

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 300
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825**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, September 24, 2008, through, Sunday, September 28, 2008.

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Wednesday, September 24, 2008, through Sunday, October 26, 2008 – 26 racing days. Racing Wednesday through Sunday. Dark Mondays and Tuesdays, except Monday racing on Columbus Day, October 13, 2008.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races Opening Day and weekends, unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 1:00 p.m. Weekends – Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays: 12:30 p.m. -Except: 12:00 noon Cal Cup Day (Sunday, October 5); 11:05 a.m. Breeders' Cup Friday (October 24); 10:10 a.m. Breeders' Cup Saturday (October 25).
- Scratch time:** 10:00 a.m. previous day deadline for scratches for overnight races and overnight stakes races. Scratch time for regular stakes will be prior to the 3rd race on race day.
- Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas; \$1 Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on final four races; \$1 Pick Five on final five races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.
- Auxiliary stables:** Hollywood Park, Fairplex Park, San Luis Rey Downs.

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WEDNESDAY

09/24/08¹

OPENING DAY

Today marks opening day of the twenty six day Oak Tree meet at Santa Anita. This year, Oak Tree will be hosting the Breeder’s Cup World Championships on October 24 and 25.

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ANIMAL PLANET MEETING

The Board of Stewards met with about eight members of the Animal Planet crew who will be filming a documentary here throughout the meeting. The focus will be on jockeys and their relationship with the industry, especially as it pertains to horses. We went over basic rules in order to promote safety and maintain industry integrity throughout the project. The team was very cooperative and appears to be embarking on an exciting endeavor.

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DESIGNATED RACES

The stewards published a list of designated races for the meeting which included all graded stakes as well as the races associated with the California Cup.

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OBJECTION – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the second race, jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO (#8 Sandita, 4th) lodged a claim of foul against the first two finishers for interference at mid-stretch. In conducting the inquiry, we observed two separate incidents.

Turning into the stretch, #1 Lardog angles out and the horse to his outside #5 Soda Pop Kid overreacts, forcing the two horses to his outside, #4 Benchmark Kid and #8 Sandita, even wider. It was our feeling that this incident did not rise to the level of interference. However, video tapes revealed that the second incident involved #8 Sandita, who was between first and second place finishers, #4 Benchmark Kid and #5 Soda Pop Kid. #8 Sandita, ridden by Mr. Bejarano, appeared to be pinched back between horses, took up and then rallied to lose third by a head. Films revealed that both #4 and #5 contributed equally to #8 having to take up. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify both horses and place them behind #8.

Original order of finish:	(4)-(5)-1-8-9-2-7-3-6
Corrected order of finish:	1-8-(4)-(5)-9-2-7-3-6

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INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race (about 6.5 furlongs on the hillside turf course), the stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident shortly after the start in which #6 Easy on The Eye (AUS), ridden by Corey Nakatani, appeared to clip heels and fall (see

attached accident report). Video tapes were ultimately unclear with respect to which horse could be blamed for the incident, therefore no change was appropriate.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No changes; Refund \$7.00
- 2nd Race #2 Honor Your Wager – Claimed – D. Breuer, trainer
#2 Honor Your Wager – pulled up post-race, vanned off –tired (synthetic)
Refund \$8.00
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$12.50
- 4th Race #10 Chief Teddybear – pulled up mid-race, vanned off – left front (turf)
Refund \$12.50
- 5th Race #1 Brooker – Claimed – T. West, trainer
#9 Storm Machine (ARG) – Claimed – G. Sherlock, trainer
#10 Outrageous Limit – Claimed – M. Glatt, trainer
Refund \$67.00
- 6th Race No changes; Refund \$188.00
- 7th Race #11 Hiatus – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
Refund \$945.94
- 8th Race #10 Tropic Storm– Stewards’ scratch, stake
#3 Soul City Slew– Rider change –J. Rosario for M. Garcia (Double Jockey Fee)
#6 Easy On The Eye (AUS) – clipped heels, fell (turf)
Refund \$2,014.42
- 9th Race #13 Star Time – Rider change – J. Rosario for C. Nakatani (injured)
Refund \$110.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	17,191	2,215,994.40
Inter-track	5,725	1,586,931.00
Out of state	n/a	3,861,008.86
Total	22,916	\$7,663,934.26

THURSDAY

09/25/08¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey TYLER BAZE met with the stewards to discuss his participation in the eighth race on Wednesday in which jockey Corey Nakatani was unseated from his mount. It appeared on the films that Mr. Baze’s horse may have drifted out slightly, therefore contributing to the problem, but the films were ultimately inconclusive. Nevertheless, we warned Mr. Baze to keep a straighter path and be more cognizant of his fellow riders.

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, JR. and his representative Darrell Haire met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the second race yesterday, in which his horse was disqualified for drifting in during the stretch run. Upon review of the films, it is clear that Mr. Valdivia's mount does drift in slightly and cause interference; however, given that the horse does not drift in very far, we believed that a warning was appropriate.

Apprentice jockey PEDRO ARAMBULA met with the stewards to discuss yesterday's fifth race, during which his mount ducks out sharply turning into the stretch. Although there was no interference, we wanted to explain to Mr. Arambula that using the left handed whip while shifting out for a stretch run is normally a bad idea. Additionally we wanted to express our dissatisfaction with Mr. Arambula for continuing to use his left handed whip after the horse had already shown a propensity to get out. He said he understood.

09/25/08²**JOCKEY MEETING**

The Board of Stewards presided over the traditional riding colony gathering, held at the beginning of each meet. After discussing the normal exceptions regarding riding horses to the wire, protecting other riders, communications with the racetrack veterinarian, etc., we also reviewed some procedures that would be implemented during the Breeder's Cup week.

09/25/08³**MUTUEL MANAGER MEETING**

Mutuel manager RANDY HARTZELL met with the stewards and Director of Racing Mike Harlow to express some concern over the pace at which the races were run yesterday. He believed that if we could run races closer to their intended post times that handle would be higher. We explained that although every effort will be made to keep the races punctual, oftentimes there are factors outside of our control, especially when one is dealing with live animals.

09/25/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#4 Nicole's Image – Rider change – V. Espinosa for J. Court (injured) #6 Shebang (IRE) – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer Refund \$124.00
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$190.00; Minus Pool \$9,101.05
3 rd Race	#9 Valentine Gift – Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$1,392.60
4 th Race	#6 The Unclean Spirit – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey Refund \$1,256.90
5 th Race	#2 Island Run – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey #10 Blaze of Eminence – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Bailey #11 Mickey Rocks – Rider change – A. Gryder for J. Court (injured) #1 Zephaniah – Claimed – E. Moger, trainer Refund \$3,016.70
6 th Race	#5 Eclatante – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Connor #3 Silver Swallow – pulled up five eighths, walked off (synthetic) Refund \$1,861.00
7 th Race	#6 Major Smoke – Stewards' scratch, jockey cramped #2 Charmvictor – Rider change – B. Blanc for J. Court Refund \$90,020.46

8th Race #13 Ronne's Dream – Veterinarian's scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
 #2 Series of Dream - Rider change – V. Espinosa for J. Court
 #7 Abstract Fact – Rider change – L. Contreras for A. Quinonez
 #9 Trufflesfromheaven –Rider change– T. Baze for C. Nakatani (injured)
 Refund \$219.00

09/25/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,019	811,700.60
Inter-track	5,443	1,295,804.50
Out of state	n/a	3,253,747.94
Total	8,462	\$5,361,253.04

FRIDAY09/26/08¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey KAYLA STRA met with the stewards to discuss her ride in the second race on the opening day program. The analysis was similar to that given in reference to Jose Valdivia, Jr. (ref. 09/25/07¹). Although we realized that the slight drift did result in a disqualification, we did not feel that it rose to the level of careless riding.

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO met with the stewards to discuss his ride in the fifth race on Thursday. Mr. Rosario was cautioned to make a better effort to maintain a straight course in the future. He acknowledged his error and pledged to make a better effort.

09/26/08²**MULLINS CONFERENCE**

Trainer JEFF MULLINS and his attorney Karen Murphy were in this morning. There was apparently a miscommunication that led the respondents to believe that a purse redistribution hearing had been scheduled for a TCO2 positive. Neither the Deputy Attorney General nor the court reporter had been informed, so the hearing must be set for another day.

09/26/08³**MEAIRS RULING**

Assistant trainer JOHN MEAIRS spoke with the stewards by telephone regarding case number 08DM019 which alleged disorderly conduct toward the racing veterinarian, Dr. Jill Bailey. Mr. Meairs accepted the penalty without argument:

OTTS #001

Assistant trainer JOHN MEAIRS is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Abusive behavior toward the Racing Veterinarian) at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 15, 2008.

09/26/08⁴**PALERMO DISMISSAL**

Case 08PM0016 involved an alleged violation of CHRB rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) against jockey agent JERRY PALERMO. The complainant, trainer MIKE PENDER, failed to appear, and the complaint was therefore dismissed.

09/26/08⁵**FANNING RULING**

Trainer JERRY FANNING telephoned the stewards to discuss case number 08PM006 which alleged violation of CHRB 1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). This complaint involved a first time gelding that Mr. Fanning failed to report to the proper entities. He acknowledged his mistake and accepted to the following penalty:

OTTS #002

Trainer JERRY FANNING is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse BOLSA CHICA that ran in the eighth race at Fairplex Park on September 13, 2008. This is a violation California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

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INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the fourth race, the stewards put up the inquiry sign to examine a point of contact between the first two finishers, resulting in Garrett Gomez, the rider of the second place finisher, #1 Ballestero, losing a stirrup iron. Upon review of the films, it became clear that it was actually Ballestero himself who initiated the contact by drifting in and therefore caused his own rider's problems. No change was appropriate.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1a Powerofvoodoo – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Minus Pool \$1.61
- 2nd Race No changes
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$154.00
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$280.00
- 5th Race #2 Specific Rule – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
#1 Indian Weaver – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
#4 Scottish Diamond – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
Refund \$2,259.00
- 6th Race #6 Grey Lassie – Stewards' scratch, received lasix but not on lasix list
Refund \$1,888.85
- 7th Race No changes
- 8th Race No changes

09/26/08⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	17,191	2,215,994.40
Inter-track	5,725	1,586,931.00
Out of state	n/a	3,861,008.86
Total	22,916	\$7,663,934.26

SATURDAY

09/27/08¹

CROUSE HEARING

Owner RONALD CROUSE met with the stewards in a formal hearing regarding case number 08DM028 which alleged violation of CHRB rules 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing). This complaint arose from an incident at Del Mar in which Mr. Crouse and assistant trainer Larry Benavidez were involved in a verbal and physical altercation in the tunnel outside of the winner's circle. Documents were received, several witnesses were called, and the case was submitted for a decision which will be forthcoming.

09/27/08²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$166.00
2 nd Race	#13 Hurley's Way – Stewards' scratch, also eligible #14 Faraday - Stewards' scratch, also eligible Refund \$699.30
3 rd Race	#13 Wickdanwakys Shapiro – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$179.40
4 th Race	#1 Ferneley (IRE) – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$902.80
5 th Race	#2 Wake Up Maggie (IRE) – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,828.84; Minus Pool \$61,930.22
6 th Race	#3 Decado (IRE) – Stewards' scratch, stake #5 Sailors Sunset – Stewards' scratch, medication #6 In Summation – Rider change – J. Velasquez for R. Douglas Refund \$8,818.74; Minus Pool \$4,965.27
7 th Race	No changes; Refund \$173.50
8 th Race	No changes; Refund \$45.00
9 th Race	No changes; Refund \$49.00; Minus Pool \$1.25
10 th Race	#5 Slew's Tiznow - Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,421.64
11 th Race	#13 Pretty Katherine – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock Refund \$55,915.80

09/27/08³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	17,789	3,362,253.50
Inter-track	9,749	3,344,519.00
Out of state	n/a	8,028,225.34
Total	27,538	\$14,734,997.84

SUNDAY09/28/08¹**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey AARON GRYDER met with the stewards to discuss his ride in Saturday's tenth race (Goodwood Stakes) in which the stewards felt that his mount was drifting out throughout the stretch run. Although it would be difficult to aver that Mr. Gryder caused interference, he certainly came close and we felt that a warning to keep a straighter path was necessary. He agreed.

09/28/08²**CROUSE RULING**

After careful consideration, the stewards issued the following ruling regarding the Crouse matter discussed yesterday:

OTTS #003

Owner RONALD CROUSE is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and placed on probation for the term of his license (January 31, 2010) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on August 23, 2008.

09/28/08³**DEL MAR RULING**

Rick Hammerle and, by telephone, Craig Fravel representing the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, appeared informally to discuss the remand of case 08DM014. This case involved the alleged failure of the racing office to report a first time gelding on the program. Although DMTC was originally fined \$1,000.00, it appears that the CHRB rule change has not yet taken effect. Therefore Del Mar accepted the following penalty without the need for a formal hearing:

OTTS #004

DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Alteration of Sex of Horse – Failure to Note First-Time Gelding) on August 9, 2008 in the eighth race.

09/28/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#5 Natural Touch – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer #6 Choctaw Chief – Claimed – R. Hess Sr., trainer
2 nd Race	No changes
3 rd Race	#5 Gem Proof – pulled up quarter pole, vanned off; synthetic (euthanized -- M. Mitchell, trainer)
4 th Race	No changes
5 th Race	No changes; Refund \$140.00
6 th Race	#11 Scout About – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer #1 Starstruck Kristen – pulled up, vanned off; synthetic (vet's list – S. Knapp, trainer) Refund \$128.00
7 th Race	#1 Awesome Gem – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,471.12
8 th Race	#10 Brushburn – Stewards' scratch, stake Refund \$1,790.06
9 th Race	#5 Return of the King – Rider change – J. Talamo for M. Pedroza (sick)
10 th Race	#1A Sport King – Rider change -- A. Quinonez for M. Pedroza

09/28/08⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,056	1,998,096.40
Inter-track	7,584	2,182,812.90
Out of state	n/a	5,083,606.00
Total	15,640	9,264,515.30

WEEKLY SUMMARY

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 09/23/08 – 09/28/08

Horses on Vet List 18
 Horses off Vet List **8**
 Shock Wave Therapy 18
 Deceased 5
 Medication 4

SUMMARY

	Wed. 09/24	Thurs. 09/25	Fri. 09/26	Sat. 09/27	Sun. 09/28		Week	Meet
Inquiries	2	0	1	0	0		3	3
Disqualifications	2	0	0	0	0		2	2
Rulings	0	0	2	0	2		4	4
Refunds	9	8	4	11	4		36	36
Accidents	1	0	0	0	0		1	1
Claims	4	2	2	0	3		11	11
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	2	0	1		6	6

Respectfully submitted,

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

 Albert Christiansen, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward