

California Horse Racing Board

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

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Monday, January 1, 2020 through Sunday, January 5, 2020

WEDNESDAY

1/1/20¹

JOHN SHIRREFFS MEETING

At the Stewards request Trainer JOHN SHIRREFFS appeared in our office for an informal meeting today. The Shirreff's trained 'Hard Not to Love' finished first in the La Brea Stakes (Grade 1-\$300,000) opening day, Saturday, December 28, 2019. This three-year old filly 'froze up' several times during the warm-up period and it was questionable if she would make it to the starting gate on time, for the start of this seven (7) furlong event. Trainer Shirreffs indicated this filly would not start again for several weeks. He told the Stewards he will keep us updated as far as the progress his trainee is making prior to her next start. According to Steve Anderson of 'The Daily Racing Form', that start could be the Grade 1 Beholder Mile on March 14.

1/1/20²

GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the \$75,000 added Eddie Logan Stakes which was the sixth race on the card on Sunday, December 29, 2019. Jockey Franco was aboard #9 SMOOTH LIKE STRAIGHT who finished fourth in this one (1) mile turf event. Race replays this morning show Jockey Franco (#9 SMOOTH LIKE STRAIGHT) cross over quickly in front of rivals in the opening furlong of this race. The 'rear end' of #9 SMOOTH LIKE STRAIGHT was tipped sideways at the point of crossing over in front of eventual winner #2 ENCODER (Joel Rosario). The Stewards had a difficult time deciphering if contact was made between these two (2) rivals or if a slip or a kick were involved. Either way the Stewards were of the opinion that Jockey Franco was not sufficiently 'clear' when he 'crossed over' in front of the field. In what was a close call, Jockey Franco was issued a warning for this ride. Our decision was unanimous.

1/1/20³

SEVENTH RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards conducted a 'Stewards Review' into the start of this race which was conducted at 1 1/16th mile on the main track. Of particular interest were the actions of eventual third place

finisher #2 BOOGALUTE (Flavien Prat). Film review shows this horse rearing 'in the air' and breaking slowly. The Stewards unanimously ruled there was no reason to post the Inquiry sign.

1/1/20⁴

EIGHTH RACE JOCKEY'S OBJECTION

Following the running of the \$200,000 Grade 2 Joe Hernandez Stakes the rider of seventh place finisher #1 TRIBALIST (Ruben Fuentes) lodged a 'jockeys claim of foul' against sixth place finisher #3 GRINNING TIGER (Jose Valdivia) for alleged interference in the stretch drive of this 5 ½ furlong turf event. Film review shows #3 GRINNING TIGER drift in and then out slightly in the stretch drive. Jockey Fuentes 'checked' #3 GRINNING TIGER slightly off heels in the stretch. The Stewards spoke with both jockeys involved and received reports from the patrol judges. In a unanimous decision the Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish as we all determined that the incident didn't rise to the level of a disqualification.

1/1/20⁵

TENTH RACE ACCIDENT

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA pulled up #4 GOLDEN BIRTHDAY at the 3/16th pole while leading the field in this 11/8th mile turf race. This action took place following an injury, as the field of horses entered the stretch. Jockey Espinoza jumped off his mount prior to coming to a full stop.

1/1/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #3 PURE CARMINE (Tr. Neil Drysdale) Injured-Tim Grande DVM
Refund: \$3,366.32

5th Race #1 TAPITHA BONITA (Tr. B. Spawr) claimed, S. Miyadi, trainer

5th Race #4 LOVE A HONEYBADGER (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, B. Koriner, trainer

5th Race #7 NOMIZAR (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed, H. Palma, trainer

6th Race Ownership Change #2 SEASIDE DANCER should read 'Rockingham Stable'

8th Race Declaration #5 OLSEAU DE GUERRE (Tr. M. McCarthy) Stake-Stewards
Refund: \$786.30

9th Race Declaration #2 OPUS EQUUS (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
Refund: \$213.00

10th Race Declaration #11 FRENCH GETAWAY (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Sick Tim Grande DVM
Refund: \$291.54

1/1/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	10,060	\$1,403,185.51
SCOTWinc	4,174	\$1,680,407.28
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,357,005.85
Total	14,234	\$11,440,598.64

FRIDAY

1/3/20¹

ANTHONY CITARRELLA COMPLAINT (CASE NO.19DM0075)

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue filed a complaint against Owner TONY CITARRELLA for an alleged past due bill in the amount of \$1,414.73. Dr. Blue informed the CHRB enforcement unit that this bill has now been 'Paid in Full'. This complaint has now been withdrawn.

1/3/20²

JOHN WRIGHT COMPLAINT (CASE NO.19DM0079)

Melinda Blue DVM filed a complaint against Owner JOHN WRIGHT for an alleged past due bill in the amount of \$2,301.55. According to Dr. Blue this outstanding debt has been satisfied and this office is withdrawing the complaint.

1/3/20³

PETER MILLER RULING

On January 1, 2020 Horseshoe Inspector Victor Tovar reported, to the Stewards, that the PETER MILLER trained #4 TEXAS WEDGE (Flavien Prat) arrived to the receiving barn wearing 'toe grabs' behind. This is in violation of the Santa Anita 'Turf Shoe Policy'. After getting his toe grabs filed down in the receiving barn Texas Wedge went on to win the eighth race on the card,

which was the Grade 2 \$200,000 Guaranteed 'Joe Hernandez Stakes'. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #003

Trainer PETER MILLER, who started the horse TEXAS WEDGE in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 1, 2020 is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required – improperly shod).

 $1/3/20^4$

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Horse Identifier Jennifer Paige is off today due to illness. Assistant Horse Identifier Tamara LaCroix will replace her.

1/3/20⁵

FLAVIEN PRAT FILM REVIEW

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #1 CALIFORNIA STREET, who finished second in the third race on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Film review shows #1 CALIFORNIA STREET passing eventual fourth place finisher #4 FEDERAL CASE (Abel Cedillo) at the ¼ mile marker. Jockey Prat made things very tight on #4 FEDERAL CASE by 'shaving' that rival and forcing Jockey Cedillo to steady his mount. Jockey Prat acknowledged he could have given #4 FEDERAL CASE more room before these two horses straightened out for the stretch drive of this race. The Stewards issued a 'warning' for this ride which was nearly ruled as careless.

 $1/3/20^6$

SEVENTH RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

The Stewards announced that a 'Stewards Review' would be conducted into the start of the seventh race, which was conducted at 5 ½ furlongs on the infield turf course. #4 GEORGE HERMAN RUTH (Joseph Talamo) broke roughly ten (10) lengths behind the rest of the field. The Stewards spoke to Starter Jay Slender via two-way radio and reviewed video replays of the start. After a brief review the Stewards determined this horse caused his own problems and there was no reason to conduct a formal Stewards' inquiry.

1/3/20⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2nd Race #2 TOOTHLESS WONDER (Tr. A. Meah) claimed, S. McCarthy, trainer

#4 BLACK STORM (Tr. L. Wicker) claimed, G. Stute, trainer

#5 ROARING FORK (Tr. McCarthy) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

3rd Race Declaration #7 ROSE DUNN (Tr. B. Koriner) Injured- Tim Grande DVM

Refund: \$5,153.88

4th Race Ownership Change #1 LAKER JET should read Bean, Acres, LLC or Suchecki

5th Race Jockey Change #1 GREATER GLORY, V. Flores for M. Donoe (No 10 lb. apprentice jockey on turf)

5th Race Declaration #4 TINNIE (Tr. R. Mandella) Sick-Dana Stead DVM

Refund \$1,181.88

5th Race #2 HARPER'S GALLOP (Tr. J. Carava) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer-VOIDED-Unsound - Nolton Pattio VMD

8th Race #9 KATSAROS (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, J. Bonde, trainer

 $1/3/20^8$

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,512	\$576,784.92
SCOTWinc	3,801	\$1,224,676.47
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,001,585.08
Total	7,313	\$6,803,046.47

SATURDAY

TEVIS MCCAULEY HEARING (CASE19DM0076)

Dr. Melinda Blue filed a complaint against Owner TEVIS MCCAULEY for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Dr. Blue, who appeared for today's hearing,

alleges that Owner McCauley owes her \$4,203.78 in past due veterinary services. Mr. McCauley did not appear at today's hearing. More to follow.

1/4/20²

RUEBEN FUENTES RULING

The Stewards ordered Jockey RUBEN FUENTES to film review to view his riding crop use in yesterday's (January 3) first race. Jockey Fuentes was aboard first place finisher #6 FAST AS CASS in this one (1) mile main track event. Mr. Fuentes called the Stewards, pled guilty and waived his right to an informal hearing. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #004

Jockey Ruben Fuentes, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the first race at Santa Anita Park on January 3, 2020.

1/4/20³

LEONARD POWELL HEARING (CASE NO.19DM0044)

CHRB Investigator Mike Barker presented a thirteen (13) page complaint on behalf of the CHRB against Trainer LEONARD POWELL for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1843.5 Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race), Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) and Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Along with Investigator Barker and the Stewards present today was Court Reporter Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) and Trainer Leonard Powell. The complaint in this case reads as follows.

On 9/1/19, horse Big Barrel, trained by Leonard Powell, was seen by a Del Mar Equine Security Employee wearing a nebulizer. Powell admitted to Big Barrel wearing the nebulizer and said he thought it was okay up to 24 hours prior to a race. Powell said the nebulizer contained silver solution and was used for prevention. Big Barrel had been entered in the 5th race at Del Mar on 9/2/19 and was scratched.

As stated in Investigator Barker's complaint, Trainer Powell testified he wasn't aware that substances 'shall not' be administered to a horse within 48 hours of post time as outlined in CHRB Rule #1843.5(c). Mr. Powell accepted full responsibility for this case of nebulizer use that led to the Del Mar Stewards ordering a late scratch on September 2, 2019. More to follow.

1/4/20⁴

SECOND RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign in order to review the start of this race which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the infield turf course. The Stewards specifically reviewed the actions of first place finisher #4 PHAST PHAROAH (Joel Rosario) who broke inward very sharply. Original sixth place finisher #3 KENO'D (Mario Gutierrez) left the starting gate very slowly and the Stewards wanted to see what involvement #4 PHAST PHAROAH had with his rival to his inside.

Inquiry film review (head-on view) shows 'both' #4 PHAST PHAROAH and #3 KENO'D break in sharply/simultaneously and actual interference by #4 PHAST PHAROAH was minimal. After speaking to both jockey's and receiving a patrol judge report, from the far turn judge, the Stewards allowed the original placings to stand. No change.

1/4/20⁵

SIXTH RACE PRE -RACE ACCIDENT

During the loading process in today's sixth race #10 LOVELY FINISH reared and unseated Jockey IGGY PUGLISI. The starting gate was stationed at the one mile (turf) position. Jockey Puglisi laid prone on the turf while being attended to by human ambulance personnel. #10 LOVELY FINISH was a late Stewards' scratch. There was an eight (8) or nine (9) minute delay until this race was contested.

Jockey Puglisi was taken to Arcadia Methodist Hospital and reported to have an issue with his shoulder and rib areas.

1/4/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

6 th Race Declaration	#10 LOVELY FINISH (Tr. J. Herrick) Reared injured jockey before start-Stewards. Refund: \$51,936.23.
7 th Race Declaration	#5 MONGOLIAN HERO (Tr.E. Ganbat) Sick-Tim Grande DVM Refund: \$727.42
9 th Race Jockey Change	#2 HEARTFULOFSTARS J. Talamo for I. Puglisi (Injured earlier today)
9 th Race	#3 HOT SEAN (Tr. B. Baffert) claimed, M. Puype, trainer
10 th Race	#11 DEARBORN (Tr. J. Bonde) Injured-Dana Stead DVM
	#13 MONGOLIAN WINDOW (Tr. E. Ganbat) Wrong horse scratched - racing office error-Steward Refund Total: \$2,282.30

1/4/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	7,145	\$1,437,951.82
SCOTWinc	5,428	\$1,931,466.89
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,502,566.58
Total	12,573	\$11,871,985.29

SUNDAY

1/5/20¹

TEVIS MCCAULEY RULING (REF 1/4/20¹)

The ruling below was issued after Owner TEVIS MCCAULEY failed to appear in our office as ordered, yesterday January 4, 2020.

LATS RULING #005

Owner TEVIS MCCAULEY, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on January 4, 2020 to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$4,203.78 to Melinda J. Blue DVM, MS) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on January 12, 2020.

During the term of Suspension, all licenses and license privileges of TEVIS MCCAULEY are suspended and Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine). Subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

1/5/20²

LEONARD POWELL RULING (REF 1/4/20³)

The Stewards called trainer LEONARD POWELL and informed him of the penalty in the ruling below. This result was the result of a unanimous vote.

LATS RULING #006

Trainer LEONARD POWELL, who was scheduled to start the horse BIG BARREL in the fifth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on September 2, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) and #1843.5 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances Permitted After Entry in a Race – nebulizer with One Silver Solution).

1/5/20³

UMBERTO RISPOLI INFORMAL HEARING

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI appeared in our office to review his ride aboard #7 Y NOT SIZZLE, who finished second in the sixth race yesterday January 4. This was a one (1) mile turf event. Jockey Rispoli used his riding crop thirteen (13) times between the 1/8th pole and the finish line. Mr. Rispoli, who just relocated from Singapore, said he knew the 'California rule' but forgot as he has been riding in Southern California less than two (2) weeks. The following ruling was issued in a unanimous decision.

LATS RULING #007

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – excessive), during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on January 4, 2020.

1/5/20⁴

MYLES MCMAHON COMPLAINT (CASE NO.19DM0077)

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue appeared in our office to address a complaint that she filed against Owner MYLES MCMAHON for alleged non-payment of a veterinary bill in the amount of \$376.78. Mr. McMahon failed to appear at today's informal hearing. More to follow.

1/5/20⁵

JOE TALAMO FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOE TALAMO appeared in the Stewards' office to review video replays of his ride in the fourth race yesterday January 4. In this one (1) mile turf event Jockey Talamo was aboard fourth place finisher #8 JETOVATOR. Rounding the far turn #8 JETOVATER drifts inward causing Jockey Edwin Maldonado to steady his horse, #5 ABUSIVE GARY, who eventually went on to a seventh-place finish. Jockey Talamo, who has a clean riding record as of late, took responsibility for this sub-par ride that fell short of being identified as 'careless riding'. Our decision was unanimous.

1/5/20⁶

SIXTH RACE STEWARDS INQUIRY/TRAINER OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the stretch drive of this race which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the infield turf course. With one (1) furlong left to run, original first place finisher #4 STORMING LADY (Rafael Bejarano) shifts out for racing room after racing along the rail in 'upper stretch'. At this point, #4 STORMING LADY makes contact with original third place finisher #7 HOLLY HUNDY (Joel Rosario) who was closing well, in the middle of the racetrack. This meeting of bodies forced #7 HOLLY HUNDY to lose ground as she was forced off of what was previously a straight course.

The Stewards received a patrol judge report, reviewed all camera angles of the race and spoke to both jockey's involved. In a unanimous decision #4 STORMING LADY was disqualified and placed third. Jockey Rafael Bejarano was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-8-7-9-2-3-5-10-6-1
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-7-4-9-2-3-5-10-6-1

1/5/20⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

3rd Race #1 GENERAL INTEREST (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
#4 MIDNIGHT SPECIAL (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer
7th Race Declaration #4 PAIGE ANNE (Tr. S. Callaghan) Stake-Stewards. Refund: \$677.30
8th Race #5 GO FOR A RIDE (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, A. Meah, trainer
#7 CANADIAN GAME (Tr. J. Carava) claimed, A. Lerner, trainer
#9 FACTORIAL (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
#10 BIRD (Tr. D. Pederson) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

1/5/20⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,507	\$1,065,495.20
SCOTWinc	4,605	\$1,548,373.78
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,912,467.17
Total	11,112	\$9,526,336.15

SUMMARY

	Wed 1/01	Fri 1/03	Sat 1/04	Sun 1/05	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	1	0	2	2
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	3	2	7	8
Claims	4	4	1	6	15	18
Disqualification s	0	0	0	1	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	2	2
Refunds	1	2	4	1	8	20
Rulings	0	1	1	3	5	7
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	1

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/06/19 TO 12/12/19

Horses on Vet List	10
Horses off Vet List	2
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward

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