

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS****OAK TREE RACING ASSOCIATION****Santa Anita Park****To the California Horse Racing Board**

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For the period: Wednesday, October 24, 2007, through Sunday, October 28, 2007.

WEDNESDAY10/24/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**4th #7 MANGO FRAPPE (Vet – sick)

Refund: \$281.40

10/24/07²**FILM REVIEW**

Saul Arias, Isaias Enriquez, and Joel Rosario were in the office this morning to review the tenth race from Sunday where several incidents had occurred. After review and discussion it was the opinion of the Stewards that all made the proper effort to comply with the provisions of the riding rule.

10/24/07³**P. VAL IN**

Patrick Valenzuela, who has been sidelined from a rib injury and a subsequent knee surgery, was in the office this morning along with his agent, Tom Knust, seeking approval for a jockey's license. Patrick brought with him a release from his doctor, James Tibone, which stated that "patient able to ride with no restrictions. Patient is fit to ride."

Patrick acknowledged that he has not been on a horse since his injury, but has been working out on an Equicizer to gain fitness. He was hoping to exercise horses prior to his riding races on Saturday. When asked about his weight he said he currently weighs about 125 lbs. When requested to step on the Jockey's Room scale, Valenzuela declined, stating that he wished to speak with his attorney, Neil Papiano, before doing so.

There will be no action by the Stewards until such time as all criteria required by the Board is met.

10/24/07⁴

RULING

OTTS #035

Trainer KRISTIN MULHALL is fined the sum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS

(\$200.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1870 (Conditions of Meeting) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1555 (Duties of Horseshoe Inspector – Improperly Shod) on Saturday, October 13, 2007.

This ruling was issued after Ms. Mulhall accepted responsibility for failing to have her horse El Legado properly shod for the turf. Management's policy is that no shoes with toes are allowed on the turf course. In this instance, El Legado came into the Receiving Barn wearing shoes that had toe grabs on them. Fortunately, Plating Inspector Victor Tovar was able to grind the toes off in order to meet the requirement. The correction, however, did not relieve Ms. Mulhall of her responsibility.

10/24/07⁵

JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the third race as Tyler Baze (2nd, #1 Minister Blair) lodged a claim of foul against Corey Nakatani (1st, #4 Seeking Answers) for interference nearing the finish. Baze claimed that his mount was bumped off stride. After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul as nothing in the tapes supported Baze's contention that his mount suffered interference from the winner.

10/24/07⁶**ERROR IN ASSIGNED WEIGHT- DELAY IN POST**

A fifteen-minute delay in post for the seventh race was necessary as a weight change on #1 Short Sentence had to be accomplished. At issue was the fact that the program listed the horse at 117 lbs, when the horse should have been carrying 119 lbs. The Stewards were notified of the mistake when the horses were on the track for the six and one half furlong event on the turf.

In speaking with the racing office staff it appears that an allowance clause in the race was changed from four pounds to the standard two-pound allowance allocated in like races. The entry on Short Sentence was processed before the change was input into the system.

The horse was returned to the saddling barn and the rider, Martin Garcia, was weighed out again, this time with the correct weight. The other runners were taken to the starting area where their riders dismounted. The horse was then returned to the field, the race was run without incident with Short Sentence finishing second.

Two trainers, Barry Abrams and Roger Stein, who both had horses in the race, called to say the horse should have been scratched as it did not carry the proper weight in the post parade. Their objections were dismissed.

10/24/07⁷**AFTERNOON DECLARATION**

8th #13 HYE ON THE WIRE (Vet – sick)

Refund: \$2,807.08

10/24/07⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,143	1,123,659.70
Inter-track	9,209	3,022,443.10
Out of state	n/a	4,328,588.85
Total	12,352	8,474,691.65

THURSDAY10/25/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**3rd #6 CRISTOFI (Vet – sick)

#8 EL SEVILLIANO (Stewards – air quality)

Refund: \$1,113.62

5th #4 ROAD TO THE THRONE (Vet – injured)

No refund

6th #7 YO FUZZY (Vet – unsound)

Refund: \$238.20

10/25/07²**CORDOVA vs. RODAS/GARCIA**

The long standing dispute between Henry Cordova and his former partners, Victor Rodas and Oscar Garcia was heard today as Mr. Cordova presented a judgment awarding him \$12,368.00 following a trial in Los Angeles Superior Court. Ms. Arcy Dropulic recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Rodas strongly objected to the hearing, claiming that the Stewards had no jurisdiction and the facts of the case did not fall within the parameters of rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). After deliberation amongst themselves, the Stewards ruled that jurisdiction was established and the hearing went forward. Rodas indicated that he had appealed the judgment, but could not produce documentation to that effect. He has been given until November 2, 2007, to produce the paperwork to support his position or he will be found in violation of the financial rule.

10/25/07³**REDISTRIBUTION HEARINGS**

Trainer Darrell Vienna appeared on behalf of his owners, William and Donna Herrick, regarding the redistribution of two purses earned by Medici Code, a horse owned by the couple. This past season at Del Mar, Medici Code participated in two races, July 18, and August 11, 2007, after which urine and blood samples were taken. In both instances the primary laboratory and confirmatory lab reported the presence of the Class III drug Clenbuterol in amounts that exceeded permitted levels.

Mr. Vienna, acting on the Herrick's behalf, stated that neither he nor the Herricks would challenge the results of either test. Rulings will be issued redistributing the purses.

10/25/07⁴**EXERCISE RIDER IN**

Exercise rider Rafael Castaneda was in the office in response to a security report, which indicated he had been verbally abusive to outrider Mario Quinteros after being told he was too late to go on the main track. Castaneda admitted he was upset, but said his language did not constitute abusive behavior. Quinteros disputed Castaneda's contention. Attempts will be made to secure eyewitness reports, should there be any.

10/25/07⁵**RULING****OTTS #036**

Trainer JOSE L. SILVA, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards on or before October 24, 2007 to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and rule #1877 (Checks), 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 Jose L. Silva are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1527 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Fine or Suspend) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after repeated efforts to reach Mr. Silva were unsuccessful.

10/25/07⁶**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as Racing Veterinarian Jill Bailey recommended the scratch of #2 Wild Places, as the horse flipped in the saddling barn and injured itself. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$19,421.86

10/25/07⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,265	902,092.30
Inter-track	8,603	2,438,628.70
Out of state	n/a	3,476,984.71
Total	11,868	6,817,705.71

FRIDAY10/26/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st #1 BEV'S EX (Vet – injured)
Refund of \$1,501.00

5th #2 ILIKEITALOT (Vet – sick)
Refund of \$3,759.96

6th #8 GONE CALIFORNIAN (Vet – sick)
Refund of \$2,075.20

8th #1 GO GO DANCER (Vet – sick)
#7 TURNBOLT (Vet – injured)
Refund of \$1,425.20

10/26/07²**RULINGS****OTTS #037**

Acting on a report from the University of California, Davis Maddy Analytical

Laboratory, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the urine sample, #DM00789, taken from the horse MEDICI CODE, second place finisher in the fourth race at Del Mar race course on July 18, 2007, showed the presence of Clenbuterol in Excess of the Authorized Decision Level (CLASS III) it is hereby ordered that MEDICI CODE be disqualified from said race and unplaced. All monies earned (\$17,260) by owner Herrick Racing LLC, trainer Darrell Vienna and jockey David Flores are ordered returned to the Paymaster of Purses for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

2 nd	Tycoon Doby
3 rd	Frank the Barber
4 th	T'Aint War Sir
5 th	Law Breaker
6 th	Star Inside (IRE)
7 th	Gweebarra
8 th	Double Action
9 th	Sparkling Notion

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) the pari-mutuel payoffs are in no way affected.

CASE: #07DM025

OTTS #038

Acting on a report from the University of California, Davis Maddy Analytical Laboratory, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the urine sample, #DM01181, taken from the horse MEDICI CODE, first place finisher in the ninth race at Del Mar race course on August 11, 2007, showed the presence of Clenbuterol in Excess of the Authorized Decision Level (CLASS III) it is hereby ordered that MEDICI CODE be disqualified from said race and unplaced. All monies earned (\$90,000) by owner Herrick Racing LLC, trainer Darrell Vienna and jockey Martin Pedroza are ordered returned to the Paymaster of Purses for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

1 st	Worldly (GB)
2 nd	Latin Rhythms
3 rd	Ten A Penny
4 th	Karazi (SWI)
5 th	Vauquelin (IRE)
6 th	Unusual Suspect
7 th	Star Inside (IRE)

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) the pari-mutuel payoffs are in no way affected.

CASE: #07DM067

These rulings were issued to finalize the cases against William and Donna Herrick, owners of the horse Medici Code, which tested positive for Clenbuterol in amounts exceeding permitted levels (Ref. 10-25-07³).

10/26/07³

RIDER EXCUSED

The track physician excused Clinton Potts from his riding assignments as he was suffering from the flu bug. Replacements were named.

10/26/07⁴

JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the third race as Tyler Baze (3rd, #2 Trevor's Clever) lodged a claim of foul against Martin Garcia (1st, #6 Rivergrade Boy) for interference in the far turn. Baze felt the winner came in to place him on heels.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the race the Stewards made no change in the original placings. Tapes show the interference to Baze and his mount was caused when #1 Closing Statement (A. Quinonez) bore out sharply in the middle of the turn. That horse finished last so no action was warranted.

10/26/07⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,561	1,792,535.10
Inter-track	13,149	4,527,863.80
Out of state	n/a	5,333,563.19
Total	18,710	11,653,962.09

SATURDAY10/27/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

6th #4 WARRIOR SONG (Stakes)
 #5 WORCHESTER (Stakes)
 #11 CLINET (Stakes)
 Refund of \$3,201.09

10/27/07²**ACCIDENT/ INQUIRY/ NO -CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race in order to review a spill that occurred approaching mid-stretch. After taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the incident the Stewards made no change in the placings. Tapes show the spill was the result of #3 Sea of Faces, with Isaias Enriquez aboard, suffering a fractured left front ankle and falling. Enriquez was examined by the track physician and allowed to complete his remaining engagements. The horse, however, was euthanized on the track by Racing Veterinarian Bailey.

10/27/07³**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ JOCKEY OBJECTION/ NO-CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident nearing mid-stretch involving the fifth place finisher, #7 Night Chapter (T. Baze). Additionally, Tyler Baze lodged a claim of foul against the first two finishers, #6 Get Funky (M. Garcia) and #2 Relato Del Gato (A. Delgadillo) for interference at the same spot.

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing tapes of the stretch run the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change in the placings. Tapes show the incident was triggered by Baze getting into the hole, then making contact and tipping #1 McCann's Mojave (F. Alvarado) out. The residual contact between the two ultimately caused McCann's Mojave to come off of its path, bumping Baze's mount onto the heels of #2 Relato Del Gato and forcing Baze to check sharply. It was the Stewards' opinion that Baze contributed to his own problem and therefore no disqualification was warranted.

10/27/07⁴**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #3 Home Alona injured itself in the starting gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Bailey. The refund amounted to \$273,521.50

10/27/07⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	12,339	4,056,849.30
Inter-track	29,420	11,508,386.40
Out of state	n/a	5,325,494.70
Total	41,759	20,890,730.40

SUNDAY10/28/07¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

6th #10 NOTACHARLIE'SANGEL (Vet – sick)
Refund of \$1,813.93

9th #9 PEACEFUL DREAMS (Vet – injured)
Refund of \$1,290.60

10th #3 LAST BLACK LION (Vet – sick)
#4 DEL MAR TED (Vet – sick)
#9 BIG HIT (Vet – injured)
Refund of \$3,312.10

10/28/07²**RIDER EXCUSED**

Isaias Enriquez was excused from his only mount of the day as he still felt the effects of the sudden stop he made during the first race on Saturday. A replacement was named.

10/28/07³**RULING****OTTS #039**

Jockey FERNANDO JARA, who rode Angeletta in the fourth race at Oak Tree at Santa Anita on Saturday, October 27, 2007 is suspended THREE (3) racing days (November 4, 7, and 8, 2007) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference, 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 Jara viewed video of the fourth race on Saturday, in which his mount was responsible for interference in the stretch.

Jara admitted his error, stating that he was attempting to encourage his horse to switch leads and did not notice another rider to his inside.

10/28/07⁴**VIDEO REVIEW**

The Stewards reviewed the sixth race from Saturday with Tyler Baze, who lodged a claim of foul against the top two finishers (ref. 10/27/07³). Video review verified that although Baze felt he was the victim, his mount was the catalyst to the entire incident. The interference did not rise to a sanction, but Tyler was cautioned to keep his mounts on the straight and narrow.

10/28/07⁵**RULING****OTTS #040**

Exercise Rider RAFAEL CASTANEDA is fined the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Creating a Disturbance) on October 21, 2007.

This ruling was issued to bring to a close the security complaint filed against Castaneda for verbal abuse of a morning outrider. An eyewitness confirmed the outrider's statement.

10/28/07⁶**RODAS/CORDOVA**

The Stewards have received a document, which indicates that Victor Rodas has filed an appeal of a judgment rendered by a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge. As such, the matter heard before the Stewards earlier this week will be put on hold until the case finds its way through the legal system.

10/28/07⁷**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the second race as Kayla Stra (4th – DH, #8 Bestatit) lodged a claim of foul against Martin Garcia (3rd, #12 Bench Wench) for interference in the stretch. Stra felt she had suffered interference when Garcia's horse drifted in.

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 dismiss the objection. While close quarters did exist, video review failed to substantiate the claim of foul.

10/28/07⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,440	2,126,483.40
Inter-track	15,692	4,711,857.10
Out of state	n/a	5,072,857.53
Total	23,132	11,911,198.03

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.

Week of 10/22/07 – 10/28/07

Horses on Vet List 31
 Horses off Vet List **14**
 Shock Wave Therapy 12
 Deceased 3

SUMMARY

	Wed. 10/24	Thurs. 10/25	Fri. 10/26	Sat. 10/27	Sun. 10/28		Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0		1	3
Cal-bred Races	1	1	1	3	0		6	34
Claims	6	1	1	2	3		13	77
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0		0	5
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	1		5	21
Refunds	2	3	4	2	3		14	68
Rulings	1	1	2	0	2		6	40

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Martin Hamilton, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward