STATE OF CALIFORNIA EDMUND G. BROWN JR. GOVERNOR

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

# 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 Bo Derek, 1st Vice-Chairman
Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, 2nd Vice-Chairman
Honorable Madeline Auerbach, Member
Honorable Steve Beneto, Member
Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
Honorable George Krikorian, Member
Rick Baedeker, Executive Director
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director
Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB

**Week 14 – Sunday, March 22, 2015 – Saturday, March 28, 2015**

**SUNDAY**

3/22/15[1] **OROZCO HEARING**

We held a formal hearing into case number 15SA063 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against jockey IRVING OROZCO alleging violation of CHRB rules #1872 and #1790. This case involved the fact that he missed three mounts a few months ago. He was recently released from county jail and requested the hearing, waiving his right to 10-day notice. Decision to follow.

3/22/15[2] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday during which he drifted in and caused his rival to check to his inside. He was candid in explaining that it was a mistake. Given that he had just been warned for the same thing two days prior, we issued a three-day suspension (Ward dissenting):

**LATS #073**

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO, who rode JAZZY JOSH in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on March 21, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 28, 29, and April 2, 2015), for failure to make a proper effort 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).
Pursuant to California Horse racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

3/22/15[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Race | No changes |
| 2nd Race | #4 MOSSO – Claimed – L. Powell, trainer<br>Refund $5.00 |
| 3rd Race | No changes; Refund $28.00 |
| 4th Race | #14 SOMETHINGABOUTNICK – Stewards' scratch, also eligible |

#10 STYLISTIC – Late veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
#8 HYE I'M JACK – Rider change – F. Valdez for D. Van Dyke (airline)
Refund $22,562.86

5th Race No changes; Refund $989.37

6th Race #6 KERRILYNN – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Grande
#4 ALWAYS A CHANCE – Claimed – A. Marquez, trainer
Refund $4,958.85

7th Race #1 ANNIVERSARY KITTY – Stewards' scratch, stake
#4 SWEET MARINI – Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund $1,063.60

8th Race #5 INDECISE – Veterinarian scratch, injured
Refund $1,054.80

9th Race #9 GLENDAS GRACE – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande
Refund $589.98

3/22/15[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On track | 7,770 | 1,522,241.50 |
| SCOTWinc | 6,487 | 2,116,651.50 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | 5,745,030.12 |
| Total | 14,257 | 9,393,923.12 |

**THURSDAY**

3/26/15[1] **SOLIS/LOVINGIER COMPLAINT**

After considering the evidence (case number 15SA0081) filed by trainer WALTHER SOLIS against owner TERRY LOVINGIER, we dismissed the complaint.

3/26/15[2] **CHO RULING – LATS #074**

We issued the following ruling when trainer MYUNG CHO failed to appear for a financial hearing (case number 15SA0088) filed by Citrus Feed alleging unpaid bills:

> Owner MYUNG KWON CHO, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - $3,719.19 to LARRY BELL dba CITRUS FEED) 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 MYUNG KWON CHO are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) Mr. CHO is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/26/15[3] **FILM REVIEW**

DARRELL HAIRE of the Jockeys' Guild, was in the office to review video of some races.

3/26/15[4] **ACCIDENT**

Following the running of the first race, third place finisher #6 BELIEVE TOO, collapsed of heat exhaustion a furlong past the wire. Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO was unseated and transported to first aid where he was taken off of his mounts for the remainder of the card, complaining of neck pain. The horse was revived and vanned off. A claim was voided because the horse was placed on the veterinarian's list as unsound. Accident report attached.

3/26/15[5] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st Race #1 GREAT LOU – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer
#5 I'M POPEYE – Claimed – C. Lewis, trainer
#6 BELIEVE TOO – Claimed – T. Yakteen, trainer
#6 BELIEVE TOO – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to R. Baltas, trainer

| | |
|---|---|
| | Refund $250.00 |
| 2nd Race | #6 VODKA TEXTED YOU – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead<br>Refund $615.48; Minus Pool $10,579.12 |
| 3rd Race | #1 LITTLE BRO GARRETT – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead<br>#3 ALFIERO – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead<br>Refund $918.46; Minus Pool $357.12 |
| 4th Race | No changes; Refund $37.00 |
| 5th Race | #2 MARKET NOTES – Rider change – T. Baze for R. Bejarano (injured)<br>Refund $74.00 |
| 6th Race | #1 PULLING G'S – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead<br>Refund $905.98 |
| 7th Race | #7 GOUYEN – Rider change – S. Gonzalez for R. Bejarano |
| 8th Race | No changes |

3/26/15[6] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On track | 2,651 | 602,354.40 |
| SCOTWinc | 4,075 | 1,194,348.80 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | 3,571,952.65 |
| Total | 6,726 | 5,368,655.85 |

**FRIDAY**

3/27/15[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ came to the office this morning to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday. We felt he could have relieved the pressure from his position on the outside of a four horse spread. He agreed and left with a warning.

3/27/15[2] **RUBALCAVA RULING - LATS #076**

Pursuant to an outrider citation, exercise rider TONY RUBALCAVA was fined in the following ruling:

> Exercise rider TONY RUBALCAVA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS ($50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – backtracking in contradiction of track safety rules).

3/27/15[3] **VALDEZ HEARING and RULING - LATS #075**

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ came to the office for an informal hearing to discuss case number 15SA083 which alleged a whip violation:

> Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(B)(3)(Use of Whips – causing a break in the skin) during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on February 26, 2015.

3/27/15[4] **TOTE ISSUE**

Mutuel Manager RANDY HARTZELL was in this morning to discuss a tote issue which took place yesterday. At the heart of the issue is the fact that our placing judges do not have direct control of the tote board. We are trying to work with Mr. Hartzell to streamline the process and eliminate the possibility of human error as much as we can. Complicating matters is the fact the contract with the current tote company expires in five months and the changes we are interested in would take longer than that. He will work with the replacement company, Am Tote, to establish the system we want.

3/27/15[5] **INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

After the running of the eighth race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine the start of #5 SCREAMING TAP who stumbled and lost his rider SANTIAGO GONZALEZ. After reviewing video and speaking with the starter, we unanimously declared the horse a starter because he caused his own problems without outside influence. Jockey Santiago Gonzalez appeared uninjured but will be examined by the track physician before riding. Accident report attached.

3/27/15[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Race | #3 LUST FOR LIFE – Claimed – R. Ellis, trainer |
| | #4 RUNNINGWITHTHELUTE – Claimed – P. Lobo, trainer |
| 2nd Race | #4 STEPINMOOn – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead |
| | Refund $ 1,916.00 |
| 3rd Race | #6 AJAC – Rider change – J. Verenzuela for R. Bejarano (injured) |
| | Refund $23.00 |
| 4th Race | #3 SIZZLIN' JOE – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer |
| | #5 TIGAH (GB) – Claimed – R. Baltas, trainer |
| | #5 TIGAH (GB) – claim **VOIDED**– returns to M. Glatt, trainer |
| | #7 JOMELO – Rider change – D. Van Dyke for R. Bejarano |
| | Refund $95.00 |
| 5th Race | #6 WINNINGINFASHION – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead |
| | #2 PROUD VIXEN – Claimed – P. D'Amato, trainer |
| | #7 SHOPPING SAVANNAH – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer |
| | Refund $572.00 |
| 6th Race | #7 LUCKY J LANE – Rider change – B. Blanc for R. Bejarano (injured) |
| | Refund $184.30 |
| 7th Race | #2 BRANDO THE BIRDMAN – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead |
| | #8 GUTSY RULER – Veterinarian scratch, sick - -Dr. Stead |
| | Refund $800.50; Minus Pool $428.08 |
| 8th Race | #11 UPTOWN RYTHEM – Stewards' scratch, also eligible |
| | #12 SOUTHEAST ASIA -- Stewards' scratch, also eligible |
| | #6 CURRENCY EXCHANGE – Rider change – T. Baze for R. Bejarano (injured). Refund $3,493.90 |

3/27/15[7] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On track | 2,389 | 621,647.10 |
| SCOTWinc | 4,522 | 1,342,987.10 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | 4,278,530.82 |
| Total | 6,911 | 6,2243,165.02 |

**SATURDAY**

3/28/15[1] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ came to the office to review his ride in the third race yesterday in which we felt that he tried to push his way out from behind horses down the backstretch of a two-turn race. He explained that he thought he was clear of the horses to his outside. We issued a warning.

Jockey BRICE BLANC came to the office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday during which we felt he angled in too sharply and put too much pressure on the horses to his inside. Mr. Blanc felt that his rivals should have taken back. The majority issued a warning (Steward Sawyer voted for three suspension days).

3/28/15[2] **LANDA RULING – LATS #077**

Exercise rider PABLO LANDA was suspended when he failed to appear for case number 15SA085 which alleged disorderly conduct and drug use, among other things:

> Exercise rider PABLO LANDA, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1928(c) (Fire Regulations), #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting), and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), 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 PABLO LANDA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. LANDA is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/28/15[3] **COMPLAINT WITHDRAWAL**

LOS LAURELES TRAINING and EQUINE THERAPY withdrew its complaint (case number 15SA093) against owner MERSAD METANOVIC when the alleged debt was paid.

3/28/15[4] **JONES RULING – LATS #078**

Groom SEDRIC JONES was suspended when he failed to appear for his hearing (case number 15SA090) alleging drug, DUI, and driving convictions:

> Groom SEDRIC JONES, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(H) (Possession of a controlled substance), 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 SEDRIC JONES are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. JONES is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/28/15[5] **MUDARRIS HEARING**

We held an informal hearing into case number 15SA092 which was a financial complaint by LOS LAURELES TRAINING FARM against owner SALAH AL MUDARRIS alleging unpaid board and training fees amounting to $6,511.00. After listening to the evidence, we decided that the money was indeed owed. Mr. AL MUDARRIS, through his attorney, expressed his desire to appeal, so we will publish a ruling tomorrow.

3/28/15[6] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Race | No changes; Refund $36.00 |
| 2nd Race | #1 CRUISINGTHEHARBOR – Claimed – B. Hess, Jr., trainer<br>#3 ABETS ABET – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer<br>Refund $7.00 |
| 3rd Race | #6 GRANDSON AT LAST – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande<br>Refund $594.68 |
| 4th Race | #4 SPELLING AGAIN – Claimed – E. Truman, trainer<br>Refund $37.00 |
| 5th Race | #11 TWENTYFIVE TO LIFE – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande<br>Refund $1,124.47 |
| 6th Race | No changes; Refund $1,094.63 |
| 7th Race | #8 GRANDIOSE TACTICS – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande<br>Refund $5,900.05 |
| 8th Race | No changes; Refund $309.68 Minus Pool $428.00 |
| 9th Race | #11 SOLOMON NORTHUP – Stewards' scratch, also eligible |

#13 PAYTHEBANK – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund $2,884.95

3/28/15[7]

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On track | 15,078 | 1,677,473.00 |
| SCOTWinc | 7,097 | 2,549,911.00 |
| Out of state + ADW | N/A | 6,407,784.84 |
| Total | 22,175 | 10,635,168.84 |

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 3/16/15 – 3/22/15**

| | |
|---|---|
| Horses on Vet List | 16 |
| Horses off Vet List | 13 |
| Shock Wave Therapy | 14 |
| Deceased | 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.

**SUMMARY**

| | Sun 3/22 | Thurs 3/26 | Fri 3/27 | Sat 3/28 | Week | Meet |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accidents | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 9 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 65 |
| Claims | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 202 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 31 |
| Refunds | 8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 30 | 265 |
| Rulings | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 78 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 24 |

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward