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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Santa Anita Park

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 5-Sunday, January 22, 2012-Saturday, January 28, 2012

SUNDAY

01/22/12¹

ARAGON RULING

Groom JOEL ARAGON was suspended for failure to appear for yesterday's hearing which involved a complaint (case number 12SA0015) filed by the CHRB following a conviction for a domestic issue:

LATS #027

Groom **JOEL ARAGON**, having failed to appear to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) 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 Joel Aragon are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528(Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Aragon is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

01/22/12²

SADLER HEARINGS

Trainer JOHN SADLER came to the office for a formal hearing this morning to answer two complaints involving methocarbamol positives (case numbers 11HP0123 and 11HP0134). The first one, he explained, was such a high level that there must have been a mistaken veterinary injection. He attributed the second positive to a barn error. Mr. Sadler's medication record is remarkably good given his large number of starters. A decision will be forthcoming.

01/22/12³

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice jockey ESWAN FLORES came to the office as directed to review several issues. First, we explained that when he is on the board to see us as he was yesterday, he is required to be here, and that his absence will result in a fine. Also, we explained the requirement that apprentice riders view films everyday with the film analyst. Lastly, we wanted to review the last race from Friday, which he won but in his exuberance galloping out, he lost his whip while waiving it around. We explained all of the problems associated with this type of behavior and suggested that he celebrate after he dismounts. He was fined in the following ruling for his absence yesterday:

LATS #028

Apprentice jockey **ESWAN FLORES** is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers-failure to meet with the Stewards as directed).

Jockey VICTOR CARRERO came to the office this morning to review his ride in the fifth race Friday in which he angled down and put pressure on two rivals to his inside. He was candid in that it was his mistake, and accepted a warning.

01/22/12⁴

INQUIRY/ACCIDENT/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the ninth race, we put up the inquiry sign to examine an incident near the three eighth's pole during which jockey Agapito Delgadillo was unseated from his mount #14 Salty Robbin. Films revealed that there was a four horse spread as the field entered the turn. Space was very tight and several horses made contact. It was difficult to assign fault partly because the camera angle was inconclusive and partly because several horses were involved. Therefore, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Mr. Delgadillo escaped unscathed and the horse was quickly captured. See attached accident report.

01/22/12⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#6 Beautiful Strike – Claimed – T. Taylor, trainer Refund \$175.00; Minus Pool \$1,174.98
2 nd Race	#1 Lutess – Claimed – F. Santella, trainer Refund \$56.00; Minus Pool \$714.96
3 rd Race	#3 Elusive Journey – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande Refund \$1,610.06
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$520.94
5 th Race	#5 Fluxx – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$2,918.20
6 th Race	#6 Rock This Way – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #1 Quintons Destiny – Claimed – J. Armstrong, trainer #4 The Director – pulled up, vanned off, dirt (D. O'Neill, trainer) Refund \$1,858.00
7 th Race	#6 Coluda – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer Refund \$953.60
8 th Race	#3 Big Tiz – Stewards' scratch, stake #5 Miss Radiance – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$9,137.28
9 th Race	No changes

01/22/12⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,144	\$1,172,806.40
Inter-track	6,308	\$1,703,843.80
Out of state	n/a	\$3,290,877.40
Total	11,452	\$6,452,597.70

THURSDAY01/26/12¹**REYES HEARINGS**

We held a formal hearing into case number 12SA0011, which was a complaint filed by the CHRB against jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES alleging violation of CHRB rules 1889 (Entry to Area Assigned to Trainer) and 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). This action stemmed from an altercation Mr. Reyes had with John Sadler's assistant trainer Larry Benavidez in the Sadler barn. Present at the hearing were this Board of Stewards and Safety Steward Luis Jaurgeui, CHRB Investigator Rick Amieva, certified translator Jerry Wolff, Mr. Reyes, several witnesses and court reporter Barbara Weinstein. Testimony was heard centered around an incident where Mr. Reyes was on a difficult horse waiting for the track to open, went into Mr. Sadler's barn for more control and Mr. Benavidez asked him to leave. An argument ensued and at best Mr. Reyes turned his horse around and approached Mr. Benavidez in order to argue with him. At worst, Mr. Reyes turned his horse around and chased after Mr. Benavidez, trying to run over him. This Board feels that the truth is somewhere in the middle but photographic evidence indicated that Mr. Reyes did steer his horse too close to a person on the ground and was present in Mr. Sadler's barn. Decision to follow.

01/26/12²**SCHIEWE COMPLAINT**

An informal hearing was scheduled this morning involving a financial complaint (case number 12SA030) filed by San Luis Downs (Leigh Ann Howard) alleging unpaid stall fees in the amount of \$2,160.30. Both parties agreed to a payment plan to satisfy the debt and memorialized that understanding in a written agreement.

01/26/12³**BEAN RULING**

The following ruling was published against trainer BOB BEAN when one of his runners failed to receive lasix last week:

LATS #029

Trainer **ROBERT A. BEAN**, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) is fined **FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845(Authorized Bleeder Medication-failed to receive authorized bleeder medication), which resulted in the late declaration of "Golden Augusto" in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on January 16, 2011.

01/26/12⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#2 Teardrops On Fire – broke down quarter pole right front, dirt euthanized (K. Mulhall, trainer) Refund \$236.96
2 nd Race	#3 Passionbabypassion – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #8 Soo Steamy – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Grande #7 Ever Adored – Rider change – A. Bisoño for A. Delgadillo (sore) Refund \$1,898.50; Minus Pool \$2.11
3 rd Race	#4 Sky Diver – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer #8 Gambling Cowgirl – pulled up eighth pole, walked off Refund \$149.92

4th Race #2 Bling Cha Bling – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 #4 Plenny of Henny – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 Refund \$1,736.02

5th Race No changes; Refund \$47.20

6th Race #6 Ron Burgundy – Rider change – C. Nakatani for A. Delgadillo
 #9 Congrats Ski – Claimed – K. Lewis, trainer
 Refund \$34.98

7th Race #2 Bwana Babe – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer
 Refund \$33.00

8th Race #3 Strawberry Bolt – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Beck
 Refund \$917.82

01/26/12⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,430	\$797,422.20
Inter-track	4,880	\$1,255,387.30
Out of state	n/a	\$2,499,302.83
Total	9,310	\$4,778,857.33

FRIDAY

01/27/12¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND came to the office to review her ride in the third race on Sunday in which she drifted out a bit turning for home and then drifted back down to the fence as her horse became tired. We cautioned her to keep a straight path even when backing up. She agreed.

01/27/12²

FIGUEROA HEARING

The CHRB filed a complaint (case number 12SA031) against jockey agent MARCOS FIGUEROA for an alleged altercation in the grandstand. Investigator JIM HAMILTON presented the informal case which included several witnesses and the victim, Augustin Rodriguez. After listening to the testimony, this Board concluded that neither party was being entirely honest. We issued an official warning against Mr. Figueroa.

01/27/12³

SADLER RULINGS

Pursuant to the two methocarbamol hearings last week, trainer JOHN SADLER was issued the following two rulings:

LATS #030

Trainer JOHN SADLER, who started the horse “Doubledown On Ten”, the fifth place finisher in the fourth race at Hollywood Park on November 25, 2011, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances-Methocarbamol).

LATS #031

Trainer JOHN SADLER, who started the horse “Stoney Fleece”, the first place finisher in the fifth race at Hollywood Park on November 27, 2011, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances-Methocarbamol-2nd offense).

01/27/12⁴**PAPAPRODROMOU HEARING**

We settled a financial complaint filed against trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU by a former employee (case number 12SA034).

01/27/12⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race No changes; Refund \$194.00
 2nd Race #6 Slim Shadey (GB) – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 #1 Highway Bandit – Rider change – J. Talamo for K. Krigger (sick)
 Refund \$873.80
 3rd Race #6 Gnarly Dude – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 #1 Deluxe Bus – Rider change – J. Talamo for K. Krigger
 #2 Orbach – Rider change – A. Delgadillo for H. Berrios (sick)
 #8 Runaway Wildcat – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
 Refund \$1,121.80
 4th Race #4 Magic Fire – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande
 Refund \$830.80
 5th Race #5 Gypsy Friday – Rider change – T. Henderson for D. Vergara
 (family emergency)
 Refund \$52.00
 6th Race #5 Lockheart – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 Refund \$1,156.70
 7th Race #1 Big Wags – Rider change – K. Stra for H. Berrios
 #2 Matto Mondo (CHI) – Claimed – S. Asmussen, trainer
 #5 Where's the Remote – Claimed – E. Moger, trainer
 #9 Hudson Landing – Claimed – W. Morey Jr., trainer
 Refund \$68.00
 8th Race #13 Idontrollonshabbos – Stewards' scratch – also eligible
 #14 Insightful Boy – Stewards' scratch – also eligible
 #9 Frankieplayedshort – Rider change – J. Rosario for D. Vergara
 Refund \$1,272.90

01/27/12⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,085	\$792,505.60
Inter-track	4,966	\$1,350,086.80
Out of state	n/a	\$3,492,226.35
Total	8,051	\$5,916,377.45

SATURDAY01/28/12¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race Thursday in which his mount came out and made contact with the rival to his outside. Despite the fact that the incident occurred when the horses were crossing the dirt and the horse had switched leads early, we nevertheless believed that he could have made a better effort. He agreed.

01/28/12²**SUNSHINE MILLIONS**

There were abbreviated office hours this morning due to an early first post to accommodate the Sunshine Millions program.

01/28/12³**REYES RULINGS**

The following ruling was published pursuant to the Reyes hearing conducted two days ago:

LATS #032

Jockey **CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES** is fined **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules # 1874 (Disorderly Conduct-aggressive behavior toward another licensee) and #1889 (Entry to Area

Assigned to Trainer-entered assigned shedrow without approval) on December 30, 2011 at Hollywood Park.

01/28/12⁴

AMBULANCE PROTOCOL MEETING

We asked Director of Security Lou Scalera and Operations head Paige Rickard to meet with us this morning to discuss how the second ambulance and EMT crew would be utilized. Safety Steward Luis Jauregui organized and attended the meeting. We decided that the best use would be that in the event the paramedic team had to leave the grounds or transfer to Arcadia Fire Dept, the second ambulance with the EMT team would be mobilized and cover the races until the Paramedic team either returned to the grounds or completed the transfer.

01/28/12⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Sway Away –Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$3,087.54; Minus Pool \$2,122.60
2nd Race No changes; Refund \$272.00
3rd Race #2 Eden's Moon – Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$2,494.72
4th Race #5 Caracortado – Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$2,250.30
5th Race No changes; Refund \$158.00
6th Race #4 La Sombre – Stewards' scratch, stake
Refund \$1,829.00
7th Race #4 Jim's No Preacher – Claimed – S. Asmussen, trainer
8th Race #9 Solerina – Claimed – L. Mason, trainer
Refund \$45.92
9th Race No changes; Refund \$82.00
10th Race #13 Only the Gold – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#14 Broker Brett – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$1,231.05

01/28/12⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	30,514	\$2,496,087.50
Inter-track	8,350	\$2,502,090.50
Out of state	n/a	\$4,880,458.31
Total	38,864	\$10,332,935.01

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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.

VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of 01/16/12 – 01/22/12

Horses on Vet List 17
Horses off Vet List 13
Shock Wave Therapy 13
Deceased 2
Medication 9

SUMMARY

	Sun 01/22	Thurs 01/26	Fri 01/27	Sat 01/28	Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	1	5
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rulings	2	1	2	1	6	32
Refunds	8	8	8	9	33	124
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1	5
Claims	4	3	4	2	13	78
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	1	4	6	25

Respectfully submitted,

C Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward