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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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Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB  
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Week 12 – Thursday, March 17, 2016 – Sunday, March 20, 2016**

#### **THURSDAY**

3/17/16<sup>1</sup>

#### **ALVAREZ RULING**

Exercise rider JORGE ALVAREZ was fined in the following ruling after referral by the morning outriders:

#### **LATS #083**

Exercise Rider JORGE Z. ALVAREZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – not pulling up when ambulance on track).

3/17/16<sup>2</sup>

#### **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race on Saturday. He forgot that he was directed to see us on Sunday. Films showed that his horse was lugging in, and that he was making some effort to correct that movement. Warning. He was fined for failing to appear yesterday:

#### **LATS #082**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on March 13, 2016).

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA appeared by telephone and did not dispute the fact that he had violated the riding crop rule on Sunday. We issued the following ruling:

#### **LATS #084**

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in last 60 days, last offense March 3, 2016), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on March 13, 2016.

Jockey EFRAIN HERNANDEZ came to the office to review his ride in the second race on Sunday for a possible riding crop violation. After reviewing the film, we determined that his ride was in compliance with the rule.

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ came to the office to review his use of the riding crop in the third race Sunday. Films showed that he used his crop more than three times in succession without giving his horse a chance to respond. While Steward SAWYER dissented, the majority issued the following ruling:

**LATS #085**

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in last 60 days, last offense February 19, 2016), during the third race at Santa Anita Winter Meet on March 13, 2016.

3/17/16<sup>3</sup>

**SPAWR HEARING**

Trainer BILL SPAWR came to the office this morning with his veterinarian RYAN CARPENTER for a formal hearing into case numbers 16SA0020 and 16SA0021 which were both phenylbutazone overages discovered in two of his runners. These occurred in a two- day span. Candidly he had no explanation for how this occurred and explained his protections against these types of errors. He has since instituted further measures to prevent future occurrences. Unfortunately this is his second and third NSAID offenses in the last year (although these last two were close in time). Decision to follow.

3/17/16<sup>4</sup>

**MILLER HEARING**

We held a formal hearing into case number 16SA0014 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer PETER MILLER alleging a triamcinolone acetonide (vetalog) positive discovered in the post-race sample of one of his runners. With Mr. Miller were his private veterinarians Drs. DOWD and BIRCH, who offered some insight into the medication and its withdrawal times. Evidence showed that the horse was given vetalog four days before the race which resulted in an overage approximately eight times the legal limit. Dr. Dowd testified that the method of administration and unknown withdrawal times led to the positive. He also averred the trainers and vets should be given withdrawal times rather than acceptable levels. Unfortunately for Mr. Miller, the CHRB makes rules based on levels and furthermore the RMTC guideline for this medication is seven days. Decision to follow.

3/17/16<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#9 ET TOI (IRE) – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible #10 JUST A GEM -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible #6 TWIRLING TIGER – Claimed – T. Yakteen, trainer #3 LAST ONE STANDING – pulled up, walked off Refund \$1,820.99
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#4 LUCKBOX SAM – Claimed – D. Jacobson, trainer Refund \$29.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$179.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#11 GOLDEN LIGHT -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible #13 UNUSUALLY TALENTED -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible #14 ALL FOR CHARITY -- Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund \$1,795.64
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 MEDIA MELEE – Claimed – F. Lucarelli, trainer #6 SHINY NUGGET – S. Knapp, trainer
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 WARRENSCRYSTALIZED – vanned off, post race
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes

3/17/16<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,017	987,464.10
SCOTWinc	4,717	1,446,938.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,260,987.31
Total	8,734	8,695,390.01

**FRIDAY**3/18/16<sup>1</sup>**LINDSAY JOINS JOCKEY COLONY**

Apprentice jockey CHAD LINDSAY came to the office for apprentice approval this morning. Mr. Lindsay has been riding in Tampa, FL since January 1 and has 11 winners. He will be represented by VINCE DeGREGORY.

3/18/16<sup>2</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#7 SHEZROXIII – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande Refund \$1,165.23; Minus Pool \$5,682.12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 SUGAR SPICE – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer #2 FAST MAGOO – Claimed – R. Trela, trainer Refund \$100.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 MR. ITKINS – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #5 AIN'T NO OTHER – Claimed – T. McKenna, trainer #6 MOONLIGHT MEETING – Claimed - S. Miyadi, trainer Refund \$1,051.47
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 GONE TO BILL – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund \$934.10
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$4.20
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$36.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$25.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 REMEMBER CLEMENT – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande Refund \$573.72

3/18/16<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,535	712,004.50
SCOTWinc	4,005	1,252,023.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,123,028.35
Total	7,540	7,087,056.65

**SATURDAY**3/19/16<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FERNANDO PEREZ came to the office to review his ride in the sixth yesterday during which he allowed his mount to drift out in the stretch. He believed he was clear and didn't realize there were two horses to his outside. He acknowledged his error. While the majority voted to issue a warning, Steward BAKER voted for a suspension.

3/19/16<sup>2</sup>**LEAL/SPORTECH RULINGS**

After considering the evidence in the matter involving the tote company and its employee who scratched the incorrect horse and then entered back into the wagering pools, we issued the following rulings:

**LATS #086**

Pari-mutuel employee ABEL LEAL is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1974(c) (Wagering Interest – removed wrong horse from wagering pools, then re-entered horse) at Del Mar Turf Club in the fifth race on September 6, 2015.

**LATS #087**

Following an Order of Remand issued by the California Horse Racing Board dated January 27, 2016, and a formal hearing having been held on March 3, 2016, Totalizator Company SPORTECH RACING LLC is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1974 (c) (Wagering interest - removal of incorrect horse from wagering pool – then horse was re-entered) at Del Mar Turf Club in the fifth race on September 6, 2015.

3/19/16<sup>3</sup>**SPAWR RULINGS**

After considering the evidence presented in the two phenylbutazone overages in horses trained by BILL SPAWR, we issued the following rulings:

**LATS #088**

Trainer WILLIAM SPAWR, who started the horse SWEETRAYOSUNSHINE which finished first in the sixth race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 8, 2016, is fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Phenylbutazone – in excess of permitted level – 2.94 ug/ml – Class 4).

**LATS #089**

Trainer WILLIAM SPAWR, who started the horse BORN TO SERVE which finished first in the fifth race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 10, 2016, is fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances – Phenylbutazone – in excess of permitted level – 2.76 ug/ml – Class 4).

3/19/16<sup>4</sup>**MILLER RULING**

After considering the evidence presented by trainer PETER MILLER and his veterinarians regarding his vetalog positive, we issued the following ruling:

**LATS #090**

Trainer PETER MILLER, who started the horse TRIBAL JEWEL in the sixth race at Santa Anita Race Track on December 31, 2015, 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 #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Triamcinolone Acetonide - in excess of permitted level [795 pg/ml] – Class 4).

3/19/16<sup>5</sup>**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the second race (IRISH O'BRIEN Stakes), we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident at the head of the stretch between the first two finishers. Films revealed the winner #3 SMOOVE IT (F. Prat) drifted in and caused the second place finisher #5 VELVET MESQUITE (K. Desormeaux) to steady. However, in our unanimous opinion, the interference did not cost the #5 the opportunity at a better placing.

3/19/16<sup>6</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 ROYAL F J – Claimed – E. January, trainer #4 ALPINE LUCK – Claimed – F. Lucarelli, trainer #6 NO CONTINGENCY – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer Refund \$28.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 DEMONICA – collapsed post race, died – report attached Refund \$26.00; Minus Pool \$10,640.91
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#14 YES VIRGINIA – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$119.70
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 DREAM TEAM – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande Refund \$764.90
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#14 DINNER AT TRANI'S – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$275.50

6<sup>th</sup> Race #13 LADY'S DISCRETION – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #14 EUPHEMISTIC – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #9 HOLIDAYINCAMBODIA – Claimed – D. Hendricks, trainer  
 Refund \$1,439.18

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$107.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 CHIPS ALL IN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$1,654.84

9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 ALL STAR BUB – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 Refund \$418.00; Minus Pool \$121.43

10<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

11<sup>th</sup> Race #4 SMALL TOWN COP – Claimed – A. Mathis, trainer  
 #7 IT IS LIVING WATER – Claimed – T. Yakteen, trainer  
 #11 TATTENHAM – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr., trainer  
 Refund \$11.00

3/19/16<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	24,796	2,108,824.60
SCOTWinc	6,978	2,356,593.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,114,700.43
Total	31,774	12,580,118.23

**SUNDAY**  
 3/20/16<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys KENT DESORMEAUX and ABEL LEZCANO came to the office to review their respective rides in the tenth race yesterday. During the run down the backstretch, Mr. Lezcano was not happy with Mr. Desormeaux being so far from the inside rail so decided to help him move closer. Mr. Desormeaux, unhappy with said action, decided to push back. We explained in no uncertain terms that this type of riding would not be tolerated and that both would be looking at suspensions should it occur in the future.

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT came to the office to review his rides in the second and fifth races. In the second race, his horse was the subject of an Inquiry when he drifted in as the field entered the stretch. We felt that Mr. Prat did a fairly good job in trying to prevent this drift. In the fifth race, video showed that Mr. Prat was attempting to enter an opening between horses with only marginal clearance. As he did this, the horses to his outside and inside, drifted and therefore closed the hole. We warned that while there were extenuating circumstances, that trying such a move is not encouraged.

3/20/16<sup>2</sup>**APPRENTICE EXTENSION**

Apprentice jockey DAVID LOPEZ provided medical documentation of time off due to a race related injury and requested an extension to his apprenticeship. That request was granted and memorialized in the following ruling:

**LATS #091**

Apprentice Jockey DAVID C. LOPEZ, having supplied medical documentation to verify his request for an extension to his apprentice jockey's license, is granted an extension of 16 days. DAVID C. LOPEZ' apprenticeship shall terminate at midnight on April 11, 2016.

3/20/16<sup>3</sup>**MILLER RULING**

Trainer PETER MILLER appeared by telephone to answer case number 16SA055 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging an unreported gelding. While he disagrees with the rule, he had no explanation other than to offer the mitigating fact that the horse was a first time starter. We issued the following ruling:

**LATS #092**

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse LUCKY DAYS AHEAD, which ran in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on March 6, 2016. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

3/20/16<sup>4</sup>**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the fifth race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine the circumstances under which jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ was unseated from his mount as the field entered the far turn. Video revealed that Mr. Gonzalez' horse, who was extremely rank throughout the race, drifted out and clipped heels, stumbled and unseated the rider. Therefore no change was appropriate. Mr. Gonzalez was transported to Huntington Memorial Hospital for evaluation. Accident report attached.

3/20/16<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$261.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 MULTIPLE SUNS – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead  
 #2 TAIMA THE HAWK – Claimed – V. Belvoir, trainer  
 #8 WONDERING WAYS – Claimed – B. Koriner, trainer  
 Refund \$485.44  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 SENSITIVELY – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 Refund \$1,670.64 Minus Pool \$3,662.73  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #11 AUDACIOUS ANGEL – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #12 LETHAL LEGACY -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #13 LILY -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #14 UNUSUALLY TALENTED -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 Refund \$3,856.56  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 CHIEF LION – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer  
 #7 SEEKING THE SHERIF – Claimed – D. Jacobson, trainer  
 #1 FOLLINI – clipped heels, lost rider  
 Refund \$126.54  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #8 ALFA BIRD – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande  
 #11 SLIM SHADEY (GB) -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #12 TRIBAL TRIBUTE -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 Refund \$3,260.51  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #7 QUALITY LINE – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
 #5 TRINITAS SOLDIER – Rider change – J. Talamo for S. Gonzalez  
 (injured)  
 Refund \$963.16  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #6 TOEWS ON ICE – Veterinarian scratch, sick –Dr. Grande  
 Refund \$2,174.70 Minus Pool \$3,697.12  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #11 VISITATION -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #14 MADIKWE -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #2 SEEDANDSTEMSAGAIN – Rider change – E. Maldonado for  
 S. Gonzalez  
 Refund \$673.34

3/20/16<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,969	1,657,818.00
SCOTWinc	5,579	1,979,653.70
Out of state + ADW	N/A	7,554,656.37
Total	13,548	11,192,128.07

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/14/16 – 3/20/16**

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	16
Shock Wave Therapy	17
Deceased	3
Medication	1

**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**

	Thurs 3/17/16	Fri 3/18/16	Sat 3/19/16	Sun 3/20/16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	12
Cal-Bred Races	3	0	3	0	6	60
Claims	4	4	7	4	19	204
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	2	32
Refunds	4	8	10	9	31	316
Rulings	4	0	5	2	11	92
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	18

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward