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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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For the period: Wednesday, March 31, 2010, through Sunday, April 04, 2010.

WEDNESDAY

03/31/10¹

ALFEREZ III FORMAL HEARING CASE 10SA#080

The hearing held before the Board of Stewards and recorded by court reporter Barbara Weinstein involved CHRB rules 1890 (Possession of Contraband) and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). In attendance were Senior Special Investigator Jim Hamilton, who presented the case for the CHRB, Safety Steward Luis Jauregui, Santa Anita Security Officer Sgt. Paul Nalbandian and the respondent, exercise rider Enrique Alferez III.

Sgt. Nalbandian performed a routine tack room search and found a vial of prescribed marijuana along with Mr. Alferez's marijuana verification card. Investigators Jim Hamilton and Frank Fink met with Sgt. Nalbandian and Officer Wheeler at the pony rider's tack room and gathered the necessary information to file a complaint for a possible rule violation. The investigators returned the marijuana to Mr. Alferez and informed him it was not allowed on the premises.

After all testimony was given, recorded and the exhibits were moved into evidence, the record was closed.
Decision to follow.

03/31/10²

GOOD RACING

The afternoon card was conducted with the usual practices and procedures without noteworthy occurrences.

03/31/10³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #2 Dee Dee's Flight (Tr. M. Perez) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bailey
Refund \$895.18

2nd race Refund \$62.94

3rd race #10 Born to Shop (Tr. J. Periban) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,124.36

4th race Refund \$46.00

5th race #7 His Boy Elroy (Tr. M. Puype) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bailey
Refund \$538.50

6th race #1 McKenna's Yodeler (Tr. G. Eickerman) Ambulance removed post race
Minus Pool \$.07

03/31/10⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,810	810,134.80
Inter-track	4,871	1,323,095.60
Out of state	n/a	2,835,922.52
Total	7,681	4,969,152.92

THURSDAY

04/01/10¹

VON BLUECHER HEARING CASE #10SA068

Helmuth Von Bluecher DVM joined the Stewards in an informal setting as did Jill Bailey DVM, representing Dr. Durenberger, who filed the complaint with the CHRB. This case involves a possible violation of CHRB rule 1842 (Veterinarian Report). Dr. Von Bluecher had been tardy turning his confidentials; partly because he was discussing an issue with Dr. Durenberger outside the receiving barn. After deliberation concerning this case, the Board of Stewards felt an official warning was a satisfactory penalty. Mitigating issues helped to reach this conclusion.

04/01/10²

GRIFFIN HAERING CASE #10SA085

Jill Bailey DVM representing the CHRB filed a complaint against Michelle Griffin DVM for a possible violation of rule 1842 (Veterinarian Report). In an informal setting, the Stewards explained to Dr. Griffin the importance of the need to follow the protocol in filling out and filing confidentials. Dr. Griffin had medicated the horses involved at the proper time, but had recorded the time incorrectly on the confidential. This being her first offense involving Rule 1842, an official warning was issued.

04/01/10³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Martin Pedroza met with the Stewards as directed to review the last race on Wednesday. Mr. Pedroza rode # 2 Miss Peanut (Tr. Silverio Martinez), finished fourth beaten a length, head and a neck for a better placing. Mr. Pedroza stated that the horse felt very rough near the 3/8 pole during the race. He tried to maintain a placing, but felt if he pursued a more vigorous ride; the horse was a possible candidate for further injury.

The Stewards in return, informed Mr. Pedroza that his explanation was acceptable except for his failure to dismount once the horse was pulled up. He left the office with the understanding that in the future, when a horse feels unsafe, he should pull up and dismount for the safety of all involved. He acknowledged this and stated that he would do so in the future. The Stewards had verified that the horse involved had previously been removed from the Veterinarian List.

04/01/10⁴

SMOOTH SAILING

Thursday's eight race card was completed without a ripple.

04/01/10⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race Refund \$614.82 minus pool .04

2nd race #3 Suances de Espana (Tr. D. Vienna) Claimed by Tr. W.E.Morey
#5 No Cream Or Sugar (Tr. G. Piccioni) Veterinarian-injured Dr. Bailey
Refund \$623.34

3rd race #2 Padre Jon (Tr. T.R. Bell,II) Stewards-no papers
#3 High Way Sixty Six (Tr. T. Blincoe) Stewards-dirt only
#6 Prince of Gotham (Tr. E.G. Harty) Stewards-dirt only
#7 Perfect Envoy (Tr. G. Eickerman) Veterinarian-unsound pre race warm up
Refund \$59,487.44; Minus Pool \$1,167.60

4th race #1 Lamm (Tr.M. Mitchell) claimed by Tr. W.E.Morey
#6 Egypt (GB) (Tr.H. Palma) ambulance removed post race

6th race #3 Uffizi (Tr. M. Mitchell) claimed by Tr. M. Mitchell

8th race #7 Sumalee (Tr. R. Stein) jockey L. Medina replaced G. Franco-no call
Minus Pool \$.01

04/01/10⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,298	883,246.60
Inter-track	5,594	1,624,625.70
Out of state	n/a	3,782,009.26
Total	8,892	6,289,881.56

FRIDAY

04/02/10¹

CASSIDY CASE #09SW-0229

This case was on hold pending test results from U.C. Davis Laboratory involving a monojet (used for oral medication) syringe which was found and seized in trainer James Cassidy's tack room during a routine barn search performed by the CHRB investigators. The case was dismissed after the laboratory results verified the syringe was void of any foreign substance.

04/02/10²

FROUSIAKIS CASE #09SA252

The financial case filed by Angel's Feed against trainer George Frousiakis was finalized after an agreement had been accepted by both parties involved.

04/02/10³ **FROUSIAKIS CASE #10SA090**
The above case was dismissed after trainer George Frousiakis settled his debt with blacksmith Harry Ward.

04/02/10⁴ **MONTELEONE CASE #09HP164 (ref. 2-12-10⁴)**
This case was dismissed after council for the Board Robert Miller, stated that the action by the Stewards to collect the debt was precluded by the bankruptcy filing.

04/02/10⁵ **TILLEMA RULING CASE #09SA226 (ref. Hollywood Park 11-21-09⁷)**

LATS #081

Owner **HAROLD TILLEMA** is fined **FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband-syringe and needles).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Tillemma was informed of the penalty issued after confirmation of the test results from the U.C. Davis Laboratory validating that the syringe contained remnants of Acepromazine.

04/02/10⁶ **VETERINARIAN REPLACEMENT**
William Bell DVM replaced Jill Bailey DVM in the Receiving Barn during the afternoon program. Dr. Bailey filled in for Dana Stead DVM as the Track Veterinarian.

04/02/10⁷ **INQUIRY FIFTH RACE (Five Furlongs-Pro Ride)/NO CHANGE**
Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review a possible infraction approaching the 1/16 pole. Involved were #3 Lethal Dose (4th Cosme Rivera) and #4 Detroit Donnie (Joe Talamo 8th) and # 2 Gotham Devil(Christian Reyes7th). The three horse spread came together with #2 on the fence, #4 in the middle and # 3 on the outside. It was the opinion of the Stewards that #3 drifted in, # 4 seeking running room in tight quarters tips #2 and then proceeds to clip the heels of #3.

After a review of the videos, conversation with the Patrol Judges and all jockeys involved the original order of finish was made official. It was the Stewards' opinion that the infraction was off setting. Apprentice jockey Rivera did drift off his path, but jockey Talamo was forcing his mount into an undesirable location and apprentice jockey Reyes was an innocent bystander, but was not cost an opportunity for a better placing. The race was made official with the original order of finish.

04/02/10⁸ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**
1st race Refund \$264.00

2nd race Refund \$112.00 Minus Pool \$416.86

3rd race #8 Hurricane Justice (Tr. J Sahadi) veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bailey
#9 Lazered(Tr. B. Abrams) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead
Refund \$2,286.99; Minus Pool \$34.13

5th race Refund \$155.00

6th race Refund \$430.00

7th race #4 Miss Silver Brook (Tr. J.C. Canani) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bailey
#6 Shes a Real Keeper (Tr. J. Fanning) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,297.10

8th race #8 Souvenir Slew (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,208.50

04/02/10⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	6,729	1,235,688.60
Inter-track	5,747	1,812,312.60
Out of state	n/a	4,035,301.70
Total	12,476	7,083,302.90

SATURDAY

04/03/10¹

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice jockey Cosme Rivera met with the Stewards accompanied by his agent, Roger Olguin, who translated for the apprentice. After a review of the fifth race Mr. Rivera stated he knew Mr. Reyes was on the fence but was unaware of jockey Talamo's attempt to better his position. Mr. Rivera hit his horse right handed once during a slight drift inward which added to the infraction.

Jockey Joe Talamo also joined the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday. Mr. Talamo admitted his negligence for attempting to ride into a hole that did not exist and not making an attempt to abort his participation in the infraction sooner.

The Stewards' decision whether or not to sanction these two was not immediate and not easily ascertained. After careful discussion, it was decided to not to penalize either jockey for an occurrence that they both participated in. It was made known to them that the next time they may not leave without penalty.

04/03/10²

INQUIRY (Sixth Race-Pro Ride)/No Change

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the 5/16s pole. Involved were # 3 Who's Up (V. Espinoza 9th), # 7 Lookin At Lucky (G. Gomez 3rd) and # 9 Skipshot (F. Alvarado 5th). # 7, on the inside of a three horse spread had to take up after pressure was applied from the outside by # 3 and #9. The original order of finish was made official after verification that the #7 finished ahead of the other two horses involved.

04/03/10³

ACCIDENT POST NINTH RACE(1 1/8 Mile Turf)

Pulling up after the race, # 3 Warren's Skater (Tr. J Gutierrez) went wrong, falling and unseating jockey Brice Blanc. Accident report attached.

04/03/10⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3rd race #3 Tribul Witch (Tr. J.C. Canani) claimed by Tr. M. Chew
Refund \$7.00

4th race Refund \$ 34.00

5th race Refund \$ 49.00

6th race Minus Pool \$2,935.73

8th race Refund \$ 4.30

9th race #3 Warren's Skater (Tr. J. Gutierrez) ambulance removed post race
Refund \$30.00

10th race Refund \$ 34.00

11th race #2 Sister Lucy (Tr. D. Breuer) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Beck
#5 The Legal Blonde(IRE)(Tr. C. Lewis) jockey V. Espinoza replaced S. Amador
(program error)
#7 This Time Baby (Tr. W. Solis) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Beck
Refund \$682.18; Minus Pool \$.06

04/03/10⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	40,718	4,195,766.50
Inter-track	11,553	4,023,967.50
Out of state	n/a	9,758,933.61
Total	52,271	17,978,667.61

SUNDAY
04/04/10¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Alex Solis, representing jockey Frank Alvarado, who rode # 9 Skipshot (5th) in the sixth race yesterday met with the Stewards. The films revealed that jockey Victor Espinoza aboard # 3 Who's Up (9th) drifted in and Mr. Alvarado followed him. This tightened the configuration but relieved Mr. Alvarado of any responsibility for the incident that followed.

Jockey Victor Espinoza also met with the Stewards to review the Derby regarding his actions during and following the race.

In addressing the post-race altercation with Mr. Gomez it was evident that Mr. Espinoza offered his best effort not to participate and was relieved of any culpability.

His explanation of the riding incident was that he felt his horse was tiring and became difficult to guide, he felt Mr. Alvarado applied pressure from the outside thus taking away his opportunity to pull off of Mr. Gomez who was aboard #7 Lookin At Lucky(3rd). He believed the incident was the result of an unlucky situation.

In the stewards' opinion, jockey Espinoza did in fact drift inward causing jockey Gomez to take up and alter course, taking away his opportunity to better his placing.

The jockey colony is warned in pre race meetings that if they ride close it only takes slight movement to create an infraction; this example caused the need for the issuance of days for Mr. Espinoza. The following ruling was drafted and posted.

LATS #082

Jockey **VICTOR ESPINOZA** is suspended for **THREE (3) RACING DAYS (April 11, 14, and 15, 2010)** for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference in the far turn while riding "Who's Up" in the sixth race at Santa Anita Race Track on April 3, 2010. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding).

Term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

04/04/10²

GOMEZ IN

Jockey Garrett Gomez joined the Stewards to review the Santa Anita Derby and discuss the incidents following the completion of the race. Steve Anderson representing the Daily Racing Form was also in attendance. Mr. Gomez stated after a review of the video, which included the NBC blimp view that he felt he had established his position and was pressured from the outside to take up. The Stewards concurred with this assessment, although cautioned Mr. Gomez that, he in some ways had put himself in a difficult position.

While weighing out Mr. Gomez admitted taking a swing and making contact with Victor Espinoza's helmet. He also confirmed he had additional aggression issues towards Mr. Espinoza after his arrival back in the jockey's quarters. Upon this confession the Stewards issued the following ruling. Steward Sawyer felt the amount of the penalty should have been greater.

LATS #083

Jockey **GARRETT GOMEZ** is fined **SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-physical altercation) following the running of the sixth race at Santa Anita Race Track on April 3, 2010.

04/04/10³

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Tyler Baze came to the Stewards office to review the seventh race as directed. Mr. Baze participated in an incident down the lane with jockey Bric Blanc. It appeared that both riders were driving for the same hole and in doing so made contact. Mr. Baze was given a warning to be more aware and he stated he would do so.

04/04/10⁴

INQUIRY FOURTH RACE (Seven Furlongs Pro-Ride)/NO CHANGE

After the horses crossed the finish line, the inquiry sign was lit to review a possible infraction near the 1/16 marker. Involved were # 1 Brace Yourself (M. Garcia 6th), # 3 Derrick Do (G. Gomez 3rd), # 4 Close to the Edge (M. Baze 1st) and # 5 Apriority (D. Flores 2nd). The sequence of events started with # 1 trying to establish a position where there was little room, while at the same time # 3, who was positioned on the fence, shifted slightly outward and the # 5 stepped inward creating a necessity for # 1 to take up and in doing so, it appeared Mr. Garcia may have over reacted. The # 4 horse, while passing #5 drifted in slightly causing # 5 to make a mild adjustment. In the Stewards' opinion # 1 caused his own dilemma and the #5 horse's reaction did not cost

him the opportunity of a better placing. The race was made official with the original order of finish.

These four jockeys are scheduled to review films with the Stewards on Wednesday.

04/04/10⁵

SANTA ANITA RUMBLE

During the running of this race the 7.2 tremor centered in Mexicali, Mexico was felt, but business pertaining to the race was conducted without hesitation.

04/04/10⁶

CAL-BRED REPORT

This week's reporting period saw the use of six Cal-Bred races.

04/04/10⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #1 Made to Order (Tr. J. Shirreffs) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,920.35 Minus Pool \$718.65

2nd race #4 Vanishing Grey (IRE) (Tr. B. Cecil) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,714.12

3rd race Minus Pool \$.55

6th race #6 Lets Go Indian (Tr. D. Hendricks) claimed by Tr. T. Blincoe

7th race Refund \$85.00 minus pool \$.01

8th race Refund \$191.30

9th race #3 Cruz Blanca (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-Dr. Stead
#4 Full On (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
Refund \$952.50

04/04/10⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	9,436	1,602,742.90
Inter-track	7,035	1,867,181.40
Out of state	n/a	3,133,484.06
Total	16,471	6,603,408.36

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

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 03/29/10 – 04/04/10

Horses on Vet List 20
Horses off Vet List 10
Shock Wave Therapy 10
Deceased 2
Medication 11

SUMMARY

	Wed. 03/31	Thurs. 04/01	Fri. 04/02	Sat. 04/03	Sun. 04/04	Week	Meet
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	1	3	23
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rulings	0	0	1	0	2	3	83
Refunds	3	5	5	2	3	18	290
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0	1	10
Claims	0	3	3	1	2	9	114
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	2	0	0	6	59

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sawyer, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward