-race sample. Mr. D'Amato was eligible for and received a warning. He stated the horse may have been moved to a stall that had leftover feed in a tub that contained the drug in question. He also stated he has tightened down his medication routine to be more secure.

3/12/15⁴**PALMA HEARING- CASE 15SA077**

Trainer HECTOR PALMA met with the Stewards to discuss a first-time gelding pursuant to CHRB rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). Mr. Palma stated that the horse was turned out for seven months and was castrated on the farm. He was very candid admitted responsibility, and the following ruling was issued:

LATS #068

Trainer HECTOR PALMA is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse PUBLIC ENEMY, which ran in the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 21, 2015. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

3/12/15⁵**FONTANA HEARING - CASE 15SA080**

A financial complaint (CHRB rule #1876) was filed by trainer KATHY WALSH against owner RICHARD FONTANA in the amount of \$3,276.00 for training fees. Also present were Ms Walsh's attending veterinarian, DR. SAMUEL BRADLEY, and her bookkeeper, SKIP WALSH. Mr. Fontana stated he met with Ms. Walsh, to discuss disputed items on the Veterinarian bill. He stated an agreed amount was deducted from her training bill. Ms. Walsh did accept a check from Mr. Fontana; on the check memo line it said "in full to close account." Ms. Walsh feels she is still owed the amount he deducted from the Veterinarian bill. A decision will follow.

3/12/15⁶**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI met with the Stewards to discuss the third race on Sunday that involved an Inquiry (ref 3/8/15³). After a review of the videos with Mr. Nakatani and his Jockey Guild Representative DARRELL HAIRE, all were in agreement that the blame was placed on his horse. It shifted in after changing back to its left lead and Mr. Nakatani did correct as soon as he could.

3/12/15⁷**VOIDED CLAIM**

After an inspection of #4 WHEN WE MET in the first race by Official Veterinarian TIM GRANDE, the horse was placed on the Vet's List for being unsound and the claim was voided. The horse returned to the stable of trainer KRISTIN MULHALL.

3/12/15⁸**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st race #3 EBONY GOLD (Tr. B. Grayson) Veterinarian-unsound - Dr. Grande
 #4 WHEN WE MET (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed by Tr. J. Hollendorfer
VOIDED
 #6 TITLED NOBILITY (Tr. J. Wong) claimed by Tr. R. Agaire

	Refund \$381.02	Minus Pool \$708.75
2 nd race	#1 GRACIE JEAN (Tr. L. Campuzano) Veterinarian-injured- Dr. Stead #2 PRETTYPRECIOUSHEIR (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler #6 QUEEN CACTUS (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall Refund \$155.60	
3 rd race	#5 APARRI (Tr. B. Headley) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande Refund \$213.94	
4 th race	#3 BROADWAY NIKA (Tr. A. Sherman) claimed by Tr. G. Headley #6 BLUEGRASS REWARD (Tr. D. Pederson) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill Refund \$0	
5 th race	No Changes;	Refund \$0
6 th race	No Changes;	Refund \$0
7 th race	No Changes;	Refund \$0
8 th race	No Changes;	Refund \$0

3/12/15⁹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,818	660,860.00
SCOTWinc	4,472	1,356,349.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,305,463.39
Total	7,290	5,322,673.29

FRIDAY3/13/15¹**KESHISHIAN RULING – LATS #069**

The following ruling was issued after confirmation from EQUINE MEDICAL CENTER that Mr. KESHISHIAN had made his financial agreement current:

Owner HAROUT KESHISHIAN, having appeared and complied with the financial agreement with Equine Medical Center, is reinstated.
Ruling LATS #060, dated March 6, 2015, is hereby set aside.

3/13/15²**SANGARA RULING – LATS #070**

The following ruling was issued after confirmation from BLISS CANYON INVESTMENTS that Mr. SANGARA satisfied the debt owed:

Owner KERRY SANGARA, having fulfilled his financial obligation to BLISS CANYON INVESTMENTS, is reinstated. Ruling LATS #024, dated January 31, 2015, is hereby set aside.

3/13/15³**BOAG RULING – LATS #071**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Boag was informed of the penalty:

Jockey GARY BOAG is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – galloping on rail in contradiction of track safety rules).

3/13/15⁴**VOIDED CLAIM**

After an inspection by Official Veterinarian TIM GRANDE, #8 PATRIOTIC BROTHER, who ran in the 4th race, was placed on the Veterinarian's List and the claim was **VOIDED**. The horse returned to the stable of trainer PATRICK BIANCONE.

3/13/15⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st race	No Changes;	Refund \$21.00
2 nd race	No Changes;	Refund \$22.00
3 rd race	#8 UNDERHILL DRIVE (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. A. C. Avila Refund \$171.50	

4th race #1 TEMPE (Tr. J Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. K. Owens)
 #2 OSCILLATOR (Tr. J. Periban) claimed by Tr. C. Lewis
 #5 SALSITA (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. R. Agarie
 #8 PATRIOTIC BROTHER (Tr. P. Biancone) claimed by Tr. P. D'Amato
VOIDED
 #10 FABULOUS FIT (Tr. J. Cassidy) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Grande
 Refund \$525.00

5th race #3 TRIBAL CHATTER (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed by Tr. J. Hollendorfer
 Refund \$282.50

6th race #2 ODIN (Tr. E. Kruljac) Veterinarian - sick-Dr. Grande
 Refund \$1,351.90

7th race #3 SUPER ABILITY (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian - injured - Dr. Stead
 #4 Spring UP (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian - unsound - Dr. Stead
 Refund \$2,634.70

8th race No Changes; Refund \$106.90

3/13/15⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,022	789,129.40
SCOTWinc	4,640	1,462,708.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,979,347.32
Total	7,662	7,231,185.12

SATURDAY3/14/15¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FERNANDO PEREZ met with the Stewards to review the second race yesterday. Mr. Perez needed a reminder to correct his drifts in the stretch. The issue was not penalty worthy; currently we don't have a film analyst available to review videos with jockeys, and therefore we have jockeys into our office for warnings.

Apprentice jockey BRANDON BOULANGER also joined the BOS to review the first race yesterday. The issue involved a drift after the start of the race. The BOS showed Mr. Boulanger the video which indicated that when he tries to correct a drift it doesn't work because his rein is too long to get leverage on the horse's mouth. He said he understood and would try to adjust. He also announced after this weekend he is going to move his tack to Gulfstream Park. The BOS wished him well and continued success in his career as a jockey.

Jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO was also summoned to review the start of the sixth race. The BOS felt that Mr. Trujillo should have made an effort to correct the outward direction of his horse leaving the gate. He agreed and said he would do so in the future.

3/14/15²**SMOOTH SAILING**

The nine race card was conducted without a ripple. Any changes made are listed below.

3/14/15³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$129.00
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$115.68
 3rd race #6 COMO MI PADRE (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr.V. Belvoir
 #7 CELTIC MOON (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Grande
 #8 JEDI MIND TRICK (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. A. Saavedra
 Refund \$1,335.30

4th race #5 AWE GEE (Tr. C. Dominguez) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Stead
 Refund \$165.00

5th race No Changes; Refund \$6.00

6th race #2 COOLINGTON (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. P. Miller
Refund \$93.10

7th race #3 SKYLANDER (Tr. W. Ward) ambulance removed post race (turf)
Refund \$63.00

8th race #5 TIZ MIDNIGHT (Tr. B. Baffert) Steward-stake
Refund \$1,163.30

9TH race No Changes; Refund \$0

3/14/15⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,595	1,999,073.90
SCOTWinc	6,764	2,539,075.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,631,519.14
Total	15,359	11,169,668.94

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/2/15 – 3/8/15

Horses on Vet List 15
Horses off Vet List 6
Shock Wave Therapy 14

ATTENDANCE REPORT – A full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SUMMARY

	Sun 3/8	Thurs 3/12	Fri 3/13	Sat 3/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	6
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	1	5	55
Claims	4	5	5	4	18	171
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	1	28
Refunds	4	3	4	3	14	217
Rulings	1	2	3	0	6	71
Voided Claims	0	1	1	0	2	22

Respectfully submitted,

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward