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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, May 6, through Sunday, May 12, 2024.

WEDNESDAY5/8/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty today overseeing entries for Saturday May 11, 2024. Nine (9) races were drawn in Racing Secretary Jason Egan's racing office. Fifty-eight (58) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY5/9/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Kim Sawyer is the Duty Steward today and is overseeing entries for Sunday May 12, 2024.

5/9/24²**DARIN D. OTT HEARING (CASE NO. 24SA0052)**

CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama prepared a twelve (12) page complaint packet for a hearing that was scheduled to be heard before Stewards Sawyer, Baker, and Jauregui. This complaint alleges that Owner Darin Ott has violated CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Along with Investigator Yokoyama, present today was Margaret Levine. Ms. Levine is the office manager for the veterinarian group Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

The Southern California Equine Foundation performed surgical procedures on LIGHT DRAGOON at its equine hospital on December 20, 2023. Darin Ott was sent a notice of his past due account in the amount of \$1,237.30 on March 18, 2024, for the surgical charge which has been due since January 21, 2024, and continuing until present day.

The respondent in this matter, Owner Darin Ott, failed to appear for today's hearing. More to follow.

5/9/24³

DR. SARAH BIRCH COMPLAINT (CASE #24SA0054)

Veterinarian Sarah Birch appeared in our office today for an informal hearing. Dr. Birch has been charged with alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1842 (Veterinary Report). CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama presented a twenty-one (21) page complaint packet at today's hearing. The cover page of his complaint reads as follows:

UNCLE TRULY was entered into the 3rd Race at Santa Anita Park on March 16, 2024. According to the Santa Anita Park Condition Book for the fortieth day of racing on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Entries closed on Wednesday March 13, 2024. This set the timeline for entry examinations to be conducted between Sunday, March 10, 2024, and Thursday March 14, 2024. The Entry Exam Report in EquiTAPS showed Dr. Sarah Birch completed her examination on March 16, 2024. Dr. Birch failed to record her examination electronically in EquiTAPS in the manner prescribed by the CHRB Official Veterinarian.

Steward Luis Jauregui chaired this tape-recorded hearing in the Stewards Office. The Stewards asked several questions to Dr. Birch regarding the horse 'UNCLE TRULY' who was trained by Jonathan Thomas. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

5/10/24¹

MIKE SMITH FILM REVIEW (REF: 5/5/2024 (3))

Jockey Mike Smith appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the tenth race on Sunday May 5, 2024. Jockey Smith rode the Mark Glatt trained #4 Old Pal to a first-place finish in this one (1) mile turf course event.

Today's tape-recorded film review shows #4 Old Pal closing strongly from well back in the field. Approaching mid-stretch, he shifts out and forces two (2) rivals to his outside off their anticipated straight path. Jockey Smith's testimony today was that he didn't realize on race day that he interfered with these two (2) rivals who finished eighth and ninth. The Stewards felt this was a sub-par ride but not penalty worthy. In a unanimous decision a warning was issued.

5/10/24²

PROSPECTIVE NEW RIDER

Exercise Rider Byron Orantes works for Trainer R. B. Hess Jr. He has expressed interest in being an apprentice jockey. He told us he is thirty-two (32) years old and weighs 112 lbs. The Stewards informed him of HISA requirements before going forward with his CHRB license requirements.

5/10/24³

SAFETY STEWARDS' VISIT

Safety Steward David Nuesch and Steward in Training Brice Blanc paid a visit to our office this morning. The prohibited use of the riding crop during morning training was our topic of conversation. Observation of crop usage and consistent enforcement was discussed.

5/10/24⁴

DARIN OTT RULING

Owner Darrin Ott failed to appear for an informal hearing (REF:5/9/24²) yesterday May 9, 2024. The following action by the Stewards is a result of that.

LATS RULING #79

Owner DARIN D. OTT having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on May 9, 2024, is 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 to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- \$1,237.30 to Southern California Equine Foundation Inc.). Suspension to commence on May 17, 2024.

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

5/10/24⁵

SARAH BIRCH RULING (REF:5/9/24)

Veterinarian Sarah Birch was in our office for a tape-recorded hearing (CASE #SA0054) yesterday May 9. Dr. Birch told the Stewards she completed the 'entry examination' for the horse Uncle Truly in a timely manner. She also told us she was very busy 'covering work' for another veterinarian. She said that for some reason she didn't actually submit the results of that examination in a timely manner. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #80

Veterinarian SARAH BIRCH is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report - failure to report in a timely manner) on March 15, 2024, at Santa Anita Park.

5/10/24⁶

VOIDED CLAIM

Trainer Craig Dollase submitted a claim (\$32,000) for the Hector Palma trained #5 Midnight Love who finished first in this race. Following a post-race examination and subsequent recommendation by CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, the Stewards voided this claim.

5/10/24⁷

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

5/10/24⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race #6 Tom and Jazzy (Tr. M. Puype) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
 3rd Race #2 Stay in the Game (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, L. Lindsey, trainer
 #3 Granada Flavor (Tr. S. McCarthy) claimed, D. Azcarate, trainer
 4th Race Declaration #1 Chevy Girl (Tr. J. Wallace II) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM
 REFUND: \$626.88
 4th Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5
 5TH Race Declaration #1 Lettheliquortalk (Tr. J. Mullins) Injured- Nolton Pattio VMD
 REFUND: \$737.88
 5th Race NO SHOW WAGERING
 7TH Race #2 Sabres (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, R. Hanson, trainer
 8th Race Declaration #4 Anna's Music (Tr. B. Galvin) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM
 REFUND: \$544.70
 8th Race #5 Grazen in the Sun (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, T.R. Bell III, trainer
 8th Race Wagering - Cancel \$1 Super Hi 5

5/10/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|--------------|
| ON TRACK | 2,501 | 391,225.30 |
| SCOTWINC | 2,276 | 819,326.71 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | n/a | 5,286,805.58 |
| TOTAL | 4,777 | 6,497,357.59 |

SATURDAY

5/11/24¹

VICTOR ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW

Jockey Victor Espinoza appeared in our office this morning to review his ride in the ninth race on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Jockey Espinoza was aboard #4 Hayley Levada in a race that was contested at about 6 ½ furlongs on the downhill turf course.

Today's film review shows Jockey Espinoza using his riding crop four (4) times in this stretch drive of this race. #4 Hayley Levada finished tenth in this eleven (11) horse field. Steward Baker voted for a fine feeling this horse was showing no response. The majority voted for a warning citing Espinoza's recent record and feeling the horse was still in contention for purse earnings.

5/11/24²

OFFICE HOURS

The Stewards spent a good part of the morning working (discussing/writing) rulings that are scheduled to be disseminated in the near future.

5/11/24³

GOOD RACING

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections. In today's featured ninth race the Phil D'Amato trained #7 Musical Rhapsody (IRE) (Mike Smith) won the \$100,00 Santa Barbara Stakes. The margin for 'win' in this 1 ½ mile turf event was just a nose.

5/11/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race #4 Travelin' Show (Tr. C. Lewis) Injured—Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$809.73

4th Race #5 Beau Soleil (Tr. J. Periban) claimed, R.B. Hess, trainer
#6 Satellite Heart (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

7th Race #2 Seventeen Black (Tr. D. Hofmans) claimed, J. Cassidy, trainer

8th Race Declarations #6 Bronco Nagurski (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick—Jay Deluhery DVM
#7 Upward Mobility (Tr. P. Miller) Sick- Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$1,915.47

5/11/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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| ON TRACK | 5,393 | \$763,100.89 |
| SCOTWINC | 3,704 | \$1,473,750.03 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$5,837,003.54 |
| TOTAL | 9,097 | \$8,073,854.46 |

SUNDAY

5/12/24¹

ROUTINE MORNING

The Stewards were on duty this morning along with the excellent, longtime Stewards Secretary Diana Welsh. Entries for Friday May 17, 2024, were taken in the nearby racing office. Safety Steward David Nuesch stopped by with his daily update.

5/12/24²

GOOD RACING

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

5/12/24³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race Declaration #1 Frisco (Tr. A. Farias) Loose horse post parade—Stewards
REFUND: \$4,711.17

3rd Race #2 Atomic Drop (Tr. K. Craigmyle) Injured- Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND: \$470.65

3rd Race #5 Flavius (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer

5th Race Declaration #6 Paul Vincents Poem (Tr. Robert J. Lucas) Sick—Jay Deluhery
DVM REFUND: \$342.48

6th Race Declaration #4 Sky Falling (Tr. C. Lewis) Sick—Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND: \$723.88

8th Race Declarations #4 Escape Route (Tr. M. Glatt) Sick- Nolton Pattio VMD
#7 Mister Iceman (Tr. P. Miller) Does not want to run – Stewards
REFUND: \$2,107.84

5/12/24⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|--------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 8,328 | \$768,964.15 |
| SCOTWINC | 2,730 | \$999,240.45 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$5,426,793.09 |
| TOTAL | 11,058 | \$7,194,997.69 |

SUMMARY

| | Fri 5/10 | Sat 5/11 | Sun 5/12 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 118 |
| Claims | 5 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 120 |
| Disqualification | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Refunds | 3 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 338 |
| Rulings | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 80 |
| Voided Claims | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 31 |

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 5/6/24 TO 5/12/24

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| Horses on Vet List | 16 |
| Horses off Vet List | 10 |
| Shock Wave Therapy | 0 |
| Fatalities | 0 |
| Medication | 0 |

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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