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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.**

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for Tuesday, February 22, 2022, Through Monday, February 28, 2022**WEDNESDAY**2/23/22¹**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office to handle all morning business concerning entries and changes.

THURSDAY2/24/22¹**ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY – CHANGES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward Jauregui was again on duty to handle morning duties.

2/24/22²**ELLIS HEARING CASE 21SA0078 REF: (2/21/22²)**

A hearing was held today concerning trainer RONALD ELLIS for alleged violation of CHRB Rules 1843(A)(D) (Medication drugs and other substances), 1843.1(A) (Prohibited Drug Substances), 1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations) and 1887(A) (Trainer Or Owner To Insure Condition of Horse).

The ELLIS trainee "BOWL OF CHERRIES" finished third in the first race at Santa Anita on June 20, 2021. A report from Ben Moeller, PHD of California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System at U.C. Davis reported an overage of Furosemide in Sample #SA34356. Deputy Attorney General Brad Parr presented the case by Microsoft Teams on behalf of the CHRB. Trainer Ron Ellis along with his attorney Steve Schwartz were present along with the Board of Stewards.

The following people testified either by Microsoft Teams or in the Stewards office; Mike Barker (CHRB Investigator), C. Scott Chaney (CHRB Executive Director), Ben Moeller, PHD (Davis Laboratory), Katie Sullivan (Veterinarian Tech) Dr. John Araujo, DVM (Practicing Vet), and Trainer Ron Ellis.

Testimony was taken, exhibits were entered into evidence, closing arguments were heard and the matter deemed submitted. A proposed decision will be forwarded to the California Horse Racing Board.

FRIDAY
2/25/22¹

ORANTES RULING Case 22SA0002

LATS RULING #51

Groom DESIDERIO ORANTES, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before February 24, 2022, is hereby 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 rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

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

The above ruling was issued after MR. ORANTES failed to appear to answer charges alleging, he kicked a horse and threw the horse boots at the barn foreman.

2/25/22²

TURF RAIL CHANGE

Following the running of the first race at six furlongs on the turf the jockeys and management along with Safety Steward David Nuesch met to discuss concerns with the turf track and horses slipping. The rail was set at 30 feet and the riders requested the rail be moved back to 0 feet. The next turf race was race number three and five minutes were added to that post time to give the maintenance crew time to change the rail back to 0 feet. The rest of the turf races ran without incident.

2/25/22³

PROGRAM SCRATCHES ETC.

Race 3 #6 WHISTLER'S STYLE - Tr. Ian Kruljac – sick, Dr. Pattio. Refund \$833.26
Race 6 #9 CARDOZZA – Tr. John Cortez – sick – Dr. Stead. Refund \$210.88

2/25/22⁴

CLAIM VOIDED SECOND RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer Mike Puype for GLORY OF CHROME was deemed void after Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the filly off in the right front. GLORY OF CHROME was returned to the barn of trainer Ruben Gomez.

2/25/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,372	\$492,808.05
SCOTWinc	2,459	\$968,866.97
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,532,937.82
Total	4,831	\$5,994,612.84

SATURDAY
2/26/22¹

STEWARDS' CHANGE

Steward Luis Jauregui was off today for personal reasons. Safety Steward David Nuesch filled his spot. Ron Church filled in for Nuesch as Safety Steward

2/26/22²

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE RULING

LATS RULING #52

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – second offense within the past sixty days) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 25, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Van Dyke appeared and reviewed the race in question. The majority felt he used his crop seven times. Steward Nuesch felt he only used his crop six times. Mr. Van Dyke did not argue the penalty.

2/26/22³

5th RACE CLAIM VOIDED

The claim submitted by Trainer Dan Blacker for the gelding CLEOPATRA'S STRIKE was deemed void after State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported him off in the left front. CLEOPATRA'S STRIKE was returned to the barn of Robert Hess, Jr.

2/26/22⁴

DECLARATIONS ETC.

Race 1 #2 IL CAPITANO – Tr. Simon Callaghan - Sick, Dr. Stead. Refund \$1,281.72
 Race 2 #3 GOTTA BE LUCKY–Tr. Reed Saldana–sick, Dr. Pattio. No Show Wagering Refund \$376.20
 Race 7 #1 THRILLING – Tr. Michael McCarthy – Injured, Dr. Stead. Refund \$6,498.45
 Race 9 #4 HIDING THE BRICK – Tr. Paula Capestro - injured, Dr. Gonzalez Refund \$1,119.66

2/26/22⁵

9TH RACE INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident shortly after the start of this six-furlong turf race as the horses started to cross the transition from turf to the main course. #7 CHARLIE'S GHOST (Juan Espinoza) props and bears out as it starts to cross onto the dirt interfering with #9 MO THEM DOWN (Diego Herrera) and #10 YOU'RE MY BOY KAT (Ricardo Ramirez). After review and talking to the riders involved and patrol judge Randy Valdez, #7 was disqualified from 5th and placed 9th behind #10 in a majority decision. Steward Sawyer did not think the interference cost #10 a better placing and voted for no change. #9 was compromised the most but wound up beating #7 which made that interference a moot point. Apprentice Jockey Espinoza was held blameless as he did everything he could to avoid the interference.

2/26/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,522	\$1,105,058.86
SCOTWinc	3,989	\$1,723,196.27
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,015,604.05
Total	10,511	\$9,843,859.18

SUNDAY

2/27/22¹

CHRISTOPHER EMIGH RULING

LATS RULING #53

Jockey CHRISTOPHER EMIGH is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times) during the second race at Santa Anita Park on February 26, 2022.

The above ruling was issued after MR. EMIGH met with the Stewards and reviewed the race. He said he lost count while battling for the lead in the stretch.

2/27/22²

DECLARATIONS ETC.

Race 3 #5 GATOR SHINING – Tr. Quinn Howey – injured, Dr. Gonzalez Refund \$1,324.02
 Race 5 #6 DISCRETE STEVIE B – Tr. Marcelo Polanco – Panel, Stewards' Refund \$121.78
 Race 7 #2 SHAAZ – Tr. Bob Baffert - sick, Dr. Pattio. Refund \$2,702.23

2/27/22³

CLAIM VOIDED THIRD RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer Samuel Calvario for the colt "Crossword" was deemed VOID after State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported him off in the left front. "Crossword" was returned to the barn of John Sadler.

2/27/22⁴

CLAIM VOIDED FOURTH RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer Doug O'Neill for the filly "Loma Vista" was deemed VOID after State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio reported him off in the left front. "Loma Vista" was returned to the barn of Phillip D'Amato.

2/27/22⁵

7th RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry Sign was posted to review the start concerning #3 "Going with Style" (Jose Valdivia, Jr.). The Brittany Vanden Berg trainee failed to break with the field. After review it was determined that "Going With Style" dwelt. No change was warranted.

2/27/22⁶

8th RACE CLAIMING FRENZY

There were twenty-five claims submitted for #5 SECRET CLUB, the favorite and eventual winner. Trainer Ed Moger Jr. was the lucky winner of "the shake", harnessing the five-year-old gelding for \$20,000.00 plus tax.

2/27/22⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	5,334	\$25,836,819.01
SCOTWinc	3,216	\$48,879,831.96
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$226,894,766.62
Total	8,550	\$301,611,417.59

MONDAY

2/28/22¹

ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Steward Will Meyers handled entry duty for "Big Cap" Saturday March fifth. Eleven Races with three Grade One and three Grade Two Stakes are on tap. Post Time is moved up to noon.

2/28/22²

JOSEPH KLAUSA RULING

LATS RULING #54

Owner JOSEPH KLAUSA, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$432.78 to K C Horse Transport, Inc.) is deemed eligible for relicensing. LAQL #165 ruling issued at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2019, is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after Jorge Flores of KC Horse Transport confirmed that MR.KLAUSA has a zero balance on his account.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/21/22 TO 2/27/22

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/25	Sat 2/26	Sun 2/27	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	1	2	41
Claims	2	4	5	11	81
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	3
Inquiries	0	1	1	2	9
Refunds	2	4	3	9	140
Rulings	1	1	1	3	53
Voided Claims	1	1	2	4	14

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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