

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**

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
 Honorable John C Harris, Vice Chairman
 Honorable John Andreini, Member
 Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member
 Honorable Bo Derek, Member
 Honorable David Israel, Member
 Honorable Jerry Moss, Member
 Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
 Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

For the period: Wednesday, December 31, 2008, through Sunday, January 04, 2009.

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WEDNESDAY12/31/08¹**HRTV INTERVIEWS STEWARD**

Steward Scott Chaney appeared on HRTV Network for an interview to promote transparency between racing officials and the racing public. Various topics were discussed including inquiries, jockeys "going to the movies", racing rules, and the general decision making process. This will be a regular Wednesday morning feature on HRTV throughout the meet, in the hopes of improving the perception of the stewards' role.

12/31/08²**GRYDER OFF MOUNTS**

Jockey Aaron Gryder was taken off his mounts for today and Thursday due to complications of an injury he suffered at Hollywood Park. A cast was removed causing him some soreness along with a reaction to medication.

12/31/08³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

There were no races carded today for California-Breds.

12/31/08⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #1 Deacon's Cat (Tr. R. Mandella) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
 #5 Boozin' Bear (Tr. C. Gaines) lame 3/16 pole - vanned off,
 euthanized
 Refund \$3,588.83; Minus Pool \$62.06

- 4th Race #1 Spoolish (Tr. D. Vienna) stewards – entered back
#7 Hara (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$1,044.89
- 6th Race #3 Elle Pickle (NZ) (Tr. S. Knapp) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$2,090.76
- 7th Race #2 Moonshine Alice (Tr. R. Frankel) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Durenberger
#4 High Resolve (Tr. G. Gilchrist) jockey J. Rosario replaced A. Gryder, injured
#5 Tizzy's Tune (Tr. B. Baffert) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$4,404.41
- 8th Race #10 Olympic Stripes (Tr. W. Wilmot) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$239.00

12/31/08⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,001	1,230,461.30
Inter-track	6,449	1,850,816.50
Out of state	n/a	4,160,802.34
Total	11,450	\$7,242,080.14

THURSDAY
01/01/09¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

The tenth race on today's program will feature a three year old filly event for California-Breds at six furlongs, claiming price \$40,000.

01/01/09²**PRO-RIDE CONCERNS**

There is concern among the horsemen regarding several horses vanned off and euthanized during the first five days of the winter meet. The injuries all occurred on the Pro-Ride surface, which heretofore has been very favorably received. Santa Anita President Ron Charles was unable to explain these recent breakdowns, as morning training has been extremely safe. He has contacted Ian Pearse of Pro-Ride, who will arrive shortly to examine the surface. The track was power harrowed on Tuesday morning, and Wednesday racing was conducted without further incident.

01/01/09³**AFTERNOON RACING PROGRAM**

All of today's racing went smoothly.

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

1st Race #3 Irish Express (Tr. S. Knapp) entered not to be claimed

- 3rd Race #2 Its In God's Hands (Tr. P. Miller) stewards, stake
Refund \$435.22
- 7th Race #4 Regal Coyote (Tr. J. Periban) veterinarian, injured – Dr.
Durenberger
Refund \$1,127.88
- 9th Race #1A Eissoai (BRZ) (Tr. R. Frankel) jockey G.F. Almeida replaced
B. Blanc – agent error
#5 R Charlie's Angel (Tr. C. Dollase) veterinarian, sick – Dr.
Durenberger
Refund \$1,128.30
- 10th Race #3 Captivating Lyrics – Claimed, Tr. B. Koriner

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

On track	10,132	1,967,070.30
Inter-track	7,438	2,425,987.70
Out of state	n/a	4,984,457.84
Total	17,570	\$9,377,515.84

FRIDAY01/02/09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

There will be no racing exclusively for Cal-Breds on today's program.

01/02/09²**BRITISH JOCKEY SEEKS LICENSE**

British rider Kirsty Milczarek was in this morning to introduce herself and express her wishes to be licensed as a jockey in California. Ms. Milczarek has been licensed in Great Britain since 2004 and has won over 100 races in her career. According to the British Horse Racing Authority, there are no outstanding suspensions or fines against the jockey. She is currently exercising horses for trainers Neil Drysdale and Patrick Biancone. This Board of Stewards sees no obstacles to Ms. Milczarek's license application.

01/02/09³**RACING PROGRAM**

All events went smoothly this afternoon.

01/02/09⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st Race #6 Bold Cleo – Claimed, Tr. D. O'Neill
- 5th Race #1 Wondrous Event – Claimed, Tr. J. Carava
- 6th Race #11 Snow Fighter (Tr. A. Sherman) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$730.90
- 8th Race #3 Mort Robbins (Tr. B. Abrams) veterinarian, unsound – Dr.
Bailey
Refund \$244,938.55

01/02/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,269	1,807,051.60
Inter-track	7,340	2,262,383.40
Out of state	n/a	5,537,051.65
Total	16,609	\$9,606,486.65

SATURDAY01/03/09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Today's first race will showcase California-Bred maiden fillies and mares, four years old and upward, for a claiming price of \$40,000 going six furlongs. A field of nine is scheduled to compete.

01/03/09²**RULING #007****LATS #007**

Jockey Agent TOM KNUST is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failing to take care of business in a proper manner.

This ruling was issued to jockey agent Tom Knust for neglecting to change jockey assignments at the required 10:00 a.m. scratch time.

01/03/09³**RULING #008**

The following ruling was published after a conference with jockey Flores:

LATS #008

Jockey DAVID FLORES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1688 (Use of Whips) for misuse of the whip during the post parade prior to the running of the eighth race on January 2, 2009 at Santa Anita Park.

01/03/09⁴**INQUIRY, 4TH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start of the fourth race (6 ½ furlongs, turf) as #6 "Blackbriar" (jockey P. Arambula) reared at the break. The rider stepped off in the gate without injury, and the horse continued on riderless. After watching the tapes, the Stewards concurred that no other horses were compromised, and "Blackbriar" was the cause of his own difficulty. Therefore no change was made to the original order of finish.

01/03/09⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

5th Race #6 Nordic Storm (Tr. D. O'Neill) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$742.12

7th Race #4 Tamerin (Tr. M. Mitchell) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bailey
Refund \$3,751.48

8th Race #10 Eletro Nuclear (Tr. P. H. Lobo) stake, Stewards
Refund \$188.30

01/03/09⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,612	2,164,272.50
Inter-track	9,226	2,852,615.30
Out of state	n/a	6,708,681.94
Total	17,838	\$11,725,569.74

SUNDAY01/04/09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Today's sixth race is a California-Bred maiden allowance affair for three year olds going one mile. Nine contestants are scheduled to face the starter.

01/04/09²**OFFICE MATTERS**

Routine and general issues were attended to in the Stewards' office this morning.

01/04/09³**FEATURE RACE**

The Grade II \$150,000 "San Gorgonio Handicap" was won by "Tizfiz" for owners Kahn and Richard J. O'Neill Trust, trainer Rafael DeLeon, and jockey Agapito Delgadillo. "Tizfiz" was claimed three races back for \$50,000 and is the first graded stakes winner for trainer DeLeon.

01/04/09⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #1 Hunter Creek – Claimed, Tr. B. Spawr

8th Race #6 Cherokee Artist (Tr. H. G. Motion) veterinarian, sick – Dr. Bailey
 #7 On the Virg (Tr. T. A. Pletcher) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$3,492.50

9th Race #5 Inoplov (Tr. C. Dollase) veterinarian, injured – Dr. Bailey
 #7 Solo Piano (Tr. R. Frankel) veterinarian, injured paddock – Dr. Bailey
 Refund \$82,790.08

01/04/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,570	2,353,555.00
Inter-track	8,593	2,369,899.10
Out of state	n/a	4,532,915.64
Total	18,163	\$9,256,369.74

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'S LIST**Week of 12/29/08- 01/04/09**

Horses on Vet List 29
Horses off Vet List **8**
Shock Wave Therapy 21
Deceased 2
Medication 13

SUMMARY

	Wed. 12/31	Thurs. 01/01	Fri. 01/02	Sat. 01/03	Sun. 01/04	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	1	1	3	7
Claims	0	1	2	0	1	4	17
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
Refunds	5	3	2	3	2	15	47
Rulings	0	0	0	2	0	2	8

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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