

**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, April 5, 2021 through Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**WEDNESDAY**04/07/21<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Steward Church was in attendance and available to supervise entries for Saturday that consisted of nine races.

**THURSDAY**04/08/21<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Ron Church was again available to oversee entries for Sunday (nine races) and approve declarations and program changes for the Saturday card.

**FRIDAY**04/09/21<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Ron Church was in charge of the approval of declarations and program changes for the Sunday card.

04/09/21<sup>2</sup>**HERRICK HEARING CASE 20SR0038 / GONZALEZ HEARING CASE 20SR0039**

Groom JESUS GONZALEZ called the Stewards' office this morning to ask for a continuance of his slated hearing which was granted and will be rescheduled. These two cases need to be heard at the same time as it is an alleged verbal altercation (CHRB rule 1874) that occurred at San Luis Rey Training Center on October 13, 2020. The last scheduled hearing date (March 25, 2021) trainer JOE HERRICK asked for a continuance. No more continuances will be granted.

04/09/21<sup>3</sup>**PSARRAS HEARING CASE 21SA0032**

A complaint was filed by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio against trainer ANDREAS PSARRAS for violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) pursuant to CHRB rule 1894 (Duties of Trainer).

The complaint stated the horse "Start Over" was five minutes late to the Receiving Barn for the third race on March 19, 2021.

Mr. Psarras was available by telephone as well as Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio. The groom who ran the horse was an employee of Mr. Psarras who had never worked at Santa Anita. He was accustomed to getting a five-minute call which is the procedure at Golden Gate Fields. Upon the recommendation by Dr. Pattio, Mr. Psarras was given an official warning.

04/09/21<sup>4</sup>

**MILLER HEARING CASE 21SA0003**

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against trainer PETER MILLER alleging violations of CHRB rule 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances), and 1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

The official blood sample was taken from the horse HEMBREE, who ran in the seventh race (Joe Hernandez Stakes Grade II) at Santa Anita on January 1, 2021 and finished first was reported to contain the drug Isoflupredone. A split sample analysis at Texas Veterinarian Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) was requested by Mr. Miller which confirmed the violation. This is a class 4 drug with a Category C penalty.

Present for the recorded hearing before the BOS were Investigator Greg Icamen and trainer Mr. Miller testified by telephone. Mr. Miller accepted responsibility, but stated he feels the levels of detection are not fair and the amount detected, in his opinion, would not be performance enhancing. Decision to follow.

**SATURDAY**

04/10/21<sup>1</sup>

**MILLER RULING (ref 04-09-21<sup>4</sup>)**

After deliberation MR. MILLER received the following penalty.

**LATS RULING #078**

Trainer PETER MILLER, who started the horse HEMBREE, the first place finisher in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on January 1, 2021, 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) and rule #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Isoflupredone [Class 4]).

04/10/21<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

As directed, MR. VALDIVIA, JR. met with the Stewards along with his agent Nick Hines to review the first race on Sunday, where he finished first. In the stretch of the six-furlong turf race Mr. Valdivia, Jr. had a difficult time maintaining a straight course. On one occasion his outward drift caused a horse to shift out. He stated he was trying to win the race, he was informed, in the future he cannot win at all costs. Warning.

04/10/21<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION/ SEVENTH RACE/ one-mile dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident soon after the start. Involved were #3 SWAMP SOUFFLE (E. Maldonado 6<sup>th</sup>) and #4 CAUSEIDIDITMYWAY (K. Desormeaux 5<sup>th</sup>). After a review of the race, conversation with the Patrol Judge and the jockeys, in a unanimous decision #3 was disqualified from fifth and placed sixth behind #4.

After the start #4 broke inward, stepped into the path of #3 causing that one to clip its heels, in a unanimous decision this occurrence cost #3 a placing.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-1-2-6-(4)-3

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-1-2-6-3-(4)

04/10/21<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #1 ANTITHETICAL (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
#6 LITTLEBITAMEDAL (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
Refund \$2,033.82  
2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$6.64.

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$4,160.05.  
 4th race #2 BELLA RENELLA (Tr. R. DeLeon) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
 #4 SAVING SOPHIE (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. H. Palma  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race #1 EXAULTED (Tr. P. Eurton) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead  
 Refund \$197,589.60; Minus Pool \$4.37  
 7th race #1 CONTAGION (Tr. A. Lerner) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
 #4 CAUSEIDIDITMYWAY (Tr. S. Gonzalez) claimed by Tr. L. Powell  
 #5 TRUTH SEEKER (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. L. Ruiz. Refund \$79.00  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$143.90  
 9th race #2 LIFE'S EMOTIONS (Tr. D. Azcarate) Stewards'-entered back  
 #7 MEDUSA'S GAZE (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp.  
 Refund \$1,245.72

04/10/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,121	\$777,212.81
SCOTWinc	3,064	\$1,668,738.54
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,429,480.05
Total	7,185	\$8,875,431.40

**SUNDAY**

04/11/21<sup>1</sup>

**BARANDELA RULING**

Exercise rider SOFIA BARANDELA was issued a violation notice for the use of her crop during a morning workout on April 7, 2021. She stated she was aware of the rule but wanted the horse to work out to the 7/8's pole. The penalty listed below may make her rethink whether or not to use it in the future.

**LATS RULING #079**

Exercise Rider SOFIA BARANDELA 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 April 7, 2021 at Santa Anita Park

04/11/21<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

RUBEN FUENTES met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the seventh race yesterday. After a review it was confirmed, he violated the rule. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

**LATS RULING #080**

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – second offense within the past sixty days) during the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on April 10, 2021.

04/11/21<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE/ FIRST RACE one-mile-dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 1/16 marker. Involved were #3 NICOLE GRACE (J. Pyfer 1<sup>st</sup>) and #7 STARSHIP SKY (J. Hernandez 3<sup>rd</sup>). In a majority opinion, there was no change to the original order of finish, #3 did drift in but did not take the path of the #7, who chose to take up and shift to the outside. Steward Jauregui voted for a disqualification.

04/11/21<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes; Refund \$1,092.86  
 2nd race NO SHOW WAGERING  
 #2 KENZOU'S RHYTHM (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson  
 #3 JUSTIN'S QUEST (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande  
 #4 FABOZZI (Tr. K. Mulhall) claimed by Tr. C. Treece. Refund \$2,071.59  
 3rd race #2 BARRAZA (Tr. B. Baffert) claimed by Tr. V. Cerin  
 #5 DONCIC (Tr. A. Lerner) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler. Minus Pool \$1,191.99  
 4th race #9 BRISTOL BAYOU (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. V. Cerin  
 Refund \$0; Minus Pool \$1,118.32

5th race No Changes; Refund \$0  
 6th race #4 WEDDING GROOM (Tr. S. Gonzalez) claimed by Tr. D. Blacker  
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$155.00; Minus Pool \$601.95  
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$203.00  
 9th race #5 V BUCKS (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-injured- Dr. Deluery  
 Refund \$1,142.86; Minus Pool \$63.71

04/11/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,491	\$526,300.74
SCOTWinc	2,531	\$1,203,835.35
Out of state + ADW	NA	\$6,979,227.42
Total	6,022	\$8,709,363.51

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/29/21 TO 04/04/21**

Horses on Vet List 6  
 Horses off Vet List 4  
 Shock Wave Therapy 3  
 Fatalities 0  
 Medication 0

**SUMMARY**

	Sat 4/10	Sun 4/11	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	1	2	3	84
<b>Claims</b>	7	6	13	140
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	1	10
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	1	2	18
<b>Refunds</b>	5	5	10	300
<b>Rulings</b>	1	2	3	80
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	8

Respectfully submitted,

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 Kim Sawyer, Steward  
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 Luis Jauregui, Steward  
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 Ron Church, Steward  
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 David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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