

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, April 12, 2021 through Sunday, April 18, 2021

WEDNESDAY04/14/21¹**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty to monitor Friday's scratches, as well as entries for Saturday. The Racing Office carded nine (9) races for Saturday afternoon.

THURSDAY04/15/21¹**ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES**

Steward Kim Sawyer was also in on Thursday to oversee entries for Sunday and scratches for Saturday. The office constructed another nine-race card for Sunday.

FRIDAY04/16/21¹**STEWARD SWITCH**

Steward Luis Jauregui will be replaced this weekend by Safety Steward David Nuesch, as Mr. Jauregui took the weekend off to go on a family trip. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson will be brought over from Los Alamitos to fill the Safety Steward role this weekend.

04/16/21²**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO was in our office to review Sundays' third race, in which he shifted inward on the far turn, crowding the horse to his inside. After reviewing the race from multiple angles, Mr. Centeno agreed that he needs to be more careful when changing lanes. In a majority decision, a warning was issued. Steward David Nuesch felt that a suspension was warranted for his actions in the aforementioned race.

04/16/21³**NO FRIDAY RACING**

For the second consecutive week, the normal Friday race-card was canceled, in the continued effort to preserve our heavily used turf course. Stewards Ron Church, Kim Sawyer, and David

Nuesch were all in the office today to hear four complaints filed by the CHRB. Michele Derieg was on-hand to record the proceedings of all three scheduled hearings today

04/16/21⁴

LAWSON HEARING

First up, the Stewards heard the complaint filed against jockey agent DEREK LAWSON last summer at Del Mar, for not honoring a call on COTOPAXI in the Del Mar Juvenile Turf Stakes. After hearing all the testimony from investigator Greg Icaman and statements from Mr. Lawson, the hearing was drawn to a close. Decision to follow...

04/16/21⁵

FALCONE HEARING

The next hearing today was a financial complaint filed against trainer ROBERT FALCONE JR. Mr. Falcone attended via telephone as he has relocated back to New Year. In his opening statement, Mr. Falcone immediately agreed to owing Citrus Feed Co. A payment schedule was agreed to by both parties and the hearing ended. No ruling will be issued in this matter.

04/16/21⁶

HERRICK / GONZALEZ HEARING (CASES 20SR0038 & 20SR0039)

The CHRB filed complaints against both trainer JOSEPH HERRICK and groom JESUS GONZALEZ for a verbal altercation that occurred at San Luis Rey Training Center on October 13, 2020. We hoped to hear both complaints together, but Mr. Gonzalez neglected to call in at the scheduled time. We went ahead and heard Mr. Herrick's testimony and brought the hearing to a close. Shortly after, Mr. Gonzalez was reached, and we attempted to hear his side. However, shortly after restarting the hearing, he requested a continuance to consult with a lawyer. The Stewards agreed that no decision will be made on either of these cases until both parties have been heard. More to follow...

SATURDAY

04/17/21¹

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey JESSICA PYFER came into our office to review Sunday's first race, in which she drifted inward nearing the sixteenth pole, crowding the horse to her inside. (ref. 04/11/21³) In a majority decision, a warning was issued. Steward Ron Church was the dissenting vote, feeling that a suspension was warranted.

Additionally, Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER was in our office to review his ride aboard JEANNE B in last Sunday's seventh race. Mr. Boulanger explained that he was trying to "pick his horses head up" as he believed his mount was struggling early in the race, but leveled off in the home stretch, to pass one rival late. The Stewards tried to explain to Mr. Boulanger how his actions could be interpreted by the racing public and though he is bound by Rule #1692 to give his best effort, if the horse is not traveling comfortably, he should pull his mount up. Though the conversation got a bit contentious at times, no action was taken against Mr. Boulanger.

04/17/21²

INQUIRY/LOST RIDER – RACE 2

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the eighth pole where #3 MY CHILD SBUD appeared to sustain an injury, stumbled repeatedly, making contact with the inside rail, and unseating jockey Heriberto Figueroa. Mr. Figueroa was evaluated and cleared by the track doctor but did not have any more scheduled mounts on the card. The horse was vanned to the equine hospital for further evaluation. Upon video review, it was determined that MY CHILD SBUD was not interfered with, so no action was taken.

04/17/21³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Capper - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick #4 Willy the Cobler - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Pattio, sick (No Super Hi 5 Wagering) Refund \$3,390.52
2 nd Race	#4 Pappy Boyington - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$1,423.96
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$0
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0
6 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0

7th Race No changes; Refund \$48.00
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$93.00; Minus Pool \$1,133.49
 9th Race #13 Caught in a Trapper - Stewards' scratch- Also Eligible
 #14 Perfectly Jullie- Stewards' scratch- Also Eligible. Refund \$940.10

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,615	\$788,792.16
SCOTWinc	2,969	\$1,602,746.22
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,669,783.56
Total	7,584	\$10,061,321.94

SUNDAY

04/18/21¹

FILM REVIEW CLASS

The apprentice riders were asked to come into the Stewards' office this morning to review some races from the past week. These reviews are typically done in the film room every Sunday with Safety Steward David Nuesch, but with him being repositioned into the stand this week, the location was moved here. EMILY ELLINGWOOD, JESSICA PYFER, and JUAN ESPINOZA attended this morning. Apprentice rider Alexis Centeno did not show up, so the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING # 081

Apprentice Jockey ALEXIS CENTENO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to attend film review class).

04/18/21²

TRAINING CITATION

Jockey TYLER BAZE was issued a training citation for misuse of the crop, by Safety Steward David Nuesch. Mr. Baze stated that his horse refused at the start of the workout and he was using the crop to prevent the horse from propping again, as he passed the sixteenth pole. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson stepped in, to rule in the case, as Mr. Nuesch was a witness to the infraction. After hearing Mr. Baze's testimony, in a majority decision, a warning was issued. Steward Ron Church was the dissenting vote, feeling that a penalty was warranted.

04/18/21³

LAWSON RULING (REF: 4/17/21⁴)

After deliberating all testimony and statements heard in Friday's hearing, regarding case #20DM0056, the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #082

Jockey Agent DEREK LAWSON is fined ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner) on September 4, 2020 at Del Mar Race Track.

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INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the first race, the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident nearing the sixteenth pole, involving #2 YOU WANNA EAR RIP (T. Baze 3rd) and #4 MONGOLIAN WINDOW (E. Maldonado 4th). After a review of the race, conversation with the Patrol Judge and the jockeys, in a majority decision, #2 was disqualified from third and placed fourth. In deep stretch, #2 shifted outward, stepping into the path of #4, costing that horse an opportunity at a better placing. Steward Ron Church was the dissenting vote, feeling that the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 9-3-(2)-4-8-7-1-6-5
 OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 9-3-4-(2)-8-7-1-6-5

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PULLED UP / VANNED OFF – RACE 3

As the field entered the far turn, for the second time, #1 MULTIPLIER appeared to sustain an injury and was quickly pulled-up by jockey Ruben Fuentes. Multiplier was immediately vanned to the equine hospital for further evaluation.

04/18/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$3.00
 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$10.50; \$1,552.61
 4th Race #7 Mischiffie (IRE) - Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Grande, unsound. Refund \$45.80
 5th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 7th Race #5 Mister Stock – Veterinarian scratch - Dr. Stead, injured at starting gate
 Refund \$52,334.44
 8th Race No changes; Refund \$0
 9th Race No changes; Refund \$0

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,852	\$570,326.58
SCOTWinc	2,630	\$1,276,402.38
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,524,381.45
Total	6,482	\$10,371,110.41

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/12/21 TO 04/18/21

Horses on Vet List 7
 Horses off Vet List 8
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 1
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	84
Claims	5	6	11	151
Disqualifications	0	1	1	11
Inquiries	1	1	2	20
Refunds	5	4	9	309
Rulings	0	2	2	82
Voided Claims	0	0	0	8

Respectfully submitted,

David Nuesch, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward

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