

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 Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor  
Honorable Chuck Winner, Chairman  
Honorable Bo Derek, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman  
Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman  
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Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director  
Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB

**Week 1 – Friday, April 24 – Saturday, April 25, 2015**

#### **GENERAL DATA: Spring Meet**

- Dates:** Friday, April 24, 2015 through Sunday, June 28, 2015.  
Racing Thursdays through Sundays. Special Monday racing on May 25, 2015.  
Special Dark day on Thursday, May 28, 2015.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays and nine races on weekends, unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** Daily - 1:00 p.m. Weekends/holidays and Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 – 12:30 p.m.  
Kentucky Derby Day, Saturday, May 2, Preakness Stakes Day, Saturday, May 16, Belmont Stakes Day, Saturday, June 6 – 11:30 a.m. Beginning May 22, 2015, Friday twilight racing – 4:00 p.m.
- Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the previous racing day, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or one hour before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Double on races 1-2, 4-5 and the final two races on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on final four races; \$1 Pick Five on first five races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.
- Auxiliary stables:** Fairplex Park, San Luis Rey Downs, Los Alamitos

#### OFFICERS

Mr. Keith Brackpool	Chairman
Mr. Scott Daruty	Director
Mr. Frank DeMarco	Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Secretary and General Counsel
Ms. Gina Lavo	Vice President, Finance

#### OFFICIALS

Mr. Tom Ward	Steward
Mr. C. Scott Chaney	Steward

Ms. Kim Sawyer	Steward
Mr. Luis Jauregui	Safety Steward
Mr. Rick Hammerle	Vice President, Racing & Racing Secretary
Mr. Mike Lakow	Racing Director
Mr. Zachary Soto	Stakes Coordinator & Ass't Racing Secretary
Mr. Tora Yamaguchi	Assistant Racing Secretary
Ms. Karen Denovel	Paddock Judge & Patrol Judge
Mr. Jay Slender	Starter
Mr. David Nuesch	Patrol Judge & Film Analyst
Mr. Chris Merz	Placing Judge
Mr. Robert Moreno	Placing Judge
Ms. Lisa Jones	Placing Judge
Mr. Kevin Colosi	Clerk of the Scales
Mr. Charles McCaul	Assistant Clerk of Scales
Ms. Melanie Stubblefield	Clerk of the Course
Ms. Bridget Crawford	Paymaster of Purses
Mr. Jon White	Morning Line Maker & Track Timer
Mr. Dane Nelson	Timer
Mr. Larry Gilligan	Quick Official
Ms. Jennifer Paige	Horse Identifier
Mr. Andy Solis	Assistant Horse Identifier
Mr. Victor Tovar	Horseshoe Inspector
Dr. Dana Stead, DVM	Track Veterinarian
Dr. Tim Grande, DVM	Official Veterinarian representing CHRB

#### ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Candace Coder-Chew	Director of Print & Graphic
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Mr. Jason Spetnagel	Director of Facilities & Grounds
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Mr. Andy LaRocca	Track Supervisor
Mr. Mike Willman	Director of Publicity
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Ms. Nina Zukin	Director of Information Services
Benoit & Associates	Track Photographer
Mr. Jay Cohen	Hornblower
Mr. Trevor Denman	Public Address Commentator
Mr. Ken Walker	Director of Labor Relations

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#### NON-RACING DAY

#### THURSDAY

4/23/15<sup>1</sup>

#### STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Steward LUIS JAUREGUI will be in the office for the remainder of the week while Steward KIM SAWYER is out of the office. DAVID NUESCH will be taking over the duties as the safety steward for the remainder of the week.

4/23/15<sup>2</sup>**FLORES FITNESS HEARING (case number 15SA128)**

A formal fitness hearing was held today to determine if jockey DAVID FLORES would be eligible to ride in California. Mr. Flores is petitioning to ride in California after the Malayan Racing Association issued a ruling suspending Mr. Flores for one year from March 25, 2015, through March 24, 2016, for “failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to obtain the best possible placing.” Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, court reporter MICHELLE DERIEG, Counsel PHILIP J. LAIRD representing the CHRB, accompanied by Supervisor Investigator RICK AMIEVA. Petitioning jockey Mr. Flores was accompanied by his attorney DARRELL VIENNA. After hearing all the testimony and entering the exhibits, the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**4/24/15<sup>1</sup>**STEWARDS INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION (about 6 ½ fur. TURF)**

Following the running of the fifth race, the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the eighth pole when the unofficial winner #3 GOUYEN (S. Gonzalez) came out causing hard contact with the fifth place horse, #5 DESERT STEEL (T. Baze). After speaking with the patrol judges and the riders involved, as well as reviewing the video several times, we voted unanimously to disqualify the #3 and place him behind the #5 (5<sup>th</sup> place). In our opinion the #3 came out causing hard contact with #5, would cost him the opportunity for a better placing.

Unofficial order: (3)-8-4-1-5-7-2-6

Official order: 8-4-1-5-(3)-7-2-6

4/24/15<sup>2</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 SPELLING AGAIN - Claimed- P. Miller, trainer
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 I HEART YOU - Claimed - R.B. Hess Jr., trainer
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$ 214.64
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 CITY STATE – Claimed - R. Agarie, trainer #6 LITIGATION ROAD - Stewards’ scratch - enter back #11 STATION HOUSE - Stewards’ scratch - also eligible #12 TEN CARAT ROCK- Stewards’ scratch - also eligible #14 INK WELL - Stewards’ scratch - also eligible Refund \$2,684.98
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$97,001.35

4/24/15<sup>3</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,196	585,125.90
SCOTWinc	4,284	1,336,153.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,707,405.52
Total	6,480	5,628,684.62

**SATURDAY**4/25/15<sup>1</sup>**SOLIS FORMAL HEARING - CASE #15SA0079**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer WALTHER SOLIS for violation of CHRB rule #1843(a)(d)(Medication, drugs and other substances), #1844(c)(1)(Authorized Medication) and #1887(a)(Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse). Present at the hearing were trainer Walther Solis, court reporter MICHELLE DERIEG and representing the CHRB, senior investigator PHIL MIYAZAKI. Mr. Solis started TIZ JOLIE in the first race at Santa Anita on February 13, 2015. TIZ JOLIE was reported to have tested positive for Phenylbutazone (4.33 ug/ml) (class “D” penalty) in the post-race sample. Mr. Solis stated he still is

puzzled how the positive had occurred. Solis hasn't had a Phenylbutazone coverage in two years, which qualifies him for a "warning."

4/25/15<sup>2</sup>

**ESPINOZA APPEAL WITHDRAWN**

The following ruling was issued after Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA withdrew his appeal of ruling LATS #062 issued for a riding infraction that occurred on March 7, 2015 at Santa Anita Park. Mr. Espinoza had been issued a three-day suspension for careless riding.

**LATS #089**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA, having withdrawn his appeal of ruling LATS #062 issued at Santa Anita Park on March 7, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 8, 9, and 10, 2015). All other terms of the original ruling shall remain in effect.

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

4/25/15<sup>3</sup>

**DEBT SATISFIED (CASE #15SA0093)**

The following ruling was issued to reinstate Owner CHARLES SCOTT ZSEBIK after he satisfied his debt in full with vendor BRANDI GOODE, representative of FARMVET.

**LATS #090**

Owner CHARLES SCOTT ZSEBIK, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$698.44 to BRANDI GOODE – FARMVET), is restored to good standing. Ruling #084, issued at the Santa Anita Winter Meet

4/25/15<sup>4</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ and his agent, CRAIG STEPHENS, were in our office to review yesterday's fifth race in which he was disqualified for shifting out causing hard contact with the horse just outside of him as they passed the quarter pole (6 ½ fur.) (Refer 4/24/15<sup>1</sup>). Gonzalez stated that his horse was difficult to guide, but could have made a better effort when guiding his horse. We felt Mr. Gonzalez altered course too quickly and could have been more subtle. Consequently, he was issued a three-day suspension. The following ruling was issued:

**LATS #091**

Jockey SANTIAGO GONZALEZ, who rode GOUYEN in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on April 25, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 1, 2, and 3, 2015), for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fifth position. 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.

4/25/15<sup>5</sup>

**FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS WITHDRAWN**

The financial complaint (case #15SA0125) was withdrawn when assistant trainer JAMES ANDERSON satisfied his debt in full to Veterinarian NOLTON PATTIO for his veterinarian services. The financial complaint (case #15SA0098) was withdrawn after trainer EMILY MODE paid her debt in full to veterinarian assistant ELIZABETH MURDOCH for her services.

4/25/15<sup>6</sup>

**RACE REVIEW**

Trainer MARK GLATT and owner MICHAEL MORAN were in to review yesterday's fifth race after which their horse had been disqualified. Mr. Glatt and Mr. Moran wanted to voice their opinion on the disqualification. After reviewing the race several times and hearing their views of the race, we eventually determined we had a difference of an opinion.

4/25/15<sup>7</sup>**GOOD RACING**

All nine races went without any major issues to report.

4/25/15<sup>8</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$715.00.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	(NO SHOW WAGERING) #2 FOLLINI - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Grande, injured. Refund \$1,755.66
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 LUST FOR LIFE- Claimed- H. Palma, trainer #4 LUCKY STUDENT- Claimed - B. Spawr, trainer. Refund \$27.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 GO FIRST - Stewards' scratch – medication. Refund \$938.20
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 HALLUCINATOR – Claimed - R. Agarie, trainer #6 HESCOMINONSTRONG - Jockey M. Medina replaces O. Santos, weight Refund \$0
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#10 SHOWCASE WINNER - Vanned off – DNF. Refund \$32.90
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 FRENHAM - Claimed- R. B. Hess Jr., trainer. Refund \$254.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$233.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 ROCKIN DORITA - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Grande, sick. Refund \$2,122.20

4/25/15<sup>9</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,343	1,580,565.90
SCOTWinc	6,638	2,377,552.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,583,878.32
Total	15,981	10,541,996.82

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 4/13/15 – 4/19/15**

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	9
Shock Wave Therapy	19
Deceased	2
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**

	Fri. 4/24	Sat. 4/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	4	4
Claims	3	5	8	8
Disqualifications	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	1	0	1	1
Refunds	4	8	12	12
Rulings	0	3	3	3
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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