

California Horse Racing Board

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

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for the Week of Friday, October 16, 2020 through Sunday, October 18, 2020

WEDNESDAY10/14/20¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office today to supervise entries for Saturday October 17, 2020 and changes for Friday October 16, 2020.

THURSDAY10/15/20¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office today to supervise entries for Sunday, October 18, and changes for Saturday October 17, 2020.

FRIDAY10/16/20¹**LATC RULING #19 NAGAPET “NICK” KESHISHIAN (Case # 20SA0200)****LATC RULING #19**

Owner NAGAPET “NICK” KESHISHIAN, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on October 12, 2020, to answer a complaint regarding case #20SA0200 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Equine Medical Center - \$33,520.01) is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on October 23, 2020.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of NAGAPET “NICK” KESHISHIAN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), NAGAPET “NICK” KESHISHIAN is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Keshishian failed to appear for a scheduled hearing regarding a financial complaint filed by Equine Medical Center alleging an overdue debt totaling \$33,520.01.

10/16/20²**LATC RULING #20 MARIO GUTIERREZ****LATC RULING #20**

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than two times in succession without

giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on October 12, 2020.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Gutierrez met with the Stewards and admitted he violated the crop rule.

10/16/20³

DOUG O'NEILL (COMPLAINT #20SA0220) AND STEVEN MIYADI (COMPLAINT #20SA0221)

Trainer's Doug O'Neill and Steven Miyadi contacted the Board of Stewards this morning at their scheduled hearing times and apologized for their grooms failing to deliver their runners to the receiving barn at their designated times. A warning was issued to both trainers and they were cautioned that any repeat violations would result in stronger penalties.

10/16/20⁴

TRAINER WILLIAM SPAWR (CASE # 20DM0041)

The Stewards conducted a formal hearing this morning for trainer William Spawr to address the complaint filed by California Horse Racing Board. Mr. Spawr has been charged with alleged violation of CHRB Rules #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1868 (Authorized Medication During Training) and #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). The charges relate to the detection of Phenylbutazone in the amount of (1.96 ug/ml or 1,960 ng/mL) which is above the authorized limits for workouts, taken in a random post workout blood sample (#NC44651) obtained from the horse "Baby Gronk" who worked out on August 10, 2020 at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club race meet.

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima, who presented the case for the CHRB, trainer Bill Spawr, DVM Ryan Carpenter who is Mr. Spawr's barn veterinarian and CHRB Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur DVM who testified telephonically. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings. The workout was conducted at 5:30 a.m. and the blood was drawn by the Veterinarian Technician at 8:45 a.m. Mr. Spawr testified that the five year old gelding is prone to muscle and body soreness after his workouts and he fed his horse a small amount of bute powder in his feed prior to the blood draw. Mr. Spawr also stated that he was unaware of the random blood test rule or he would not have administered the medication. After listening to the testimony and admitted documentary evidence, the hearing was brought to a close and a decision will be forthcoming.

10/16/20⁵

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Juan Hernandez met with the Stewards for a review of the fourth race from Monday October 12, 2020. Mr. Hernandez was cautioned about allowing his mount to drift in shortly after the start of the race and putting his rival in tight quarters. Mr. Hernandez was issued a warning.

10/16/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS AND CHANGES

1 st Race	Refund \$122.00
2 nd Race	Refund \$58.00
3 rd Race	Refund \$986.52
	#1 CROSSWORD – (Tr. J. Sadler) – Stewards
	#8 THE CHOSEN VRON – (Tr. E. Kruljac) – Sick – Dr. Pattio
4 th Race	Refund \$0
5 th Race	Refund \$157.50
6 th Race	Refund \$946.50
	#6 SECRET TOUCH (Tr. M. Glatt) – Claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr.
7 th Race	Refund \$10,750.44
	#2 MICRORITHMS – (Tr. B. Baffert) – Sick – Dr. Stead
8 th Race	Refund \$393.40
	#3 BUY WAVE BUY – (Tr. A. Barba) – Injured – Dr. Grande

10/16/20⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$88,092.30
SCOTWinc	1,516	\$580,062.45
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,485,027.06
Total	1,516	\$5,153,181.81

SATURDAY1017/20¹**JOCKEY AARON GRYDER – WARNING**

Mr. Gryder telephoned the Stewards and waived his rights to a hearing. He acknowledged he used his crop more than two times consecutively without allowing his mount to respond in the fifth race on Friday October 16, 2020. Mr. Gryder was issued a warning.

10/17/20²**LATC RULING #21****LATC RULING #21**

Trainer CARLA GAINES, who started the horse COALINGA ROAD, first place finisher in the second race at Del Mar Race Track on September 4, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(a) (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), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substance- Phenylbutazone [Class 4]).

The above ruling was issued after a formal hearing was held this morning to address a complaint filed against Ms. Gaines for the presences of Phenylbutazone, that was detected in the post-race blood sample taken from her trainee Coalinga Road, the winner of the second race at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on September 4, 2020. Ms. Gaines testified that she does not feed bute to her horses that are entered to run and that she has her veterinarian treat all of her runners and could not otherwise explain the overage.

10/17/20³**CLAIM VOIDED – FIFTH RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Paul Aguirre for the #2 DANCEFORMUNNY (Tr. Richard Baltas) in the fifth race after being notified by the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio that the three year old filly was placed on the veterinarians list for being unsound in the left foreleg. DANCEFORMUNNY was returned to the barn of Richard Baltas.

10/17/20⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	Refund \$0
2 nd Race	Refund \$27.50
3 rd Race	Refund \$73.00
4 th Race	Refund \$719.97
	#4 WHERE'S FRANKIE (Tr. E. Freeman) – Sick – Dr. Pattio
5 th Race	Refund \$135.00
	# 6 A THOUSAND DREAMS (Tr. D. O'Neill) – Claimed by Tr. V. Cerin
	# 7 MARIAH GIRL (ARG) (Tr. M. Puype) – Claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
6 th Race	Refund \$379.00
7 th Race	Refund \$2,680.00
	# 3 GATE SPEED (Tr. M. Glatt) – Entered back – Stewards
8 th Race	Refund \$664.80
	# 3 IT'S BEDAZZLE TIME (Tr. J. Cassidy) – Sick – Dr. Stead
9 th Race	Refund \$0
10 th Race	Refund \$0

10/17/20⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$152,892.30
SCOTWinc	2,311	\$956,166.73
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,327,253.08
Total	2,311	\$8,436,312.11

SUNDAY
10/18/20¹

TRAINER ADAM KITCHINGMAN HEARING (Case # 20DM0054)

A formal hearing was held today into case #20DM0054 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer Adam Kitchingman alleging a post-race drug positive in one of his runners. On August 21, 2020 in the sixth race at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, the horse "Adens Dream" tested positive for Methylprednisolone which is a prohibited drug substance. Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards Kim Sawyer, Luis Jauregui and Ron Church, CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen who presented the case for the CHRB, Mr. Kitchingman DVM, Karen Valko who is Mr. Kitchingman's barn veterinarian and CHRB Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur who testified telephonically. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings. Mr. Kitchingman testified that his veterinarian had injected "Adens Dream" with methylprednisolone on July 7, 2020 which could explain the positive. After listening to the testimony and admitted documentary evidence, the hearing was concluded, and a decision will be forthcoming.

10/18/20²

LATC RULING #22

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Trainer ADAM KITCHINGMAN, who started the horse ADENS DREAM, the fifth place finisher in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 21, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1887(a) (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), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substance - Methylprednisolone [Class 4]).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards deliberation regarding the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing that was held on the morning of October 18, 2020. The decision was unanimous.

10/18/20³

MILLER HEARING CONTINUED (Case #20DM0037) (Ref.10/02/2020)

The formal hearing for Trainer Peter Miller was reconvened this morning. Present at the hearing were the BOS, CHRB Investigator Greg Icamen who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board, Mr. Miller and Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur who testified telephonically. Court Reporter Michelle Derieg transcribed the proceedings. After listening to the testimony and documentary evidence the hearing was concluded, and a decision will be forthcoming.

10/18/20⁴

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. met with the Stewards for a review of his ride on #2 DANCEFORMUNNY in the fifth race on Saturday October 17, 2020 Mr. Valdivia was cautioned about allowing his mount to drift out on the turn. The incident was not severe enough to warrant a penalty and he was issued a warning.

10/18/20⁵

LATC RULING #23

LATC RULING #23

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – second offense in last 60 days), during the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on October 17, 2020.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Gutierrez met with the Stewards to address his use of the crop during the running of the ninth race on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Mr. Gutierrez believed he was in compliance with the crop rule however the video clearly shows that he used his crop more than the permitted six times during the running of the race.

10/18/20⁶

LATC RULING #24

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Jockey ESWAN FLORES, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – first offense in the last 60 days), during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on October 12, 2020.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Flores met with the Stewards and reviewed the video of the eighth race from Monday, October 12, 2020. Mr. Flores acknowledged he used his crop more than the permitted six times and accepted the penalty imposed.

10/18/20⁷

TRAINER PETER MILLER (Case # 20DM0037) (Ref. 10/02/2020) - WARNING
TRAINER WILLIAM SPAWR (Case # 20DM0041) (Ref. 10/16/2020) WARNING

After reviewing all testimony and documentary evidence. Both veteran trainers were issued a warning. The decisions were unanimous.

10/18/20⁸

DECLARATION, REFUNDS AND CHANGES

1st Race #2 NEXT FLIGHT (Tr. S Miyadi) – Sick – Dr. Stead
#3 SEEKING FEFUGE (Tr. D. O'Neill) – Claimed by Tr. V. Cerin
#4 BENCH JUDGE (Tr. J. Sadler) – Claimed by Tr. P. Miller
2nd Race Refund \$14,791.72
3rd Race Refund \$0
4th Race Refund \$361.83
5th Race Refund \$0
6th Race #2 QUICK FINISH (Tr. D. Blacker) – Sick – Dr. Stead
7th Race #4 MISS FRAULEIN (Tr. P. Miller) – Claimed by Tr. R. Ellis
8th Race Refund \$0
9th Race Refund \$0
10th Race Refund \$0

10/18/20⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$116,793.80
SCOTWinc	1,990	\$780,986.24
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,232,627.01
Total	1,990	\$8,130,407.05

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 10/12/20 TO 10/18/20

Horses on Vet List	13	Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	3	Fatalities	0
Medication	0		

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/16	Sat 10/17	Sun 10/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	4	3	0	7	26
Claims	1	2	3	6	36
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	2
Refunds	7	7	2	16	95
Rulings	2	1	2	5	22
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	2

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Church, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward