



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 8-Sunday, February 10, 2012-Saturday, February 16, 2013

SUNDAY
02/10/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #1 Chasing the Heat (Veterinarian-sick)
#7 Aliza's Dream (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$1,469.70
2nd race - #4 Valarta (Veterinarian-unsound)d refund of \$463.25
4th race - #13 Of Royalty (Also eligible) refund of \$483.60
8th race – Curvy Cat (Entered back) refund of \$586.35

02/10/13²

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Martin Garcia was in the office this morning to review the ninth race from Saturday (1-1/4 miles on turf), during which his mount drifted in to cause crowding during the early stages of the race. Mr. Garcia acknowledged his mistake, and pledged to be more aware in the future. He did not receive a sanction as the rail setting – 12 feet from the inside running rail- and the fact that the starting gate was angled to the outside complicated the situation.

02/10/13³

MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Oscar Garcia was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board as his horse, Bench Beauty, showed an overage of Flunixin(Banamine) following a workout for removal from the Veterinarian's List. Mr. Garcia, who has not had a #1844c violation in the past 36 months, admitted that the mistake was totally his fault. He explained that at 4:30 A. M. on the morning the horse was to work, it was his intention to medicate the horse with "Gastrogard" paste, an anti-ulcer medication. Unfortunately he grabbed a tube of Banamine paste and, not noticing his error, gave that to the horse.

Mr. Garcia would have been eligible for a warning had the medication found was Phenylbutazone, but the verbiage in rule #1843.3(Penalties for Medication Violations) limits warnings for category "C" violations to Phenylbutazone overages only. Since this was an overage of Flunixin, a ruling for the violation will be issued this coming Thursday.

02/10/13⁴

RULING LATS #028

Jockey **VICTOR CARRERO** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report-failure to request permission to arrive late to jockeys' room). This ruling was issued after Mr. Carrero acknowledged his mistake of failing to call for permission to be late to the Jockeys' Room. He had received a warning earlier in the meeting.

02/10/13⁵

RIDER REPLACED

Jockey Mario Gutierrez was replaced in the eighth race this afternoon as he was performing community service hours and could not get away in time to fulfill his commitment. A replacement rider was named.

02/10/13⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,944	\$1,383,610.50
Inter-track	7,269	\$2,192,611.70
Out of state	n/a	\$4,410,638.26
Total	13,213	\$8,496,598.26

THURSDAY

02/14/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

4th race - #1 Wine Stock (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$911.91

8th race - #2 Friends with Macy (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$2,853.34

02/14/13²

RULING LATS #029

Groom **ANTHONY NICOMETO**, having failed to appear to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct-assault with a deadly weapon), 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 Anthony Nicometo are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Nicometo is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Nicometo failed to appear to address a complaint filed against him for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874(Disorderly Conduct). His whereabouts are unknown.

02/14/13³

RULING LATS #030

Pursuant to California Horse racing Board rule #1866(d)(Veterinarian's List), trainer **OSCAR GARCIA** is fined **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances) and #1844(c)(2)(Authorized Medication-Flunixin in excess of permitted level-46.1 ng/ml).

The foregoing ruling was issued to finalize the complaint filed against him for an overage of Flunixin.(Ref. 2-10-13³).

02/14/13⁴

RULING LATS #031

Jockey **MARIO GUTIERREZ** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*** for failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the eighth race at Santa Anita Race

Track on February 10, 2013. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Gutierrez was otherwise occupied on Sunday and missed his only mount of the day.(Ref. 2-10-13⁵)

02/14/13⁵ All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

02/14/13⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,252	\$623,092.20
Inter-track	4,705	\$1,327,322.20
Out of state	n/a	\$2,601,707.93
Total	7,957	\$4,778,218.33

FRIDAY

02/15/13¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

1st race - #3 Joe Haroon (Veterinarian-sick)

#6 Indian Gods (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$3,500.51

2nd race - #4 Full Fare (Veterinarian-unsound) refund of \$682.58

02/15/13²

FINANCIAL SETTLED

A financial complaint filed by Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation against owner Vichien Chattong in the amount of \$825.00 was settled for \$716.00 after a review of the billing charges.

02/15/13³

LIBERTINI HEARING

A formal hearing for groom Jason Libertini was held this morning with Mr. Libertini testifying by phone from the Phoenix area. Mr. Libertini was originally licensed in January 2011, but after further review it was determined that he was unable to hold a license in this jurisdiction. Mr. Libertini noted his conviction, which made him ineligible for a license, on his application but was nonetheless approved. A hearing was subsequently set but Mr. Libertini did not appear and was suspended. His problem came to light after he was denied a license in Arizona due to the suspension in this jurisdiction. He said has been licensed in several other jurisdictions even after he noted his conviction of the charge of having sex with a minor. He indicated that he has no intention of ever applying for a license in California again but would like his suspension to be lifted here. Since Mr.Libertini did appear, it was decided to issue the following ruling:

LATS #032

After a formal hearing, ruling HRT# 003 dated April 28, 2011, suspending groom **JASON LIBERTINI**, is set aside. However, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing), Mr. Libertini is not eligible to apply for a California Horse Racing Board license.

02/15/13⁴

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #10 Lika flipped during the saddling procedure and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$2,532.79.

02/15/13⁵

REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #2 Smart Journey failed to warm up to the satisfaction of Racing Veterinarian Stead and was declared on his advice. The refund from the scratch totaled \$85,923.42.

02/15/13⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,567	\$817,666.50
Inter-track	5,121	\$1,468,754.80
Out of state	n/a	\$3,319,951.15
Total	9,688	\$5,897,534.25

SATURDAY02/16/13¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**1st race - #4 Bonita Star (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$1,510.602nd race - #2 Memen (Veterinarian-sick) refund of \$386.164th race - #4 Going for a Spin (Stakes) refund of \$468.2002/16/13²**LATE DECLARATION**

A declaration was necessary in the third race after the Stewards were informed by Official Veterinarian Tim Grande that #3 Warren's Lover, trained by Jack Van Berg, did not receive Lasix in a timely manner. The horse was declared on the advice of Dr. Grande, with the resulting refund amounting to \$1,785.95

02/16/13³**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #5 Here's Marine flipped during the saddling procedure and was declared after examination by Racing Veterinarian Dana Stead. There was a refund of \$9,772.41 due to the scratch.

02/16/13⁴**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$15,394.15 was created in the seventh race as #8 Del Mar Sunset, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 1-5, finished second.

02/16/13⁵**MINUS POOL**

A second minus pool took place in the ninth race when #5 Lady Katfish, odds-on at 3-5, proved an easy winner. A total of \$1,143.68 was needed to balance.

02/16/13⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10, 521	\$2,002,369.70
Inter-track	7,882	\$2,537,282.00
Out of state	n/a	\$5,111,399.57
Total	18,403	\$10,198,014.77

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

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.

VETERINARIAN REPORT - WEEK OF 02/04/12-02/10/13

Horses on Vet List	10
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	15
Deceased	2
Medication	24

SUMMARY

	Sun 02/10	Thu 02/14	Fri 02/15	Sat 02/16	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	17
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Rulings	1	3	1	0	5	31
Refunds	4	2	4	4	14	152
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	10
Claims	6	3	1	7	17	118
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	0	2	32

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward