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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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Arcadia, California**

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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, February 26, through Monday, March 4, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**2/28/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The Racing Office was open today accepting entries for Saturday March 2, 2024. Kim Sawyer is the 'Duty Steward' this week. Santa Anita Director of Racing Jason Egan spoke to Steward Sawyer about rain that is forecasted for the Santa Anita Handicap card that is scheduled to be run Saturday March 2, 2024. Mr. Egan requested to take entries today with the 'option' of running these races on either Saturday March 2 or Sunday March 3, with an optimal safe racing surface being the prime factor. Steward Sawyer conferred with Steward Baker and Steward Jauregui on the telephone throughout the day regarding this issue. Our permission was granted.

**THURSDAY**2/29/24<sup>1</sup>**RACE DAY CANCELLATION**

At 7:56 a.m. Santa Anita Park management notified us, after further evaluation of the weather, the Santa Anita Handicap card will now be held on Sunday March 4 instead of the originally scheduled day of Saturday March 3. Also, races originally scheduled in the condition book for Sunday, March 3, will now be offered for Monday March 4.

2/29/24<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Monday March 4, 2024. This is 'new' racing day that was added following the cancellation, announced this morning, of the Big 'Cap' racing program that was scheduled for Saturday March 2.

2/29/24<sup>3</sup>**DEBBIE WINICK COMPLAINT (CASE #SA0019)**

Trainer Debbie Winick appeared in the racing office for a formal hearing today. Trainer Winick faces a charge of violating HISA Rule #2271 (Prohibited Practices). CHRB Investigator Hirsch Yokoyama prepared and presented a Twenty-seven (27) complaint packet before the Stewards today. Michelle Derieg (Winestein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed the proceedings. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the proceedings. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

*Ghostly Act was entered in the 4<sup>th</sup> Race at Santa Anita Park on January 26, 2024, by Trainer Debbie Winick. Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio examined the horse during the morning pre-race exam and saw it had an electric blanket plugged into an electrical outlet and secured onto the horses back. Santa Anita Park surveillance video shows the horse's groom retrieving the blanket and entering the horse's stall after removing the DETENTION sign across the horse's stall. The video showed the groom in the stall throwing the blanket in an upward motion away from his body, and then retrieve an electric extension cord plugged into a wall outlet across the shed row. Trainer Winick stated the groom used the electric blanket independently without her direction: however, she was ultimately responsible for the use of the blanket.*

Following the testimony of Trainer Winick, exhibits were marked for identification and moved into evidence. Decision to follow.

2/29/24<sup>4</sup>

**RYAN HANSON COMPLAINT (CASE #23SA0176)**

A formal hearing was held today for Trainer Ryan Hanson. CHRB Investigator Hirsch Yokoyama was present, and he presented a nineteen (19) page complaint packet before the Stewards. Trainer Hanson has been charged with violation of CHRB Rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination) and Rule #1846.3 (Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination). Steward Luis Jauregui chaired this hearing which was transcribed by Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC). Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio testified as a witness for the CHRB. Stewards Baker and Sawyer also participated in today's hearing. The cover page of today's paperwork reads as follows.

*ONE MORE BID suddenly died while galloping during morning training at Santa Anita Park on November 30, 2023. ONE MORE BID'S previous race was at Gulfstream Park under trainer Ryan Hanson on January 28, 2023, and had a layoff of 249-days by the time the horse shipped back to Santa Anita Park on October 4, 2023. The 90-day period after its last race had lapsed, which then required ONE MORE BID to have undergone a primary and secondary regulatory examination before resumption of training when it returned back to Santa Anita Park from King Fisher Farm on October 4, 2023.*

Testimony was given by Trainer Ryan Hanson. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**  
3/1/24<sup>1</sup>

**JOSE FLORES RULING (CASE #24SA0021)**

Prior to the opening of wagering on February 2, 2024, racing officials disseminated that #1 Takamakahara was a gelding and not a colt as listed in the official program, in the fourth race at Santa Anita. This horse finished third in this race. Trainer Jose Flores waived his right to a hearing. He pled guilty to a single violation of CHRB Rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). This matter was originally scheduled for a hearing on February 29, 2024. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #37**

Trainer JOSE A. FLORES, who entered the horse TAKAMAKAHARA in the fourth race on February 2, 2024, at Santa Anita Park is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse - true sex not identified).

3/1/24<sup>2</sup>

**DALE BREWER RULING (REF:CASE #14SA132)**

Farrier Kyle Baze informed the Stewards that he had been paid a past due bill of \$750 by horse owner Dale Brewer. The following ruling sets aside a ruling issued for Owner Brewer on May 4, 2014.

**LATS RULING #38**

Owner DALE BREWER, having satisfied a financial complaint filed by Farrier Kyle Baze for \$750.00, is restored to good standing and California Horse Racing Board LATS Ruling #175 dated May 04, 2014, is set aside.

3/1/24<sup>3</sup>

**ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW/RULING (REF: 2/25/24 (2))**

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in our office to review his ride in the tenth race on Sunday, February 25, 2024. This race was contested at One (1) mile on the turf course. Jockey Ayuso was about #7 Takes Three who finished first but was disqualified and placed second for interference prior to entering the first turn.

Today’s film review shows #7 Takes Three break alertly from his outside post. Jockey Ayuso slaps his mount with his riding crop (right-handed) three (3) times. This action forces this unofficial winner to put pressure on #6 Travelin’ Snow (Kazushi Kimura—sixth place) who bumps #4 Clements Ride (Hector Berrios-second place) knocking that rival sideways. Jockey Ayuso acknowledged that he should have made a better effort to straighten his mount in the early stages of this race. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #39**

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO, who rode TAKES THREE in the tenth race at Santa Anita Park on February 25, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 8, 9, and 10, 2024) for crossing over without sufficient clearance going into the first turn, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; 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.

3/1/24<sup>4</sup>

**RYAN HANSON DECISION (Ref: 2/29/24<sup>4</sup>)**

Following a formal Hearing held yesterday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, the Stewards dismissed this case. The majority felt the testimony of the CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio carried significant weight. The minority, Steward Sawyer, voted for an ‘Official warning’.

3/1/24<sup>5</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIMS**

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio recommended that the Stewards void the claims of two (2) horses who competed on today’s program. The following claims were voided.

Race 4-#1 Belle Epoque-Claiming price \$32,000—Unsound—returns to the barn of Doug O’Neill

Race 8-#5 Paco’s Pico –Claiming price \$10,000—Unsound- returns to the barn of Tony Dial

3/1/24<sup>6</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today’s nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

3/1/24<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	Declaration #5 Cangrejo (Tr. M. Puype) Unsound—Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND: \$440.23
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	Declaration #1 Proof He Rides (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND: \$412.53
4 <sup>TH</sup> Race	NO SHOW WAGERING
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declaration #5 Warren’s Paradise (Tr. C. Lewis) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM REFUND: \$1,778.40
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declarations #2 Class Clown (Tr. B. Koriner) Unsound-Nolton Pattio VMD #6 Kristi’s Tiger (Tr. L. Barocio) Injured- Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND TOTAL: \$1,695.77      NO SHOW WAGERING
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declarations #4 Mastermind (Tr. L. Barocio) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD #7 Perfectionist (Tr. J. Sadler) Unsound---Jay Deluhery DVM #10 Mike Operator (Tr. A. Acquino) Sick---Nolton Pattio VMD REFUND TOTAL: \$7,767.21
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Quaria Thunder (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

3/1/24<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,412	\$437,681.08
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,720	\$1,008,506.38
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$3,705,940.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,132	\$5,152,127.56

**SATURDAY**

3/2/24<sup>1</sup>

**SATURDAY RACING CANCELLED**

The predicted rainstorms arrived today as racing has been cancelled. The ten (10) race card originally scheduled for today will now be contested tomorrow. Four (4) graded stake races will be contested, including the \$400,000 Santa Anita Handicap.

Scratch time for Monday March 4 was at 10:00 a.m. Stewards Sawyer, Jauregui and were on duty this morning addressing a myriad of matters.

**SUNDAY**

3/3/24<sup>1</sup>

**RESCHEDULED BIG 'CAP DAY (REF: 2/28/24<sup>1</sup> & 2/29/24<sup>1</sup>)**

Today's ten (10) race card was drawn on Wednesday February 28, 2024. Director of Racing Jason Eagan was given the option of using this card on Saturday March 3 or today. Projected rainstorms earlier in the week caused Mr. Eagan to request this option with the Stewards.

3/3/24<sup>2</sup>

**DEBBIE WINICK RULING (REF: 2/29/24<sup>3</sup>)**

The Stewards issued the following ruling, in what was a unanimous decision. Early in the morning of January 26, 2024, CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio examined the horse GHOSTLY ACT the morning this horse was scheduled to race. An electrical horse blanket was on the horse and plugged into an electrical outlet. Trainer Winick, on the day of the hearing, testified that she was in the grandstand monitoring training and unaware that a groom that worked for her was using this blanket.

**LATS RULING #40**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2271 (Prohibited Practices) Trainer DEBBIE WINICK, who was scheduled to run GHOSTLY ACT in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 26, 2024, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for prohibited use of an electro-magnetic blanket on race day, necessitating a late declaration.

3/3/24<sup>3</sup>

**TYLER BAZE RULING**

On Friday March 1, 2024, Jockey Tyler Baze rode #2 Yarborough (4<sup>th</sup> place) in the 7<sup>th</sup> Race. Jockey Baze was observed using his riding crop seven (7) times in this race. Following this race Jockey Baze waived his right to an informal hearing and pled guilty to a violation of HISA Rule #2280. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #41**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey TYLER BAZE, who rode YARBOROUGH in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 1, 2024, is suspended for ONE day (March 10, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one strike over the limit.

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

3/3/24<sup>4</sup>

**SIXTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident going into the first turn of the \$300,000 Guaranteed San Felipe Stakes (Grade 2). This race was contested at 1 1/16<sup>th</sup> miles on the main track. The focus of this Inquiry were the actions of #1 Scatify (Hector Berrios) who finished a well beaten fourth (last) in this race.

Inquiry replays show #1 Scatify break well and maintain inside third position just past the seven (7) furlong marker. While racing very keenly approaching the first turn Jockey Berrios takes a

strong hold of his horse and steadies off the heels of the leader at the time, #2 Wine Me Up (Juan Hernandez-2<sup>nd</sup> place). This action causes #1 Scatify to lose his action in his hind quarters, spin out and nearly clip the heels of the eventual winner #5 Imagination (Lanfranco Dettori). Stewards received a Patrol Judge report and spoke to Jockeys Berrios and Hernandez. We also review all camera replay angles including 'drone' footage. The Stewards did not feel that any of the rivals of #1 Scatify were responsible for any interference in this race and allowed the original order of finish to stand. This was a unanimous decision.

3/3/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #2 Kahuna Magic (Tr. J. Shirreffs) Sick-Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$1,263.33 Wagering Cancel \$1 Super High 5

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration #5 Highly Desirable (IRE) (Tr. R. Baltas) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD  
REFUND: \$1,335.18

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Syntatic (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer  
#5 Ship and Scam (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, A. Harris, trainer

5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Crosby Beach (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Nysos (Tr. B. Baffert) Stake—Stewards REFUND: \$12,389.85

7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Irido (ARG) (Tr. M. Polanco) Stake- Stewards REFUND: \$4,512.67

8<sup>th</sup> Race Equipment Change #3 Mixto-----Blinkers On

3/3/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	16,581	\$1,405,285.40
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	4,037	\$1,638,014.97
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$13,117,878.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	20,618	\$16,161,179.30

**MONDAY**

3/4/24<sup>1</sup>

**LANFRANCO DETTORI FILM REVIEWS**

Jockey Lanfranco Dettori appeared in the Stewards' Office to review two (2) races from yesterday March 3, 2024.

