

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, February 13, 2008 through Monday, February 18, 2008.

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MINUTES – EIGHTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA**WEDNESDAY**02/13/08¹**STEWARD SUBSTITUTION**

Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui will continue to fill in for Steward Scott Chaney on Wednesday and Thursday.

02/13/08²**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Richard Migliore was excused from his mounts for the afternoon. The stewards were notified by his agent, Ron Anderson, that Mr. Migliore was ill. Replacement riders were named.

02/13/08³**MORNING MATTERS ROUTINE**

Racing was scheduled for today to replace the day missed last Friday, February 08, while the track renovation was completed. Morning business was routine.

02/13/08⁴**JOCKEYS' ROOM MEETING**

After the fifth race, the stewards were called to the jockeys' room because the riders had some issues concerning the track condition. In attendance were General Manager George Haines, Director of Racing Mike Harlow, Track Superintendent Richard Tedesco, Jockeys' Guild representative Darrell Haire, jockeys and the stewards.

Mr. Tedesco advised the group that his crew could make repairs to the surface immediately, but would need more time than scheduled between races. The work was done, resulting in a 19 minute delay of the sixth race, and the colony seemed satisfied that the track was racing safe.

02/13/08⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st race - #2 Warrensgildedtime – Claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
 #4 Candy's Bro – Claimed, S. McCarthy. trainer
 #9 Ymustichasethecat – Rider change: C. Sutherland for R. Migliore (sick)
 Refund \$400.00
- 2nd race - #11 The Royals Court – Claimed, J. Hollendorfer, trainer
 #13 Romance is Zenon – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #14 Probation Please – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 Refund \$870.20
- 3rd race - #3 Memo's Chica – Veterinarian scratch, Injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$939.70
- 4th race - #3 Common Trust – Claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
 #4 Lord Albion – Rider change: G. Gomez for R. Migliore
 #5 Colonel Courtney – Claimed, J. Carava, trainer
 No refund
- 5th race - #6 Prettyperfectpatti – Rider change: M. Baze for R. Migliore
 #12 Suzy's Mandate – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 Refund \$298.50
- 6th race - #1A Warren's Adventure – Rider change: M. Pedroza for G. Gomez (took off mount due to track condition)
 #2 Likely a Star – Veterinarian scratch, injured in paddock – Dr. Bailey
 #4 Just Like Her – Claimed, V. Cerin, trainer
 Refund \$49,831.64
- 7th race - #1 Midwesterner – Claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
 #7 Faulkwood Shores – Claimed, J. Carava, trainer
 #12 Minister Blair – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #13 Chief Cocca – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #14 Kingdom Come (IRE) – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 Refund \$15,255.90

- 8th race - #1 Declan's Moon – Stewards' scratch (Track Condition)
 #2 Les Grands Trois – Stewards' scratch (Track Condition)
 #5 Tontine Too – Stewards' scratch (Track Condition)
 Refund \$49,048.20; No Show Wagering
- 9th race - #3 Water – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
 Refund \$8,093.00

02/13/08⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,459	\$ 790,247.50
Inter-track	4,988	1,280,450.80
Out of state	n/a	5,193,123.84
Total	7,447	7,263,822.14

THURSDAY02/14/08¹**MORNING ROUTINE**

Morning matters were all routine.

02/14/08²**STEWARDS' INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the fifth race (about 6 ½ on the turf), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the top of the stretch. Involved were the winner #6 "Sportie's Squeeze" (apprentice jockey Jose Campos) and #3 "Gold Chant" (jockey Joe Talamo), the last place finisher, as well as several other horses.

After speaking with the riders and the patrol judges, and reviewing the tape replays, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #6 from 1st to 11th, behind #3, for interference into the stretch. Replays show that #6 came out and made hard contact with #3. This caused a chain reaction with several horses, causing #3 to lose all opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: (6) - 1 - 5 - 7 - 8 - 4 - 10 - 2 - 9 - 11 - (3)
 Official Order of Finish: 1 - 5 - 7 - 8 - 4 - 10 - 2 - 9 - 11 - (3) - (6)

02/14/08³**DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS, AND CHANGES**

- 1st race - #6 Fort Funston – Claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
 Refund \$1,126.00

- 2nd race - #3 Sunday Dress – Claimed, M. Mitchell, trainer
 #4 Mama Lula – Claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
 #6 Miss Connie Sue – Claimed, J. Hollendorfer, trainer
 #7 Lucera (IRE) – Stewards' scratch (Track Condition)
 #8 Hennessy Rose – Veterinarian scratch, Injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$3,231.30
- 3rd race - #1 Raebear – Stewards' scratch (Track Condition)
 Refund \$3,973.00
- 4th race - #6 South Bay Scoty – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
 #10 Khun Dan – Stewards' scratch (Threw rider in post parade, ran off)
 #11 High Stakes Silver – Claimed, V. Cerin, trainer
 Refund \$21,382.30
- 5th race - #6 Sportie's Squeeze – Claimed, J. Periban, trainer
 #12 Key Rose (IRE) – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 Refund \$539.00
- 6th race - #3 Gold Coast Cat – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor
 #4 Wicked Delight – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Guillen
 Refund \$1,799.20
- 7th race - #4 Hot Grip – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
 #8 Capt. Wilson – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Guillen
 Refund \$1,065.20
- 8th race - #13 Britney Heat – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 Refund \$781.40
- 9th race - #11 Point Reyna – Claimed, C. Dollase, trainer
 #13 Afternoon Gold – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #14 Van Brit – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 Refund \$989.00

02/14/08⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,005	\$938,651.80
Inter-track	6,161	1,919,959.70
Out of state	n/a	4,500,329.18
Total	9,166	7,358,940.68

FRIDAY
02/15/08¹**STEWARD RETURNED**

Steward SCOTT CHANEY has returned and will be continuing minutes for the week.

02/15/08²**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey JOSE CAMPOS met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the fifth race yesterday in which his mount was disqualified from the win and placed last for interference at the head of the stretch on the hillside turf course.

Prior to his individual meeting, jockeys Aaron Gryder and David Flores spoke to the stewards on behalf of Mr. Campos. Both riders believed that the extension rail which connects the hill to the main grass course was misaligned and that that was the proximate cause of the interference rather than any careless riding by the apprentice.

After viewing the films, the stewards agreed that the course configuration and the horse herself could be blamed for the interference, and therefore warned Mr. Campos to be more aware in the future concerning this unique aspect of racing at Santa Anita.

02/15/08³**FROUSIAKIS HEARING**

The Stewards held a formal hearing regarding case 07HP138 which involved a complaint filed by the CHRB against trainer GEORGE FROUSIAKIS for violation of CHRB rules 1843 (A) (D) and 1844 (B). The complaint alleged an overage of the NSAID banamine (class VI) in the amount of 3,795 ng/ml, which is approximately 67 times the permitted limit. It also alleged that, given the exceptionally high amount, the medication was given on race day and therefore a violation of the twenty four hour rule.

Testifying at the hearing were Mr. Frousiakis and Dr. Rick Arthur (CHRB Equine Medical Director). Presenting the case on behalf of the CHRB was Senior Investigator Frank Fink, and recording the proceedings was Barbara Weinstein.

Mr. Frousiakis objected to the complaint as a whole because he believed that he should have been informed of all potential violations when deciding whether to request a split sample. He also claimed that the overage was the result of his groom accidentally administering banamine paste instead of the anti-ulcer medication omeprazole. He believed, however, that the last administration was at least twenty four hours before the race and presented some hearsay evidence to support that claim.

Dr. Arthur testified that the unusually high amount of banamine was due to an administration in the twenty four hours preceding the race, although he believed that the administration was probably accidental. Decision to follow.

02/15/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race - #8 Coolerator – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Connor
Refund \$753.30

2nd race - #1 Cactus Lighting – Claimed, M. Marlow, trainer

- 3rd race - No changes; Refund \$24.30
- 4th race - #3 Remember Seattle – Claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
Refund \$34.80
- 5th race - No changes
- 6th race - #2 Beau Smoke – Pulled up quarter pole, vanned off (synthetic)
- 7th race - #6 Brendolyn – Claimed, J. Sadler, trainer
Refund \$95.90
- 8th race - No changes; Refund \$20.00
- 9th race - #12 Glimmering Pete – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
Refund \$962.00

02/15/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,912	\$	1,480,321.00
Inter-track	6,009		1,067,549.70
Out of state	n/a		6,363,548.78
Total	11,921		9,911,419.48

SATURDAY
02/16/08¹

CONLON HEARING AND PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

The Stewards conducted two formal hearings involving related matters with respect to the post race clenbuterol positive of Tommys Luck, trained by Melody Conlon. Case number 07HP0152 involved a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and Ms. Conlon, as well as a disqualification and purse redistribution. The owner of the horse, John Liviakis, was noticed but did not attend. The stewards approved the stipulated agreement and will memorialize its terms as well as the disqualification in rulings to follow.

02/16/08²**INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the third race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident at the five and a half on the synthetic surface, in which jockey Joel Rosario's mount, #4 Cupid's Kitty, appeared to clip heels and stumble, unseating Mr. Rosario (see enclosed accident report).

After reviewing the films, the stewards determined that #5 Clashoftheswords (A. Gryder) drifted down slightly into the path of #4, setting up the circumstances under which that rival clips heels. The stewards voted unanimously to disqualify #5 Clashoftheswords and place him unplaced.

Original Order of Finish: 6 – 2 – 8 – 10 – 7 - 3 – 9 – (5) – 1
 Corrected Order: 6 – 2 – 8 - 10 - 7 - 3 - 9 – 1

02/16/08³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st race - No changes
- 2nd race - No changes
- 3rd race - #8 Rapid Goose – Claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
 #4 Cupid's Kitty – stumbled, lost rider five and a half
- 4th race - #1A Wild and Ready – Rider change: M. Garcia for J. Rosario (injured)
- 5th race - #11 Alie's Din Din – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #12 Hugo Tee – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #10 Pawnee – Rider change: J. Talamo for J. Rosario
 #1 Ghost Actor – Claimed, S. Fisher, trainer
 Refund \$355.60
- 6th race - #3 Home of the Gold – Rider change: J. Talamo for J. Rosario
 #2 Serengeti – should be listed as a gelding
- 7th race - #5 Quickandquietqueen – pulled up quarter pole, vanned off (turf)
- 8th race - No change; Refund \$15.00
- 9th race - #10 Cateclipse (AUS) – Claimed, J. Periban, trainer
 #8 Orbits World – first time gelding
 #5 Papanonie – saddle slipped, pulled up quarter pole, walked off
 Refund \$34.60
- 10th race - #13 Brother Albert – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Connor
 #4 Joaquin Murrietta – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in gate, injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$74,211.85

02/16/08⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,569	\$2,517,852.40
Inter-track	10,191	3,690,001.10
Out of state	n/a	8,424,765.06
Total	18,760	14,634,618.56

SUNDAY
02/17/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Aaron Gryder met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the third race yesterday, in which his mount was disqualified and jockey Joel Rosario was unseated when his horse clipped heels. After reviewing the video tapes, it was the stewards' opinion that Mr. Gryder's horse drifted in only slightly, that Mr. Rosario's horse drifted out slightly, and that Mr. Rosario should have eased out of the spot in which he found himself rather than continuing in a difficult situation.

Although not absolving Mr. Gryder of blame for the incident, the stewards did not believe that it rose to the level of careless riding.

02/17/08²

LaCROIX HEARING

The stewards conducted a formal hearing into case number 07HP159, which involved a post race clenbuterol (class III) overage discovered in a horse trained by DAVID LaCROIX. The CHRB entered into a stipulated agreement with Mr. LaCroix, the terms of which included a three thousand dollar fine. The stewards approved the agreement.

With respect to the disqualification, Mr. LaCroix, as part owner of the horse, was present and did not contest the redistribution based on CHRB 1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). Therefore the following rulings were issued:

LATS #111

Based upon a report from the University of California, Davis Laboratories, an official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #HP03184, obtained from the horse "Happyhour Athebrig", the second place finisher in the fourth race on December 1, 2007 at Hollywood Park Race Track, contained the drug Clenbuterol (Class III) in excess of the permitted level, it is ordered that "Happyhour Athebrig" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that the purse money earned in said race (\$2,800.00) be returned by owners Larry Katz, Meadowbrook Farm, Inc., and Frank Scarano to the Paymaster of Purses at Hollywood Park by March 09, 2008, for redistribution in accordance with the revised order of finish.

Revised order of finish:

2 nd	Bestatit
3 rd	Tagline
4 th	Forever Irish
5 th	Lil Lea

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official), neither the pari-mutuel payoff nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

LATS #112

Trainer DAVID LaCROIX, who started the horse "Happyhour Athebrig" in the fourth race at Hollywood Park on December 01, 2007, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, is fined THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) 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

02/17/08³**CONLON DISQUALIFICATION AND PURSE REDISTRIBUTION**

The following disqualification ruling was published regarding the Conlon clenbuterol positive referenced above:

LATS #113

Based upon a report from the University of California, Davis Laboratories, an official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that urine sample #HP03047, obtained from the horse "Tommys Luck", the first place finisher in the sixth race on November 21, 2007 at Hollywood Park Race Track, contained the drug Clenbuterol (Class III) in excess of the permitted level, it is ordered that "Tommys Luck" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that the purse money earned in said race (\$10,200.00) be returned by owner John Liviakis to the Paymaster of Purses at Hollywood Park by March 09, 2008, for redistribution in accordance with the revised order of finish.

Revised order of finish:

1st	Indian Festival
2nd	Absolute Courage
3rd	Swiss E
4th	Don't Tell Ron
5th	Mixed Berries

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official), neither the pari-mutuel payoff nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

02/17/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race - No changes

2nd race - #1 Six Again – Claimed, M. Puype, trainer
#2 City Stormer – Claimed, E. Truman, trainer
#6 Cousins Lew – Claimed, B. Koriner, trainer

3rd race - #5 Spinning Yarns – Rider change: D. Flores for J. Rosario (injured)
Refund \$26.00

- 4th race - #5 Omi's Back – Rider change: M. Pedroza for J. Rosario
 #1 Too Phar – Claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
 #6 Shawklit Sundae – Claimed, J. Hollendorfer, trainer
 Refund \$117.00
- 5th race - #2 Eye Know – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$1,396.38
- 6th race - #1 Sicily Ann – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
 #7 Beforeshewasmama – Rider change: A. Quinonez for D. Cayo (double jock fee)
 #12 Crosswalk – Rider change: M. Garcia for J. Rosario
 Refund \$1,834.20
- 7th race - No changes
- 8th race - No change; Refund \$4.00
- 9th race - No changes; Refund \$12.60
- 10th race - #7 Bertrando's Love – Rider change: J. Court for J. Rosario
 #2 Lullabytime – Claimed, M. Machowsky, trainer
 #12 Stormy Taters – Claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer

02/17/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,760	\$2,476,122.10
Inter-track	10,275	3,554,232.10
Out of state	n/a	7,656,760.01
Total	19,035	13,687,114.21

MONDAY
 02/18/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the eighth race yesterday, in which his mount makes solid contact with another rival nearing the wire. While films seemed to support Mr. Puglisi's argument that his horse ducked out suddenly, it was the stewards' opinion that he could have reacted more quickly. A warning was issued to Mr. Puglisi with the caveat that a similar slow reaction would result in suspension days in the future.

02/18/08²**FROUSIAKIS RULING**

After careful consideration of the Frousiakis matter referenced above, the stewards issued the following ruling. Although it was trainer Frousiakis' only NSAID infraction in the last twelve months, the stewards believed that the evidence suggested a race day administration (albeit an accidental one) and therefore felt that the standard penalty was inadequate.

LATS #114

Trainer GEORGE FROUSIAKIS, who started the horse "One Bullet Fife" in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on November 01, 2007, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (A) & (D) (Medication, Drugs, and other Substances) and #1844 (B) (Authorized Medication – administration within twenty four hours of race time).

02/18/08³**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the eighth race, the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine the circumstances under which jockey Joe Talamo, aboard fourth place finisher #8 Shermeen (IRE), steadies sharply approaching the wire on the turf course. Films seemed to show Mr. Talamo's mount being squeezed by the first and second place finishers in this grade 2 event. However, upon further examination and after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the following became clear: (1) first place finisher #4 Costume was clear when she drifted outward and therefore was not a factor in the incident; and (2) second place #7 Black Mamba (IRE) maintains a straight path throughout the stretch and that if anything, Mr. Talamo's mount caused her own problems by drifting out over heels.

Given this analysis, the stewards voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish.

02/18/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st race - #10 South African Baby – Claimed, P. Miller, trainer
- 2nd race - #2 Chief Cocca – Rider change: J. Talamo for J. Rosario (injured)
Refund \$412.00
- 3rd race - No changes; Refund \$470.00
- 4th race - #3 Spot the Diplomat – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
#6 Paul's Hope – Claimed, J. Hollendorfer, trainer
Refund \$888.00
- 5th race - #4 Gula Gold – Rider change: M.C. Baze for J. Rosario
- 6th race - #1 Norway House – Claimed, J. Metz, trainer
#5 The Rye Man – Claimed, B. Spawr, trainer
Refund \$214.00

- 7th race - #3 Classy Attraction – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Connor
 #4 Brief Mark – Rider change: I. Enriquez for J. Rosario
 #14 Outer Space – Rider change: N. Rodriguez for D. Gladney (injured)
 Refund \$1,708.50
- 8th race - No change; Refund \$5.00
- 9th race - No changes
- 10th race - #14 Cole Dancer – Stewards' scratch (Also Eligible)
 #10 Sweet Spot (GB) – Rider change: J. Court for J. Rosario
 Refund \$83.00

02/18/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	14,006	2,960,798.80
Inter-track	10,018	3,617,269.40
Out of state	n/a	8,444,602.81
Total	24,024	15,022,671.01

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 except for Wednesday and Thursday February 13 & 14. Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui substituted for Steward Scott Chaney on those days, and acted as Assistant Steward on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

VETERINARIAN'S LIST**Week of 02/11/08-02/17/08**

Horses on Vet List	22
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	08
Deceased	01

SUMMARY

	Wed. 02/13	Thu. 02/14	Fri. 02/15	Sat. 2/16	Sun. 02/17	Mon. 02/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	32
Claims	8	7	3	3	7	4	32	110
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	6
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	16
Refunds	8	9	6	5	6	8	42	215
Rulings	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	114

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Albert Christiansen, Steward

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