

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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Richard Bon Smith, Acting Executive Director

For the period: Thursday, January 17, 2008 through Monday, January 21, 2008.

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**MINUTES – FOURTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA**

**THURSDAY**

01/17/08<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATION**

7<sup>th</sup> race - #5 Ten Meropa (Vet – sick)  
Refund \$2,443.90

01/17/08<sup>2</sup>

**RIDER EXCUSED**

Jose Valdivia, Jr. was excused from his mounts this afternoon to deal with an illness in his family. Replacement riders were named.

01/17/08<sup>3</sup>**RULING****LATS #25**

Trainer CLIFFORD SISE, JR., who started the horse “Warren’s Adventure” which finished unplaced in the first race at Hollywood Park on December 6, 2007, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$400.00) 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 – Phenylbutazone).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Sise responded telephonically to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Phenylbutazone found in his horse Warren’s Adventure.

Sise said the horse was having kidney problems and theorized that it either did not metabolize the drug or retained it in the kidney for a longer period of time.

01/17/08<sup>4</sup>**BACKSIDE RULINGS**

These rulings were issued in response to citations filed by Hollywood Park security.

**LATS #26**

Exercise rider JUAN RUIZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS\* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1927 (Fire Prevention – smoking in tack room).

**LATS #27**

Pony Rider ARMANDO GARCIA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – breaking tack room window).

**LATS #28**

Groom JUAN HERRERA is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reckless driving in parking lot).

**LATS #29**

Groom JESUS ROJAS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxicated).

1/17/08<sup>5</sup>**COMPLAINT SETTLED**

The complaint filed by trainer Lance Stokes against owner Janice Deutsch was settled for \$18,000. The funds, which were being held in the Hollywood Park Paymaster’s office, will be disbursed upon Stokes delivering the horses to Ms. Deutsch.

01/17/08<sup>6</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the first race to review an incident entering the far turn which involved sixth place finisher, #4 Bad Big Al (C. Nakatani). Observation showed the rider taking up sharply as the field negotiated the turn.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to leave the placings intact, as none of the camera positions could conclusively establish responsibility for the interference.

01/17/08<sup>7</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the third race as #7 Homemade Brew flipped in the walking ring and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Beck. The refund amounted to \$33,323.70.

01/17/08<sup>8</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED**

Martin Pedroza was excused after riding his first mount of the day as a bite inflicted by his dog was causing him too much pain. Replacement riders were named.

01/17/08<sup>9</sup>**REFUND**

The Stewards ordered a refund in the sixth race after #2 Rudeameanie unseated jockey Tyler Baze during the post parade and ran off into the stable area. There was a refund of \$43,852.48 due to the scratch.

01/17/08<sup>10</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |        |              |
|--------------|--------|--------------|
| On track     | 3,805  | 1,268,656.60 |
| Inter-track  | 7,114  | 2,062,828.00 |
| Out of state | n/a    | 4,418,875.86 |
| Total        | 10,919 | 7,750,360.46 |

**FRIDAY**01/18/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

5<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Billie Bob (entered back)  
Refund of \$720.20

01/18/08<sup>2</sup>**RULING****LATS #30**

Owner JAMES HYATT, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of James Hyatt are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Hyatt failed to respond to address a financial complaint filed against him by Southern California Equine foundation.

01/18/08<sup>3</sup>**RULINGS****LATS #31**

Groom GUILLERMO ORTIZ, having appeared to address a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), is restored to good standing. Ruling #21, issued at Santa Anita Park on January 14, 2008, is set aside. Further, subject is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Engaging in Altercation).

**LATS #33**

Groom ANTONIO TRUJILLO, having appeared to address a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), is restored to good standing. Ruling #21, issued at Santa Anita Park on January 14, 2008, is set aside. Further, subject is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Engaging in Altercation).

These rulings were issued after the men, who were involved in an altercation in the Santa Anita stable area, appeared to address the issue.

01/18/08<sup>4</sup>**RULING****LATS #32**

Trainer NICK CANANI is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Blood Medication) at Santa Anita Park on January 18, 2008.

This ruling was issued after the Stewards were informed that Canani had failed to register his horse, Monk, at the prescribed time. Canani claimed ignorance of the rule, but accepted the penalty.

01/18/08<sup>5</sup>**RULING****LATS #34**

Jockey DAVID FLORES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – reporting late to walking ring) on January 14, 2008 at Santa Anita Park.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Flores failed to put forth a legitimate excuse for being late to the walking ring. The call for “riders up” had to be delayed due to his tardiness.

01/18/08<sup>6</sup>**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Martin Pedroza and Jose Valdivia, Jr. were once again excused from their mounts. Replacements were named.

01/18/08<sup>7</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #7 Secret Flame injured itself in the starting gate and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Bailey. The refund amounted to \$37,753.14.

01/18/08<sup>8</sup>**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$10,861.28 was created in the fourth race when #2 Instant Action, heavily backed at odds of 1/5, proved the easiest of winners.

01/18/08<sup>9</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |              |
|--------------|-------|--------------|
| On track     | 3,127 | 948,949.40   |
| Inter-track  | 5,793 | 1,703,764.10 |
| Out of state | n/a   | 4,675,703.32 |
| Total        | 8,920 | 7,328,416.82 |

SATURDAY  
01/19/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - #3 Crosswalk (Vet – injured) Refund of \$887.20
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - #1 Mammoth Power (entered back) Refund of \$375.70
- 4<sup>th</sup> race - #6 Gotham Lights (Vet – injured) Refund of \$558.50
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #3 Private Banking (Stakes) Refund of \$1,734.40
- 7<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Ballestero (Vet- sick)  
#3 Hoot (Vet- injured) Refund of \$3,566.04
- 9<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Masterly (Stakes)  
#7 Medici Code (Stakes) Refund of \$4,397.64

01/19/08<sup>2</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED**

Corey Nakatani was excused from his mounts this afternoon, and in the near future, as he suffered a fractured collar bone in a training accident at Hollywood Park. Replacement riders were named.

01/19/08<sup>3</sup>**RULING****LATS #35**

Owner WILFRIDO MAYUGA, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is suspended for failure to appear pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Wilfrido Mayuga are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Mayuga failed to appear as ordered to address a financial complaint filed against him by trainer William Wilmot.

01/19/08<sup>4</sup>**STABLE AREA RULINGS**

Rulings #36 through #44 were issued against backstretch personnel at Hollywood Park for minor violations. All fines have been paid.

**LATS #36**

Groom JOSE MONTERROSO is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS\* (\$25.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

**LATS #37**

Groom ANGEL ALVAREZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication and disorderly conduct).

**LATS #38**

Groom MARGARITA LOPEZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS\* (\$25.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – illegal entry into barn area).

**LATS #39**

Assistant Trainer ISHMAEL NICHOLS is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – disobedience to outrider).

**LATS #40**

Groom MOISES GONZALES is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxicated).

**LATS #41**

Groom PAULINO ARRIAGA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication and disorderly conduct) and 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

**LATS #42**

Groom JUAN HERNANDEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

**LATS #43**

Groom NICOLAS LOPEZ is fined FIFTY DOLLARS\* (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – driving intoxicated on HP property).

**LATS #44**

Groom JORGE MORFIN fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct – intoxication and disorderly conduct) and 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

01/19/08<sup>5</sup>**FINANCIAL COMPLAINT HEARD**

A financial complaint filed by jockey Joy Scott against trainer Henry Cordova was heard this morning. Ms. Scott felt she was owed \$240.00 for working horses. After a protracted hearing, during which charges and counter charges were exchanged, the stewards took the matter under advisement. A decision will be rendered shortly.

01/19/08<sup>6</sup>**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT REACHED**

A financial agreement between Bob Mitchell, the owner of Bonnie Acres Ranch, and Suzanne Rodriguez was reached this morning, settling case #08SA033. A five hundred dollar payment will be delivered on Monday, with the remainder due within ninety days.