Race 3—Jockey Dettori was aboard fourth place finisher #2 Kelly's Out (IRE), who finished fourth in this one (1) mile turf event. In a three (3) horse incident, #2 Kelly's Out (IRE) drifted out at the ¼ pole and contacted seventh place finisher #3 Golden Skyline (Diego Herrera) who in turn bumped fifth place finisher #6 Den of Iniquity (GB) (Umberto Rispoli). Jockey Dettori told the Stewards his mount simply "blew the turn" and he made his best efforts not to interfere.

Race 5—Jockey Dettori was aboard second place finisher #5 Crosby Beach. Approaching the 7-furlong pole eighth place finisher #3 Kerry Gold (Kazushi Kimura) and #4 Sortman (Hector Berrios) both steadied. # 5 Crosby Beach lugged in, at this point, and the Stewards wanted to analyze Jockey Dettori's involvement. The Stewards felt the actions of Dettori's mount was mostly blamed for the incident. For both races Jockey Dettori was issued a warning.

3/4/24<sup>2</sup>

**PLACING JUDGE CHANGE**

Placing Judge Karen Denovel is off today for personel reasons. Racing Office Clerk Danielle Kasparoff will fill in.

3/4/24<sup>3</sup>

**FIRST RACE STEWARDS REVIEW**

Public Address Commentator announced that the Stewards would conduct a Stewards' Review into the running of the first race. In this one (1) mile turf event, while entering the first turn, the saddle slipped on #1 One Arrow (Geovanni Franco). A track Outrider assisted Jockey Franco with pulling up his mount which equates to a DNF (did not finish) designation. This was a single horse incident that didn't affect other horses in the race. The Stewards determined there was no need for a formal Inquiry.

3/4/24<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIMS**

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio recommended that the Stewards void two (2) claims today.  
 Race 6- #3 Yvett's Surprise (\$16,000) Unsound>Returns to the barn of J. Periban  
 Race 9- #4 Transcendental (\$50,000) Unsound>Returns to the barn of Jonathan Thomas

3/4/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Dream Princess (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Eleven out of Ten (Tr. G. Papaprodroumo) Injured- Dr. Jay Deluhery  
 REFUND: \$528.29  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Zzyzx (Tr. A. Ordonez) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #1 Invincible Molly (GB) K. Kamura for U. Rispoli—Sick  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #3 Giovinazzo (Tr. P. Eurtion) Unsound on track-Jay Deluhery DVM  
 REFUND: \$55,907.96 NO SHOW WAGERING  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #4 Transcendental (Tr. R. Baltas) Entered Back- Stewards  
 REFUND: \$770.00

3/4/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,519	303949.90
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,499	456755.56
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	4832393.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,018	5593099.42

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 3/1</b>	<b>Sat 3/2</b>	<b>Sun 3/3</b>	<b>Mon 3/4</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	Cancelled	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	Cancelled	1	1	4	62
<b>Claims</b>	1	Cancelled	3	3	7	56
<b>Disqualification</b>	0	Cancelled	0	0	0	8
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	Cancelled	1	0	1	15
<b>Refunds</b>	6	Cancelled	6	4	16	205
<b>Rulings</b>	3	Cancelled	2	0	5	45
<b>Voided Claims</b>	2	Cancelled	2	2	6	21

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 2/26/24 TO 3/3/24**

Horses on Vet List 13  
 Horses off Vet List 9  
 Shock Wave Therapy 0  
 Fatalities 1  
 Medication 0

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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