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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 3 – Sunday, January 4, 2015 – Saturday, January 10, 2015

SUNDAY
1/4/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockeys VICTOR ESPINOZA and CHRISTIAN ARAGON met with the Stewards to review the third (Espinoza) and ninth (Aragon) races.

After a review of the third race, (ref-1/3/15³), Mr. Espinoza was issued a warning. His horse (disqualified) did step out sharply, causing a horse to his outside to steady. He did whip his horse twice left handed in one stride, and then corrected his mount. Mr. Espinoza has been warned in the past that this style could cause an infraction. He stated he will be more aware in the future, especially with the new crop rule rapidly approaching.

After a review of the ninth race in which the #1 RUBY N DIAMONDS (C. Aragon, 3rd) continually drifted out in the stretch run. Mr. Aragon made an effort to correct which was effective for a couple of strides, then the drift continued. During this drift Mr. Aragon was clear until #7 SKI'S COPPER PENNY (T. Pereira, 5th) ran up on his heels a few strides before the wire. It was the opinion of the Stewards that Mr. Pereira should have seen the horse in front of him, and Mr. Aragon was informed he needed to guide his horse with more effort. Mr. Aragon's agent Mike Burns translated for him, he stated knew he was aware of the drift, attempted to correct and was not aware of the horse closing rapidly to his outside. The following ruling was issued:

LATS #007

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON, who rode RUBY N DIAMONDS in the ninth race at Santa Anita Race Track on January 3, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 10, 11, and 15, 2015) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

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

1/4/15²**INQUIRY - FIFTH RACE (3/4 dirt) NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race. Involved was #3 WILLIE B AWESOME (Tr. W. Solis) ridden by jockey EDWIN MALDONADO. This horse refused to break from the starting gate. After a review of the video and conversation with Starter JAY SLENDER, it was a unanimous decision to declare the horse a starter. No other factors except the refusal of the horse to break were involved. The horse will be placed on the Starter's and Stewards' List and banned from racing in California. WILLIE B AWESOME's last start in 2013 was also a refusal to break.

1/4/15³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1st race #3 OLIGARCH (Tr. G. Headley) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro
Refund \$0

2nd race No Changes
Refund \$30

3rd race No Changes
Refund \$865.80

4th race #3 STUFFED ANIMAL (Tr. A. Kitchingman) euthanized post race, went wrong 5/16 pole, turf.
#9 SOLAR HEAT (Tr. E. January) Steward - improperly shod (toe grabs - turf)
Refund \$4,425.60

5th race #5 WILLIE B AWESOME (Tr. W. Solis) DNF - refused to break
Refund \$70

6th race #1 MARINA DEL HEAT (Tr. B. Abrams) Veterinarian – sick - Dr. Stead
#4 FAITH HOPE LOVE (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. J. Wong
Refund \$953.50

7th race #4 RAINBOW NORTH (Tr. P. Miller) blinkers on, claimed by Tr. J. Carava
Refund \$97.55

8th race #3 BARUTA (BRZ) (Tr. R. Mandella) Steward - stake
Refund \$582.40

9th race #3 WON'T BE SHAKEN (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. B. Koriner
Refund \$1,121.95

1/4/15⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,975	1,662,393.10
SCOTWinc	6,494	2,211,741.60
Out of state + ADW	N/A	9,451,674.17
Total	14,469	13,325,808.87

THURSDAY1/8/15¹**GARCIA HEARING - CASE 14LT030**

A financial complaint (CHRB rule #1876) was filed for K C Transport against owner PEDRO RUIZ GARCIA in the amount of \$1,730.51. After confirmation the debt was paid in full the case was withdrawn.

1/8/15²**CRUZ HEARING CONTINUANCE - CASE 14DM050 ref 12/13/14²**

Present were trainer MELODY CONLON and Foreman RUDY CRUZ. This hearing was continued to give Ms. Conlon more time to gather documentation needed to substantiate her claim against Mr. Cruz. Ms. Conlon failed to provide a set amount of money or proof that Mr. Cruz stole and/or sold what she felt was an excess of products purchased for her stable. Ms. Conlon said she had not received a bill from the tack shop for three months, but

had authorized Mr. Cruz to purchase products needed for the barn. Mr. Cruz testified that he only used the products purchased on Ms. Conlon's trainees. This case was dismissed due to lack of evidence against Mr. Cruz.

1/8/15³**CONLON CASE 14LT020 - DISMISSED - ref 12/28/14²**

The above case was dismissed after an agreed settlement was paid in full (\$3000.00) to Ms. CONLON by owner JOHN LIVIAKIS. This transaction will finalize the case.

1/8/15⁴**GOLDBERG-HOPPER MEETING**

Owners JOSIE GOLDBERG and GREG HOPPER met with the Stewards this morning to try and sort out personal issues between them that are a problem during morning training hours as well as at the races in the afternoon. Both parties complained that the other belittles them in public with unsavory comments and loud opinions. They were both told to stay away from each other while under CHRB jurisdiction, or a complaint could be filed against them. They agreed to do so.

1/8/15⁵**VOIDED CLAIMS**

Two claims were voided today after the horses were placed on the Veterinarian's List, #7 MOM'S WINNER in the third race was returned to the stable of trainer RON ELLIS. In the fourth race #7 CHICSDIGTHESHARK returns to the barn of trainer PETER MILLER.

1/8/15⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st race	No Changes. Refund \$1
2 nd race	No Changes. Refund \$56.20
3 rd race	#2 PUTTYBADSHARK (Tr. R. Trela) claimed by Tr. K Mulhall #6 WARREN'S ASSASSIN (Tr. J. Gutierrez) DNF - euthanized on track #7 MOM'S WINNER (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by S. Callaghan - VOIDED Refund \$149
4 th race	#2 UNMATCHED FORCE (Tr. J. Metz) Veterinarian-sick - Dr. Stead #4 THE GREAT CAPER (Tr. R. Diodoro) claimed by Tr. R. Hess #7 CHICSDIGTHESHARK (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. B. Spawr - VOIDED #8 GREEN TAG (IRE) (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed by T. G. Papaprodromou #9 PREACHER ROE (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. A. Kitchingman Refund \$1,062.52
5 th race	#5 SILVER SPIRIT (Tr. J. C. Canani) Veterinarian-injured - Dr. Stead Refund \$1,168.60
6 th race	#5 BOW TIE BELLE (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou #6 SIXY EDDIE (Tr. M. Curtis) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Grande #8 HERE'S BELLA (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed by Tr. A. Kitchingman Refund \$519.06
7 th race	#1 BLAKE'S MAGIC (Tr. M. Puype) Veterinarian - sick - Dr. Stead Refund \$1,224.78
8 th race	No Changes. Refund \$7.70

1/8/15⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,660	591,481.60
SCOTWinc	4,024	1,085,483.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	3,889,249.52
Total	6,684	5,566,214.12

FRIDAY
1/9/15¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ met with the Stewards to discuss his ride in the second race yesterday. Mr. Quinonez, in a mile and one-half race on the turf, near the 5/16 marker, was sitting behind a horse with two horses to his outside. He pushed his way out and in doing so caused a chain reaction of interference to his outside which the Stewards felt was penalty worthy. The following ruling was issued:

LATS #008

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ, who rode PERSUASIVE PAUL in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 15, 16 and 17, 2015) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

1/9/15²

VAN DYKE RULING – LATS #009

The following ruling was issued after confirmation from CHRB Headquarters that Mr. VAN DYKE's counsel, BING BUSH had dropped the appeal. Mr. Van Dyke did receive like days for the penalty.

Having dropped his appeal of DFTD #007 dated November 15, 2014, the ruling is re-instated, and apprentice jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 16, 17, and 18, 2015). Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

1/9/15³

SOTO RULING – LATS #010

The following ruling was issued after Mr. SOTO stated he would pay the debt owed and failed to comply with this promise.

Owner HERBERT SOTO, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Richard Baltas Racing Stable \$3,020.00) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of HERBERT SOTO are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. SOTO is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

1/9/15⁴

INIGUEZ RULING – LATS #011

Jockey FELIPE MARTINEZ met with the Stewards representing jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ who rode the sixth race yesterday. Turning for home in the seven furlong event, Iniguez lost his whip and then, in the opinion of the Stewards, he pulled his horse in then out to change leads. In the process he bumped a rival to his inside causing that horse to lose stride. The following ruling was issued after the unanimous decision that this was a violation of the riding rule:

Jockey SALVADOR INIGUEZ, who rode ROCK N BUNNY in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2015, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 15, 16, and 17, 2015) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Pursuant to California Horse

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

1/9/15⁵**PACIFIC COAST THOROUGHBRED HEARING - CASE 14LT034**

A financial complaint (CHRB rule #1876) was filed for DVM MELINDA BLUE against owner KAYLEETA ROBINSON in the amount of \$2,391.37. After confirmation that Ms. Robinson paid the debt, the case was withdrawn.

1/9/15⁶**DUNHAM HEARING - CASE 14SA266**

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom DOUGLAS DUNHAM pursuant to CHRB rules #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). Santa Anita Security found Mr. Dunham to be in possession of marijuana. He admitted he was smoking the drug and submitted a urine sample for drug testing which was positive for marijuana. Supervising Investigator RICK AMIEVA represented the CHRB. Also in attendance were witness, Officer BYRON CARTER, employed by Santa Anita Race Track and respondent Douglas Dunham. It was the decision of this BOS that Mr. Dunham, who has since obtained a medical card and has attended at least ten classes through the Winners' Foundation, sign a testing agreement and be placed on probation. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

1/9/15⁷**ALMEIDA HEARING - CASE 15SA0002**

A financial complaint (CHRB rule #1876) was filed for exercise rider RIGOBERTO SEVILLA against trainer GONCALINO ALMEIDA in the amount of \$ 140.00. Mr. Sevilla claims to be owed for hot walking for Mr. Almeida. Mr. Almeida stated he donated twenty dollars to Mr. Sevilla so he could eat but he never hired him. The BOS ruled in favor of the defendant and the case was dismissed.

1/9/15⁸**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st race	No Changes Refund \$239
2 nd race	No Changes Refund \$232
3 rd race	#4 JUST ON TIME (Tr. J.C. Canani) ambulance removed post race (turf) #5 PURPLE ROSE (Tr. P. Gallagher) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grande Refund \$2,284.60
4 th race	#3 PERFECT SET (Tr. A. Sherman) claimed by Tr. J. Carava #4 FRIENDLY BANTER (Tr. S. Morrow) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande Refund \$925.60
5 th race	No Changes Refund \$151
6 th race	#2 SLAPSHOT MAN (Tr. D. O'Neil) DNF - bolted pulled up – walked off Refund \$411.40
7 th race	#7 PRESENCEOFAGENIUS (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian – injured - Dr. Grande Refund \$3,329.50
8 th race	#1 MAID EASY (Tr. R.K. Owens) Veterinarian – injured - Dr. Grande Refund \$1,214.20

1/9/15⁹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,277	559,835.80
SCOTWinc	4,653	1,212,042.40
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,024,810.34
Total	6,930	6,796,688.54

SATURDAY1/10/15¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI met with the Stewards to review the fourth race yesterday. Mr. Puglisi's mount drifted in and caused a horse to its inside to steady and take up (near the eighth pole in the 1 1/16 event). Mr. Puglisi was very candid admitting he made a mistake; he didn't know the horse to his inside was there. In a majority vote, Mr. Puglisi was issued a warning. Steward SAWYER felt a three-day suspension was due,

1/10/15²**COLLETTI RULING – LATS #012**

The following ruling was issued after confirmation Mr. COLLETTI has failed to abide by the terms of a financial agreement with Veterinarian MELINDA BLUE.

Owner John Colletti, having failed to abide by the terms of a signed financial agreement, is declared ineligible for license for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,909.27 to Dr. Melinda Blue).

1/10/15³**JANUARY RULING – LATS #013**

The following ruling was issued after Mr. JANUARY was informed of the penalty. Mr. January's entry in a turf race had toe grabs on its hind shoes. Usually Horseshoe Inspector VICTOR TOVAR is able to grind the grabs off when this situation occurs. The horse would not allow Mr. Tovar to accomplish this necessitating the scratch.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration), Trainer ELMER JANUARY is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00) for failure to have his horse SOLAR HEAT properly shod for the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on January 4, 2015.

1/10/15⁴**DUNHAM RULING – LATS #014 - ref 1/9/15⁶**

The following ruling was memorialized after the hearing yesterday:

For violation of California Horse racing Board rule #1489(h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License -- marijuana positive and possession) and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), groom DOUGLAS DUNHAM is ordered to sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and abide by the terms of his contract with the Winners' Foundation. Mr. Dunham is also placed on probation for two years from the date of this ruling, (through January 10, 2017), whereby any further rule violations stemming from drug use will result in license suspension.

1/10/15⁵**HERRARTE HEARING CASE 15SA003 – RULING LATS #015**

The CHRB filed a complaint against groom EDGAR HERRARTE pursuant to CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). According to Pomona Security, Mr. Herrarte approached horseshoer AGUSTIN MUNOZ to request a loan in the amount of \$1,000.00. When he was denied the loan, Mr. Herrarte, who was extremely intoxicated threatened Mr. Munoz with a knife. At this point, Mr. Munoz fled the scene and contacted Pomona Security. The following ruling was issued when Mr. Herrarte failed to appear for the scheduled hearing:

Groom EDGAR HERRARTE, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – assault and arrest) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of EDGAR HERRARTE are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. HERRARTE is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

1/10/15⁶**OFF TURF**

Before the third race, approximately 1:15 pm, Santa Anita management decided to take the seventh and ninth races, 6 1/2 downhill races, off the turf due to weather conditions.

1/10/15⁷**ACCIDENT FOURTH RACE ONE MILE TURF DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the race, the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident outside the eighth pole. Involved was #3 FABLE (T. Baze) who clipped the heels of #8 BEST EFFORTS (A. Canchari, 9th). In the Stewards opinion while the #3 was lugging inward, the #8 shifted out into the path of the #3 causing the incident. The #8 horse who finished last was disqualified and was unplaced behind the #3. Accident report attached.

Original order of finish	7-5-10-4-1-2-6-9-8
Official order of finish	7-5-10-4-1-2-6-9-(8) unplaced

1/10/15⁸**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 st race	#2 WILDCAT SAILOR (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall Refund \$148
2 nd race	No Changes Refund \$124.84 Minus Pool \$476.37
3 rd race	#5 OLEANDERPOLARBEAR (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grande Refund \$632.50
4 th race	#3 FABLE (Tr. T. West) DNF - clipped heels Refund \$2,631.84
5 th race	#8 TRUELEE SCRAPPIN (Tr. W. R. Whitehouse) claimed by Tr. E. Mode #10 NEXTDOORNEIGHBOR (Tr. R. Diodoro) claimed by Tr. P. Miller #13 SACRED OVATION (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou #14 SENOR RAIN (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. V. Garcia Refund \$300.52
6 th race	No Changes Refund \$1,179.28
7 th race	OFF TURF #11 NAKAMOTO (Tr. A. Kitchingman) Steward - off turf Refund \$10,060.48
8 th race	No Changes Refund \$1,939.40
9 TH race	OFF TURF #2 URBAN HUNTER (Tr. J. C. Canani) claimed by Tr. J Hollendorfer #3 SMOKEY LONESOME (Tr. G. Sherlock) Steward - off turf #6 FIGHTING ON (Tr. R. DeLeon) claimed by Tr. R. Baltas #8 SNOWDAY (FR) claimed by E. Mode #10 MEYDAN MAGIC (Tr. J. C. Canani) claimed by B. Koriner #11 HELLO FRANKIE (Tr. E. Freeman) Steward - off turf Refund \$21,730.50

1/10/15⁹**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,462	1,421,599.10
SCOTWinc	6,491	2,049,566.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	7,861,931.39
Total	11,953	11,333,096.99

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 12/29/14 – 1/4/15

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	12
Deceased	3
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 1/4	Thurs 1/8	Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	3	8
Claims	4	6	1	9	20	39
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	2
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	2	5
Refunds	3	4	4	5	16	61
Rulings	1	0	4	4	9	15
Voided Claims	0	2	0	0	2	6

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

Attachments
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