



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.**

**SANTA ANITA PARK**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**WEEK 9 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018, THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018.**

**WEDNESDAY**

2/21/18<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Saturday.

**THURSDAY**

2/22/18<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Sunday and scratches for Thursday.

**FRIDAY**

2/23/18<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RAJIV MARAGH came to the office as directed to review his ride in the eighth race on Monday. Video revealed that he used his crop four times in succession without giving his mount the chance to respond. He did pause after two strides which he believed complied with the rule, but in our unanimous opinion, he did not give his horse the chance to respond.

**LATS Ruling #074**

Jockey RAJIV MARAGH 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 February 19, 2018.

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office to review his ride in the ninth yesterday. His mount was the subject of an inquiry for drifting in during the stretch run. Video revealed that his mount had a tendency to drift in and that he was using his crop in a right handed fashion. The majority felt that the drift was minor and issued a warning. Steward Chaney felt that a three day suspension was appropriate.

Jockeys COREY NAKATANI and MARIO GUTIERREZ came to the office to review their efforts in the first race Monday. They finished sixth and fifth respectively. Video showed that both riders eased up before the wire and finished a nose apart. Mr. Gutierrez acknowledged his error but was lucky in the sense that his horse finished fifth and was not cost a placing. Mr. Nakatani claimed that his horse was tired and stumbled. This was born out on the video and therefore we felt that a penalty was not necessary. We did, however, impress upon him that if he felt that his horse could not safely finish the race and needed to be eased (negatively impacting the wagering public), that he should not further jeopardize the horse's health (and his own) by continuing to ride the horse past the wire, pull up and gallop back. He agreed.

2/23/18<sup>2</sup>

**ANNUAL REVIEW**

CHRB Executive Director RICK BAEDEKER and Chief Steward DARREL MCHARGUE stopped by the office this morning to discuss current events in racing and to conduct our yearly interviews.

2/23/18<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 MONGOLIAN WINDOW – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer. Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$143.42  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 RED OBSESSION – Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate – Dr. Stead  
 #5 MOR CANDY – pulled up post race, vanned off  
 Refund \$86,334.61; Minus Pool \$2,111.07  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$15.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$122.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #9 RAFTER ONE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
 #4 RPRETTYBOYFLOYD – Claimed – G. Vallejo, trainer  
 Refund \$452.02  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 WINNING ELEMENT – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Farmer  
 Refund \$895.11

2/23/18<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,918	\$627,394.99
SCOTWinc	3,971	\$1,439,089.92
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,494,341.97
Total	6,889	\$7,560,826.88

**SATURDAY**

2/24/18<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office this morning to review his ride at the start of the second race yesterday. Video revealed that his mount broke out sharply. Although Mr. Bejarano did correct that move, we felt that he could have done it a little more quickly. Warning.

2/24/18<sup>2</sup>

**ARAMBULA HEARING**

Jockey PEDRO ARAMBULA came to the office as directed by the Safety Steward Luis Jauregui. Mr. Arambula was discovered shoeing in the barn area without a license after being warned personally against it on at least one occasion. We issued the following ruling:

### **LATS Ruling #075**

Jockey PEDRO ARAMBULA is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees – shoeing without a proper license).

2/24/18<sup>3</sup>

#### **GARCIA HEARING**

We held an informal hearing into case number 18SA0039 which was a complaint filed by veterinarian Samantha Abair against trainer ANTONIO GARCIA alleging an unpaid veterinary bill. After some explanation regarding the treatment for colic, he agreed to pay the bill minus late fees. Both parties signed a financial agreement memorializing the terms. Complaint withdrawn.

2/24/18<sup>4</sup>

#### **KHOURY HEARING**

We held an informal hearing into case number 18SA0021 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against owner KHALIL KHOURY alleging several rule violations, stemming from an incident involving his CHRB license on January 20, 2018. Present at the hearing were the BOS, CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton, three members of Santa Anita's security force as well as Respondent who was accompanied by his attorney Naser Khoury. Testimony and documentary evidence showed that Mr. Khoury emailed a copy of his license to an employee (Gerald Herron) who then cut, pasted and put it in plastic to make it appear to be a real license. Mr. Herron then used the fake license to attempt to gain entrance to the horsemen's parking lot. The gate person identified the fake license and called security. Respondent explained that he sent him the license so he could gain access to the horsemen's part of the track and avoid the \$10 fee. He apologized for the mistake. Decision to follow.

2/24/18<sup>5</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$940.16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 LEA'S REWARD – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Baltas #1 WINNER'S DREAM – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer #4 RYDER'S STARLIGHT – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer. Refund \$1,887.92
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 TEMPLAR – Stewards' scratch, quarantine – Dr. Arthur #2 BEAR SKINNER – Late veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Farmer #4 FULL ACCESS – Claimed – C. Treece, trainer #5 HERE AND THERE – Claimed – J. Metz, trainer #7 YES YES YES – Claimed – K. Mulhall, trainer. Refund \$3,353.62
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$4.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$23.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 LETSGOTOMARFATEXAS – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead Refund \$254.40
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#10 PREACHER ROE – Stewards' scratch, full field #12 TRUE VALOR – Stewards' scratch, full field #13 LEWIS VALE – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #1 CONQUEST SABRE CAT – Claimed – T. Yakteen, trainer #6 FOR GREATER GLORY – Claimed – W. Morey, trainer #9 CONQUEST DADDYO – Claimed – S. Hansen, trainer. Refund \$1,578.61
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 IRISH CREAM N KAFE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead. Refund \$715.71
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 BAD JU JU – Stewards' scratch, entered back. Refund \$933.59
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 CUYATHY – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Farmer #4 BENDABLE – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Farmer #9 BARBARA BEATRICE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Farmer Refund \$4,074.02

2/24/18<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,198	\$1,650,823.70
SCOTWinc	6,312	\$2,280,935.55
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,036,372.56
Total	14,510	\$11,968,131.81

**SUNDAY**

2/25/18<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey STEWART ELLIOTT came to the office as directed this morning to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. Video revealed that his horse broke out fairly sharply, and he corrected but not until the sixth stride. We explained that this was far too late and issued a warning, with the promise that further careless riding at the start would result in a suspension.

Apprentice jockey RUBEN FUENTES came to the office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday during which his mount drifted out several paths during the stretch run. Although his mount did not interfere with other horses we wanted to impress upon him the importance of maintaining a straight path. He agreed.

Jockey COREY NAKATANI called in advance of his scheduled hearing and admitted to the violation of the crop rule yesterday. We therefore issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #080**

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; last offense January 12, 2018), during the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 24, 2018.

Jockey BRAYAN PENA called in advance of his scheduled hearing and admitted to the violation of the crop rule yesterday. We therefore issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #079**

Jockey BRAYAN PENA 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 8, 2018), during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on February 23, 2018.

2/25/18<sup>2</sup>

**BLACK MEETING**

After failing to appear for several days, exercise rider COREY BLACK came to the office as directed by a Santa Anita security citation. The citation stated that Mr. Black parked his car overnight in the stable area, and then spooked horses as he was driving out during training. It further alleged that his license had expired. Although he disputed that he spooked any horses, he admitted to the other allegations. He explained that he fell asleep in the stable area and has since renewed his license. Decision to follow.

2/25/18<sup>3</sup>

**MILLER RULING**

After failing to declare a blinker change at entry time and failing to declare that blinker change at change time the day before the race, trainer PETER MILLER requested a blinker change on Friday afternoon for a race yesterday. Since wagering had not opened, but because the program would be incorrect, we allowed the change but issued the following ruling. Steward Baker voted for no equipment change and no fine.

**LATS Ruling #078**

Trainer PETER MILLER, who started the horse ONASSIS in the sixth race on February 24, 2018 at Santa Anita Park is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1581 (Racing Secretary to Establish Conditions – late blinker change).

2/25/18<sup>4</sup>

**DEMARCO RULING**

Trainer ANTHONY DEMARCO was fined in the following ruling when his horse arrived in the receiving barn for the first race yesterday with shoes that did not comply with the turf regulations (the shoes were modified and the horse permitted to run):

**LATS Ruling #077**

Trainer ANTHONY DEMARCO, who started the horse CHIEFTAIN’S LAD in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 24, 2018 is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required – improperly shod).

2/25/18<sup>5</sup>

**MADERA/JONES WITHDRAWAL**

Trainer MARTIN JONES withdrew his financial complaint (case number 18SA0041) against MADERA THOROUGHBRED RACING LLC, which alleged an unpaid training bill, when the parties signed an agreement to satisfy the debt.

2/25/18<sup>6</sup>

**KHOURY RULING**

After considering the facts of the matter heard yesterday regarding owner KHALIL KHOURY and the improper license, we issued the following ruling:

**LATS Ruling #076**

Owner KHALIL KHOURY is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1922 (Identification Required) for lending his license to another person to gain entrance to Santa Anita Park on January 20, 2018.

2/25/18<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	Stewards’ Review; No Inquiry. Refund \$0
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#2 ALTERNATE RHYTHM – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$895.31
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$909.21
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$39.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$42.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 HERUNBRIDLEPOWER – Stewards’ scratch – quarantine at Los Alamitos Refund \$511.60; Minus Pool \$18.90
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$91.24
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 IKE WALKER – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer Refund \$48.24
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#9 LADYBUG – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$587.12

2/25/18<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,251	\$1,141,720.77
SCOTWinc	5,557	\$1,886,880.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,606,960.35
Total	12,808	\$9,635,561.92

## SUMMARY

	Fri 2/23/18	Sat 2/24/18	Sun 2/25/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	1	4	43
Claims	2	8	2	12	129
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	19
Refunds	5	10	6	21	198
Rulings	1	1	5	7	80
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	20

**SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 2/19/18 - 2/25/18**

Horses on Vet List      15  
Horses off Vet List      12  
Shock Wave Therapy      16  
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.

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

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