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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 5 – Thursday, May 11, 2017 – Sunday, May 14, 2017**

**WEDNESDAY**

5/10/17<sup>1</sup>

### **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries and declarations for this week of the Santa Anita Spring Meet.

**THURSDAY**

5/11/17<sup>1</sup>

### **GARCIA RULING**

Trainer OSCAR GARCIA came to the office pursuant to a ticket issued by the morning outriders. The security citation alleged that Mr. Garcia wore a helmet ("Caliente" style) that did not comply with the safety standards. He didn't dispute the allegation and accepted the following ruling:

#### **Ruling LATS #159**

Trainer OSCAR GARCIA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1689 (Safety Helmets Required - use of non-approved helmet) at Santa Anita Park on May 8, 2017.

5/11/17<sup>2</sup>

### **RANGEL HEARING**

We held an informal hearing today into case number 17SA095 filed by the CHRB against groom SALVADOR RANGEL alleging that he stole some clothes, passports and other items from the former occupant of his tack room who had been kicked off of the grounds. Both were employed by trainer Jorge Periban. The alleged victim Morel Barrera was removed from the grounds for drinking. Mr. Periban cleaned and packed his stuff and left it in his room. Mr. Rangel then moved in. Two months later, when Mr. Barrera returned to claim his belongings, some of the items were no longer there. Mr. Periban believed that Mr. Rangel took the items. Mr. Rangel claimed that he believed it was another of Periban's employees. Decision to follow.

5/11/17<sup>3</sup>

**CHEW HEARING**

Trainer MATTHEW CHEW was in the office for a formal hearing into case number 17SA0065 which alleged a phenylbutazone overage uncovered in the post-race test of one of his runners. The amount was quite high (18.46 ug/mL) which indicated a race day administration. Evidence from veterinarian reports as well as the video surveillance seemed to indicate that the Veterinarian who entered Mr. Chew’s barn to administer bute to the runner scheduled to run for the following day was taken by the barn foreman to the horse that was scheduled to run that afternoon. Therefore it appears that the horse received a bute injection hours before the race. Phil Miyazaki represented the CHRB. Mr. Chew represented himself. Also testifying were the two veterinarians who treated the horse. Evidence was taken and the hearing brought to a close. Decision to follow.

5/11/17<sup>4</sup>

**MILLER RULING**

We issued the following ruling this morning when trainer PETER MILLER submitted a scratch card for a runner this afternoon without a valid excuse other than that he and the owner simply did not want to run. This was his second such submittal in recent memory.

**LATS Ruling #156**

Trainer PETER MILLER is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1000.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – did not want to run in the fourth race on May 11, 2017).

5/11/17<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$2,551.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race           #4 PASCHALITA – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer. Refund \$116.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$322.60
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race            #5 MOON KITTY – Stewards’ scratch, did not want to run  
#3 SOCIAL TABOO – Claimed -- R. Ellis, trainer  
Refund \$2,155.68; Minus Pool \$761.18
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race            #4 NO SILENT – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$1,299.48
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race            #2 SPICY BLONDE – Claimed – P. D’Amato, trainer  
#2 SPICY BLONDE – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to M. McCarthy, trainer  
#6 BACK BEAUTY – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer  
#7 SOONER TIME – Claimed – T. Bellasis, trainer. Refund \$0
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race            #1 JIMMY BOUNCER – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer  
#1 JIMMY BOUNCER – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to D. O’Neill, trainer  
#6 JONNY’S CHOICE – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer. Refund \$0
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race            No changes; Refund \$0

5/11/17<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,039	\$526,251.00
SCOTWinc	3,496	\$1,051,314.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,183,318.86
Total	6,535	\$4,760,883.86

**FRIDAY**

5/12/17<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARDS REPLACEMENT**

Steward LUIS JAUREGUI is replacing Steward SCOTT CHANEY who is out of the office for today and tomorrow. Safety Steward RON CHURCH will be the safety steward for the next couple of days.

5/12/17<sup>2</sup>**APPRENTICE CERTIFICATE**

We issued an apprentice certificate for jockey LAURA WERNER who will be riding her first race at Santa Anita in Sunday's sixth race. Ms. Werner was accompanied by her agent Carolyn Conley. The young rider has ridden in fifty four races in New Zealand and has won four races. Werner has been attending the apprentice jockey film review, has been working horses for the last month and has been very eager to learn.

5/12/17<sup>3</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA was called into the office to review his ride from yesterday's first race in which he appeared to stand up before the finish line. Mr. Espinoza stated his horse switched leads prior to the finish line and he felt he did ride his mount to the wire. The video failed to determine if he had stood up early, therefore he was not penalized. Mr. Espinoza was cautioned that this type of violation would result in a suspension.

5/12/17<sup>4</sup>**CASE 17SA095 DISMISSED (5/11/17<sup>2</sup>)**

After deliberation of the case against groom SALVADOR RANGEL from yesterday's hearing the case was dismissed. In our opinion there was not enough evidence to determine that Mr. Rangel had stolen the property of Mr. Barrera.

5/12/17<sup>5</sup>**CHEW RULING**

The following ruling was issued on case 17SA0065 against Trainer MATT CHEW regarding yesterday's formal hearing for a phenylbutazone overage on his runner (Oopper Wallah) on 3/9/17:

**LATS ruling #158**

Trainer MATTHEW CHEW who started the horse OOPPER WALLAH, second place finisher in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on March 9, 2017 is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* pursuant of 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 [18.46 ug/ml]).

5/12/17<sup>6</sup>**ARROYO JR. RULING**

We issued the following rulings against Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO JR. for failing to appear for film review (CHRB rule #1930) and for arriving late to the jockey's quarters (CHRB rule #1680) in a timely manner. Mr. Arroyo Jr. has a history of not coming in to see us as directed. Therefore, the penalty has increased for multiple violations.

**LATS ruling #159**

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO, JR. is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review on May 11, 2017- multiple violations).

**LATS ruling #160**

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 May 7, 2017 at Santa Anita Park.

5/12/17<sup>7</sup>**WIN ONLY**

After receiving three veterinarian scratches in the first race we declared the race to be a win-only wagering. The race was delayed a couple of minutes to remove all place and show wagering from the pools.

We asked the tote company "Amtote" to provide an explanation why they couldn't remove place wagering pool amount off the infield video board. The place wagering pools were off other tote boards, just not on the infield video tote board. In a response letter, Amtote explained that the problem appeared to be a tote/TV interface issue. The two entities are working to resolve the problem.

5/12/17<sup>8</sup>**STEWARDS REVIEW**

We conducted a Steward's review after the running of the sixth race to examine an incident at the three eighths pole in which the #5 Waldorf had to steady. After our review we determined the #7 shifted in causing the #5 to steady, but since the #5 did finish in front of the #7 no change was needed to the order of finish.

5/12/17<sup>9</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 WARREN'S SUPER CAT- Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound  
 #3 ROCKANTHAROS- Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, unsound  
 #4 BASIE BOOTS- Veterinarian scratch, unsound- Dr. Grande  
 #5 WATCH ME NOW- Claim **VOIDED**- returns to D. O'Neill, trainer (WIN-ONLY WAGERING). Refund \$23,659.29

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #7 HYDROSTATIC- Veterinarian scratch, unsound- Dr. Grande  
 #9 SWALLOWS INN GAL-Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 #10 BIG BOY CANDY- Stewards' scratch- also eligible  
 Refund \$1,830.01

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes; Refund \$55.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund \$84.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 SO HERES THE THING- Veterinarian scratch, sick- Dr. Grande  
 #3 LOST IN LEXINGTON- Veterinarian scratch, unsound- Dr. Stead  
 #5 YODELSONG- Stewards' scratch- dirt only  
 Refund \$1,723.15

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 SUPER ECHELON- Claimed by C. Lewis, trainer. Refund \$31.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 SENSE OF GLORY- Claimed by R. Becerra, trainer. Refund \$21.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race #11 SET YOU FREE- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$529.05

5/12/17<sup>10</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,167	\$502,304.50
SCOTWinc	3,894	\$1,306,056.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,349,231.23
Total	7,061	\$6,157,591.83

**SATURDAY**5/13/17<sup>1</sup>**O'NEILL RULING**

The following ruling was issued to Trainer DOUG O'NEILL when he scratched his horse "THORPE D'ORO" out of today's second race. Mr. O'Neill failed to have his foal registration certificate in the racing office. He stated his owner would have the foal papers mailed in time, but he failed to do so. The following ruling was issued.

**LATS ruling #161**

Trainer DOUG O'NEILL who was scheduled to start the horse THORPE d'ORO in the second race on May 13, 2017 is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – registration certificate not on file).

5/13/17<sup>2</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Israel Ocampo came to our office as a representative of Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO JR. who was called in to review the 7<sup>th</sup> race on May 6, 2017. Mr. Arroyo was floating out down the backside from the two path to the four path. His actions didn't make anyone steady, but we thought it was a little too much. Mr. Ocampo will relay our message to Mr. Arroyo that this type of riding is not permitted.

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO was in our office to review yesterday's sixth race when he was involved in a stewards' review. Mr. Delgadillo's horse has an eye issue on his right eye, which caused him to shy away from the horse on the outside. Warning.

5/13/17<sup>3</sup>**VALDEZ CASE #17SA0094**

The CHRB filed a complaint against Groom JOSE GUSTAVO VALDEZ for violation of CHRB rule of 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) alleging that he attacked Groom Artemo Silva in the barn area. Both gentleman were working for trainer Ron Ellis when they got in the altercation over walking a horse. Mr. Valdez admitted that he was wrong and said it wouldn't happened again. Decision to follow.

5/13/17<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS' REVIEW**

We held a Stewards' Review after the sixth race to look at an incident at the half mile pole on the hillside turf course. We wanted to review what caused the #2 Humid to steady slightly. After reviewing the video we determined the #7 horse shied into the path of the #4 causing #2 to steady slightly. We felt the review wasn't worthy of an inquiry.

5/13/17<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 WESTERN WARRIOR-Late veterinarian scratch, unsound- Dr. Stead #8 HOLLYWOOD SQUARE- Veterinarian scratch, unsound- Dr. Stead Refund \$21,624.82
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$26.40
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$54.00/ Minus Pool \$3,188.85
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$191.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 BOBBY ADU DHABI- Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,615.80; Minus Pool 405.56
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No Changes; Refund \$ Refund \$163.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 INFORMALITY- Claimed by K. Desormeaux, trainer #9 BIG PAPI- Veterinarian scratch, sick- Dr. Stead Refund \$2,042.44
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#10 MIZTER KOOL CAT- Late Stewards' scratch, lost rider in post parade Refund \$58,041.65
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 SALSITA- Claimed by J. Hollendorfer, trainer Refund \$15.00

5/13/17<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,736	\$1,338,550.40
SCOTWinc	6,222	\$2,217,202.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,762,433.17
Total	14,958	\$11,318,186.47

**SUNDAY**5/14/17<sup>1</sup>**VALDEZ RULING**

After the hearing yesterday, we considered the evidence and issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #162**

Groom JOSE GUSTAVO VALDEZ is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct –aggressor in fight) on April 13, 2017 in the Santa Anita Park stable area.

Furthermore MR. VALDEZ is ordered to meet with representatives of Winner's Foundation by May 21, 2017 at Santa Anita Park and adhere to guidelines concerning Anger Management set forth by that organization. Failure to comply shall result in suspension for the term of his license.

5/14/17<sup>2</sup>**DEHAAN/BELVOIR HEARINGS**

We combined two formal hearings this morning because both cases (17SA103 and 17SA060) involved common facts. These cases involved a flunixin overage discovered in the post-race sample of one of trainer VANN BELVOIR's runners. The other complaint was filed against his Veterinarian Dr. KATHERINE DEHAAN. In addition to Belvoir and Dehaan, Jim Hamilton (CHRB Investigator) and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg were present. Evidence showed that the horse in question was given flunixin at Lasix time instead of Lasix. Dr. Dehaan took full responsibility for the mistake as Mr. Belvoir's employee actually held the correct horse for the treatment. Oddly, the CHRB filed the complaint against the trainer but recommended a dismissal; and alternatively requested a penalty for the Veterinarian. Decision to follow.

5/14/17<sup>3</sup>**AZCARTE RULING**

We contacted trainer DAN AZCARATE when he failed to appear for his scheduled gelding hearing (case number 17SA109) this morning. It appears as if he has never updated his address with CHRB (as specifically required in the regulations) and therefore didn't receive the complaint. When presented with the fact that one of his runners was listed as a colt rather than a gelding, he said that he never gelded the horse while it was under his care. Unconvinced by this argument, we found there to be a violation, albeit mitigated since the horse was a first time starter and issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #163**

Trainer DANIEL AZCARATE is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse SALAH'S DIAMOND which ran in the third race at Santa Anita Park on April 29, 2017. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

5/14/17<sup>4</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$352.44; Minus Pool \$1.68  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$203.00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 MY PARTY GIRL – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande  
 Refund \$1,284.04; Minus Pool \$674.28  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 LONDON LEGACY – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer  
 #5 ANKENY HILL – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer. Refund \$0  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$11.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$19.84  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 WHERE Y'AT JOE JOE – Stewards' scratch, entered back  
 #11 SUCCESS RATE – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer  
 Refund \$613.70  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$11.30

5/14/17<sup>5</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,402	\$1,204,094.80
SCOTWinc	5,220	\$1,609,366.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,162,019.16
Total	15,622	\$8,975,480.36

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 5/8/17 – 5/14/17**

Horses on Vet List 16  
 Horses off Vet List 15  
 Shock Wave Therapy 32  
 Fatalities 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 5/11/17	Fri 5/12/17	Sat 5/13/17	Sun 5/14/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	14
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	0	4	56
Claims	5	2	2	3	12	262
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	16
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	36
Refunds	4	8	9	7	28	512
Rulings	2	3	1	2	8	163
Voided Claims	2	1	0	0	3	45

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