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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, Inc.

Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Week 5 – Sunday, May 17, 2015 – Saturday, May 23, 2015

SUNDAY

5/17/15¹

OFFICIAL CHANGES

DAVID NUESCH, who has been filling in for Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI while Mr. JAUREGUI was filling in for SCOTT CHANEY, was replaced for the afternoon by TOM McCarthy.

5/17/15²

A.M. DECLARATIONS

3 rd race - #1 SILENT CODE (Vet-sick)	
#4 LEAD CLIMBER (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$ 1,815.85
4 th race - #2 SALSITA (entered back)	Refund of \$2,236.65

5/17/15³

RULING – LATS #112

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the eleventh race at Santa Anita Race Track on May 16, 2015. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

This ruling was issued after Mr. ARAGON, who was named to ride at this venue and also at Los Alamitos, opted to ride in an early race at the Orange County track. This prompted a late rider change in the final event here.

5/17/15⁴

MINUS POOL

A minus pool was created in the first race as #3 FEEL THE CHARGE, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 1 /2, proved an easy winner. The negative pool totaled \$4,663.81.

5/17/15⁵ All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

5/17/15⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,879	1,908,833.40
SCOTWinc	7,710	1,702,534.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,846,399.24
Total	13,589	10,457,766.84

THURSDAY

5/21/15¹ **A. M. DECLARATIONS**

1 st race - #11 MISS GRIDLEY (Also eligible)	Refund of \$1,469.35
6 th race - #6 PRINCE OF PRAGUE (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$1,073.11
7 th race - #8 TANGELO (Vet - injured)	Refund of \$2,006.21

5/21/15² **RULING – LATS #113**

Security Guard NESTHOR HERNANDEZ, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(G) (Inflicting corporal injury on spouse), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

This ruling was issued after Mr. HERNANDEZ failed to appear to address charges alleging a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(G) (Inflicting corporal injury on spouse).

5/21/15³ **LEAD OUTRIDER IN**

JESUS CAMACHO was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed to the effect that he hit his pony horse over the head with the lead strap. His actions were also caught on video. He admitted his error, stating that the horse was reacting to flies in its ears but that was no reason to hit it. A decision will be forthcoming.

5/21/15⁴ **VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey JOSEPH TALAMO was in the office this morning to review the stretch run of the fourth race from May 17, during which he hit his mount over the left ear with his whip several times. After viewing the race, the rider said he did not realize that it was improper to hit a horse on the ear as he had seen old videos of Hall of Famer CHRIS MCCARRON doing the same thing. A decision will be made tomorrow.

5/21/15⁵ **RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI was excused from his mounts this afternoon due to illness. Replacement riders were named.

5/21/15⁶ All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

5/21/15⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,960	654,640.40
SCOTWinc	3,970	1,196,229.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,840,901.00
Total	6,930	5,691,771.00

FRIDAY5/22/15¹**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

1 st race - #3 WINNINGIN FASHION (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$900.90
2 nd race - #9 PHANTOM HEAT (Also eligible)	Refund of \$235.50
3 rd race - #9 FLIGHTED (Vet - unsound)	Refund of \$482.10
4 th race - #3 KOHALA (Vet - injured)	
#5 AGUACITA (Vet - injured)	Refund of \$1,340.50
5 th race - #5 EZIO (Vet - unsound)	Refund of \$618.50
7 th race - #3 AMERATH (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$468.10
8 th race - #7 BLAME IT ON TEKELA (Vet - sick)	Refund of \$699.40

5/22/15²**RULING – LATS #114**

Jockey JOSEPH TALAMO is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips – misuse of whip in the race) while riding DISSENSION in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on May 17, 2015.

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the merits of his case. It was a majority decision, as Steward WARD felt that a warning would be sufficient for a first time offense. Riders have been warned for other minor offenses involving the “whip rule.”

5/22/15³**RULINGS – LATS #115 and LATS #116**

Jockey BALTHAZAR CONTRERAS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – pulling up in front of starting gate in contradiction of track safety rules).

Exercise rider MARCIAL ROSALES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – pulling up in front of starting gate in contradiction of track safety rules).

These ruling were issued after both men admitted their mistake.

5/22/15⁴**CLAIM VOIDED**

The claim deposited prior to the third race by trainer BILL SPAWR for the horse ZEEKIP, was voided as Official Veterinarian TIM GRANDE reported that the horse was lame in the right hind leg during its tie in the test barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer JORGE PERIBAN.

5/22/15⁵**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed two incidents during the stretch run involving the first two finishers, #9 A COLT FOLLOWING (E. Maldonado) and #4 TIZ JOLIE (M. Pedroza). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run the Stewards, by majority decision (Mr. CHANEY dissenting) voted to make no change to

the original order of finish. In the first incident, the winner drifted in, but was clear when doing so. The horse also drifted out coming to the finish line; however, the majority felt that Mr. PEDROZA and his mount were not cost the opportunity for an improved placing.

5/22/15⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,403	685,757.50
SCOTWinc	4,639	1,436,475.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,101,337.65
Total	7,042	7,223,570.35

SATURDAY

5/23/15¹

A. M. DECLARATION

10th race - #14 SHANTY IRISH (Also eligible)

Refund of \$535.77

5/23/15²

RULING – LATS #117

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO, who rode A COLT FOLLOWING in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on May 22, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (May 29, 30, and 31, 2015) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. MALDONADO had viewed the sixth race from Friday, after which he and his mount were the subject of a Stewards' Inquiry (Ref 5/22/15⁴).

The rider felt that he had made a reasonable effort to maintain a straight course but, after video review, it was obvious that instead of putting his whip away after the horse drifted out the first time, he went back to left hand whip, causing the horse to drift out once again.

5/23/15³

RULING – LATS #118

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for failure to arrive at the Jockeys' Room at the proper time, resulting in his failure to fulfill his riding engagement in the first race at Santa Anita Race Track on May 22, 2015. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

This ruling was issued after Mr. BEJARANO came to the office to explain why he failed to arrive in time to fulfill his riding engagement in the first race yesterday afternoon. The rider, whose residence is in Pasadena, said that he thought he left his home in plenty of time to make it to the track, but encountered heavy eastbound traffic on the 210 freeway due to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

5/23/15⁴

RIDER OFF - REFUND

ESWAN FLORES was taken off of his mount in the first race as he called and said that he "just can't make it." He offered no further explanation. Unfortunately, a replacement rider could not be found and the horse had to be declared. The refund amounted to \$1,495.40.

5/23/15⁵**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool was created in the third race when #5 SUNDAY RULES, the prohibitive favorite at odds of 1/5, proved to be an easy winner. A total of \$24,346.58 was needed to balance the pool.

5/23/15⁶**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

The Objection sign was posted after the eighth race when jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO (3rd, #5 GRAZEN SKY) lodged a claim of foul against jockey FLAVIEN PRAT (1st, #8 NEVERADOUBT) for interference near the ¼ pole. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards voted unanimously to dismiss the objection. Video angles failed to substantiate Mr. Bejarano's contention of interference by the winner.

5/23/15⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,178	1,771,772.40
SCOTWinc	6,663	2,292,934.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,466,548.90
Total	17,841	12,531,256.10

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 5/11/15 – 5/17/15

Horses on Vet List	10
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	28
Deceased	0
Medication	0

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.

SUMMARY

	Sun 5/17	Thurs 5/21	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	8	9	29
Claims	7	3	6	1	17	59
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	2	7
Refunds	2	3	7	2	14	82
Rulings	1	1	3	2	7	29
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	5

Respectfully submitted,

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