

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 Monday, March 8, 2021 through Sunday, March 14, 2021**WEDNESDAY**03/10/21¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was in the office to supervise entries for Saturday, 13, 2021 and changes for Friday, March 12, 2021.

THURSDAY03/11/21¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was once again in the office to supervise entries for Sunday, March 14, 2021 and changes for Saturday, March 13, 2021.

03/11/21²**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey EMILY ELLINGWOOD came into the office to review her ride in the eighth race from Sunday March 7, 2021. Ms. Ellingwood allowed her mount to drift in nearing the ¼ pole with marginal clearance, causing a rival to steady. Ms. Ellingwood took responsibility and assured us she would be more aware in the future. Warning.

03/11/21³**DISQUALIFICATION HEARING (CASE #21LA0006)**

We held a formal hearing today into case #21LA0006 which was a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board requesting the disqualification of the horse "PALM D' ORO" who finished first in the third race at the Los Angeles County Fair Meet on December 20, 2020, whose post-race blood sample showed the concentration of Desmethylpyrilamine (210 ng/mL) which is a prohibited drug substance.

Trainer Arthur Sherman, owner George Yager (dba BG Stables) and jockey Jessica Pyfer, were noticed but chose not to appear. CHRB Investigator Angelica Merz presented the case by telephone and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. Since the disqualification was not contested, we will issue a ruling tomorrow.

03/11/21⁴

LATS RULING # 057

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the second race at Santa Anita Park on March 7, 2021.

The above ruling was issued after jockey RUBEN FUENTES telephoned the Steward and waived his right to a hearing. Mr. Fuentes acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

03/11/21⁵

LATS RULING # 058

Owner/Trainer LANCE HELLUM, having failed to adhere to the terms of a financial agreement signed on December 12, 2020 is suspended on March 19, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Bradbury Farms. - \$2,416.00). During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Lance Hellum are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Lance Hellum is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The foregoing ruling was issued after we were notified by Jason Baker (dba Bradbury Farms) that Owner/Trainer LANCE HELLUM has failed to satisfy the financial complaint agreement, signed and dated December 12, 2020.

03/11/21⁶

INFORMAL HEARING (CASE #20SA0262)

Trainer JOHN SADLER telephoned the Stewards' office this morning in response to the complaint filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violations of CHRB Rules #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), #1843(a) (b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances), #1844 (d) (1) (Authorized Medication) #1866 (e) (Veterinarian's List) and #1588 (a) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race).

The official blood sample #NC42638 taken from the horse "Ratrapante" was reported by Dr. Ben Moeller of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis to contain 5 – Hydroxy Dantrolene, a metabolite of Dantrolene (45.4 ng/mL) in excess of the authorized limit (0.1 ng/mL) which is a (Class 4- Category C penalty). The four- year-old non-starter "Ratrapante" worked out on December 21, 2020 at Santa Anita Park, to be removed from the Veterinarians List.

Mr. Sadler testified that his barn Veterinarian had prescribed the medication to several horses in his care and that "Ratrapante" was on the prescription list. Mr. Sadler also testified the filly was mistakenly administered the medication on the day of the workout by one of his assistants and could offer no other reason. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

03/12/21¹

INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING

The Board of Stewards met with Senior Vice President & General Manager Nate Newby, Director of Racing Chris Merz, Track Surface Consultant Dennis Moore, Jockey Guild Representative Darrel Haire and Safety Steward David Nuesch. With rain being predicted in the area over the next few days we wanted to go over protocols for lightning and heavy rains, in the event the horses were on the racetrack and the decision – making process to suspend or cancel racing.

03/12/21²

LATS RULING # 059

Acting on a report from the University of California, Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #LA47841, obtained from the horse PALM D'ORO, the first place finisher in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 20, 2020, contained O-Desmethylpyrilamine a metabolite of pyrilamine(Class 3). It is ordered that PALM D'ORO be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to owner BG STABLE (George Yager) (\$12,000.00), jockey JESSICA PYFER (\$1,062.00) and trainer Arthur Sherman (\$1,200.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course by April 16, 2021, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st Rocketann

2nd Watch the Fed

3rd Flashy Pass

4th Cocoa Cents

5th Kiss Of Congrats

6th Bandon Colleen

7th Sweet Topper

8th Jaydann Bus

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1856 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

The Stewards issued the foregoing ruling as neither the trainer ARTHUR SHERMAN, nor the owner GEORGE YAGER (dba BG Stables) appeared for the scheduled hearing yesterday.

03/12/21³

INFORMAL HEARING – (CASE #21SA0019)

The Stewards conducted an informal hearing for Veterinarian SARAH BIRCH DVM, who was the subject of a complaint filed by the Official Veterinarian Dr. Pattio DVM. The complaint alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report) in that the confidential report filed by Dr. Birch on February 12, 2021 was late.

Dr. Birch acknowledged that the report was submitted late and apologized for her subpar bookkeeping skills. Decision to follow.

03/12/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race Refund: \$644.00
#1 Quinnie (Tr. V. Cerin) – Full Field – Stewards
#6 Charette (Tr. C Vaccarezza) – Claimed by Tr. J. Sadler
#7 Clearly Gone (Tr. P. Miller) – Claimed by Tr. T. Yakteen

2nd Race Refund: \$282.66
#3 Landaa (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) – Claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr.

3rd Race Refund: \$2,216.18
#3 Neige Blanche (Fr.) (Tr. L. Powell) – Track Conditions – Stewards
#8 She's Our Charm (Tr. R. McAnally) – Sick – Dr. Pattio

4th Race Refund: \$183.5; Minus Pool \$2,134.43

5th Race Refund: \$1,223.98; Minus Pool \$2,134.43
#3 Tizhotndusty (Tr. E. Kruljac) – Injured – Dr. Jenkins

6th Race Refund: \$3,921.30; Minus Pool \$4.36
#1 Miss Alegria (Tr. V. Garcia) – Track Conditions – Stewards
#5 Ballet De Cour (Tr. D. Baker) – Weight Correction – Office Error

7th Race Refund: \$154.00

8th Race Refund: \$2,664.02
#1 Took Charge (Tr. P. Miller) – Track Conditions – Stewards

03/12/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$84,306.38
SCOTWinc	1,722	\$739,837.69
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,555,752.79
Total	1,722	\$6,379,896.86

SATURDAY

03/13/21¹

LATS RULING #060

Veterinarian SARAH BIRCH is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report – failure to provide in a timely manner) on February 12, 2021 at Santa Anita Park.

The above ruling was issued following the Stewards' deliberation of the informal hearing held yesterday.

03/13/21²

LATS RULINGS #061 AND #062

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the second race at Santa Anita Park on March 12, 2021.

Apprentice Jockey EMILY ELLINGWOOD is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on March 12, 2021.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both riders met with the Stewards and acknowledged they violated the crop rule.

03/13/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Refund: \$6,557.98
 #2 Daniel's Magic (Tr. E. Harty) – Injured – Dr. Grande
 #3 Arrest (Tr. C. Vaccarezza) – Claimed by Tr. A. Marquez

2nd Race Refund: \$1,295.17; Minus Pool \$16,582.64
 #1 Johan Zoffani (IRE) (Tr. D. Blacker) – Sick – Dr. Pattio

3rd Race Refund: \$3,036.78
 #2 Mac Daddy Too (Tr. L. Mora) – Unsound – Dr. Grande
 #5 Party Game (IRE) (Tr. J. Mullins) – Sick – Dr. Pattio

4th Race Refund: \$55.00

5th Race Refund: \$119.50

6th Race Refund: \$1,988.32
 #5 Oil Can Knight (Tr. S. Knapp) – Claimed by Tr. M. Glatt
 #9 Jan's Reserve (Tr. R. Trela) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
 #10 Awhitesportscoat (Tr. K. Mulhall) – Claimed by Tr. C. DeAlba

7th Race Refund: \$4,306.18; Minus Pool \$361.27
 #6 Shashashakemeup (Tr. P. Miller) – Stake – Stewards
 #8 Sparky Ville (Tr. D. Blacker) – Stake – Stewards

8th Race Refund: \$6,941.60
 #4 Sanenus (CHI) (Tr. M. McCarthy) – Stake – Stewards

9th Race Refund: \$0

03/13/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$208,442.72
SCOTWinc	2,649	\$1,273,944.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,013,442.62
Total	2,649	\$10,495,829.44

SUNDAY

03/14/21¹

LATS RULING #063

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – third offense in last sixty days) during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on March 13, 2021.

The above ruling was issued after MR. HERNANDEZ and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fifth race from Saturday March 13, 2021. The video confirms Mr. Hernandez strikes his mount seven times during the stretch run.

03/14/21²

LATS RULING #064

Trainer PATRICK GALLAGHER is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration) of POSITIVITY in the third race on March 13, 2021, at Santa Anita Park.

Trainer PATRICK GALLAGHER was issued the foregoing ruling when he failed to register his runner on Lasix prior to the closing of entries for Sunday March 14, 2021.

03/14/21³

LATS RULING #065

Trainer JOHN SADLER, who worked the horse RATRAPANTE at Santa Anita Park on December 21, 2020, is fined ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and 1866(e) (Veterinarian's List) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1868 (Authorized Medication During Training) and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – 5-hydroxy dantrolene [Class 4]).

The foregoing ruling was issued after we considered all the testimony given during the informal hearing held on Thursday March 11, 2021.

03/14/21⁴

LATS RULING #066

Acting upon an Order of Remand following the adoption of the Proposed Decision by the California Horse Racing Board, Owner/Trainer PAUL AGUIRRE, who started the horse "SMILING TO EXCESS", second place finisher, in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)*, and suspended for THIRTY DAYS (March 29, 2021 through April 27, 2021) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances - (Gabapentin, Class 3, Penalty Category B).

In accordance with the proposed penalty, FIFTEEN DAYS (April 13, 2021 through April 27, 2021) are stayed, and PAUL AGUIRRE 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 29, 2021 through April 12, 2021. If PAUL AGUIRRE violates a condition of the probation, the FIFTEEN DAYS of stayed suspension shall be imposed following a notice and hearing.

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

The above ruling was issued following the adoption by the California Horse Racing Board of the proposed decision regarding case #19LT0061.

03/14/21⁵

LATS RULING #067

Jockey's Guild Representative Darrell Haire came to the office to represent jockey ROBBY ALBARADO'S use of the riding crop in the eighth race from Saturday March 13, 2021. After a review and discussion of Mr. Albarado's alleged violation of the crop rule, in a unanimous decision. We issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #067

Jockey ROBBY ALBARADO, who rode SWISS SKYDIVER in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 13, 2021, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days, (March 21, 26 and 27, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (c)(2) (Use of Riding Crop – not in the underhand position – first 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.

03/14/21⁶

LATS RULING #068

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than two times in succession – first offense within the past sixty days) during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on March 13, 2021.

The foregoing ruling was issued after MR. PRATT waived his right to a video review and acknowledging he violated the crop rule during the running of the seventh race on Saturday March 13, 2012.

03/14/21⁷

DVM JOSEPH DOWD (Case #21SA0024)

JOSEPH DOWD DVM, appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to a complaint filed against him by the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio DVM, who reported that Dr. Dowd was late in turning in his daily veterinarian confidential report on February 19, 2021.

Dr. Dowd acknowledged he was late and apologized for his actions and will comply with protocol going forward. After speaking with Dr. Pattio and getting his recommendation we issued an official warning.

03/14/21⁸

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT – WITHDRAWN

The financial complaint (case #21SA0008) that was filed by trainer Doug O’Neill against owner JACK BICK was withdrawn when the alleged bill was paid in full.

03/14/21⁹

INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 1ST RACE (TURF)

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the first race in order to evaluate an incident near the 1/8th marker involving #5 GOLDINI (Ruben Fuentes) third and #3 SWIFT AS I AM (Flavien Prat) fourth.

After considering the patrol judges report, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, we decided unanimously to disqualify #5 GOLDINI from third to fourth for causing interference in the stretch. The video shows #5 GOLDINI shift in and impede #3 SWIFT AS I AM causing that rider to check his mount, preventing him the opportunity of a better placing.

03/14/21¹⁰

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Refund: \$0
 2nd Race Refund: \$0; Minus Pool \$3,013.32
 3rd Race Refund: \$0
 4th Race Refund: \$28.00
 5th Race Refund: \$75.00; Minus Pool \$1,077.33
 6th Race Refund: \$1,399.62
 #3 Cassie Belle (Tr. S. McCarthy) – Stakes – Stewards
 7th Race Refund: \$1,337.62
 #7 Royal Blend (Tr. R. Hess Jr.) – Injured – Dr. Jenkins
 8th Race Refund: \$472,212.37
 #5 Away From The Sun (Tr. B. Wright) – Flipped in Gate – Dr. Stead

03/14/21¹¹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$120,701.91
SCOTWinc	2,168	\$885,645.12
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,628,854.85
Total	2,168	\$8,635,201.88

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/08/21 TO 03/14/21

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

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/12	Sat 3/13	Sun 3/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	4	6	63
Claims	3	3	0	6	109
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	8
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	15
Refunds	8	8	5	21	233
Rulings	3	3	6	12	68
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	7

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Church, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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