



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

### LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, Inc.

Santa Anita Park

#### To the California Horse Racing Board

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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Week 5 – Friday, January 20, 2017 – Sunday, January 22, 2017**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

1/18/17<sup>1</sup>

#### **ENTRIES**

Steward Grant Baker was in the office to oversee entries for Saturday.

#### **THURSDAY**

1/19/17<sup>1</sup>

#### **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Grant Baker was present today to oversee entries for Sunday and scratches for Friday.

#### **FRIDAY**

1/20/17<sup>1</sup>

#### **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Bryan Pena met with the Stewards to review the sixth race on Monday. Mr. Pena's drift in the stretch which involved two horses to his outside was reviewed and his culpability was assessed. After a review, it was decided Mr. Pena's shift was not penalty worthy, but he was warned to be more aware. He stated he would comply.

Mario Gutierrez joined the BOS as directed to review the fifth race (ref-01-16-17<sup>5</sup>) on Monday which involved a Steward's inquiry. The issue was, approaching the 1/4 pole in a five horse spread, one stopping and three others riding for a better position caused a jam up. Mr. Gutierrez, near the outside applied pressure on horses to his inside by staying off of heels of a horse to his outside. After much discussion the BOS felt the other horses involved were changing positions on the turn and this factor played into the incident. Mr. Gutierrez was warned and advised that, he needs to retreat straight back when on heels. He stated he understood.

1/20/17<sup>2</sup>

#### **ACUNA RULING (ref 01-16-17<sup>3</sup>)**

After a decision was made pertaining to the reference number above the following ruling was issued.

#### **RULING LATS #032**

Owner/Trainer/Outrider NICK ACUNA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees- Horseshoeing without a license) on January 16, 2017 at Santa Anita Park.

1/20/17<sup>3</sup>**ACCIDENT JOCKEY OBJECTION SEVENTH RACE NO CHANGE 1 mile-dirt**

Following the running of the race jockey Tyler Baze who finished second aboard #10 Who Cares, lodged a claim of foul against #2 Mizzen Me (K. Desormeaux 1st). Near the 3/16 marker #3 T. Montana went wrong and fell unseating apprentice jockey Austin Solis. After the incident, jockey Desormeaux veered inward causing #10 to steady. After a review of the video and conversation with both jockeys it was a unanimous decision to let the original order of finish stand. In the BOS opinion, the actions of #2 did not afford #10 the opportunity of a better placing (3/4 length).

1/20/17<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race 3 BROLAZZA (Tr. G. Piccioni) Stewards-off turf  
#5 FIREBALL (Tr. R. Bean) Stewards-off turf. \$493.50

2nd race NO SHOW WAGERING  
#4 DEMIGODDESS (Tr. C. Stutts) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande  
Refund \$661.50

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$53.00

4th race #7 REDNECK CRAZY (Tr. G. Sherlock) claimed by Tr. J. Brocklebank  
Refund \$96.00

5th race #1 PATH OF EXILE (Tr. M. McCarthy) Steward-off turf  
#2 MARCKIE'S WATER (Tr. R. Baltas) Steward-off turf  
#3 BURNT COGNAC (Tr. R. Mandella) Steward-off turf  
#4 I'D BE SAD AN BLUE (Tr. E. Freeman) Steward-off turf  
#8 WARREN'S FANDANGO (Tr. J. Gutierrez) S. Elliot replaced T. Baze (2nd call)  
#13 PAPA TED (Tr. A. Kitchingman) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr. Stead  
Refund \$51,783.12

6th race #1 PACKIN HEAT (Tr. D. Dunham) Steward-off turf  
#2 ALWAYS NEVER (Tr. M. Puype) Steward-off turf  
#3 KETOS (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-off turf  
#4 DUBDUBWATSON (Tr. B. Baffert) S. Elliot replaced M. Garcia (personal)  
#7 PETE'S PLAY Call (Tr. M. Glatt) Steward-enter back  
Refund \$1,433.45

7th race #1 PUMPKIN STAR (Tr. D. Blacker) Steward-track condition  
#3 T. MONTANA (Tr. P. Miller) DNF-euthanized  
#4 PROUD OF OUR KIDS (Tr. E. Truman) Steward-track condition  
#6 SMALL TOWN HERO (Tr. R.B. Hess) Steward-track condition  
#7 SORRY ERIK (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Steward-track condition  
#9 HARD ARCH (Tr. V. Cerin) Steward-track condition  
Refund \$5,216.30

8th race #1 PROUD SINGER (S. Gonzalez) Steward-track condition  
Refund \$367.40

1/20/17<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,138	\$369,775.60
SCOTWinc	3,464	\$1,031,511.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,279,300.86
Total	4,602	\$4,680,588.26

**SATURDAY**1/21/17<sup>1</sup>**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Norberto Arroyo met with the Stewards, a day late to review the fifth race on Monday (ref 01-16-17<sup>5</sup>, 01-20-17<sup>1</sup>). After he was exonerated from culpability in the race review, the following ruling was issued for his absence on Friday.

**RULING LATS #033**

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on January 20, 2017).

1/21/17<sup>2</sup>

**CAPESTRO HEARING CASE #16DM120**

The CHRB filed a financial complaint for farrier Larry Thibodeaux against trainer Paula Capestro in the amount of \$14,570. Ms. Capestro along with her attorney/husband and Mr. Thibodeaux appeared and came to a settlement before appearing before the BOS. A financial agreement was signed by both parties and the complaint was dismissed.

1/21/17<sup>3</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

After a physical examination of #6 Really a Gem in the fourth race by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian’s List. The claim was voided and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Walther Solis.

1/21/17<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st race #3 JOSEPHINE’S MOMENT (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) claimed by Tr. E. Truman  
Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$74.44
- 2nd race #6 HURRICANE Callie (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. G. James  
Refund \$6.00
- 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$14.00
- 4th race #3 CECILE’S DIAMOND (Tr. K. Mulhall) Stewards-track condition  
#6 REALLY A GEM (Tr. W. Solis) claimed by Tr. P. Miller **VOID**  
Refund \$271.94
- 5th race No Changes; Refund \$109.96; Minus Pool \$8,143.99
- 6th race #4 PONDER LEA (Tr. R. Baltas) Steward-track condition  
Refund \$669.28
- 7th race #3 PIONEER LAD (Tr. T. Yakteen) Steward-track condition  
Refund \$2,099.89
- 8th race #11 TWIRLING TIGER (Tr. T. Yakteen) Steward-track condition  
#12 TOP FORTITUDE (Tr. P. Oviedo) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
Refund \$4,117.19
- 9th race #4 CHIEF TIGER (Tr. R. Bean) C. Lindsay replaced A. Solis (sore arm) CW 118  
Refund \$14.60

1/21/17<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,401	\$1,218,956.80
SCOTWinc	5,756	\$1,990,938.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,253,357.79
Total	13,157	\$8,463,253.39

**SUNDAY**

1/22/17<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

Luis Jauregui filled in for Scott Chaney who was absent due to personal reasons. Paul Atkinson was on duty as Safety Steward.

1/22/17<sup>2</sup>

**RACES CANCELLED**

Approximately 7:45 AM this morning Santa Anita management decided to cancel the eight race card due to inclement weather.

1/22/17<sup>3</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Israel Ocampo met with the Stewards to review the fourth race yesterday in which he had an outward drift in the stretch when using a left handed crop. He was warned we expect him to correct this kind of a drift in the future. He stated he understood.

1/22/17<sup>4</sup>

**AVILA RULING CASE #17SA008**

After Mr. Avila failed to appear for the scheduled hearing the following ruling was issued.

**RULING LATS #034**

Trainer ANTONIO (A.C.) AVILA, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Blacksmith Robert Sise -

\$4,160.00) 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 ANTONIO (A.C.) AVILA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine) ANTONIO (A.C.) AVILA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

1/22/17<sup>5</sup>

**CASTANEDA RULING CASE 16DM119**

After Mr. Castaneda failed to appear yesterday for his scheduled hearing the following ruling was issued.

**RULING LATS #035**

Exercise Rider RAFAEL CASTANEDA, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1685 (Equipment Requirement – Modified Crop) 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 RAFAEL CASTANEDA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine). RAFAEL CASTANEDA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

1/22/17<sup>6</sup>

**GUTIERREZ RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Gutierrez, foreman for trainer Mark Glatt, appeared before the Stewards and explained why he entered the training track yesterday leading a Glatt trainee during the restricted time allotted for workers only. He was very candid in taking responsibility stating he had a rank horse and felt this action was his only option. He was advised, next time it might be better to retreat when it is congested at the gap due to gallopers waiting to enter the track. He stated he would handle it differently next time, it was refreshing to have a licensee take responsibility.

**RULING LATS #036**

Stable Foreman ELEUTERIO GUTIERREZ 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 follow instructions of outrider).

1/22/17<sup>7</sup>

**GARCIA RULING**

As directed Martin Garcia met with the Stewards to review a possible violation of the crop rule. Without a review, Mr. Garcia admitted he used the crop four times in succession and the following ruling was issued.

**RULING LATS #038**

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* 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 – first offense in last 60 days), during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 21, 2017.

1/22/17<sup>8</sup>

**BELL RULING**

This ruling was issued after trainer Thomas Bell's exercise rider, Kelsey Faucon appeared before the BOS after being cited for galloping a horse for him during the designated time for workers only on the training track yesterday. She stated she was told to breeze the horse in the lane (1/8), she was not aware during this time allotment everyone is required to work 3/8 of a mile or farther. Mr. Bell came in after and stated he told her to work 3/8 if the horse was handling the surface, yet he failed to report the workout with the official clockers. The BOS felt he was responsible for the violation.

**RULING #037**

Trainer THOMAS RAY BELL II 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 follow instructions of outrider).

1/22/17<sup>9</sup>

**MEETING**

As directed, Jockey Norberto Arroyo, Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire, Outrider Michelle McGrath, Pony Rider Rudy Marquez, met with the Stewards to discuss an incident yesterday prior to the start of the fifth race. Also in attendance were Racing Secretary Rick

Hammerle, Investigator Jim Hamilton, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson. Due to the race track being closed during morning training, a few select horses were allowed to work out between races. This created short post parades, causing issues between outriders and jockeys wanting more time to warm up. After much discussion it was determined the combination of the short post parade, the location of the gate and the track veterinarian contributed to the confusion trying to get the horses to the starting gate on time. The results of this gathering will promote better procedures in the future.

1/22/17<sup>10</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	536	Cancelled
SCOTWinc	3,123	Cancelled
Out of state + ADW	N/A	Cancelled
Total	3,659	Cancelled

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 1/16/17 – 1/22/17**

Horses on Vet List 10  
 Horses off Vet List 8  
 Shock Wave Therapy 10  
 Fatalities 1  
 Medication 0

**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**

	Fri. 1/20	Sat. 1/21	Sun. 1/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	X	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	3	0	X	3	14
Claims	1	2	X	3	48
Disqualifications	0	0	X	0	4
Inquiries	1	0	X	1	7
Refunds	7	9	X	16	118
Rulings	1	1	6	8	39
Voided Claims	0	1	X	1	11

Respectfully submitted,

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward  
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 C.S. Chaney, Steward  
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 Grant W. Baker, Steward  
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 Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward