

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
 Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro DVM, Chairman
 Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman
 Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member
 Honorable Damascus Castellanos, Member
 Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member
 Honorable Alex Solis, Member
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 Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for the Week of Monday, June 8, 2020 through Sunday, June 14, 2020

WEDNESDAY6/10/20¹**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office on Wednesday morning to oversee entries for Saturday and program changes for Friday. The office carded eight (8) races for Friday with a total of sixty-one (61) entries. Friday's card had three (3) scratches.

THURSDAY6/11/20¹**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer came into the office to monitor entries for Sunday and program changes for Saturday. Saturday's card had only one (1) scratch.

FRIDAY6/12/20¹**HEREDIA CASE (#20SA0038)**

Trainer OSCAR HEREDIA was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violation of rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer). The CHRB alleges that Mr. Heredia ran a horse that he owns, under another trainer on February 9, 2019. Mr. Heredia stated that he left the horse with another trainer, in order for the horse to get the proper care while he was away in Utah. There were no facts to contradict his testimony to determine if he violated the rule. After hearing all the facts and entering the complaint into the record, the hearing the came to a close.

6/12/20²**CASE WITHDRAWN (#20SA0129)**

The case against Owner TODD COLTER was withdrawn after we received notice from the investigators that the debt has been paid in full. Veterinarian Michael Manno from the San Dieguito Equine Group originally filed a complaint for unpaid veterinarian services in the amount of \$3,760.85.

6/12/20³**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES was in to review Sunday's ninth race, in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry in the stretch. Mr. Fuentes' horse and the inside horse made slight contact late in the stretch. He stated that he never felt any contact with the inside horse. We warned Mr. Fuentes that he has to do a better job maintaining a straight course, even though the incident was minor.

6/12/20⁴

GENARO FINANCIAL (case # 20SA0127)

Trainer GENARO VALLEJO was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by Veterinarian Melinda Blue for unpaid veterinarian services in the amount of \$8,617.14. Mr. Vallejo, who came down from Golden Gate Fields, did not disagree that he owes Dr. Blue. They both reached a settlement, and the terms were memorialized on a signed financial agreement.

6/12/20⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 LUCIA'S DESIGN- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured. Refund \$984.60
 2nd Race No changes Refund \$0
 3rd Race #8 GOING TO VEGAS- Claimed by R. Baltas, trainer. Refund \$46.50
 4th Race No changes. Refund \$13.50; Minus Pool \$815.68
 5th Race #10 FRAVEL- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible
 #11 DESCARTES- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$965.51
 6th Race #2 ABUSIVE GARY- Claimed by V. Belvoir, trainer
 Refund \$10.50; Minus Pool \$421.28
 7th Race No changes; Refund \$8.00; Minus Pool \$2129
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$413.80

6/12/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$521.50
SCOTWinc	952	\$317,756.62
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,674,441.37
Total	952	\$5,992,719.49

SATURDAY

6/13/20¹

VALKO CASE (19DM0063)

Veterinarian KAREN VALKO was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for a violation of rule #1866 (c) (Veterinarian's List). CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz and Official Veterinarian Will Farmer participated in the hearing telephonically. The CHRB complaint was filed in reference to a situation where Dr. Valko allegedly signed the "Recommended for Removal from the Veterinarian List" form without actually having inspected the horse. The horse, "PERFECTLY MAJESTIC", was in Kentucky on November 17, 2019, when the form was allegedly signed by Dr. Valko at Del Mar Racetrack. Dr. Valko stated that she signed the form, because she knows the horse well and has regularly examined the horse at the ranch prior to it leaving for Kentucky. After hearing all the testimony and entering the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to a close. Decision to follow.

6/13/20²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ was in to review yesterday's sixth race, in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule #1688. After reviewing the video, we determined that Mr. Gutierrez violated the rule by not giving his horse the chance to respond. Mr. Gutierrez disagreed, but he accepted the following ruling:

LATS RULING #097

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, 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) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on June 12, 2020.

6/13/20³

CASSIDY FORMAL HEARING (case 20SA0133)

The CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer JAMES CASSIDY for violations of rules #1843(a)(b) & (d)(Medications, Substances and Other Drugs), #1843.1(a)(Prohibited Drug Substances), #1844(f)(7) (Authorized Medication), #1588 (a)(15) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race), #1866(e) (Veterinarian’s List) and #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Conditions of the Horse). His horse “SUMMER APPARITION”, tested positive for the drug “Methocarbamol” (118 ng/mL) in a post workout sample on April 2, 2020 at Santa Anita Park. Present at the hearing was the Board of Stewards, presenting the case was Investigator Greg Icamen, and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. He stated that it was a mistake by his Foreman Bertha “Betty” Chavez, who treats all of his horses in his barn. Cassidy acknowledged the mistake and accepted full responsibility. After entering all the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

6/13/20⁴

STEWARDS’ INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION (1st race)

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the first race (4 ½ fur.), to review the actions of the unofficial winner #9 BIG ANDY (A. Delgadillo). The #9 shifted out at the 1/8th pole into the path of the fourth-place finisher #7 SMOOTHLIKEBUTTAH (R. Fuentes). After speaking to the riders involved, patrol judges, and reviewing the video, we unanimously voted to disqualify the winner #9 and place him fourth behind the #7. We felt that the #9 shifted out about six paths, causing the #7 to alter course, who was beaten a half-length for third place.

Unofficial order (9)-8-4-7-6-5-1-3
Official order 8-4-7-(9)-6-5-1-3

6/13/20⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$494.10
2nd Race #4 HELLO BUBBLES- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$696.10
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$6,280.89
4th Race No changes Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$2,413.84
5th Race #5 BLAZING CHARM- Claimed by R. Bell. Refund \$0
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$771.91
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0
8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
9th Race #6 DARK HEDGES- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer
#7 MORE HONOR- Claimed by H. Palma, trainer. Refund \$0

6/13/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$1,624.70
SCOTWinc	1,493	\$563,987.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,061,719.15
Total	1,493	\$6,627,331.15

SUNDAY
6/14/20¹

CASSIDY RULING (case #20SA0133)

The ruling below was issued after we reviewed all the facts and made a decision in reference to yesterday’s medication hearing.

LATS RULING #098

Trainer JAMES CASSIDY, who worked out the horse SUMMER APPARITION, at Santa Anita Park on April 2, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1866(e) (Veterinarian’s List) and Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Methocarbamol {118 ng/ml} [Class 4]).

6/14/20²

KRULJAC HEARING (case #20SA0029)

Trainer IAN KRULJAC was present in the office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB, for rule violation #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) in two incidents. The first incident was on January 9, 2020, involving Executive Assistant to the State Veterinarian Aimee Nakagawa, when Mr. Kruljac used profanities on the phone. The second incident occurred the same day when Mr. Kruljac screamed from the other end of his shed row towards Santa Anita Veterinarian Laura Bohannon. CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz, Santa Anita Investigator Mike Flanagan, and Mrs. Nakagawa all participated telephonically. Dr. Bohannon, one of the witnesses, did not participate in the hearing. Mr. Kruljac admitted that he used foul language while on the telephone with Mrs. Nakagawa. After hearing all the facts, entering the exhibits, and listening to all the witnesses, the hearing came to a close. Decision to follow.

6/14/20³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO was in to review yesterday's first race, in which he was disqualified from first to fourth place for an incident in the stretch. Mr. Delgadillo's horse floated out several paths in the stretch from left hand urging. Delgadillo stated that he was clear when he floated out. We disagreed, since the horse he bothered steadied for three strides. We unanimously voted to issue a three-day suspension for failing to maintain a straight course.

LATS RULING #099

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO, who rode BIG ANDY in the first race at Santa Anita Park on June 13, 2020, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 21, 26 & 27, 2020), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth place. This constitutes 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.

6/14/20⁴

DELGADILLO RULING

We issued another ruling against Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO for CHRB rule violation #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), as he was upset with our decision after being disqualified in yesterday's first race. Mr. Delgadillo used profanities while on the telephone with Steward Sawyer. We made sure that he knows that this type of behavior is not tolerated. Steward Jauregui voted for of a higher penalty.

LATS RULING #100

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – profanity on telephone) on June 13, 2020 at Santa Anita Park.

6/14/20⁵

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the fifth race (5 ½ fur. turf) to review the incident in stretch, involving the second place horse #9 "ABOSOLUTE UNIT" (F. Prat), third place horse #3 "SOLO ANIMO" (A. Cedillo), and fifth place horse #10 "INCH" (G. Franco). After speaking to the patrol judges, the riders involved, and reviewing the video, we disqualified the #3 and placed him fifth. In the majority's opinion, the #3 shifted out into the path of the #9, who was then forced out into the path of the #10, costing the #10 the opportunity for a better placing. Steward Jauregui voted for no change.

6/14/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$295.50
2 nd Race	#7 Talkingnonstop- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, sick. Refund \$539.12
3 rd Race	#4 Summer Fire- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer. Refund \$189.40
4 th Race	#1 Lookintogeteven- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured #3 Belle of Summer- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$1,039.69

5th Race #11 El Chapin- Stewards' scratch- Also eligible. Refund \$293.90
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 7th Race #3 Smiling Rose- Claimed by R. Ellis, trainer
 #4 Kleen Karma- Claimed by J. Periban, trainer. Refund \$0
 8th Race #9 Show Business- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$0
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0

6/14/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$2,409.60
SCOTWinc	1,486	\$573,790.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,610,170.36
Total	1,486	\$9,186,369.96

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 6/8/20 TO 6/14/20

Horses on Vet List 10
 Horses off Vet List 6
 Shock Wave Therapy 3
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0

SUMMARY	Fri 6/12	Sat 6/13	Sun 6/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	0	4	94
Claims	2	3	4	9	141
Disqualifications	0	1	1	2	14
Inquiries	0	1	1	2	26
Refunds	7	2	5	14	315
Rulings	0	1	3	4	100
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	12

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

Ron Church, Safety Steward