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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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SANTA ANITA PARK

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For the period: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 through Sunday, April 8, 2018

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017, through Sunday, April 8, 2018.
Racing Thursdays through Sundays. Special Monday racing on January 2, January 15, February 19. Dark days on January 4, January 18 and February 22. Special Tuesday Racing December 26.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races Opening Day and nine races on weekends, unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** Weekends/holidays - 12:30 p.m. Super Bowl Sunday, February 4, - 11:00 a.m. Noon (12:00 p.m.) on the following dates: Opening day, December 26, Sunshine Millions-California Cup, January 27, Big Cap Day, March 10, Santa Anita Derby Day, April 7. 12:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31, New Year's Day, January 1, and on Holiday Mondays: MLK, Jr. Day, January 15, Presidents' Day, February 19.
- Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 9:00 a.m. race day, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3rd race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Double on races 1-2, 4-5 and the final two races on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on final four races; \$1 Pick Five on first five races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.
- Auxiliary stables:** San Luis Rey Downs, Los Alamitos Race Course

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TUESDAY
12/18/17¹

SAFTEY/EMERGENCEY PROTOCOL MEETING

Stewards Grant Baker, Scott Chaney, Kim Sawyer and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui attended a meeting at the invitation of Santa Anita Vice President/Racing Rick Hammerle. Some of the other individuals that attended were new Santa Anita Racing Director Daniel Eidson, Ami Atkinson (Human Relations), Jason Spetnagel (Director of Facilities & Grounds), Juan Espinoza (Manager, Symons Human Ambulance Service), Lou Scalera (SA Director of Security), Lead Outrider John Cortez, Robert Troeger (Stable Superintendent) and the Fire Chief from the City of Arcadia. Two (2) Jockey's Guild members were invited but did not attend. Emergency protocol regarding fire, ambulance and accident procedures that can take place. Morning training and afternoon racing procedures were reviewed. A very good 'back and forth' took place. One noteworthy decision that came out of the meeting was that 'No Smoking,' at all, will be allowed in the Santa Anita Stable Area commencing January 1, 2018.

THURSDAY
12/21/17¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for opening day, Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty in the Stewards' office. Nine (9) races were drawn with ninety (90) horses slated to start.

FRIDAY
12/22/17¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, December 29, 2017. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty to oversee matters. Eight (8) races were drawn today and seventy-nine (79) horses are scheduled to face Starter Jay Slender on Friday.

TUESDAY
12/26/17¹

OPENING DAY

Today's opening day card featured four (4) graded stake races. They were slated as follows:

1. San Antonio Stakes (Grade 2) Purse \$300,000 Guaranteed
2. Mathis Brothers Mile (Grade 2) Purse \$200,000 Guaranteed
3. La Brea Stakes (Grade 1) Purse \$300,00 Guaranteed
4. Malibu Stakes (Grade 1) Purse \$300,000 Guaranteed

Santa Anita drew an on track crowd of 40,723 on this pleasant Tuesday afternoon. Mutual Manager Randy Hartzell reported that \$17,279,161 was wagered including all sources. Santa Anita gave away a 2018 wall calendar to attendees. Once again this year Mathis Brother Furniture sponsored an impressive 'giveaway' which was a very large and plush stuffed horse to children in attendance.

12/26/17²**THIRD PARTY LASIX**

Today marks the implementation of the third- party Lasix (furosemide) program here in California. Dr. Michelle Griffin will be in charge of the program here at Santa Anita. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui spent his morning in the stable area monitoring this new regulation that has been 'in the works' for some period of time. A regulatory amendment of CHRB Rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication) will start today. CHRB Rule #1433 (Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting) has also been amended whereby California racing associations that apply to operate a race meeting must now submit a 'furosemide agreement' prior to their race meet commencing.

12/26/17³**CHRB PERSONNEL**

CHRB Chief Steward, Darrel McHargue and CHRB Public Information Officer, Mike Marten visited the Stewards today. Several current topics were discussed. Chief McHargue also visited the paddock, jockeys' room and photo finish operator's stand. Our Stewards' stand now has a larger and higher resolution photo finish monitor here at Santa Anita.

12/26/17⁴**GOOD RACING**

Today's opening day nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

12/26/17⁵**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1 st Race	Jockey Change	#9 FENGARI - T. Baze for J. Castellano (overly optimistic flight arrival time)
3 rd Race	Declaration	#2 TOP OF THE GAME (Tr. V. Cerin) Stake-Stewards REFUND: \$2,753.45; MINUS POOL \$15,625.69
5 th Race	Declarations	#2 STREET VISION (Tr. M. Glatt) Full Field-Stewards #6 BABY BEAR'S SOUP (Tr. D. Jacobson) Sick-Dana Stead DVM. REFUND TOTAL: \$2,754.79
9 th Race	Declaration	#4 MIDNIGHT PLEASURE (Tr. M. Ruis) Flipped on way to Receiving barn-Tim Grande REFUND: \$20,805.02

12/26/17⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	40,123	\$3,301,104.50
SCOTWinc	6,390	\$1,918,642.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$11,663,244.50
Total	46,513	\$16,882,991.30

WEDNESDAY12/27/17¹**ENTRY DAY**

It was a 'Double Draw Day' today in the racing office. Entries for both Saturday, December 30 and Sunday, December 31 were taken. Nine (9) races were drawn with ninety (90) horses scheduled to start. Three (3) graded stakes will be featured on this day.

Nine (9) races with ninety (90) horses scheduled to start also make up the card for Sunday, December 31. Steward Grant Baker was on duty.

THURSDAY

12/28/17¹

CHANGE DAY

Clerk of Scales Charlie McCaul was on duty in the racing office in order to handle the changes for the racing card on Friday, December 29. Steward Grant Baker was on duty.

FRIDAY

12/29/17¹

BRANDON BOULANGER RULING

The ruling below involves a rule violation that occurred on closing day (December 17) at the recently completed Los Alamitos thoroughbred meeting. Jockey Boulanger stopped by the Stewards' office and spoke with the duty steward on an entry day before Christmas. He pled guilty to the violation listed in the ruling below.

RULING LATS #001

Jockey BRANDON BOULANGER is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in last 60 days; last offense November 17, 2017), during the second race at Los Alamitos Race Track on December 17, 2017.

12/29/17²

GARY STEVENS RULING

Jockey Gary Stevens overused his riding crop while aboard #11 Camby who finished second in the second race on opening day, Tuesday, December 26. Jockey Stevens waived his right to a film review with the stewards. For using his riding crop more than three (3) consecutive times in this seven (7) furlong main track event Jockey Stevens was issued the following ruling.

RULING LATS #002

Jockey GARY STEVENS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the second race at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2017.

12/29/17³

SAUL ARIAS RULING

Jockey Saul Arias appeared in the Stewards' office to address his use of the riding crop in the ninth race on opening day, December 26. Jockey Arias chose not to review race replays with the Stewards and acknowledged his overuse of the riding crop in this race. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING LATS #003

Jockey SAUL ARIAS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2017.

12/29/17⁴

HECTOR ROSARIO JR. RULING

Jockey Hector Rosario Jr. rode seventh place finisher #7 Heartwood in the Grade 1 Malibu Stakes yesterday December 26. He used his riding crop five (5) consecutive times in this race. Jockey Rosario rides on a regular basis at Mahoning Valley in Ohio and did not appear at film review. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING LATS #004

Jockey HECTOR ROSARIO, JR. is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than

three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2017.

12/29/17⁵

KEN HUTH MEETING

Jockey Agent Ken Huth appeared in the Stewards' office at our request this morning. Agent Huth named jockey Matt Garcia on the Jose Hernandez Jr. trained SOLAR CORONA, who is in the fourth race on Sunday, December 31. This was done immediately following the 'draw' for this race on Wednesday, December 27. Trainer Hernandez didn't want to ride Jockey Garcia on the horse and named Vinnie Bednar on to ride after the overnight was published. Agent Huth said he mistakenly thought SOLAR CORONA was trained by a family member of his client (Garcia), so he took the liberty of 'naming on'. An incorrect jockey will appear in the Daily Racing Form and will be correct in the official program. The Stewards are still adjusting to having a 'change time' and an 'official scratch time' on race day. Agent Huth received the benefit of the doubt and received a 'warning' for his sub-par business dealings in this matter.

12/29/17⁶

JOSE OROZCO COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 17SA0224)

A complaint was filed against Exercise Rider Jose Orozco for alleged violation of CHRB Rules #1489 (G), Rule #1900 and Rule #1930. Exercise Rider Jose Orozco appeared today along with CHRB Investigator James Hamilton, Santa Anita Sgt. Mark Mattick and Darin Scharer (Winners Foundation). The complaint in this case reads as follows:

"Santa Anita Stable Security alleges on October 18, 2017 Exercise Rider Jose Orozco failed to obey a gateman by driving his vehicle past the main gate into the stable area. Orozco's vehicle had an Owner/Trainer sticker displayed on the front windshield. Orozco admitted stealing the parking sticker from the windshield of a black Jeep in the employee parking lot".

Testimony was heard from all parties. Investigator Hamilton presented a seventeen (17) complaint packet at this hearing that was chaired by Steward Kim Sawyer. Decision to follow.

On another note Darrin Scharer told us that Mr. Orozco has not been compliant with regards to attendance of Winners' Foundation meeting that were addressed in a separate Los Alamitos ruling last year. This matter will be looked into by CHRB investigators.

12/29/17⁷

LEONARD POWELL COMPLAINT (CASE NO.17DM00880)

Complainant Mathilde Ibert filed a complaint against Trainer Leonard Powell for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The complaint in this case reads as follows.

"Exercise Rider Mathilde Ibert alleges trainer Leonard Powell is indebted to her in the amount of \$825.00 for one weeks wages of \$500.00 (October 26 thru October 31, 2017) and \$325.00 rent deduction."

Along with the Stewards present today were Respondent Leonard Powell, Complainant Mathilde Ibert, Safety Steward Luis Jauregui and Translator (French/English)/Advocate Thomas Dubaele. Testimony was given and the stewards will deliberate before rendering a decision.

12/29/17⁸

MERSAD METONOVIC STATUS CONFERENCE (CASE NO.17SA0025)

The Stewards conducted a conference call with two (2) lawyers this morning. This call was essentially a status conference involving Owner Mersad Metonovic. Trainer Val Brinkerhoff had filed a complaint against Owner Metonovic alleging that Mr. Metonovic is indebted to him. An informal hearing was held at Del Mar Race Track on November 17,

2017 (REF: 11/17/17(4) addressing this alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

Once again today the Stewards spoke with Attorney Tony Ventura (representing Metonovic) and Attorney Darrell Vienna (representing Brinkerhoff). The Stewards encouraged both parties to exchange documents before a second hearing in our office which is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2018.

12/29/17⁹

JOCKEYS ROOM MEETING

The Stewards held a meeting in the jockeys' room before today's first race. Along with the regular Santa Anita riding colony a few jockeys from the east coast were in town. Also at the meeting were Tim Ritvo (COO Stronach Group), Darrell Haire (Jockeys Guild) and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui. Several topics were covered. The Stewards also answered questions from the jockeys. Good meeting.

12/29/17¹⁰

FIRST RACE ACCIDENT

Following the running of the first race, eighth (last) place finisher #5 AM I BLUE (Apprentice Edgar Payeras) fell just past the finish line. Apprentice Payeras quickly rose to his feet and was cleared by track paramedics. Track Veterinarian Dana Stead attended to the fallen horse.

12/29/17¹¹

JOCKEY ROOM DUSTUP

Following the running of the fourth race there was an altercation between Valet Max Corrales and Jockey Martin Pedroza. Steward Baker, who had paddock duty for the fifth race, spoke to Jockey Pedroza in the jockey's room. Valet Corrales was being prepared for transport to Arcadia Methodist Hospital by the track paramedics. The Stewards told Assistant Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul that we were removing Jockey Pedroza from his remaining two (2) mounts on the day's card. Santa Anita Security and the CHRB will conduct an investigation. More to follow.

12/29/17¹²

EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign in order to view an incident in the final furlong of this one (1) mile turf race. Several of the eleven (11) participants were in tight quarters in 'deep stretch'. While he was one of the co-leaders #3 CURLY'S WATERFRONT (Joseph Talamo-Fourth place) steps inward and into the path of tenth place finisher #11 LORI'S ATTITUDE (Tyler Baze) forcing Jockey Baze to steady very sharply and drop immediately out of contention. The Stewards spoke to both Jockeys involved and received a Patrol Judge report. In a unanimous decision #3 CURLY'S WATERFRONT was disqualified and placed tenth. Jockey Talamo was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 2-4-8-3-1-9-7-5-6-11-10

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 2-4-8-1-9-7-5-6-11-3-10

12/29/17¹³

PROGRAM CHANGES

1 st Race Declaration	#1 THANKFUL EVERY DAY (Tr. E. Truman) Sick- Dana Stead DVM REFUND: \$2,118.35
1 st Race	#9 TACO TUESDAY should read regular Lasix
1 st Race	#3 INSUBORDINATION (Tr. K. Black) claimed, G. Almeida, trainer
3 rd Race Declarations	#1 SHAKY ALIBI (Tr. C. Gaines) Injured-Tim Grande DVM #3 STAR SPANGLED KID (Tr. J. Cassidy) Injured-Tim Grande DVM #9 PURE PURSUIT (Tr. J. Sadler) Full Field-Stewards. REFUND TOTAL: \$3,941.92

6th Race Declarations #1 BOOT SCOOTIN KID (Tr. E. Moger Jr.) Full Field-Stewards
 #5 DON'TEATMYCOOKIES (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Full Field-Stewards
 REFUND TOTAL: \$949.12

6th Race #6 JANE'S REVENGE should read regular Lasix

6th Race #10 PARAWAN should read regular Lasix

6th Race Jockey Change #13 VENICE J. Talamo for M. Pedroza (earlier altercation)

6th Race #14 UNO TROUBLE MAKER (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

7th Race #1 DISCREET SENORITA (Tr. D. Jacobson) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer

7th Race #9 BAD JU JU (Tr. Miller) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer

8th Race Jockey Change #6 PACIFIC COAST HWY R. Maraj for M. Pedroza (earlier altercation)

12/29/17¹⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,219	\$988,418.50
SCOTWinc	4,516	\$1,647,046.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,746,308.16
Total	11,735	\$9,381,773.06

SATURDAY12/30/17¹**ANTONIO GARCIA COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 17DM0090)**

Owner Norman Day (Irish Rose Farms) filed a complaint against Trainer Antonio Garcia for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Mr. Day alleges that Trainer Garcia owes him \$6,052.00 for lay-up and veterinary bills involving two (2) racehorses, a pony and a goat. At the end of the hearing a 'Financial Complaint Agreement' (CHRB Form 51) was signed between these two (2) parties whereby Antonio Garcia agrees to pay Norman Day the amount of \$2,750.36 in full by February 10, 2018.

12/30/17²**HECTOR PALMA HEARING**

The CHRB filed a twenty five (25) page complaint against Trainer Hector Palma for an alleged high Phenylbutazone test sample (3.68 ug/ml) from the horse Que Chistoso who finished tenth in the 7th Race at Santa Anita Race Track on June 16, 2017 Phenylbutazone is a class 4 drug.

Trainer Hector Palma was granted his request to testify on the telephone. CHRB Investigator James Hamilton presented the complaint at this formal hearing. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui was also present. Michelle Derieg (Weinstein Court Reporters LLC) transcribed the proceedings. CHRB Veterinarian Tim Grande interviewed Trainer Palma on October 4, 2017. According to his report Trainer Palma surmises that a member of his barn must have been given his horse a bute pill inadvertently in the days leading up to the race.

12/30/17³**JOESPH TALAMO FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/29/17¹²)**

Jockey Joe Talamo appeared in the stewards' office along with Jockey Guild Representative Darrel Haire. The Stewards wanted to review Jockey Talamo's involvement in a Stewards Inquiry into the running of yesterday's (December 29) eighth race. In this one (1) mile turf race Jockey Talamo is aboard fourth place finisher #3 Curly's Waterfront who steps inward while he is switching his riding crop from one hand to another. This slight change of course forced Jockey Tyler Baze to steady sharply while riding tenth place finisher #11 Lori's Attitude. This ride could have been suspension worthy.

Three (3) issues played to his advantage. 1. Very slight change of course 2. Good recent riding record 3. Accountability. In a unanimous decision Jockey Talamo was granted a warning.

12/30/17⁴

GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Giovanni Franco appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #7 Junior Gilliam who finished ninth the fifth race on December 26. Jockey Franco agreed with the Stewards' film analysis that he violated CHRB Rule #1688 (Cropping). The following ruling was issued.

RULING LATS #005

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on December 26, 2017.

12/30/17⁵

JUAN OCHOA RULING

Jockey Juan Ochoa finished second aboard #7 Rolls Royce Deal in the fourth race yesterday, Friday, December 29. He got overzealous with his crop usage in the stretch drive of this 1 1/16th mile main track event. Following this race Jockey Ochoa called the Stewards and waived his right to a hearing accepting the penalty listed below.

RULING LATS #006

Jockey JUAN OCHOA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three 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 December 29, 2017.

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LEONARD POWELL DECISION (REF: 12/29/17⁷)

After deliberation of a hearing held yesterday in our office the Stewards ruled that Trainer Leonard Powell owes Exercise Rider Mathilde Ibert \$353.57 for horse exercising services. We contacted Trainer Powell and informed him of our decision with which he was not happy.

12/30/17⁷

PROGRAM CHANGES

3 rd Race Declaration	#10 Sam Slick (Tr. B. Kazak) Flipped in paddock- Dana Stead, DVM REFUND: \$6,405.36
5 th Race Jockey change	#6 Moon Juice G. Franco for M. Pedroza (Personal)
6 th Race Declaration	#2 Just Kidding (Tr.J. Carava) Full Field – Stewards REFUND: \$1,157.44
7 th Race Declaration	#8 Rymska (GB) (Tr. C. Brown) Stake – Stewards. REFUND: \$7,643.89
8 th Race Declarations	#3 Masochistic (Tr. B. Baffert) Stake-Stewards #9 Smokey Image (Tr. C. Gaines) Stake-Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$3,681.92
9 th Race	#4 Rye Patch (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed, D. Jacobson, Trainer
9 th Race Declarations	#7 Fishel (Tr. J. Moreno) Unsound – Tim Grande DVM #9 Gonna Fly Now (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) Full Field – Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$927.92
9 th Race Jockey change	#11 Urban Bourbon G. Franco for K. Desormeaux (2 nd call)
9 th Race	#12 Lewis Vale (Tr. D. Jacobson) claimed, R. Saldana, Trainer.
9 th Race	#13 Banze No Oeste (BRZ) (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, Trainer

12/30/17⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,454	\$1,548,150.40
SCOTWinc	6,070	\$2,171,532.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,579,358.54
Total	14,524	\$13,299,041.24

SUNDAY12/31/17¹**MARIO GUTIERREZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Mario Gutierrez appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his use of the crop in the first race from Friday, December 29. Jockey Gutierrez was aboard #4 Chriscookin who finished first in this 6 Furlong main track event. Originally the Stewards felt Jockey Gutierrez may have violated Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). However, after film review today the Stewards felt race replays were inconclusive and Mr. Gutierrez was excused without a sanction.

12/31/17²**KENT DESORMEAUX FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Kent Desormeaux appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride in yesterday's (December 30) second race which was contested at 1 1/16th miles on the main track. Jockey Desormeaux was aboard #7 SARATOGA MORNING who finished sixth in this seven (7) horse field.

Film review shows #7 SARATOGA MORNING shift inward immediately after the break, after being slapped on the shoulder with Jockey Desormeaux's riding crop. This shift forces Jockey Santiago Gonzalez, aboard fifth place finisher, #6 MIDNIGHT SOOT, to check his mount and lose ground at the start. While this effort was not penalty worthy, the Stewards told Jockey Desormeaux he should be more cautious when using his riding crop immediately after the starting gate opens.

12/31/17³**MIKE LAKOW RULING**

Jockey Agent Mike Lakow handles the riding engagements for Jockey Javier Castellano. Jockey Castellano missed his mount on opening day (December 26) in the first race aboard #9 Fengari. We felt Agent Lakow was overly optimistic with an early arrival of his rider from the east coast and issued the following penalty.

RULING LATS #007

Jockey Agent MIKE LAKOW is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner).

12/31/17⁴**HECTOR PALMA RULING (REF: 12/30/17²)**

The ruling below was issued following deliberation of a hearing (CASE NO. 17SA186) that was held yesterday December 30, 2017. Our decision was unanimous.

RULING LATS #008

Trainer HECTOR PALMA who started the horse "QUE CHISTOSO", tenth place finisher in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on June 16, 2017 is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (c)(1) (Authorized Medication) and California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: phenylbutazone – in excess of permitted level [3.68 ug/ml]).

12/31/17⁵**MIKE SMITH RULING**

The ruling below was issued after Jockey Mike Smith waived his right to a hearing and pled guilty to a riding crop violation. This violation was for riding crop usage on the #1 PEACE who finished first in the second race yesterday, December 30.

RULING LATS #009

Jockey MIKE SMITH is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in last 60 days), during the second race at Santa Anita Park on December 30, 2017.

12/31/17⁶**EIGHTH RACE JOCKEY'S OBJECTION**

Following the running of this race Jockey Stewart Elliott, who rode fifth place finisher #4 DESERT LAW lodged a jockey's claim of foul against second place finisher #7 ARISTOCRATIC (Rueben Fuentes) for alleged interference approaching the far turn. Film review shows Jockey Elliott 'check' his mount from between horses while the field in this six furlong main track event is 'tucking in' to the far turn. Following film review and a Patrol Judge report the Stewards let the original placings stand. Unanimous decision. No change.

12/31/17⁷**PROGRAM CHANGES**

2nd Race #1 BEAR SKINNED (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, J. Carava, trainer
 2nd Race #6 MATRICULATE (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
 2nd Race #7 IRON ROB (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, M. Puype, trainer
 2nd Race 8 LOGAN'S MOON (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed, R. Falcone, trainer—
VOID-UN SOUND
 3rd Race Jockey Change #10 TRISTAN'S TRILOGY S. Elliott for M. Pedroza (personal)
 3rd Race #4 SKELTON PASS (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, D. Jacobson, trainer
 3rd Race #9 BRANDONTHEBARTENDER (Tr. B. Heap) claimed, A. Lerner, trainer
 5th Race 5 MAKE IT A TRIPLE (Tr. M. Machowsky) claimed, K. Craigmyle,
 6th Race #7 LITTLE BIT LOVELY (Tr. A. Kitchingham) claimed, R. Hanson, trainer
 8th Race Jockey Change #3 ADENS DREAM E. Roman for T. Baze (Double Jockey Fee)
 9th Race Declaration #1 TREASURING (GB)(Tr. S. Callaghan) Full Field-Stewards
 REFUND: \$2,260.26
 9th Race Jockey Change #7 SILKEN SPY J. Talamo for M. Pedroza (personal)

12/31/17⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,107	\$1,294,810.40
SCOTWinc	4,865	\$1,624,328.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,818,609.57
Total	12,972	\$10,737,748.57

MONDAY1/1/18¹**CESAR FRANCO FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey Cesar Franco appeared in the Stewards' office in order to his use of the riding crop in the sixth race yesterday Sunday, December 31. Apprentice Franco was aboard #5 Carrie who finished fourth in this one (1) mile turf event. Decision to follow.

1/1/18²**MARTIN PEDROZA MEETING (REF: 12/29/17¹¹)**

Jockey Martin Pedroza appeared in our office to discuss an altercation he was involved in following the fourth race on Friday, December 29. This fight was in the jockeys' room.

Along with Jockey Pedroza present today was Jockey Agent Richie Silverstein, CHRB Investigator James Hamilton, Safety Steward Luis Jauregui and off duty Safety Steward/Steward Paul Atkinson. This fight was unusual in some respects because it had nothing to do with events that took place during the running of a race. This matter is being investigated by Santa Anita management and the California Horse Racing Board. The Stewards removed Pedroza from his remaining two (2) mounts on the 29th. He took off his mounts on December 30 & 31. Jockey Pedroza showed the Stewards medical clearance' letter and he will resume riding today. More to follow.

1/1/18³**LAURA WERNER FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey Laura Werner appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review her ride in the seventh race on December 31, 2017. Apprentice Werner finished seventh aboard #7 Allie's Love in this race. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui and off duty Safety Steward/Steward Paul Atkinson were present. Approaching the 3/16ths marker and racing towards the rear of the field shifts out quickly taking the path of eventual third place finisher #5 Charmingslew (Gary Stevens) forcing that rival to steady sharply. The majority in this review felt it was the actions of Ms. Werners' horse that led to the interference. Steward Baker voted for a suspension.

1/1/18⁴**TYLER CONNOR FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Tyler Connor appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #9 TRIBAL DANCE who finished first in the seventh race yesterday, December 31. Safety Steward Jauregui and off duty Steward Atkinson were also present. In this six (6) furlong event #9 TRIBAL DANCE shifts inward bumping seventh place finisher #7 ALLIE'S LOVE (Laura Werner) at the five (5) furlong marker. While the contact was noticeable, Steward Chaney was the lone Steward to vote for suspension days. Jockey Connor was issued a 'warning' for his actions in this race.

1/1/18⁵**RUEBEN FUENTES FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/31/17⁶)**

Apprentice Jockey Ruben Fuentes appeared in the stewards' office in order to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday December 31. Jockey Elliott checked his mount (#4 Desert Law-fifth place) going into the far turn in this race. Apprentice Fuentes looked to his inside tree (3) times, essentially telling his rival between horses to take a hold, prior to entering the far (3/8ths) turn. Rival jockey Elliott appeared not to read the 'body language' of Fuentes and took his mount back late causing his mount to steady and lose ground. Apprentice Fuentes was excused without penalty or warning.

1/1/18⁶**JOSE OROZCO DECISION (REF: 12/29/17⁶)**

The following ruling was issued following deliberation of a hearing (CASE No.17SA0224) that was held in our office on December 29, 2017.

RULING LATS #010

Exercise Rider JOSE OROZCO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – entered stable area with a stolen parking sticker).

1/1/18⁷**GIOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW**

The Stewards reviewed the running of the fifth race yesterday (December 31) with Jockey Giovanni Franco. Jockey Franco was aboard #1 Rick's Dream who finished second in this six (6) furlong main track event. Jockey Franco acknowledged he violated CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

RULING LATS #011

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in last 60 days; last offense December 26, 2017), during the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on December 31, 2017.

1/1/18⁸**MARIO GUTIERREZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Mario Gutierrez appeared in the Stewards' office in order to review his ride aboard #6 Mo See Cal, who finished sixth in yesterday's (December 31) seventh race. Off duty Safety Steward Paul Atkinson attended the informal hearing. There was an incident at about the 1/8th pole in this six (6) furlong main track event. In mid-stretch #6 Mo See Cal veers inward and 'lays on' fifth place finisher #3 Z Z Tiger (Kent Desormeaux). During the contact Jockey Gutierrez reaches up with his right hand and strikes his mount with his riding crop. He took the situation from bad to worse with this action in the opinion of the stewards. The horse that was fouled (Z Z Tiger-5th Place) defeated #6 Mo See Cal therefore there was no Inquiry into the incident. The stewards were of the unanimous opinion that this was a careless ride and the following ruling was issued.

RULING LATS #12

Jockey MARIO GUTIERREZ, who rode MO SEE CAL in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on December 31, 2017 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 11, 12 and 13, 2018) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference in the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – Careless Riding).

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

1/1/18⁹**GOOD RACING**

Today's New Year's Day card went well as the nine (9) races were free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

1/1/18¹⁰**PROGRAM CHANGES**

3RD Race Declaration #5 Khaleesi (Tr. M.Machowsky) sick—Tim Grande DVM—
REFUND: \$3,043.58
5th Race #7 Rprettyboyfloyd (Tr. D. Jacobson) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
6th Race Declaration #7 Soltero (Tr. P. D'Amato) Flipped on Track—Dana Stead DVM
REFUND: \$23,178.83

1/1/18¹¹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,733	\$1,438,562.20
SCOTWinc	4,786	\$1,551,669.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$8,379,631.77
Total	15,519	\$11,369,863.27

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SANTA ANITA PARK - VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 12/20/17 - 12/31/17

Horses on Vet List 10
Horses off Vet List 12
Shock Wave Therapy 17
Fatalities 1
Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Tues 12/26	Fri 10/29	Sat 10/30	Sun 10/31	Mon 1/1	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	1	2	4	4
Claims	0	4	3	8	1	16	16
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	0	2	2
Refunds	4	6	7	1	2	20	20
Rulings	0	4	2	3	3	12	12
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

Grant W. Baker Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

Attachments
BOS: GWB:dw

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LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC.

Santa Anita Park

DESIGNATED RACES

In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), ALL Grade I, II, III Stakes races shall be recognized as Designated Races* for the Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc. winter/spring meeting at Santa Anita Park, Tuesday, December 26, 2017, through Sunday, June 24, 2018.

Jockeys under suspension will be permitted to ride in such races, unless it is specified in the ruling that they are not afforded that privilege.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF STEWARDS

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant W. Baker, Steward

* Additional races may be considered.

Rule 1766 Designated Races:

- (f) A day in which a suspended jockey participates in more than one designated race in California shall not count as a suspension day.
- (g) A day in which a jockey participates in one or more designated races in another jurisdiction while under suspension in California shall not count as a suspension day.

December 26, 2017

NOTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR SERIOUS RACING AND TRAINING ACCIDENTS/FATALITIES

RACING OR TRAINING LOCATION:

Santa Anita Park

DATE OF INCIDENT:

29 December 2017

RACE NUMBER:

1

NAME OF HORSE:

#5 AM I BLUE

NAME OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER:

Edgar Payeras

CONDITION/STATUS OF HORSES:

Euthanized. Right front suspensory failure.

CONDITION/STATUS OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (NOTE IF TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHAT IS THEIR CONDITION)

Not injured.

ACTIONS OF THE HORSE AND JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (HORSE FELL, JOCKEY PULLED UP, VANNED OFF, ETC.)

#5 Am I Blue was being pulled up by his rider when he was injured and fell to the track.

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE INCIDENT: (EXPLAIN HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AND WHY)

#5 Am I Blue was racing in last, and was not influenced by any other runner.

WAS THE HORSE CLAIMED?

No

WAS THE CLAIM VOIDED?

N/A

NAME OF THE TRAINER:

Mike Harrington

NAME OF THE OWNER:

Mike Harrington

TRACK SURFACE: (MAIN, TURF OR TRAINING TRACK)

Dirt

SPECIFIC LOCATION OF INCIDENT: (E.G. QUARTER-POLE, FAR TURN, ETC.)

Just after the finish

TYPE OF RACE/CLASS: (CLAIMING \$5,000; ALLOWANCE; MAIDEN, ETC.)

Maiden Claiming \$20k

BASED ON THE PAST PERFORMANCES OF THE HORSE INDICATE ANYTHING NOTEWORTHY: (DROP IN CLASS, ETC.)

Dropping from \$50k maiden state-bred claiming to \$20k open maiden claiming.

State of California
Jockey/Driver Accident Report
CHRB-201 (Rev. 2/14)

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

JOCKEY/DRIVER ACCIDENT REPORT

Business and Professions Code Section 19481.3(e) provides that the stewards shall investigate and prepare a report regarding all on-track accidents involving jockeys that occur during the performance of the jockeys' duties. The investigation shall commence no later than the next live racing day and shall be completed expeditiously. Board Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes, includes drivers in this requirement. **Upon completion of the report, it shall immediately be sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the Jockeys' Guild or California Harness Horsemen's Association (CHHA); the jockey/driver or his representative; the racing association; the horse owner; and the trainer of the horse the jockey/driver was riding/driving at the time of the accident.**

Name of jockey/driver & CHRB License No.: Edgar Payeras #320750

Name of horse owner & CHRB License No.: Mike Harrington #209423

Name of trainer & CHRB License No.: Mike Harrington #209423

Name of horse & Tattoo No.: Am I Blue #Q08332

Race No.: 1

Date/time/location of accident: 12/29/17 - 12:32 PM – Santa Anita Park

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Include circumstances of accident, likely causes and the extent of injury to jockey/driver, if any. Complete one Jockey/Driver Accident Report for each jockey/driver involved in an accident. A copy of each report shall be attached to the stewards' minutes in accordance with Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes.

Apprentice Jockey EDGAR PAYERAS was unseated when his horse dropped and fell. Mr. PAYERAS was taken to First Aid to be examined by the track physician for precautionary reasons.

Jockey/Driver condition: Checked out okay and released.

Horse condition: Euthanized.

Prepared by: Luis Jauregui

Signature: _____

12/30/17

Date report completed: _____

Distribution

- Jockeys' Guild/ CHHA
- Jockey/Driver
- Racing Association
- Owner
- Trainer

Note: Attach original CHRB-201 form to stewards' minutes.

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Name of jockey/driver & CHRB License No.: Kent Desormeaux #209912

Name of horse owner & CHRB License No.: Big Chief Racing #308967

Name of trainer & CHRB License No.: Keith Desormeaux #244933

Name of horse & Tattoo No.: Ima Take Charge S04089

Race No.: 8

Date/time/location of accident: 1/1/18 - 4:02 PM – Santa Anita Park

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

Include circumstances of accident, likely causes and the extent of injury to jockey/driver, if any. Complete one Jockey/Driver Accident Report for each jockey/driver involved in an accident. A copy of each report shall be attached to the stewards' minutes in accordance with Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes.

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX injured his right elbow when his horse broke through the starting gate prior to the start of the 8th race. MR. DESORMEAUX was checked out by the track paramedics and was allowed to ride the race.

Jockey/Driver condition: Abrasion on his right elbow.

Horse condition: No injuries reported.

Prepared by: Luis Jauregui

Signature: _____

1/1/18

Date report completed: _____

Distribution

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- Jockey/Driver
- Racing Association
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