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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.

SANTA ANITA PARK

### To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor  
Honorable Chuck Winner, Chairman  
Honorable George Krikorian, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairman  
Honorable Madeline Auerbach, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman  
Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
Honorable Araceli Ruano, Member  
Honorable Alex Solis, Member  
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director  
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Week 9– Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Monday, February 20, 2017**

**WEDNESDAY**

2/15/17<sup>1</sup>

### ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries and declarations for this week of the Santa Anita Winter Meet.

**THURSDAY**

2/16/17<sup>1</sup>

### FILM REVIEW

Jockeys' Guild Manager Darrel Haire represented jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA and his ride in the third race on Sunday. Video showed that he allowed his mount to drift out approximately six paths in the stretch. The last part of the drift resulted in brushing and forcing the eventual winner off of his path. Mr. Haire stated that although he was drifting, he was making some effort to correct and trying to win the race at the same time. The majority agreed and issued a warning. Steward Chaney strongly believed this was careless riding and voted for a three day suspension.

Apprentice jockey EVIN ROMAN came to the office with his agent Tony Matos to review his ride in the second race from Sunday during which he angled out on the far turn, causing a rival to clip heels, which resulted in a disqualification. He claimed that he didn't know his rival was there. We issued the following ruling:

### **LATS Ruling #065**

Apprentice Jockey EVIN ROMAN, who rode AVAUDREY in the second race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 12, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 26, March 2 and 3, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference which resulted in a disqualification of his mount from fifth to seventh.

This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding).  
Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

2/16/17<sup>2</sup>**VALLEJO RULING**

After considering the evidence (virtually none when the CHRB's witness didn't show up) against assistant trainer GENARO VALLEJO alleging violation of the animal welfare and equipment rules, when his exercise rider wore spurs and lacerated a race horse, we dismissed the complaint.

2/16/17<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$533.92; Minus Pool \$1476.69  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race            #5 Canned Heat – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
Refund \$1557.30; Minus Pool \$8278.99  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$0  
4<sup>th</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$19.00  
5<sup>th</sup> Race            Stewards' review into action of #3 in stretch; no inquiry  
Refund \$140.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race            #1 Pica – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$1099.48  
7<sup>th</sup> Race            #2 Northern Grey – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
#6 Tchula Sunset – Claimed – D. Pederson, trainer  
Refund \$1864.81  
8<sup>th</sup> Race            #11 Aeon – Stewards' scratch – also eligible  
Refund \$1728.38

2/16/17<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,305	\$634,261.90
SCOTWinc	3,860	\$1,092,696.50
Out of state + ADW	n/a	\$3,556,023.91
Total	6,165	\$5,282,982.31

**FRIDAY**2/17/17<sup>1</sup>**RACES CANCELLED**

Live racing was cancelled today at Santa Anita due to an expected large amount of rain and possible flooding.

2/17/17<sup>2</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI came to the office to review his ride from the last race Sunday. Specifically, he angled in going into the far turn. His mount was on the outside of a five horse spread. He was hoping to save ground and the horses to his inside would ease back. Unfortunately, they did not and he was not clear when he crossed over, causing the horse to his inside to steady. The majority believed that this constituted careless riding (Steward Sawyer dissented) and issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #069**

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI, who rode SOONER TIME in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on February 12, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 26, March 2, and 3, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference around the far turn. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT came to the office to review his ride in the first race yesterday. His horse broke alertly and he angled him to the inside fence fairly precipitously. In so doing, he herds the horse to his inside several paths. Steward Sawyer thought this deserved a four day suspension (his second penalty in 60 days) but the majority issued a warning.

Apprentice jockey EVIN ROMAN came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday. He nearly hit the inside fence on the turf course and we wanted to show him why. The review started with his ride in the first race during which he protected his fellow riders. We praised him for this work and then moved to the fifth race. It was our view that he actually angled his horse to the fence with his reins and crop in his excitement to try to win a race. He recognized the problem and Safety Steward Jauregui gave him some additional pointers to ride a safe, clean race.

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

**MILLER RULING**

After considering the evidence presented in the complaint against trainer PETER MILLER, we issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #067**

Trainer PETER MILLER, who started the horse SERBIAN SYCLONE, ninth place finisher in the fifth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 13, 2016 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 – Two (2) NSAID'S – Phenylbutazone (0.63 ug/ml) and Flunixin (10.7 ng/ml)).

2/17/17<sup>4</sup>

**BEJARANO RULING**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO dropped his appeal last week of three suspension days issued at the beginning of the meeting. We therefore issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #066**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATS ruling #003 (December 29, 2016) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (February 20, 24 and 25, 2017).

2/17/17<sup>5</sup>

**PALMA HEARING**

We held a formal hearing into case number 17SA0002 which was a complaint filed against groom ANTONIO PALMA alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). This case stemmed from an alleged altercation with another licensee in the stable area. Mr. Palma was suspended approximately a week ago when he failed to appear for the original hearing date. He has remained suspended until today when he appeared for the rescheduling hearing. Present were the BOS, Investigator Jim Hamilton, Mr. Palma, and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui who helped translate. Mr. Palma was not represented by counsel. Appearing as witnesses were Sgt. Michael Valadez (Santa Anita Security), Mr. Palma, the alleged victim Rosa Quevedo as well as Florian Quevedo. Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Evidence showed that Mr. Palma may have been drinking on the evening of the incident. He doesn't remember the details of what happened but the other witnesses indicated that Ms. Quevedo was cooking some food for Mr. Palma when he starting acting oddly and tried to choke her when he became agitated. At this point, Ms. Quevedo's boyfriend returned and the situation de-escalated. The alleged victim stated that he had never acted this way

before or after and really just wanted him to stay away. We took all of the documentary evidence and oral testimony and closed the record. Having appeared, we issued the following ruling reinstating Mr. Palma's license. A decision on the merits will be forthcoming.

**LATS Ruling #068**

Groom ANTONIO PALMA having appeared for a rescheduled hearing is restored to good standing. LATS Ruling #057 issued at Santa Anita Park on February 10, 2017 is set aside.

2/17/17<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACING CANCELLED

**SATURDAY**

2/18/17<sup>1</sup>

**VANDENTOORN HEARING**

We held an informal hearing (case number 17SA020) with complainant David Csesznok of SALT Chemical LLC and massage therapist IRIS VANDENTOORN. Mr. Csesznok alleged that Ms. Vandentoorn signed a lease agreement for a SALT machine but did not pay the required amount for its term. Respondent argued that the written contract was not enforceable in California, that the contact was different than the one she signed and that the machine never worked. We listened to both parties and took oral testimony. After attempting briefly to negotiate a settlement, we closed the hearing and will make a decision shortly.

2/18/17<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the second race yesterday we posted the inquiry sign to examine the stretch run of the first two finishers. Video showed that the winner #4 David's Memory (T. Pereira) came out two paths brushing and forcing the second place finisher #8 Roaring Rule (B. Pena) off of his path. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, and given that the race was decided by a nose, the majority (Steward Baker voted for no change) voted to disqualify the winner and place him second.

Original order of finish: **(4)**-8-2-3-5-7-9-1

Corrected order of finish: 8-**(4)**-2-3-5-7-9-1

2/18/17<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 Isla City – Stewards' scratch, track condition Refund \$632.36
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	Off Turf #6 Los Gatos – Stewards' scratch, off turf Refund \$286.50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#7 Annie's Candy – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer Refund \$52.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Glacier – should be listed as a ridgling

Refund \$261.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Warren's Fandango – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
 #4 Burnt Cognac -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
 6 Wild Lando -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
 #7 Hi Heat Boy -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
 #10 Bottle Service -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
 #13 Highlight Show -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
 Refund \$930.68

6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$220.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Scathing – Stewards' scratch, track condition  
 #1 Daring Darling – Claimed – L. Powell, trainer  
 Refund \$ 1252.56

8<sup>th</sup> Race Off Turf  
 #1 Illuminant – Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #4 Do the Dance -- Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #5 Prize Exhibit (GB) -- Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #7 Evo Campus (IRE) -- Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #9 Juno (BRZ) -- Stewards' scratch, stake  
 #10 Pretty Girl (ARG) -- Stewards' scratch, stake  
 Refund \$4980.89

9<sup>th</sup> Race #11 Cammy's Music – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 #13 General Info – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
 Refund \$1606.20

2/18/17<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,231	\$1,100,563.10
SCOTWinc	6,386	\$2,277,137.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,629,799.21
Total	11,617	\$9,007,499.91

**SUNDAY**2/19/17<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey GALLYN MITCHELL came to the office to review his ride in the ninth race yesterday. Specifically we wanted to review his crop use on a horse that finished last. We felt that he used his crop after his horse reached its maximum placing. He agreed, thought it was a mistake and accepted a warning.

Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA came to the office to review his ride in the second race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified. He admitted that he struck the horse three times with the left hand as he was drifting out but also claimed that he tried to correct the drift before the contact but the horse was not responsive. The majority agreed and issued a warning whereas Steward Chaney voted for a three day suspension.

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO came to the office to review his ride in the second race yesterday. Specifically, we objected to the fact that he broke from an outside post and continued to put pressure on two horses to his inside causing those horses to steady. The majority voted for a warning whereas Steward Baker voted for a three day suspension.

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday. After the start, Mr. Desormeaux's mount raced somewhat erratically. Video indicated that this was most likely due to the fact that his horse was somewhat green and he was trying to protect his fellow riders. Warning.

2/19/17<sup>2</sup>

**CARDENAS HEARING**

The CHRB filed two complaints against exercise rider JESUS CARDENAS (case numbers 17SA0005 and 17SA0006) alleging two violations of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Unfortunately, we were running short on time and two attorneys showed up this morning. We therefore believed that a continuance was in order to set aside more time and arrange for a court reporter.

2/19/17<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the first race we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which the leader #3 Storming Candy ducked into the inside fence when jockey Santiago Gonzalez turned his stick over near the eighth pole. No other horses were involved so no change was appropriate. Mr. Gonzalez was examined by the track physician and cleared to ride. Unfortunately, in attempting to get up and untangled from the inside rail the horse suffered a catastrophic injury and was later euthanized (report submitted to the CHRB).

2/19/17<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the second race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine the incident involving #6 Dixie Ballet (A. Delgadillo). Video revealed while racing midpack in the stretch, the horse fell and unseated his rider. No change was appropriate. Mr. Delgadillo was examined by the track physician and cleared to ride. Unfortunately, the horse was euthanized (report submitted to the CHRB).

2/19/17<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#1 Runasaurus Rex – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer #3 Storming Candy – Claimed – T. McCanna, trainer #3 Storming Candy – Claim VOIDED – returns to L. Ruiz, trainer Refund \$206.52; Minus Pool \$437.93
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#2 Kenji's Savior – Stewards' scratch, failed to declare no shoes at the time of entry Refund \$4,145.18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#3 Melanistic – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #4 Ipray – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer #5 Miz Graycee – C. Dollase, trainer Refund \$639.12
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Crafty Cowboy – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #3 Empire Ruler – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer Refund \$2,098.96
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	Off Turf #3 Ten Count Out – Stewards' scratch, off turf #4 Go Argento -- Stewards' scratch, off turf #7 Tiboli (GB) -- Stewards' scratch, off turf #9 Another One -- Stewards' scratch, off turf #11 Majestic Vixen -- Stewards' scratch, off turf #12 Diva La Mousse -- Stewards' scratch, off turf

	#13 Ourroseofthenile -- Stewards' scratch, off turf
	#14 Tizcool – Rider change – K. Desormeaux for C. Nakatani (second call)
	Refund \$2,894.48
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$635.68
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Kiss at Midnight – Stewards' scratch, stake
	Refund \$6,926.15; Minus Pool \$3,219.70
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$127.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#9 Big Bane Theory – Stewards' scratch, off turf
	#10 Call Saul -- Stewards' scratch, off turf
	#11 Neveradoubt -- Stewards' scratch, off turf
	#13 Freddie's Dream – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
	Refund \$1,603.34
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0

2/19/17<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,742	\$1,317,648.00
SCOTWinc	5,372	\$1,868,693.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,692,214.24
Total	13,114	\$8,878,556.04

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

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX called and accepted our review of his ride in the sixth race yesterday. We reviewed his crop usage and determined that he used his crop at least seven times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond. We issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #070**

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for two (2) violations 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 and third offenses in last 60 days), during the sixth race at Santa Anita Race Track on February 19, 2017 (last offense on January 29, 2017).

2/20/17<sup>2</sup>**PALMA RULING (Ref: 2/17/17<sup>5</sup>)**

We directed groom ANTONIO PALMA to the office in order to arrange a meeting with the Winners' Foundation and deliver the ruling that follows:

**LATS Ruling #072**

Groom ANTONIO PALMA is suspended SEVEN (7) days retroactive from February 10 through February 16, 2017 and fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – threatening – abusive behavior) at Santa Anita Park on December 7, 2016.

ANTONIO PALMA remains on probation for as long as he holds a California Horse Racing Board license and must abide by the terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. ANTONIO PALMA shall also enter a contract with the Winners' Foundation. Failure to comply will be grounds for actions against his license privileges.

2/20/17<sup>3</sup>**O'NEILL RULING**

Pursuant to a late declaration yesterday, we issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #071**

Trainer DOUG O'ONEILL who was scheduled to start the horse LATEST CRAZE in the second race on February 19, 2017 is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board and Rule #1853 (Examination Required – did not declare horse unshod at time of entry) necessitating a late declaration.

2/20/17<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #11 Ocean Dream – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$37.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Refund \$5.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Refund \$10.60

4<sup>th</sup> Race Refund \$0

5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Jimmy Bouncer – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer  
#4 Jimmy Bouncer – Claim VOIDED – returns to D. O'Neill, trainer  
Refund \$0

6<sup>th</sup> Race #12 Marq One – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
#13 Chord On Blues -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
#14 Bee Sweet -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$60.30

7<sup>th</sup> Race #6 As A Rule – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer  
#6 As A Rule – Claimed – Claim VOIDED - returns to M. Machowsky, trainer  
Refund \$2.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Fallout – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
#4 Buy Me a Drink – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer  
Refund \$24.30

9<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Always Never – Late veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$15,697.30

10<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$662.90

11<sup>th</sup> Race #12 Zap Again – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande  
Refund \$38.20

2/20/17<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,412	\$1,433,467.90
SCOTWinc	5,177	\$1,860,581.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,420,363.60
Total	14,589	\$9,714,412.50

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/20/17 – 2/26/17**

Horses on Vet List 6  
Horses off Vet List 9  
Shock Wave Therapy 13  
Fatalities 4  
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**

	Thurs 2/16	Fri 2/17	Sat 2/18	Sun 2/19	Mon 2/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	x	0	2	0	2	8
Cal-Bred Races	1	x	2	2	2	7	36
Claims	1	x	2	5	1	9	96
Disqualifications	0	x	1	0	0	1	8
Inquiries	0	x	1	2	0	3	18
Refunds	7	x	9	9	9	34	212
Rulings	1	3	0	0	3	7	71
Voided Claims	0	x	0	1	2	3	27

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