

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
 Honorable Richard B. Shapiro, Chairman
 Honorable John C Harris, Vice Chairman
 Honorable John W. Amerman, Member
 Honorable John Andreini, Member
 Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
 Honorable Marie G. Moretti, Member
 Honorable Jerry Moss, Member

Richard Bon Smith, Acting Executive Director

For the period: Thursday, January 10, 2008 through Monday, January 14, 2008.

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MINUTES – THIRD WEEK of SANTA ANITA**THURSDAY**01/10/08¹**INFORMAL HEARING**

Trainer WALTHER SOLIS appeared to address case #08SA038, an alleged “altering of sex” violation. Mr. Solis appeared in person and waived his right to a formal hearing. Supervising Senior Investigator Bill Westerman was present for the proceedings. Trainer Solis stated that he did not have the horse for his first start and assumed the horse was always a gelding. Decision at a later date.

01/10/08²**RULING #13****LATS #13**

Trainer EDWARD FREEMAN is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Blood Medication) at Santa Anita Park on January 10, 2008.

This ruling was agreed to after discussing the reason the trainer’s entry was not on the lasix list. Mr. Freeman, who has been racing in Canada, stated he was unfamiliar with the rules.

01/10/08³ **RULING #14****LATS #14**

Owner LOUIS MASRY, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is restored to good standing. LATS ruling 05, issued at Santa Anita Park on December 31, 2007, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after Bob Hubbard Transportation notified the stewards that Mr. Masry had paid \$475, satisfying his debt.

01/10/08⁴ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the third race (1 mile on the turf) the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident near the wire. Runners involved were the winner #6 Victory Pete (jockey Joe Talamo), the second place finisher #3 Shem Tov (jockey Tyler Baze) and the third place horse, #4 Come in Almighty (jockey Alex Solis).

After talking with these riders, receiving the patrol judges' reports and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to let the order of finish stand. Replays show #6, racing on the inside, bear out nearing the finish line, making contact with #3; however, the incident did not affect the order of finish.

01/10/08⁵ **LATE DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #3 Forest Danz (Tr. John Sadler), sick - Dr. Connor
#7 Wilburs Mr. Ed (Tr. Mike Puype), distance – Stewards
Refund \$3,961.28

7th race - #2 Princess Zozo (Tr. John Sadler), sick – Dr. Connor
#6 Eagle Island (Tr. Neil Drysdale), sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$4,394.64

8th race - #14 Chelseas Amber Sky (Tr. Richard Rosales), distance –
Stewards
Refund \$36.00

01/10/08⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,884	1,054,442.30
Inter-track	6,529	1,957,811.40
Out of state	n/a	3,875,607.88
Total	10,413	6,887,861.58

FRIDAY
01/11/08¹

JOCKEYS REVIEW REPLAYS

Three jockeys appeared to review races with the stewards. Jockey JOE TALAMO reviewed the fifth race from Friday, January 4, 2008, and was cautioned to make a better effort in maintaining a straight course. Also, the rider examined yesterdays' third race inquiry. Again, Mr. Talamo was cautioned to have better control of his mount.

RAFAEL BEJARANO reviewed the fifth race from January 4, 2008, and was cautioned to be less aggressive.

Lastly, jockey AMIR CEDENO reviewed the first race run yesterday. Mr. Cedeno hit his horse one too many times left handed and was cautioned to be more careful.

01/11/08²

NO PROBLEMS

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

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LATE DECLARATIONS

8th race - #1 Mr. Elroy (Tr. Doug O'Neill), sick – Dr. Guillen
#3 Storm Dragon (Tr. Anthony Saavedra), injured, Dr. Bailey
#10 Ginobili (Tr. Roger Stein), injured, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$142,741.66

01/11/08⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,490	1,304,807.30
Inter-track	6,453	2,002,186.00
Out of state	n/a	5,555,005.22
Total	10,943	8,861,998.52

SATURDAY
01/12/08¹

CONTINUANCE HEARING

Argument for continuance of California Horse Racing Board case #07DM023 was heard today. The complaint addresses C.H.R.B. rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). Present were owner Gary Folgner, observer Suzanne Derby, attorney Steve Spiegel, and trainer Mike Pender.

The C.H.R.B. was represented by Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur, Supervising Investigator Bill Westermann and Senior Investigator Jim Hamilton. Court reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. After considering attorney Spiegel's arguments, a continuance was granted.

01/12/08²

RULING #15

LATS #15

Trainer EDWIN WALTHER SOLIS is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$500.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse Built For Thederby, which ran in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on December 29, 2007. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

This ruling was issued after deliberating Mr. Solis' situation. The trainer explained that he had gotten the horse after its first start and failed to check the papers. Although this is the trainer's first gelding violation, the stewards feel the penalty should be increased, as the problem is not getting better.

01/12/08³**GOOD RACING**

Eleven races were completed without a further reportable incident.

01/12/08⁴**LATE DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #7 Forever Irish (Tr. Ruben Cardenas), sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$997.98; Minus Pool \$2,452.11

5th race - #7 Spinning Sound (Tr. Patrick Gallagher), stake – Stewards
Refund \$378.90

10th race - #12 Monterey Jazz (Tr. Craig Dollase), stake – Stewards
Refund \$1,195.80

01/12/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,936	2,883,683.00
Inter-track	9,482	3,422,744.60
Out of state	n/a	7,528,909.64
Total	21,418	13,835,337.24

SUNDAY01/13/08¹**RULING #16****LATS #16**

Owner PETER SCIARRINO, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita on or before January 12, 2008, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

This ruling was issued after PETER SCIARRINO failed to appear to address complaint #07SA159. It is alleged Mr. Sciarrino owes Southern California Equine Foundation \$301.61.

01/13/08²**RULING #17****LATS #17**

Jockey MARTIN PEDROZA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS* (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reporting late to walking ring) on January 11, 2008 at Santa Anita Park.

This ruling was dispensed after the rider stated he wasn't aware that he rode the fifth race.

01/13/08³**RULING #18****LATS #18**

Trainer JOSE L. SILVA, having appeared before the Board of Stewards, is restored to good standing. OTTS ruling #36, issued at Oak Tree Racing Association on October 25, 2007, is set aside.

Mr. Silva appeared in the stewards' office to explain his suspension situation. The owner has been living in Mexico and hadn't changed his address with the C.H.R.B. After hearing the explanation this ruling was agreed upon.

01/13/08⁴**RULING #19****LATS #19**

Owner OSCAR HEREDIA, having failed to abide by the terms of a financial agreement, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Oscar Heredia are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), Mr. Heredia is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued when the owner failed to abide with the agreement he signed with the workers' compensation insurance company.

01/13/08⁵**ACCIDENT / STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

Following the finish of the eighth race (one mile and 1/16), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the start. After reviewing the replays it was obvious #13 Premier Issue stumbled at the start and unseated jockey Alex Solis. As the horse caused his own problem, no change was warranted. Jockey Solis appeared okay and the horse was caught by an outrider.

01/13/08⁶**LATE DECLARATIONS**

3rd race - #4 Nook and Granny (Tr. David La Croix), stake – Stewards

#5 P.S.U. Grad (Tr. Craig Dollase), stake - Stewards
Refund \$1,629.04; Minus Pool \$110,770.98.

9th race - #4 Hucking Hot (Tr. Patrick Gallagher), stake – Stewards
Refund \$1,010.52

01/13/08⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,206	2,165,523.30
Inter-track	8,706	2,813,621.10
Out of state	n/a	6,369,908.82
Total	15,912	11,349,053.22

MONDAY
01/14/08¹

RULINGS #20 - #23**LATS #20**

Groom ANTONIO TRUJILLO, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards on January 13, 2008 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), is suspended for failure to appear pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

LATS #21

Groom GUILLERMO ORTIZ, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards on January 13, 2008 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), is suspended for failure to appear pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

LATS #22

Groom MANUEL VILLANUEVA, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards on January 13, 2008 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), is suspended for failure to appear pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

LATS #23

Groom MARIA VILLALOBOS, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards on January 13, 2008 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California

Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), is suspended for failure to appear pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

These rulings were issued when all four grooms failed to attend their scheduled hearings. All were to answer to alleged fighting in the barn area.

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RULING #24

LATS #24

Owner JOANNE NOR will be suspended beginning Monday, January 28, 2008 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) unless she provides evidence to the Board of Stewards of payment of \$7,639.89 to San Luis Rey Equine Hospital, Inc., in satisfaction of this financial obligation. Upon receipt of said evidence, this ruling will be vacated; otherwise, the suspension will begin on the aforementioned date.

This ruling was agreed upon after considering the facts of the financial hearing held last week. Joe Cannon, D.V.M. represented San Luis Rey Equine Hospital at the hearing and declined to accept Joanne Nors' offer to pay this bill over a specific time period. Ms. Nor had previously signed a "Payment Contract" with San Luis Rey Equine Hospital to pay \$500 per month. Since June 25, 2007, when the contract was originally signed, no payments have been received by the hospital. Under the circumstances of this affair the stewards feel this ruling is appropriate.

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TRAINER OBJECTION - NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fourth race (one mile) the objection sign was posted at the request of trainer JORGE GUTIERREZ, who ran the second place finisher #5 Warrens Flyin High (jockey Joseph Talamo). The trainer alleged interference by the winner, #6 One Only (jockey Tyler Baze) inside the sixteenth pole. After receiving the patrol judge's reports, discussion with the riders involved and review of the tape replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish.

Replays show #5, on the inside, steady briefly as #6 drifts in. However, #5 does not lose the opportunity at a better placing.

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WEEKLY CAL-BRED REPORT

There were three Cal-Bred races for this racing week.

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LATE DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #11 RazorCut (Tr. Walther Solis), sick – Dr. Guillen

Refund \$6,720.74

4th race - #9 Big Dude (Tr. Mike Mitchell), sick – Dr. Connor
Refund \$10,740.32

5th race - #6 I Swear (GB) (Tr. William Gregory), injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$2,285.10

7th race - #6 Specialist Morgen J (Tr. Mike Mitchell), sick – Dr. Guillen
Refund \$875.90

8th race - #7 Fun Logic (Tr. William Currin), sick – Dr. Guillen
Refund \$662.00

01/14/08⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,591	1,146,028.30
Inter-track	5,442	1,732,543.30
Out of state	n/a	3,658,004.46
Total	9,033	6,536,576.06

VETERINARIAN'S LIST**Week of 01/07/08-01/13/08**

Horses on Vet List 14
Horses off Vet List **07**
Shock Wave Therapy 16
Deceased 2

SUMMARY

	Thu. 01/10	Fri. 01/11	Sat. 1/12	Sun. 01/13	Mon. 01/14		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0		1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	1	0	1		3	15
Claims	3	2	3	3	5		16	38
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	1		3	6
Refunds	5	3	3	3	5		19	92

Rulings	2	0	1	4	5		12	24
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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,

Albert Christiansen, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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