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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.  
Arcadia, California**

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**Report for the Week of Monday, April 15, through Sunday, April 21, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**4/16/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday April 19, 2024. Nine (9) races were drawn by racing officials Robert Moreno and Charles McCaul in the racing office. Sixty-six (66) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Grant Baker was on duty in the Stewards' office.

**WEDNESDAY**4/17/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, April 20, 2024. Steward Grant Baker was on duty in the Stewards' office. Baker met with CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama and CHRB Safety Steward David Nuesch prior to witnessing the draw for the April 20<sup>th</sup> racing card. Ten (10) races were scheduled for Saturday. Seventy (70) horses are scheduled to start.

**THURSDAY**4/18/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the Stewards' office overseeing entries for Sunday for April 21, 2024.

4/18/24<sup>2</sup>**RON BREWER HEARING**

Trainer Adam Kitchingman filed a complaint against Owner Ron Brewer for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon prepared a nine (9) page investigative report that was presented by Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

*Ron Brewer is indebted to Trainer Adam Kitchingman for training fees in the amount of \$2,652.00 within the last four months.*

Neither Trainer Adam Kitchingman nor Owner Ron Brewer showed up in our office for today's hearing. Case dismissed.

4/18/24<sup>3</sup>

**ROSEMARY TRELA HEARING (CASE #24SA0048)**

Stewards Baker, Jauregui, and Sawyer participated in a hearing for Trainer Rosemary Trela, who appeared in our office today. CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama presenting a twenty (20) page complaint alleging violation of CHRB Rule #1581.1 (Entries). The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

*VELLA was entered into the 6<sup>th</sup> Race at Santa Anita Park on Friday March 8, 2024. The trainer did not obtain a clearance to race from an attending veterinarian within the 72-hours prior to the entry blank submitted on Sunday March 3, 2024, and 48 hours to post.*

This informal hearing was originally scheduled for April 4. The Stewards asked Trainer Trela several questions during this hearing, which was chaired by Steward Luis Jauregui. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**

4/19/24<sup>1</sup>

**KYLE FREY RULING**

Jockey Kyle waived his right to a hearing and accepted the following penalty for using his riding crop eight (8) times in a race.

**LATS RULING #68**

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 KYLE FREY, who rode WE'LL DO IT LIVE in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on April 7, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (April 26, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for two (2) strikes over the limit.

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

4/19/24<sup>2</sup>

**ROSEMARY TRELA RULING (REF. 4/19/24<sup>3</sup>)**

The Stewards reached the following decision after hearing testimony at an informal hearing held in our office yesterday April 18.

**LATS RULING #69**

Trainer ROSEMARY TRELA who started the horse VELLA in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 8, 2024, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (Entries - Failure to have Attending Veterinarian Conduct an Examination 72 hours preceding entry).

4/19/24<sup>3</sup>

**ANTHONY FRESU RULING (REF: 10/20/23<sup>6</sup> & 10/21/23<sup>2</sup>)**

The Stewards received notice that the appeal of LATC Ruling #34 issued on October 21, 2023, has now been overruled. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #70**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LATC Ruling #34 issued at Santa Anita Park on October 21, 2023, has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey ANTONIO FRESU is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 27, 28, and May 3, 2024).

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

4/19/24<sup>4</sup>

**JEREMY LAPRIDA FILM REVIEW (REF: 04/07/24(2))**

Jockey Jeremy Laprida appeared in the Stewards' office for an informal film review today. Jockey Laprida was aboard #1 R Marilyn Lonhro, who finished eighth in the seventh race on Sunday April 7. This race was contested at six (6) furlongs on the turf course. Film review shows at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole #1 R Marilyn Lonhro shifts out and starts a chain reaction that involved

four rivals; three (3) of which defeated this horse. The Stewards felt that one of the other horses shied/overreacted and that this added to the scattering of horses in this incident.

Jockey Laprida was focusing his analysis on his rivals in this race early in the hearing, which was chaired by Steward Luis Jauregui. Later in the hearing he accepted responsibility for not 'keeping a straight course'. In a unanimous decision Jockey Laprida was issued a 'Warning' for this ride.

4/19/24<sup>5</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

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

4/19/24<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration #7 Maxville (A. Garcia) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$1,135.33  
1<sup>st</sup> Race Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race Jockey Change #1 Naismith (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) M. Smith for K. Desormeaux----  
Sick  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race Ownership #1 Naismith should read 4084, Biscayne LLC, Buckendorf or  
Whitefence LLC, et al  
4<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #6 Danzig Flyer (Tr. C. Sise, Jr.) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM  
#8 Moonlight Tryst (Tr. D. Hofmans) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,363.83  
4<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #2 Bessie Coleman T. Baze for L. Contreas---Injured  
5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #2 Indian Peak (Tr. P. Miller) Unsound-Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$953.95  
5<sup>th</sup> Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5  
6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #7 Nauvoo (Tr. C. De Alba) Sick-Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$1,053.24

4/19/24<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |       |                |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 3,372 | \$426,723.34   |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 2,567 | \$966,271.26   |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | N/A   | \$4,737,845.29 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 5,939 | \$6,130,839.89 |

**SATURDAY**

4/20/24<sup>1</sup>

**JEREMY LAPRIDA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Jeremy Laprida appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the 8<sup>th</sup> race yesterday April 19. Jockey Laprida was aboard #8 Classic Alphie who finished seventh. At the start of this race his mount stumbled. After his mount recovered, Laprida was very active with his riding crop, employing it several times in a downward position. Jockey Laprida was issued a warning. The Stewards are going to have a meeting with the Santa Anita jockey colony regarding riding crop use tomorrow at noon.

4/20/24<sup>2</sup>

**ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Armando Ayuso appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday April 19. Jockey Ayuso was aboard #9 Luther Pass who finished third in this one (1) mile main track event. Jockey Ayuso 'sent' his horse to the lead entering the first (clubhouse) turn. While angling to the rail he created pressure on two (2) inside rivals. They were fourth place finisher #5 Soldatna (Diego Herrera) and ninth (last) place finisher #4 Audible Silence (Kyle Frey). The Stewards told Jockey Ayuso to keep his fellow jockeys (and horses) safe by

providing adequate space and clearance while angling in from outside post positions. Warning issued.

4/20/24<sup>3</sup>

**VETERINARIAN / MANAGEMENT MEETING**

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio requested that a meeting be held in our office today. He unofficially titled this meeting, '**ENHANCED COMMUNICATION AND IMPROVED OUTCOMES**'. Along with the Stewards the following people were in attendance:

1. Dr. Jeffery Blea - CHRB Equine Medical Director
2. Jason Egan - Santa Anita Director of Racing & Racing Secretary
3. Nate Newby - Santa Anita Senior Vice President & General Manager
4. Noah Sparks - USC Intern
5. Hersch Yokoyama - CHRB Investigator
6. Jay Deluhery DVM - Track Veterinarian
7. Laura Austgen DVM - Track Veterinarian
8. David Nuesch - CHRB Safety Steward
9. Amy Zimmerman (on phone) Santa Anita Senior VP & Executive Producer

Today we also reviewed procedures regarding horses that show signs of having heat related stress events . Dr. Blea reminded everyone present that under all circumstances the Track Veterinarians should 'be in charge' of all procedures assisting the horse involved. This meeting lasted at least one (1) hour and we felt Dr. Pattio's idea of having this meeting was a good one. Dr. Pattio recommended that we have similar meetings monthly.

4/20/24<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's ten (10) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

4/20/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race  | Declarations #4 Sharp Aza Tack (Tr. S. Knapp) Unsound- Laura Austgen DVM<br>#6 Mas Rapido (GB) Injured- Nolton Pattio VMD  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race  | Jockey Change #3 K. Frey for L. Contreras—Injured<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #3 Collectively (Tr. R. Hanson) Injured—Jay Deluhery DVM<br>REFUND: \$4,907.34 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race  | Declaration #3 Collectively (Tr. R. Hanson) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM<br>REFUND: \$1,189.86  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race  | #8 Ms. McWhinney (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, D. O'Neill, Jr.   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race  | Declaration #1 Erebus (Tr. G. Lopez) Sick— Nolton Pattio VMD<br>REFUND: \$530.72   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race  | #3 Seattle Breakout (Tr. K. Headley) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Race  | Declaration #1 The G M (Tr. M. Puype) Unsound-Jay Deluhery DVN<br>REFUND:\$986.02  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Race  | Declaration #4 Mystification (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stake-Stewards<br>REFUND: \$1,048.42   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Race  | NO SHOW WAGERING   |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup> Race  | Declarations #4 Lamporghini (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stake-Stewards<br>#6 Sakura Blossom (Tr. L. Powell) Stake-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$3,713.91                             |
| 8 <sup>TH</sup> Race  | Cancel #1 Super Hi 5   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Race  | Declarations #2 Thorne House (Tr. D. Pederson) Unsound-Jay Deluhery DVM<br>#4 Kangaroo Court (Tr. T. Yakteen) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM<br>REFUND TOTAL: \$3,059.42     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Race  | Wagering Cancel #1 Super Hi 5  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Race | #10 Order and Law (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed, A. Saavedra, trainer  |

4/20/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |        |                |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 7,652  | \$1,100,359.00 |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 3,955  | \$1,674,344.31 |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | N/A    | \$7,018,398.11 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 11,607 | \$9,793,101.42 |

**SUNDAY**

4/21/24<sup>1</sup>

**VICTOR ESPINOZA RULING**

Jockey Victor Espinoza rode #2 Soul of Midnight to a third-place finish in the 5<sup>th</sup> Race on April 20. The Stewards observed Jockey Espinoza use his riding crop seven (7) times during the running of this one (1) mile main track event. In lieu of a film review Jockey Espinoza waived his right to a hearing and accepted the penalty listed below.

**LATS RULING #71**

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 VICTOR ESPINOZA, who rode SOUL OF MIDNIGHT in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on April 20, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (April 28, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) 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.

4/21/24<sup>2</sup>

**TYLER BAZE RULING**

Jockey Tyler Baze rode #5 Charley Pride to a second-place finish in the sixth race on Saturday April 20. The Stewards observed Jockey Baze use his riding crop seven (7) strikes during this six (6) furlongs turf race. He notified the Stewards that he was 'pleading guilty' to a HISA riding crop violation and that his right to a hearing would be waived. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #72**

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 CHARLEY PRIDE in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on April 20, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (April 28, 2024) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for two (2) strikes over the limit.

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

4/21/24<sup>3</sup>

**UMBERTO RISPOLI FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Umberto Rispoli appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the eighth race (\$100,000 Guaranteed-Providencia Stakes-Grade 3). He was accompanied by Jockey Agent Matt Nakatani. Jockey Rispoli was aboard #1 Shiloh's Mistress, who finished second, in this 1 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile turf race.

Films show Jockey Rispoli use his riding crop several times in a downward (uncocked) position. He then 'turns his crop over' and uses the crop in a more typical overhand position. He was told that both hands need to be holding the reins and touching the horse's neck in order for a 'strike' not to count, in analyzing compliance with HISA Rule 2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Jockey Rispoli told the Stewards he appreciates 'Warnings' regarding the Stewards interpretation of this rule. Warnings are often fine, but the Stewards feel this jockey is not changing his compliance with the rule. Ironically, a warning was issued for this ride. Please note (REF: 4/20/24<sup>21</sup>)

4/21/24<sup>4</sup>

**JOCKEYS ROOM MEETING**

The Stewards held a meeting with the Santa Anita jockeys one (1) hour before first race post-time. We read HISA RULE 2280 (Use of Riding Crop) to the riders present. We told them even though several jockeys have been issued penalties for this rule our enforcement will be stricter as some individuals have attempted to gain advantage of the Stewards level of enforcement. We opened the meeting up for questions. The Jockeys in attendance seemed to be clear on the rule and we felt a good 'back and forth' took place.

4/21/24<sup>5</sup>

**EIGHTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

#4 Patron d'Oro (Tr. K. Craigmyle) finished first in today's eighth race, which had a claiming price of \$12,500. This horse had a single claim slip submitted. In a post-race examination CHR B Veterinarian Nolton Pattio notified us this horse was unsound. The Stewards subsequently made seven (7) phone calls (including the two trainers involved) notifying officials in different departments that the Stewards are voiding this claim.

4/21/24<sup>6</sup>

**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's ten (10) race card went well, as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

4/21/24<sup>7</sup>

**INTERNS VISIT**

Santa Anita, in conjunction with 'The Ed Brown Society' is hosting two (2) interns at this meet. They are Driade Freita (Florida Memorial University) and Jonathan Sevnarine (Molloy University – New York). These bright inquisitive individuals spent time with us in the Judges stand today. We enjoyed their visit.

4/21/24<sup>8</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1st Race Declaration #6 Apple Fest (Tr. Bob Baffert) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$2,708.84

5th Race Declarations #1 Pacific Rose (Tr. D. O'Neill) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD  
#2 Show Card (Tr. B. Baffert) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,244.90

5th Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5

7th Race Declaration #4 Arrogates Spirit (Tr. S. Knapp) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM  
REFUND: \$873.46

8th Race Declaration #1 Dendera (Tr. L. Powell) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD  
REFUND: \$1,440.85

8th Race #2 North East Star (IRE) (TR. P. Miller) claimed, D. O. Neill, trainer  
#7 Smart Kitten (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

8th Race Wagering Cancel #1 Super Hi 5

9th race Declaration #1 Big Novel (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake-Stewards REFUND: \$1,267.00

10th Race Jockey Change #3 Another Summer R. Gonzalez for L. Contreras - Injured

4/21/24<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |       |                |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 6,571 | \$942,492.92   |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 3,132 | \$1,292,316.28 |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | N/A   | \$6,826,846.18 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 9,703 | \$9,061,655.38 |

**SUMMARY**

|                         | <b>Fri<br/>4/19</b> | <b>Sat<br/>4/20</b> | <b>Sun<br/>4/21</b> | <b>Week</b> | <b>Meet</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Accidents</b>        | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 3           |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>   | 2                   | 2                   | 2                   | 6           | 96          |
| <b>Claims</b>           | 0                   | 2                   | 2                   | 4           | 94          |
| <b>Disqualification</b> | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 10          |
| <b>Inquiries</b>        | 0                   | 0                   | 0                   | 0           | 24          |
| <b>Refunds</b>          | 5                   | 10                  | 6                   | 21          | 299         |
| <b>Rulings</b>          | 3                   | 0                   | 2                   | 5           | 72          |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>    | 0                   | 0                   | 1                   | 1           | 29          |

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 4/15/24 TO 4/21/24**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Horses on Vet List  | 27 |
| Horses off Vet List | 18 |
| Shock Wave Therapy  | 7  |
| Fatalities          | 0  |
| 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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