



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

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SANTA ANITA PARK**

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**WEEK 24 – FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019.**

**Monday**  
06/03/19<sup>1</sup>

**WILLIAM E. MOREY (CASE NO. 19SA0135) & MIGUEL DELGADO (CASE NO. 19SA0136)**  
**COMBINED HEARINGS**

A combined formal hearing that originally commenced on May 2, 2019, was continued today in the Santa Anita Stewards' office. The details of the alleged violations in this case are outlined in Santa Anita Stewards; minutes dated May 1 and 2, 2019. At the beginning of today's hearing the Stewards ruled on an objection made May 2, 2019, whereby Attorney Carlo Fisco filed a Motion to Disqualify Opposing Counsel. The Stewards made the ruling after Mr. Fisco and CHRB General Counsel, Robert Brodnik both submitted their briefs on the matter before the end of day. May 17, 2019, the Stewards were informed at the start of today's hearing that Carlo Fisco is no longer co-counsel for Trainer William E. Morey. Assistant Trainer Miguel Delgado does not have representation at this hearing. Along with the Stewards the following people participated and were present unless otherwise indicated.

- 1. William E. Morey (Trainer)**
- 2. Miguel Delgado (Assistant Trainer)**
- 3. Robert Brodnik (CHRB General Counsel)**
- 4. Greg Icamen (CHRB Investigator)**
- 5. Sharyn Jolly (CHRB Administrative Hearings)**
- 6. Darrell Vienna (Attorney for Morey)**
- 7. Rosalinda Barraza (Certified Interpreter)**

8. Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC)
9. Jason Kravarik (Producer CNN)
10. Nick Watt (Correspondent CNN – Los Angeles)
11. Rick Arthur DVM (CHRB Equine Medical Director) witness
12. Corey Martinez (Santa Anita Video Security) witness
13. Dr. Benjamin Moller (UC Davis Maddy Lab) witness – telephone testimony

Witnesses were sworn in before being examined and cross examined. More exhibits were marked and identified with some being subsequently entered for the record. Due to time constraints proceedings were halted for the day. These two (2) hearings will now be continued with the next reunion scheduled for June 17 at 9:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
06/05/19<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty today supervising entries for Sunday, June 9, 2019. Nine (9) race filled for this day. Sixty eight (68) horses are scheduled to start.

**THURSDAY**  
06/06/19<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Steward Grant Baker was on duty today to supervise final program changes for Friday, June 7, 2019. Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul was on duty in the racing office handling the scratch board. All final changes were activated just after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

**FRIDAY**  
06/07/19<sup>1</sup>

**MICHAEL PENDER RULING (REF: 5/14/19<sup>1</sup>)**

Los Angeles based Attorney Roger Licht was contacted by this office and notified of the ruling listed below. Mr. Licht represented Trainer Michael Pender in a hearing that was held in our office on May 14, 2019. Details of that case (No.19SA043) appear in Santa Anita Stewards' Minutes dated May 14, 2019. Trainer Pender has been excluded from the Stronach Group (TSG) race tracks (Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields) since May 22, 2019.

**LATS RULING #111**

Trainer MICHAEL PENDER, who worked the horse NEW KARMA at Santa Anita Park on March 24, 2019, and subsequently entered to race at Golden Gate Fields on April 6, 2019, is suspended for THIRTY (30) DAYS from June 14, 2019, to July 13, 2019, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MICHAEL PENDER are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), MICHAEL PENDER is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

06/07/19<sup>2</sup>

**FIRST RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident involving four (4) horses in the final furlong of the one (1) mile turf event. Of particular interest were the actions of original second place finisher #7 GOODTINGSCOMINPINK (Ruben Fuentes). Inside the 1/16<sup>th</sup> mile marker #7 GOODTINGSCOMINPINK drifts out and makes contact with fourth place finisher #2 SUPER BUNNY (Geovanni Franco) who in turn is forced into third place finisher #1 Y NOT SIZZLE (Aaron Gryder). Jockeys' Franco and Gryder both steadied their mounts after the contact. Following this incident #7 GOODTINGSCOMEINPINK drifts out again approaching the finish and makes contact with eventual first place finisher #8

LUCKY MS JONES (Martin Garcia), who gets the nod at the wire, in a narrow victory (head margin). After patrol judge input and jockey conversation the Stewards in a unanimous decision made 'no change' in the order of finish. Jockey Ruben Fuentes was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

06/07/19<sup>3</sup>

**FOURTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW**

The Stewards announced that a 'Stewards Review' would be conducted into the start of the fourth race which was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. In this four (4) horse field the post time favorite (odds 6/5) #1 BABY JOE (Assael Espinoza) left the starting gate very slowly. After a brief film review the Stewards' determined there was no reason to post the inquiry sign. There was no starting gate malfunction nor human interference as this horse caused her own problems, therefore no Inquiry was needed.

06/07/19<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration #6 BUY WAVE BUY (Tr. A. Barba) – Unsound – Will Farmer DVM Refund \$940.01  
 1<sup>st</sup> Race Ownership #10 FULL COURT should read RG Racing Stables or Newfield Farm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 FRIDAY'S AT SHADY (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed – A. Herbertson, trainer  
 #4 TOPGALLANT (Tr. D. Hendricks) claimed – R. Saldana, trainer  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #3 DURANGA (Tr. P. Miller) Sick – Dana Stead DVM. Refund \$793.20. No Show Wagering  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #1 JOE JACKSON (Tr. J. Carava) Injured – Will Farmer DVM Refund \$1,757.30

06/07/19<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,340	\$543,901.38
SCOTWinc	4,396	\$1,414,864.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,310,223.86
Total	7,736	\$6,268,990.04

**SATURDAY**  
06/08/19<sup>1</sup>

**RUBEN FUENTES FILM REVEIW**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's fifth race which was contested at five (5) furlongs on the turf. Jockey Fuentes used his riding crop five (5) consecutive times without giving his horse a chance to respond. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #112**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* 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 – third offense in last 60 days), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on June 7, 2019.

06/08/19<sup>2</sup>

**GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Giovanni Franco appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday June 8, 2019. In this five (5) furlong turf event Jockey Franco was aboard fourth place finisher #7 GRINNING TIGER. Film review this morning shows Jockey Franco put his riding crop in his left hand and use it twice while drifting out. This drift leads to contact with eventual second place finisher #10 PORTANDO (Ruben Fuentes) forcing that rival well out

to the middle of the turf course. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #113**

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO, who rode GRINNING TIGER in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on June 7, 2019, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 15, 16 and 21, 2019) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. 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.

06/08/19<sup>3</sup>

**RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES) HEARING (REF; 06/07/19<sup>2</sup>)**

The Steward's pulled up the first race replay on Friday, June 7, in order to show Jockey RUBEN FUENTES another race. Film review shows the second place finisher #7 GOODTINGSCOMINPINK drifted out and fouled both fourth place finisher #2 SUPER BUNNY (Geovanni Franco) and third place finisher #1 Y NOT SIZZLE (Aaron Gryder) approaching the 1/16<sup>th</sup> mile marker. Jockey Fuentes used his riding crop (right handed) and made no effort to straighten his horse. Approaching the finish Jockey Fuentes #7 GOODTINGSCOMINPINK drifted out again and makes contact with the winner #8 LUCKY MS JONES (Martin Garcia). The winner actually received two (2) bumps nearing the wire for fouling three (3) horses in what Jockey Fuentes acknowledged was a sub-par effort. A four (4) day suspension was issued in a unanimous decision. Details of the suspension are memorialized below.

**LATS RULING #114**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, who rode GOODTINGSCOMINPINK in the first race at Santa Anita Park on June 7, 2019, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (June 15, 16, 21 and 22, 2019), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch (two incidents) and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

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

06/08/19<sup>4</sup>

**OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Far turn (3/8ths marker) Patrol Judge Randy Valdez is off today for personal reasons. Michael Burns is filling in at the important location.

06/08/19<sup>5</sup>

**NINTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW/INQUIRY**

The Stewards announced that a Stewards' Review would be conducted into the start of the ninth race in order to observe the actions of tenth (last) place finisher #3 CONTRACTOR (Alonso Quinonez). The 'Review' subsequently turned into a Stewards' Inquiry. In this six (6) furlong event the starting gate crew added a special pad in the starting gate with this JORGE GUTIERREZ trained horse. The pad broke loose and came partially out the front of the gate. The Stewards spoke with Jockey Alonso Quinonez who said his mounts erratic behavior caused the incident. The Stewards in a unanimous decision, deemed this horse as a starter. No change.

06/08/19<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 SUPER PATRIOT (Tr. B. Baffert) claimed, R. Baltas trainer #6 SHEHASTHERITESTUFF (Tr. P. Gallagher)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 JACK'S DIVA (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, T. Yakteen, trainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	VERY VERY STELLA (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed, D. O'Neill
5 <sup>th</sup> Race Declaration	#4 BLEW BY YOU (Tr. D. Dunham) injured – Dana Stead DMV Refund \$644.30

5<sup>th</sup> Race Cancel \$2 Roulette Wagering  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 CONVINC (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 A DIME FOR ME (Tr. M. Glatt) J. Wallace, trainer  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #1 HERGAME (GB) (Tr. L. Powell) Sick – Dana Stead  
 Refund Total: \$318.65  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 G Q COVERGIRL (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer  
 #7 FIERY LADY (Tr. A. Meah) claimed, J. Hollendorfer, trainer  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #5 BELLERIN (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #7 ROYAL BLUE GRASS - I. Puglisi for Rojas  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #2 LIL SYDNEY (Tr. M. Glatt) Unsound on track – Dana Stead DVM  
 Refund \$93,125.89  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #1 NO MORE SWEETS (Tr. C. Sise) Full field – Stewards  
 #6 BLUE SKYE JADE (Tr. C. Lewis) Full field – Stewards  
 Refund Total \$536.35

06/08/19<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	12,637	\$1,979,767.04
SCOTWinc	11,233	\$4,048,028.66
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,227,419.37
Total	23,870	\$13,255,215.07

**SUNDAY**

06/09/19<sup>1</sup>

**RUBEN FUENTES FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the third race yesterday which was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Approaching the 1/8 mile pole eventual first place finisher #2 DUKES UP (Kent Desormeaux) steadies sharply in tight quarters along the rail. Race replays this morning show #1 OH MAN (Ruben Fuentes) in front at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole before squeezing #2 DUKES UP and forcing Jockey Desormeaux to steady sharply. The Stewards ruled that #1 OH MAN drifted in after #2 DUKES UP was half way up into the aforementioned tight opening. The Stewards held Jockey Fuentes responsible for not maintaining a straight course. In a unanimous decision Stewards' issued the following suspension which comes on the heels of another suspension we issued Jockey Fuentes yesterday (REF: 6/8/19<sup>1</sup>).

**LATS RULING #115**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, who rode OH MAN in the third race at Santa Anita Park on June 8, 2019, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (June 23, 29, 30 and July 4 and 5, 2019), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding – second offense in sixty days).

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

06/09/19<sup>2</sup>

**BERNARDO HERNANDEZ INFORMED HEARING**

Exercise Rider BERNARDO HERNANDEZ appeared in the Stewards' office after being issued a violation notice following training on the morning of June 6, 2019. The violation states that Mr. Hernandez was working his horse while a 'warning light' was flashing on the race track. The 'violation notice' also states that Mr. Hernandez was also disrespectful with lead morning Outrider John Cortez after this alleged incident.

Present at today's informal meeting was Dr. Robert O'Neill representing the Stronach Group, Francisco Cardenas and John Cortez testified via telephone. Testimony indicated

that a dangerous situation was fortunately averted when Mr. Hernandez worked his horse out while there was a loose horse. Dialogue from Hernandez to Outrider Cortez was less than respectful according to testimony. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

**LATS RULING #116**

Exercise Rider BERNARDO HERNANDEZ, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to adhere to Santa Anita Park protocols and improper conduct towards the Outrider) on June 6, 2019 at Santa Anita Park.

06/09/19<sup>3</sup>

**RAFAEL BEJARANO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO appeared in the Stewards’ office to review his ride in the fifth race on Friday, June 7, 2019. In this five (5) furlong turf event Jockey Bejarano rode third place finisher #8 THREE AY EM. Race replays this morning appear to show the sixth place finisher in this race #9 PRODIGAL SON (Martin Garcia) clipped the heel of #8 THREE AY EM at the 3/8ths marker (far turn) which led to a ‘bobble’ in the actions of #9 PRODIGAL SON. Films were inconclusive as far as the level of culpability of Jockey Bejarano. The Stewards deliberated following this film review and in a unanimous decision a warning was issued.

06/09/19<sup>4</sup>

**FIFTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT**

The Stewards’ posted the inquiry sign after viewing #2 RATTLE (Tiago Pereira) stumbled and unseated his rider at the start. Neither #2 RATTLE nor Jockey Pereira were injured. Pereira was cleared by the track physician and fulfilled his remaining riding assignment.

06/09/19<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 RUSTIN (Tr. M. Puype) claimed, V. Belvoir, trainer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration #5 WATHEEQA (Tr. J. Cassidy) Starter’s List – Stewards Refund \$206.30  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 SUMER IN CYPRUS (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Unsound – Will Farmer DVM. Refund \$155.00.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5 Wagering  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 STRICTLY BIZ (Tr. B. Koriner) Enter Back – Stewards. Refund \$653.40  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race Cancel Roulette Wagering  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #6 GIRONA (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, P. Aguirre, trainer

06/09/19<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,218	\$1,000,065.98
SCOTWinc	4,860	\$1,742,312.58
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,404,220.58
Total	10,078	\$9,146,599.14

**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.

**SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 6/3/19 - 6/9/19**

Horses on Vet List 11  
Horses off Vet List 5  
Shock Wave Therapy 18  
Fatalities 2  
Medication 0

## SUMMARY

	Fri 6/7	Sat 6/8	Sun 6/9	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	1	11
Cal-Bred Races	5	1	1	7	93
Claims	2	9	2	13	228
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	1	1	1	3	39
Refunds	3	5	4	12	519
Rulings	1	3	2	6	116
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	40

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant W. Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Ron Church, Safety Steward