01/19/08<sup>7</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the third race to review an incident just prior to the finish involving the third and fourth place finishers, #8 Midnight Excess (J. Talamo), and #1 Lead Stealer (D. Flores). Flores also lodged an objection.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges, and reviewing tapes of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show that while Talamo drifted out late and Flores steadied, the incident took place at a point in the race where finish positions were not affected.

01/19/08<sup>8</sup>**ACCIDENT/STEWARDS' INQUIRY / DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the seventh race, a roughly run event, to review the cause of a spill nearing the ¼ pole involving #9 Buddyandrowdy (A. Delgadillo), and the second place finisher, #2 Surf Academy (V. Espinoza). After speaking with Espinoza, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the spill, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Surf Academy from second and deem him unplaced. Tapes show the horse coming out into the path of Buddyandrowdy, causing that horse to clip heels and fall. Preliminary reports indicate that Delgadillo suffered a fractured collarbone.

In an unrelated incident, the Stewards disqualified #4 Deprive (A. Gryder), which had been moved up to fifth position after the initial disqualification, and moved it back to seventh. Tapes showed the horse coming in at the point of the far turn to put #11 Bound to Get Even in extremely tight quarters along the rail. Gryder was not held responsible as he made a good effort to prevent interference.

01/19/08<sup>9</sup>**MINUS POOL**

A minus pool of \$41,654.10 was created in the ninth race as #6 Champs Elysees, the odds on favorite at 2/5, proved an easy winner.

01/19/08<sup>10</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |        |               |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
| On track     | 7,753  | 2,247,600.10  |
| Inter-track  | 9,456  | 3,188,344.70  |
| Out of state | n/a    | 5,435,944.80  |
| Total        | 17,209 | 13,364,384.54 |

**SUNDAY**01/20/08<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**3<sup>rd</sup> race - #8 Bev's Ex (Vet – injured) Refund of \$1,517.006<sup>th</sup> race - #1 Stern Wheeler (Vet – sick) see 1/20/08<sup>6</sup>7<sup>th</sup> race - #4 Ididn'tdoanything (entered back)01/20/08<sup>2</sup>**RIDER EXCUSED**

Agapito Delgadillo, injured in a spill yesterday, was excused this afternoon and will be off for an undetermined period. Replacement riders were named.

01/20/08<sup>3</sup>**RULING****LATS #45**

Trainer KATHY WALSH is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (a) (Authorized Bleeder Medication) at Santa Anita Park on January 20, 2008.

This ruling was issued after it was learned that Ms. Walsh had failed to register her horse Preacher Brown as a bleeder at the proper time. She said she had delegated the job to her assistant and he dropped the ball.

01/20/08<sup>4</sup>**RULING****LATS #46**

Jockey JOE TALAMO, who rode “Midnight Excess” in the third race at Santa Anita Park on Saturday, January 19, 2008, is suspended THREE (3) racing days (January 27, 28 and 31, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed video of the third race on 1-19, in which his mount was responsible for interference near the finish (ref. 01/19/08<sup>7</sup>). Talamo admitted his error and accepted the suspension.

01/20/08<sup>5</sup>**RULING****LATS #47**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA, who rode “Surf Academy” in the seventh race at the Los Angeles Turf Club on January 19, 2008, is suspended FIVE (5) racing days (January 27, 28, 31 and February 01 and 02, 2008) for altering course without sufficient clearance, and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to unplaced. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

This ruling was issued after Espinoza viewed the seventh race from 1-19, in which his mount was disqualified for interference on the far turn (ref. 01/19/08<sup>8</sup>). Victor did not put forth much of a defense, but felt he may have been the victim of circumstances.

01/20/08<sup>6</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the sixth race as #3 Cachito Master flipped and injured itself in the starting gate, prompting Racing Veterinarian Bailey to recommend that the horse be scratched. The refund amounted to \$46,290.60.

01/20/08<sup>7</sup>**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the seventh race as Tyler Baze (5<sup>th</sup>, #7 Pass the Heat), lodged an objection against Rafael Bejarano (1<sup>st</sup>-DH, #8 Battle Won) for interference entering the stretch.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show that Baze’s horse contributed to the problem as it drifted out on to Bejarano’s heels. Additionally, the hole Baze was looking for closed before he got to it.

01/20/08<sup>8</sup>**REFUND**

The Stewards ordered a refund in the eighth race as #2 Perfectly Sweet became cast in the starting gate and was declared after examination by Racing Veterinarian Bailey. The refund totaled \$51,304.05.

01/20/08<sup>9</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the tenth race to review a chain reaction incident at mid-stretch involving four horses. Involved were #2 Promise of Spring (1<sup>st</sup>, R. Migliore), #1 Lovely Olivia (3<sup>rd</sup>, D. Flores), #10 Veils de Fleur (5<sup>th</sup>, J. Talamo) and #9 Justice is Brief (7<sup>th</sup>, V. Espinoza).

After speaking with all riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to let the original placings stand. Tapes revealed that several horses contributed to the incident – mainly Justice is Brief, the seventh place finisher; therefore, no action was taken.

01/20/08<sup>10</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |        |              |
|--------------|--------|--------------|
| On track     | 6,759  | 1,884,458.10 |
| Inter-track  | 7,571  | 2,330,306.20 |
| Out of state | n/a    | 5,507,493.17 |
| Total        | 14,330 | 9,722,257.47 |

**MONDAY**  
01/21/08<sup>1</sup>

**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> race - #2 Orientate Slew (dirt only) –see 01/21/08<sup>3</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> race - #2 Aces Over (Vet – unsound)  
#4 Frost Point (Vet – sick)  
Refund of \$866.50
- 5<sup>th</sup> race - #11 Matuco (Vet – injured)  
#14 Buc the Spartan (also eligible)  
Refund of \$1,200.30

01/21/08<sup>2</sup>**NO SHOWS****LATS #48**

Owner ERIC MORRIS, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Eric Morris are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

**LATS #49**

Owner ALFREDO GALVEZ, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Alfredo Galvez are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

These rulings were issued as neither party appeared to address financial complaints filed against them.

01/21/08<sup>3</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the first race after #7 Gat Viejo unseated jockey Chantal Sutherland and ran off. The refund totaled \$29,354.10. Ms. Sutherland was not injured.

01/21/08<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |        |               |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
| On track     | 7,048  | 1,858,733.10  |
| Inter-track  | 8,010  | 2,659,220.50  |
| Out of state | n/a    | 5,608,276.56  |
| Total        | 15,058 | 10,126,230.16 |

**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'S LIST**

**Week of 01/14/08-01/20/08**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Horses on Vet List  | 24        |
| Horses off Vet List | <b>15</b> |
| Shock Wave Therapy  | 18        |
| Deceased            | 4         |

**SUMMARY**

|                   | Thu.<br>01/17 | Fri.<br>01/18 | Sat.<br>1/19 | Sun.<br>01/20 | Mon.<br>01/21 |  | Week      | Meet |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|-----------|------|
| Accidents         | 0             | 0             | 1            | 0             | 0             |  | <b>1</b>  | 2    |
| Cal-Bred Races    | 0             | 0             | 3            | 0             | 2             |  | <b>5</b>  | 20   |
| Claims            | 0             | 6             | 1            | 5             | 7             |  | <b>19</b> | 57   |
| Disqualifications | 0             | 0             | 2            | 0             | 0             |  | <b>2</b>  | 3    |
| Inquiries         | 1             | 0             | 2            | 2             | 0             |  | <b>5</b>  | 11   |
| Refunds           | 3             | 2             | 6            | 3             | 3             |  | <b>17</b> | 109  |
| Rulings           | 5             | 5             | 10           | 3             | 2             |  | <b>25</b> | 49   |

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Albert Christiansen, Steward

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