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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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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Week 3 – Friday, April 28, 2017 – Sunday, April 30, 2017

WEDNESDAY

4/26/17¹

ENTRY DAY

Steward Scott Chaney was on duty today to oversee entries for Saturday, April 29, 2017. Nine (9) races were drawn and seventy nine (79) horses are scheduled to go to post.

THURSDAY

4/27/17¹

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, April 30, 2017. Steward Scott Chaney was on duty. Nine (9) races were drawn and seventy one (71) horses are scheduled to start. Scratch time for Friday April 28, 2017 took place in the racing office this morning. Two (2) jockey changes and no scratches were submitted. Both changes were activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline. Stewards Baker, Jauregui (Safety Steward) and Sawyer attended today's monthly reunion of the California Horse Racing Board. Following the CHRB meeting the stewards met with Chief Steward Darrel McHargue in our office.

4/27/17²

CANCELLED RACE DAY

On Sunday April 23, 2017 Rick Hammerle (Vice-President, Racing & Racing Secretary) called the Stewards' office at about noon to inform us there were insufficient entries to fill a card for Thursday, April 27 and that racing for that day would be cancelled. Entries for April 27 were originally taken on Saturday, April 22 and 'carried over' to the next day

Friday, April 28) for another attempt to fill. Chief Steward Darrel McHargue was called and informed of this decision by management.

FRIDAY

4/28/17¹

IRIS VANDENTOORN COMPLAINT (REF: 2/18/17¹ & 3/3/17¹)

On February 18, 2017 an informal hearing was held at Santa Anita involving Massage Therapist Iris Vandentoorn. Complainant David Csesznok (SALT Chemical LLC) alleged that Ms. Vandentoorn owed his company \$12,700.00 for the lease and cost of an equine salt spa therapy machine. Mr. Csesznok appeared for that hearing and Ms. Vandentoorn did not. However she testified via telephone from Florida. As a result of that hearing the Stewards issued LATS Ruling #080 (March 3, 2017) whereby the Stewards ordered Ms. Vandentoorn to pay Mr. Csesznok \$3,900 by April 3, 2017. Ms. Vandentoorn appealed that decision in a timely matter and it was remanded back to the Stewards for a formal hearing in order to create a record and transcript.

The 'remand hearing' was today in our office. Ms. Vandentoorn was ordered to appear for this hearing but failed to do so. Vendor David Csesznok telephoned the Stewards from Budapest, Hungary at the scheduled start of today's hearing. More to follow.

4/28/17²

DAVID COTA RULING (REF: 4/8/17(1))

We were informed this morning that Owner David Cota, who failed to appear for a hearing at Santa Anita on April 7, 2017, has satisfied his debt to K C Horse Transportation. The following ruling reinstates his license privileges.

RULING LATS #135

Owner DAVID COTA, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$379.56 to K C Horse Transportation) is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #117 issued at Santa Anita Park Winter/Spring Meet on April 8, 2017, is set aside.

4/28/17³

NORBERTO ARROYO JR. RULING

On Sunday, April 23 Assistant Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul called the Stewards and informed us Jockey Norberto Arroyo was late to report to the Jockeys room. Arroyo arrived in the Jockeys' room at 2:30 p.m. His first mount of the day (5th Race) had a scheduled post time of 3:05 p.m. For being late, the Stewards issued the following ruling which is Jockey Arroyo's eleventh (11th) sanction since racing returned here to Santa Anita on December 26, 2016.

RULING #136

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report late to Jockey quarters) on April 23, 2017 at Santa Anita Park.

4/28/17⁴

RACING OFFICIAL HAPPENINGS

There is no Clerk of the Course in the racing office this week. Angel Lomelli is out on maternity leave. Racing Secretary Rick Hammerle informed the Stewards that 'several officials' will pitch in this week until replacement official Dawn Schmid returns next week. Horseshoe Inspector Victor Tovar is off today. Farrier Louie Damore is replacing him.

4/28/17⁵**EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident about eighty (80) yards after the start. In this 6 ½ furlong event the stewards were investigating the actions of first place finisher #4 Dr. Dorr (Rafael Bejarano). Leaving the chute and entering the main track #4 Dr. Dorr drifts in and forces third place finisher #3 Bolita Boyz (Flavien Prat) to make repetitive contact with #4 Dr. Dorr and fifth place finisher #2 Spanish Hombre (Norberto Arroyo Jr.). #3 Bolita Boyz, who was most affected by the incident, was beaten 1 ½ lengths for second position in this race. After a review of all angles of this incident and a patrol judge report the stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish. This decision was unanimous. Jockey Rafael Bejarano was ordered to film review in the Stewards' office tomorrow.

4/28/17⁶**PROGRAM CHANGES**

3rd Race Declaration #1 You're the Reason, Tr. M. Ruis- Sick-Dana Stead DVM
REFUND: \$385.86

3rd Race #3 Adios Cali (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

5th Race Declaration #7 Double a Kafa, Tr. H. Loma Late Scratch-Flipped in Paddock-Dana Stead DVM. REFUND: \$1,497.49

6th Race Declaration #1 Lucky Lucciana, Tr. T. Yakteen - Injured-Tim Grande DVM
REFUND: \$147.38

6th Race #7 Passed by Paul (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, M. Pearson, trainer

8th Race Declaration #1 Giant Influence, Tr. P. Eurton - Sick-Dana Stead DVM
REFUND: \$892.56

8th Race #3 Bolita Boyz (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed, J. Brocklebank, trainer

9th Race #9 Street Rules, Tr. J. Cassidy - Unsound-Tim Grande DVM
REFUND: \$409.93

4/28/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,846	\$655,699.80
SCOTWinc	4,798	\$1,600,933.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,415,850.40
Total	8,644	\$6,672,483.20

SATURDAY4/29/17¹**IRIS VANDERTOON RULING (REF: 4/28/17¹)****RULING LATS #137**

Massage Therapist IRIS VANDENTOORN, having failed to appear for a remand hearing alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – David Csesznok – dba S.A.L.T. Chamber, LLC - \$3,900.00) 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 IRIS VANDENTOORN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine). IRIS VANDENTOORN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The ruling above was issued after Massage Therapist Iris Vandentoorn failed to appear for a formal hearing here yesterday.

4/29/17²**MICHAEL CURTIS RULING**

Trainer Michael Curtis started #7 Cape Nelo in yesterday's 9th Race which was contested at 1 1/8 miles on the turf course. While assembling in the receiving barn prior to the race Substitute Horseshoe Inspector Louie Damore examined this horse and observed that it was wearing toe grabs on its hind shoes. This is in violation of Santa Anita's turf course shoe policy. Horseshoe Inspector Damore, fortunately for Trainer Curtis, swiftly and efficiently 'grinded down' the shoes prior to the horses being led to the paddock. In a unanimous decision the Stewards voted to issue the following sanction.

RULING LATS #138

Trainer MICHAEL CURTIS, who started the horse CAPE NELO in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 28, 2017 is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly shod).

4/29/17³**RAFAEL BEJARANO FILM REVIEW (REF: 4/27/17⁵)**

Jockey Rafael Bejarano appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride in yesterday's eighth race. His agent Tora Yamaguchi accompanied him. Steward Paul Atkinson (off duty) was also present. In this 6 ½ furlong main track event. Jockey Bejarano was aboard first place finisher #4 Dr. Dorr in this race. About eighty (80) yards after the start Jockey Bejarano angled in from behind the leader #5 Guy Code (Evin Roman). At this time #4 Dr. Dorr crosses over in front of third place finisher #3 Bonita Boyz (Flavien Prat) forcing that rival to steady and also bump (several times) another rival to his inside; fifth place finisher #2 Spanish Hombre (Norberto Arroyo Jr.). When Jockey Bejarano crossed over in front of #3 Bonita Boyz the margin of clearance was not the minimum of 1 ½ lengths that is required for a safe change of paths. Jockey Bejarano told the Stewards that he was instructed by the trainer of his mount to obtain favorable early position in this race as soon as possible.

A Stewards' inquiry was conducted into the running of this race and 'no change' (unanimous) was made by the Stewards. The majority of the Stewards felt this was a careless ride and that heel clipping nearly took place. That majority voted for a penalty in this matter. Steward Chaney dissented voting for a warning. Jockey Bejarano received a three (3) day riding suspension on April 1 (REF: LATS Ruling #114). His attorney went to court to get a 'Stay of Administrative Ruling' of that decision and Jockey Bejarano has not served the suspension as of this writing. The following ruling was issued.

RULING LATS #139

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO, who rode DR. DORR in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on April 28, 2017 is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (May 5, 6, 7 and 11, 2017) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference shortly after the start. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding – second offense in last 60 days).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

4/29/17⁴**MAURO GARCIA FLORES HEARING**

Exercise Rider Mauro Flores appeared in the Stewards' office for an informal hearing involving alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Safety Steward Luis Jauregui was also present and gladly lent semi- bilingual (Spanish) Stewards Baker and Chaney a useful helping hand. On May 21st, 2016 Mr. Flores was exercising horses for Trainer Neil Drysdale and reported by Santa Anita outriders to be under the influence of

an alcoholic beverage. Mr. Flores failed to appear at a hearing to address that alleged incident last year. He was suspended due to that lack of appearance (REF: LATS Ruling #140- April 29, 2017).

Exercise Rider Flores showed proof of participating in a thirty (30) day in-house rehabilitation program. He told the Stewards he has abstained from alcohol since December 2016. Winners Foundation Representative Leroy Martinez will meet with Mr. Flores and inform him of the terms of a contract that he must adhere to if he wants to remain licensed with the CHRB. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING LATS #140

Having appeared before this Board of Stewards, exercise rider MAURO GARCIA FLORES is reinstated. LATS Ruling #163 dated June 5, 2016 at Santa Anita Park is set aside. Furthermore, Mr. Flores is ordered to sign a testing agreement with California Horse Racing Board. Mr. Flores is also required to enter into a contract with the Winners' Foundation and abide its terms. Lastly, Mr. Rodriguez' license is probationary for its term.

