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

### **TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for Tuesday, March 18, 2025 through Sunday, March 23, 2025.**

**TUESDAY**03/18/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward Grant Baker came into the office on Tuesday morning to oversee Sunday entries. The office drew nine (9) races for Sunday. Mr. Baker also handled any other issues that were presented to him.

**THURSDAY**03/20/25<sup>1</sup>**RUIZ HEARING (CASE #24SA0169)**

Pony Rider MARTIN R. RUIZ was in to answer to a financial complaint filed by Groom ELMER CANO in the amount \$1,200 for unpaid services. Mr. Cano took care of Mr. Ruiz's pony, and was seeking the remaining balance. After hearing both sides, they both agreed to the amount \$900 and that Mr. Ruiz will pay \$300 dollars every fifteen days until the balance is paid.

03/20/25<sup>2</sup>**DELEON HEARING (CASE #25SA0002)**

Trainer RAFAEL DELEON came in our office to answer to a complaint to filed by the CHRB for rule violation of #1581.1(Entries) when he entered the horse "Des Doigts" in a race at Santa Anita Park on January 1, 2025. Mr. DeLeon explained that his regular veterinarian was on vacation and that he summoned another practicing veterinarian to come over and examine his horse. After hearing Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama testimony, it was clear that Mr. DeLeon failed to ask his veterinarian to do a pre-race examination. Decision to follow.

03/20/25<sup>3</sup>**McCARTHY HEARING (CASE #25SA0003)**

Trainer MICHAEL McCARTHY accepted full responsibility for a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation of #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse) when he entered his horse "Cultural" as a colt in the first race at Santa Anita on January 3, 2025. The error was discovered that the horse was gelded prior to wagering opening and we were able to notify the betting public. A ruling will be issued.

**FRIDAY**  
03/21/25<sup>1</sup>

**BAROCIO RULING**

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO was issued the following ruling after he brought his horse "Canani" to the receiving barn with toe grabs on behind. The horseshoe inspector was able to grind the toe grabs off. Mr. Barocio acknowledged his mistake and accepted the penalty.

**LATS Ruling #52**

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO, who started the horse CANANI in the first race at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2025 is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

03/21/25<sup>2</sup>

**DELEON RULING**

Trainer RAFAEL DELEON was issued the following ruling after deliberating all the facts from yesterday's hearing.

**LATS Ruling #53**

Trainer RAFAEL DELEON, who started the horse DES DOIGTS in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on January 1, 2025, 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).

03/21/25<sup>3</sup>

**McCARTHY RULING**

The following ruling was issued in regards to yesterdays' hearing. Trainer MICHAEL McCARTHY took full responsibility and accepted the penalty.

**LATS Ruling #54**

Trainer MICHAEL McCARTHY, who entered the horse CULTURAL in the first race at Santa Anita Park on January 3, 2025, 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 in the official program.)

03/21/25<sup>4</sup>

**TAYLOR RULING**

Trainer FAITH TAYLOR was issued the following ruling after she brought the horse "Shanghai Mist" to the receiving barn with toe grabs on the hind shoes. The horseshoe inspector was able to grind them off.

**LATS Ruling #55**

Trainer FAITH TAYLOR, who started the horse SHANGHAI MIST in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on March 17, 2025, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

03/21/25<sup>5</sup>

**RACE DELAY**

The first race was delayed after the Starter Jay Slender contacted us that there was an issue with the starting gate. After a five-minute delay the field was finally dispatched. Starter Slender stated the gate had an electrical issue and he was able to bypass the electrical switch to start the race.

03/21/25<sup>6</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

We conducted a Stewards' review to examine the actions of the #2 "Silverado Storm" who ducked into the rail at the 3/8's pole. After reviewing the race several times, we determined that the #2 caused his own issues, therefore no inquiry was needed.

03/21/25<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Heras Hope- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 #3 Becky's Dream (FR)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$1,825.58

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Fire Ban- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound  
 (NO SHOW WAGERING). Refund \$148,838.73

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 Lilliput- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick  
 Refund \$1,036.74

4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 The Sushala- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick  
 Refund \$1,126.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$16.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Roman Gratis- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound  
 Refund \$89,796.41

7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Donttestyourluck- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured  
 #2 Momo's Kiddo- Claimed by J Valdez, trainer  
 #3 Evenerevenworse- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer. Refund \$400.74

8<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Rich Gold- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured  
 #8 Mothers Prayer- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer  
 #9 Crown Magic- Claimed by I. Tamayo, trainer. Refund \$398.78

03/21/25<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,766	340,026.33
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,258	786,660.90
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	3,810,872.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,024	4,937,560.04

**SATURDAY**

03/22/25<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey ALFREDO BAUTISTA was in to review yesterday's seventh race in which he used his crop when he already reached his maximum placing. The young rider is new to our racing colony, and we warned him that we do not tolerate it here. He promised it would not happen again. Steward Grant Baker voted for a penalty.

03/22/25<sup>2</sup>

**RACE DELAY**

We held the horses in the paddock for the sixth race as there was a mechanical issue (no coolant in the radiator) with the human ambulance. After a five-minute delay, the ambulance was able to return to the track. The race was run, but after the sixth race, the ambulance broke down again and was towed off the track.

03/22/25<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (1 mile turf)**

After the running of the ninth race we posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run involving the second place horse #6 Eternal Reign (IRE) (A. Fresu) and the third place horse #4 Word Play (GB)(H. Berrios). After speaking to both riders and reviewing the race several times, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion, both horses contributed to the incident, therefore, no change was made to the order of finish.

03/22/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 Newlands- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound  
Refund \$343.68
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Zombo Bombo- A. Fresu replaces D. Herrera, prior engagement  
Refund \$32.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #5 News At Ten (GB)- Claimed by P. Eurton, trainer  
Refund \$185.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Bad to the Bones- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick  
(NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$1,147.13
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Money Makes Money- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick  
Refund \$1,840.48
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$138.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$484.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Havoc- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
#8 Rogue Son- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer  
#10 Tequila Talkin- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Fitzgerald, unsound  
Refund \$1,491.46
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Cornelia Reign (IRE)- T. Pereira replaces K. Desormeaux, sick

03/22/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,335	1,002,104.80
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,860	1,464,987.33
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	5,426,081.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,195	7,893,174.09

**SUNDAY**

03/23/25<sup>1</sup>

**COSATO RULING**

Jockey Agent RYAN COSATO was issued the following ruling after he failed to handle his business by scratch time. Mr. Cosato did not remove his jockey from his mount even as Diego Herrera was riding at Turf Paradise today. Mr. Cosato acknowledged his mistake and accepted the penalty.

**LATS Ruling #56**

Jockey Agent RYAN COSATO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner) on March 22, 2025, at Santa Anita Park.

03/23/25<sup>2</sup>

**SMOOTH RACING**

Sunday's nine race card went very smoothly other than the late declarations or changes listed below.

03/23/25<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$355.35
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$505.60
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Casalu- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$5,477.57
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Clever Clover- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
#4 Nauvoo- Claimed by D. Azcarate, trainer. Refund \$837.70
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Big George- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured  
#8 Spiritual Advisor- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick  
Refund \$2,263.42
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Uncle Evco- Claimed by H. Palma, trainer

7<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Cano for the Win- Claimed by G. Papaprodromou, trainer  
 No changes; Refund \$81.00  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Rousing Jewel- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$130.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Moody Jim (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured  
 #7 Doncic- D. Herrera replaces J. Hernandez, second call  
 #12 North Country- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,241.74

03/23/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,414	796,078.38
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3.076	1,081,483.78
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	6,328,746.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,490	8,206,308.86

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 03/21</b>	<b>Sat 03/22</b>	<b>Sun 03/23</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	0	3	4	94
<b>Claims</b>	4	2	4	10	111
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	0	1	18
<b>Refunds</b>	8	8	8	24	349
<b>Rulings</b>	4	0	1	5	56
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	14

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/17/25 TO 03/23/25**

Horses on Vet List 21  
 Horses off Vet List 14  
 Shock Wave Therapy 2  
 Fatalities 1- pony  
 Medication 0

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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