

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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, January 14, through Monday, January 19, 2009.

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WEDNESDAY01/14/09¹**ROSALES RULING**

Trainer RICHARD ROSALES, who submitted a lasix request to the Official Veterinarian after entry time for his horse Tan Tan, was fined in the following ruling:

LATS #011

Trainer RICHARD ROSALES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication) on January 11, 2009.

01/14/09²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#6 Hammurabi – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer Refund \$33.00; Minus Pool \$537.06
2 nd Race	#2 Major Rock Star – Claimed – M. Mitchell, trainer Refund \$35.00
3 rd Race	#9 Your Pleasure – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$984.00
4 th Race	#5 Orientation Hall – Claimed – G. Sherlock, trainer #6 Timias – Claimed – M. Conlon, trainer Refund \$40.00

- 5th Race #9 Wild Fleece – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 #11 Continental Dancer – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
 Refund \$867.40
- 6th Race #6 Connie the Queen – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in
 paddock – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$22,782.57
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$91.00; Minus Pool \$170.76
- 8th Race #10 One Vote – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$2,057.60

01/14/09³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,558	882,443.50
Inter-track	5,302	1,461,062.90
Out of state	n/a	3,159,805.58
Total	8,860	\$5,503,331.98

THURSDAY
 01/15/09¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JESUS RIOS, an accomplished rider from Puerto Rico who was licensed yesterday, met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the ninth race Wednesday. Mr. Rios' agent, Tony Matos, accompanied him as mentor and translator. We explained that Mr. Rios allowed his mount to drift too far entering the stretch, and then again in the stretch itself. Mr. Rios seemed to understand and appeared willing to make the appropriate adjustments to his riding style.

01/15/09²**PINONES HEARING**

Groom HERIBERTO PINONES met with the stewards informally to address a citation issued by Fairplex security for disorderly conduct. Mr. Pinones was accompanied by his employer, trainer Jerry Wallace, and acknowledged what amounted to a rather minor infraction. He accepted the following ruling without objection:

LATS #012

Groom HERIBERTO PINONES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Disorderly Conduct).

01/15/09³**INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**

Video tapes revealed that #7 Capt. Pike was racing between horses (#1 Rochelle's Jimmy – fifth place finisher ridden by Corey Nakatani and #4 Coleville – second place finisher ridden by Pedro Arambula) when the racing room disappears and Mr. Talamo is forced to check his mount sharply. The seven eighths pole camera showed that it was #1 Rochelle's Jimmy who is angling out while #4 Coleville maintains a straight course. Therefore, after speaking with the

patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards voted unanimously to make no change as the #7 Capt. Pike finished in front of the horse that interfered with him.

01/15/09⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #3 Elegant Miss – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$42,180.96; Minus Pool \$199.56

2nd Race No changes; Refund \$244.00

3rd Race #3 Wizard Man – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
Refund \$1,518.60

4th Race No changes; Refund \$636.00

5th Race #4 Flew First Class – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck
Refund \$2,758.60

6th Race No changes; Refund \$49.00

7th Race No changes; Refund \$25.00

8th Race #2 Belongs to Gotham – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
#6 Hasty Trend – Claimed – V. Garcia, trainer
Refund \$593.00

01/15/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,824	984,437.00
Inter-track	5,883	1,743,159.80
Out of state	n/a	3,421,436.92
Total	9,707	\$6,129,032.72

FRIDAY01/16/09¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey COREY NAKATANI met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the eighth race yesterday in which his horse was the subject of an inquiry (ref. **01/15/09³**). Mr. Nakatani mounted a spirited defense, explaining that his mount was trying to get out the entire race and that he had done his best to prevent him from impeding the horse to his outside. The stewards' had a different interpretation, and believed that Mr. Nakatani could have made a much better effort. The majority believed that a three day suspension was appropriate while Steward Chaney voted for five days. The following ruling was issued:

LATS #013

Jockey COREY NAKATANI, who rode Rochelle's Jimmy in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on January 15, 2009, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 23, 24, and 25, 2009) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

01/16/09²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$ 422.53
2 nd Race	#3 Seven Secrets – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger #4 Bad Boy – Claimed – M. Machowsky, trainer Refund \$1,310.39; Minus Pool \$1,779.71
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$698.17
4 th Race	#5 Gold Stock – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger #11 Bear Mountain – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey #6 Fly'n Festus – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey #12 Suchaburningdesire – Rider change – J. Rios for O. Vergara (dental issue) Refund \$25,910.63; Minus Pool \$11.89
5 th Race	#11 Dana Sisstar – pulled up post race, vanned off, non-life threatening (synthetic) Refund \$333.00
6 th Race	#3 Tale the Truth – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey #6 Nu Power Two – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$4,279.86
7 th Race	#1a In the Woods – Stewards' scratch, entry Refund \$2.00
8 th Race	#12 First Condition – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$216.00

01/16/09³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,026	1,379,885.90
Inter-track	6,264	1,876,222.20
Out of state	n/a	5,263,118.46
Total	12,290	\$8,519,226.56

SATURDAY01/17/09¹**TORRES HEARING**

An informal hearing was held to address a complaint (case 08HP116) filed by the CHRB against groom MARTIN TORRES alleging a positive test for Amphetamine. Mr. Torres failed to appear for the hearing. Therefore, a ruling suspending his license will be forthcoming.

01/17/09²**QUEVEDO HEARING**

An informal hearing was held to address a complaint filed by the CHRB against groom JOSE VALENTIN QUEVEDO alleging violation of CHRB rule 1489 (h) (Grounds for Refusal or Denial of License). The complaint alleged that Mr. Quevedo used marijuana in addition to possessing a small amount; a claim that

Mr. Quevedo did not deny. Speaking on Mr. Quevedo's behalf was Leroy Martinez from the Winners' Foundation. After listening to the evidence, the stewards' issued the following ruling:

LATS #014

Groom JOSE VALENTIN QUEVEDO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (h) (Engaged in the use of drugs - marijuana). Additionally, subject will remain on probation through February 2010, sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, and comply with guidelines set forth by Winner's Foundation.

01/17/09³

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the first race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident turning into the stretch in which the third and fourth place finishers - #4 Mystification and #5 Fortunate Victory, respectively, make contact resulting in #5 Fortunate Victory stumbling slightly. In reviewing the films, it became clear that both horses contributed to the contact. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved (who confirmed the mutuality of the contact), the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

01/17/09⁴

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the third race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine a roughly contested stretch run. While there was some bumping on the inside, none of which could be assigned to a particular horse, the major incident occurred when the second place finisher, #2 Millennium Lakes ridden by Joel Rosario, appears to cross in front of third place finisher #7 Mr. Hot Stuff, ridden by jockey Corey Nakatani, causing him to steady sharply. A review of the films confirmed that #2 Millennium Lakes did cross in front of his rival, however, the margin between the two was three and one quarter lengths. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish because the described interference did not cost #7 Mr. Hot Stuff the opportunity at a better placing.

01/17/09⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$108.68
2 nd Race	#4 Peace Chant – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer Refund \$41.00
3 rd Race	No changes; Refund \$46.00
4 th Race	#4 Forest Danz – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey #5 Razor Cut – Claimed – J. Barnes, trainer Refund \$938.16
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$123.00
6 th Race	#4 Spanish Ice – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,566.06
7 th Race	#5 Papa Clem – Stewards' scratch, stake

#7 Charlie's Moment - Stewards' scratch, stake
 #8 Feisty Suances - Stewards' scratch, stake
 Refund \$4,521.69; Minus Pool \$23,462.70

8th Race #7 Madeo – pulled up half mile pole, vanned off, minor injury
 (synthetic)
 Refund \$28.70

9th Race No changes; Refund \$23.00

01/17/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	10,487	2,331,873.10
Inter-track	9,265	2,900,641.50
Out of state	n/a	6,596,176.01
Total	19,752	\$11,828,690.61

SUNDAY

01/18/09¹

TORRES RULING

The following ruling was published in conjunction with Mr. Torres' failure to appear described above (see 01/17/09¹):

LATS #015

Groom MARTIN A. TORRES, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (h) (Engaged in the use of drugs – Amphetamine) and #1890 (Possession of contraband – Methamphetamine), is suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Martin A. Torres are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. Torres is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

01/18/09²

ROBINS HEARING

The stewards held an informal hearing to address a complaint (case number 09SA006) filed by the CHRB against jockey MARK BRIAN ROBINS regarding a DUI arrest that allegedly violated the terms of probation of a previous ruling. The evidence revealed that not only had Mr. Robins' original ruling been based on a court proceeding that has since been dismissed but that in all likelihood, the current case will be dismissed next week. The stewards required that Mr. Robins submit to a drug test with the CHRB, and decided to withhold judgment on the complaint until after the criminal case is adjudicated next week.

01/18/09³

MITCHELL HEARING

Trainer MIKE MITCHELL met with the stewards regarding a complaint filed by the CHRB (case number 09SA012) alleging a violation of the gelding rule (CHRB Rule 1865). The facts are undisputed; Mr. Mitchell entered "Haughty Topper", but did not specify a sex, which therefore reverted to the colt designation on the papers. Apparently, the horse had been gelded at some point on the farm when he was younger. "Haughty Topper" was a first time starter. The hearing was concluded to give the stewards an opportunity to determine the current state of the gelding rule, and to reach a decision.

01/18/09⁴**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the third race yesterday, referenced above (see 01/17/09⁴). After reviewing the films, it became clear that although Mr. Rosario's horse does drift in, Mr. Rosario reacts quickly in attempting to straighten his mount. While we prefer that jockeys keep their horses straight at all times, we believe that Mr. Rosario's behavior did not constitute careless riding.

01/18/09⁵**RACE DELAY**

Before the running of the fifth race, there was a delay of approximately eight minutes when #4 Boule d'Or (IRE) lost a shoe during the warm up period. Fortunately, the horseshoe inspector Victor Tovar was able to get to the track very quickly and replace the shoe. The jockeys dismounted while the horse was being re-shod in order that the weight carried by the entire field remained the same. An announcement was made by Trevor Denman and the TV Department distributed a graphic describing the delay. Fortunately, all horses were cooperative and the race was run without incident.

01/17/09⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes
2 nd Race	#4 Zayboom – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock – Dr. Bailey #6 Trainspotting – Claimed – B. Morey, trainer Refund \$2,860.51
3 rd Race	No changes
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$131.32
5 th Race	#3 Changing (ARG) – Claimed – AC Avila, trainer #8 Matuco (ARG) – Claimed – G. Stute, trainer Refund \$126.00
6 th Race	#10 Zaya (BRZ) – Stewards' scratch, entered back #9 Asian Eyes – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer Refund \$3,455.02
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$2,183.94
8 th Race	#5 Lethal Heat – Stewards' scratch, stake #12 Foxy Danseur – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$18,495.93
9 th Race	#13 Lil Legal Linda – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #14 Inoplov – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$587.00

01/18/09⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,037	1,719,099.10
Inter-track	7,497	2,222,866.20
Out of state	n/a	4,093,425.73
Total	14,534	\$8,035,391.03

MONDAY01/19/09¹**MITCHELL RULING**

After carefully considering the gelding complaint against trainer MIKE MITCHELL, the stewards issued the ruling that follows. It was our feeling that although one thousand dollars is now the recommended penalty; there are a couple of mitigating circumstances as permitted under the new rule. The fact that this horse was gelded at the farm and that it was a first time starter (the error did not negatively affect the wagering public) led us to our conclusion.

LATS #016

Trainer **MIKE MITCHELL** is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse HAUGHTY TOPPER, which ran in the eighth race on January 8, 2009. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

01/19/09²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOE TALAMO met with the stewards to review two rides from yesterday's card. In the third race, we felt that he allowed his horse to drift too far in the stretch. In the fifth race, we pointed out that he should not be driving his mount on the inside of horses going into the turn. He agreed with the criticism and pledged to make a better effort in the future.

01/19/09³**OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the seventh race, jockey JOEL ROSARIO, who finished fifth aboard #2 Ventana, lodged a claim of foul against the winner of the San Pedro Stakes for interference around the three eighths pole. After reviewing the films, it is clear that Mr. Rosario allows his horse to run into a spot along the rail that is inadvisable and is therefore the cause of his own trouble. After speaking with the patrol judges, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish.

01/19/09⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race No changes; Refund \$666.00

2nd Race #2 Archon Star (IRE) – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
 #4 Tent (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
 #7 Mr. Katz – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Durenburger
 Refund \$14,213.99

3rd Race #2 It's in the Fridge – Stewards' scratch, deceased
 #5 Seven Lucky J's – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
 #7 Forgive Your Sins – First time gelding
 Refund \$455.59

- 4th Race #5 Whizer – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$1,484.20
- 5th Race #8 African Diamond – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Durenburger
Refund \$396.30
- 6th Race #3 Scandalous – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
- 7th Race No changes; Refund \$104.00
- 8th Race No changes; Refund \$59.00
- 9th Race #3 Renzo Sean – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
#6 Rise Above – pulled up half mile pole, vanned off – non life threatening (synthetic)
Refund \$663.58

01/19/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,231	1,995,130.20
Inter-track	7,007	2,112,333.40
Out of state	n/a	4,589,542.16
Total	16,238	\$8,697,7005.76

VETERINARIAN'S LIST**Week of 01/12/09 – 01/18/09**

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	16
Shock Wave Therapy	17
Deceased	6
Medication	9

SUMMARY

	Wed. 14Jan	Thurs. 15Jan	Fri. 16Jan	Sat. 17Jan	Sun. 18Jan	Mon. 19Jan	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	17
Claims	4	1	2	2	4	2	15	42
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	1	0	2	0	1	4	10
Refunds	8	8	8	9	7	8	48	69
Rulings	1	0	2	1	1	1	6	16

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Randy Winick, Steward

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