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COREY NAKATANI FILM REVIEW

Jockey Corey Nakatani appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #3 Tizcool who finished second in the second race yesterday, Friday, April 28. Off duty Steward Paul Atkinson was also present. The Stewards' determined that Jockey Nakatani used his riding crop four (4) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond after review of the films. In a unanimous decision the Stewards' issued the following ruling.

RULING LATS #141

Jockey COREY NAKATANI 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), during the second race at Santa Anita Park on April 28, 2017 (last offense on April 1, 2017).

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PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race Declaration #7 Amaranta Tr. J. Sadler Sick-Tim Grande DVM - REFUND: \$443.20
 2nd Race #1 Slasher---Blinkers Off
 3rd Race #4 Salah's Diamond should read 'Regular Gelding'
 5th Race Declaration #4 I Can Do This, Tr. M. Glatt - Sick-Tim Grande DVM REFUND: \$673.20
 5th Ownership #6 Howdy Kingkowboy should read M.Gail and Turner Shaw
 6th Race Declaration #1 Ebony Gold, Tr. B. Grayson - Injured-Dana Stead DVM REFUND: \$877.68
 6th Race #7 Unbridled Rocket (Tr. J.Carava) claimed, P. D'Amato, trainer
 9th Race #10 Rye Patch (W.E. Morey) claimed, E. Truman, trainer
 #12 Ebadah(IRE) ((Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, J.Carava, trainer

4/29/17⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,146	\$1,485,616.70
SCOTWinc	6,698	\$2,283,881.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,399,995.27
Total	15,844	\$11,169,493.57

SUNDAY4/30/17¹**FELIPE MARTINEZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Felipe Martinez appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #4 Salah's Diamond who finished seventh in yesterday's 3rd Race. At the start of this 5 ½ furlong race Jockey Martinez aggressively uses his riding crop in an attempt to gain a favorable position in this races' early stages. During film review today it was hard to decipher if Jockey Martinez made contact with his mount four (4) consecutive times or if he was 'flagging' horse without making contact. The Stewards were not sure if a violation occurred therefore no penalty was issued.

4/30/17²**NINTH RACE JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the ninth race Jockey Tyler Baze, who rode sixth place finisher #2 Particleaccelerator, lodged a jockey's claim of foul against third place finisher #11 Bucky's Pick (Norberto Arroyo Jr.) for alleged interference approaching the first (clubhouse) turn of this one (1) mile turf event.

Both of the two (2) horses involved in this objection review broke very well. Film review shows #11 Bucky's Pick angle down towards the rail from his outside post around the 6 1/2 furlong marker directly next to race co-leader #2 Particleaccelerator. At this point contact (bump) does take place and Jockey Baze is forced to check his mount and lose momentum in order to avoid further contact with #11 Bucky's Pick. #2 Particleaccelerator was beaten the margin of a 'nose' for fifth position in this race that included Super High 5 (First five finishers) wagering.

After reviewing all replay angles, a patrol judge report and speaking to jockeys Baze and Arroyo the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, disqualified #11 Buckys Pick and placed him sixth. Jockey Norberto Arroyo Jr. was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-10-11-1-8-2-3-6-7-9OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-10-1-8-2-11-3-6-7-94/30/17³**PROGRAM CHNGES**

3rd Race #5 St. Reno (Tr. J.Sadler) claimed, J. Sierra, Trainer---**VOIDED-UNSOUND**
#7 Best Two Minutes (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed, J.Carava, trainer

4th Race Jockey Change #3 Run Like Rhett, T.Baze for K.Desormeaux (Back)

6th Race Declaration #9 Laseen (IRE), Tr. J. Cassidy Loose prior to gate load-Stewards
REFUND: \$168,132.81

6th Race Jockey Change #5 Responsibleforlove, T.Baze for K.Desormeaux (Back)

7th Race Declaration #5 Right to the Point, Tr. E.Kruljac - Stewards-Enter Back
REFUND: \$1,543.37

7th Race Jockey Change #12 Soul Sound, N.Arroyo Jr. for K.Desormeaux (Back)

4/30/17⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,887	\$1,339,300.30
SCOTWinc	5,719	\$2,021,951.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,091,691.78
Total	15,606	\$10,452,943.28

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 4/24/17 – 4/30/17

Horses on Vet List 11
 Horses off Vet List 15
 Shock Wave Therapy 30
 Fatalities 2

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 4/28/17	Sat 4/29/17	Sun 4/30/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	13
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	3	47
Claims	3	3	1	7	237
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	16
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	36
Refunds	5	3	2	10	450
Rulings	2	5	0	7	141
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	40

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward