

**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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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report for the Week of Monday, March 1, 2021 through Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**WEDNESDAY**03/03/21<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer came into the office to monitor entries for Saturday and Friday's scratches. The Racing Office carded nine (9) races for Sunday.

**THURSDAY**03/04/21<sup>1</sup>**FINANCIAL HEARING (case#21SA0008)**

Owner JACK BICK participated in a conference call regarding a financial complaint filed by Trainer Doug O'Neill for unpaid training fees, in the amount of \$841.86. Representing Mr. O'Neill was his bookkeeper Sharla Sanders. After a short discussion regarding the outstanding bills, Mr. Bick elected to pay the full amount.

03/04/21<sup>2</sup>**STEWARDS' MEETING**

This morning all the stewards in the state of California participated in a conference call via Microsoft Teams. Present in the meeting were Chairman Gregory Ferraro, Commissioner Brenda Washington Davis, Commissioner Dennis Alfieri, Executive Director Scott Chaney, Chief Steward Darrel McHargue, and the CHRB staff. We discussed numerous stewards' issues and the goal to be more consistent throughout the state. The meeting was very enlightening and informative.

03/04/21<sup>3</sup>**CONTINUANCE REQUEST**

Owner GARY HARTUNIAN telephoned the BOS requesting a continuance of his scheduled hearing that involved a Financial Complaint. The request was granted, and the hearing will be rescheduled.

**FRIDAY**03/05/21<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was in our office to review his crop use in Sunday's eighth race. Mr. Rispoli did not have an excuse, other than to say he simply miscounted. Unfortunately, this was his fourth offense in last sixty days. The following ruling was issued:

**LATS RULING #051**

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI, who rode BRANDOTHEBARTENDER in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on February 28, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (March 12, 13 and 14, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times – fourth offense in the last 60 days).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races) the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

03/05/21<sup>2</sup>

**KYNASTON RULING (case #20SA0247)**

The following ruling was issued reinstating Owner KEVAN KYNASTON, after receiving notice that the debt to Equine Medical Center for the amount of \$289.00 has been paid in full.

**LATS RULING #052**

Owner KEVAN KYNASTON, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$289.00 to Equine Medical Center) is restored to good standing. Los Angeles County Fair ruling LAFL #07 issued at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 6, 2020, is set aside.

03/05/21<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's eight races went without any reportable issues. The normal declarations and claims are listed below.

03/05/21<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$62.50  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$59.35  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Lone Scout- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1,049.69  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$373.00; Minus Pool \$292.94.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Complete Control- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1423.88  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Fursace- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 #4 Lady Doc- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick.  
 Refund \$2,260.51; \$1,806.03  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Lovely Finish- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grant, unsound  
 #2 Jan Jan Can- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 #4 Sing in the Wind- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 #5 Lil' Grazen- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer  
 (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$2,936.90  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes Refund \$0

03/05/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$138,535.40
SCOTWinc	1,840	\$698,812.54
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,564,129.20
Total	1,840	\$5,401,477.14

**SATURDAY**

03/06/21<sup>1</sup>

**CASE WITHDRAWN (case #21SA0021)**

The following case against Owner AMY HESS, filed by Southern Cal. Equine Foundation for the amount of \$120.00, has been withdrawn after we received notice that the debt has been paid in full.

03/06/21<sup>2</sup>

**O'NEILL RULING (case #20SA0243)**

The following ruling was issued after Trainer DOUG O'NEILL and the CHRB agreed to the terms listed in the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release regarding a medication positive. Mr. O'Neill's horse "HOWBEIT" tested positive on October 9, 2020, after finishing second in the

seventh race at Santa Anita Park. The post-race sample contained the prohibited drug substance “3-hydroxy-lidocaine” a class 2 penalty category B. The CHRB filed a complaint for rule violations of #1843 (a), 1843.1(b), 1844(d)(4) and 1887(a). The conditions are listed below in the ruling:

**LATS RULING #**

Owner/Trainer DOUGLAS O’NEILL, who started the horse “HOWBEIT”, second place finisher, in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on October 9, 2020, having entered into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board, is fined SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00)\*, and suspended for THIRTY DAYS (March 8, 2021, through April 6, 2021) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844 (d)(4) ( Authorized Medication), and #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances - (3-Hydroxy - Lidocaine, Class 2, Penalty Category B).

In accordance with the agreement, TWENTY DAYS (March 18, 2021 through April 6, 2021) are stayed and DOUGLAS O’NEILL is placed on probation for ONE YEAR from the date of this ruling and may not have any violation of CHRB Rules and Regulations, #1843, #1843.6 and #1887 regarding Class I, II or III drug substances. The term of suspension shall be from March 8, 2021 through March 17, 2021. If DOUGLAS O’NEILL violates a condition of the probation, the TWENTY DAYS of stayed suspension shall be imposed following a notice and hearing.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of DOUGLAS O’NEILL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Steward to Suspend or Fine), DOUGLAS O’NEILL is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

03/06/21<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the eleventh race to review an incident leaving the starting gate involving the second-place horse #10 FOLLOWING SEA (J. Velazquez), who crossed over making hard contact with the third-place horse #4 MR. IMPOSSIBLE (U. Rispoli). After speaking to the riders, patrol judges, and reviewing the video several times, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #10 and placed him third behind the #4 for interference. In our opinion the hard contact cost the #4 a better placing.

Unofficial order 11-(10)-4-12-9-3-7-6-5-2-8-1  
 Official order 11-4-(10)12-9-3-7-6-5-2-8-1

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**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Absolute Scenes (IRE)- Stewards’ scratch- Stake  
 #6 Ivy League- Stewards’ scratch- Stake  
 #9 Carpe Fortuna- Stewards’ scratch- Stake. Refund \$9,818.33
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Kershaw – Claimed by P. Miller, trainer. Refund \$0
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$55.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Pistachio- Claimed by J. Periban, trainer. Refund \$262.50
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Westward Breeze- Veterinarian sick- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$2,018.09
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$433.20; Minus Pool \$27,920.03
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Liberal (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured  
 Refund \$2,906.20; Minus Pool \$3,518.72
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 11<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0

03/06/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,016	\$665,878.60
SCOTWinc	0	\$1,382,645.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$20,619,174.58
Total	3,016	\$22,667,698.18

**SUNDAY**  
 03/07/21<sup>1</sup>

**CHARLTON RULING (case#20SR0024)**

Trainer ROSHAN CHARLTON was issued the following ruling after the California Horse Racing Board remanded to the Board of Stewards the Adopted Proposed Decision issued by Hearing Officer Patrick Kane. Mr. Charlton participated in a formal hearing after his horse "SUNSHINE ELSIE" tested positive for the prohibited substance "Theophylline", a metabolite of caffeine, in a post workout sample for removal from the Veterinarian List on April 4, 2020, at San Luis Rey Training Center. The CHRB filed a complaint alleging violations of CHRB rules 1588(15), 1843.1(a), 1843(a)(b)(d), 1866(e)(f) and 1887(a).

**LATS RULING #054**

Acting on an Order of Remand following the adoption or the proposed decision by the CHRB, Trainer ROSHAN CHARLTON, who worked the horse "SUNSHINE ELSIE", for removal from the Veterinarian's List at San Luis Rey Training Center on April 4, 2020, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant to rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and rule #1866(e)(f) (Veterinarian's List) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) #1588(15) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race) and rule #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Theophylline, a metabolite of Caffeine [Class 2, Penalty Category B]).

03/07/21<sup>2</sup>

**TRAINING CITATION**

Exercise Rider HANNAH LEAHEY was in our office after she was cited for using the riding crop in the morning during a workout on February 8, 2021, at Santa Anita Park. Ms. Leahey stated she was not clear on the riding crop rule during training. She admitted that she was wrong and accepted the following penalty:

**LATS RULING #055**

Exercise Rider HANNAH LEAHEY is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop - use of crop during a.m. training) on February 8, 2021 at Santa Anita Park

03/07/21<sup>3</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOHN VELAZQUEZ was in to review yesterday's eleventh race in which he was involved in an inquiry after he crossed over leaving the starting gate without looking towards the inside. He traveled four paths inward causing hard contact with the inside horse. Mr. Velazquez came in and apologized that he made a mistake and took full responsibility for his actions. The following ruling was issued:

**LATS RULING #056**

Jockey JOHN VELAZQUEZ, who rode FOLLOWING SEA in the eleventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 6, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 14, 19, and 20, 2021), for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference, which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to third 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.

03/07/21<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The nine races went without any major issues to report. Any changes or declarations are listed below.

03/07/21<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#4 Jen's Battle- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$2,880.93
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$24.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$79.80
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 A Real Hero- Stewards' scratch- Stake (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$912.16
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No change; Refund \$47.70
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$202.19
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$0

03/07/21<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$222,890.38
SCOTWinc	2,240	\$995,797.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,177,968.25
Total	2,240	\$9,396,656.13

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/01/21 TO 03/07/21**

Horses on Vet List	18
Horses off Vet List	6
Shock Wave Therapy	4
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 3/5</b>	<b>Sat 3/6</b>	<b>Sun 3/7</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	1	1	5	57
<b>Claims</b>	1	2	0	3	106
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	1	0	1	7
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	0	1	14
<b>Refunds</b>	7	6	5	18	212
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	3	6	56
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	7

Respectfully submitted,

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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