

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

For the period: Wednesday, April 15, 2009, through Sunday, April 19, 2009.

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MINUTES – SEVENTEENTH WEEK of SANTA ANITA

WEDNESDAY04/15/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

8th Race #8 Michael's Kiss (Tr. Carla Gaines) injured, Dr. Beck
 Refund \$845.00

04/15/09²**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Alex Solis appeared this morning to review last Saturday's ninth race with the stewards. The riders' mount was trying to bear out and he tapped her on the nose with his whip. Although the incident does not warrant a penalty, the rider was cautioned to be more careful with the whip.

04/15/09³**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted to address C.H.R.B. complaint #08HP0069. The hearing concerned C.H.R.B rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding) and the mare "Wait A While". The allegation is that the Todd Pletcher trained "Wait A While", who ran third in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1), had procaine in her system that day over the authorized level.

Present at the hearing were attorneys Neil Papiano and Richard Moore, representing the respondent Alan Cohen (owner of "Wait A While"), Assistant Deputy Attorney General Bruce Reynolds, presenting the case for the C.H.R. B.,

observers C.H.R.B. Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur, Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui, and Steve Anderson of the Daily Racing Form. Court Reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. Witnesses were heard and cross examined, exhibits were introduced and placed in the record. Closing arguments are to be written and received within a week. Decision to follow.

04/15/09⁴**NO PROBLEMS**

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

04/15/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,171	1,149,623.20
Inter-track	5,696	1,828,698.80
Out of state	n/a	3,317,977.36
Total	9,867	\$6,296,299.36

THURSDAY04/16/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

5th Race #2 Talktoomuch (Tr. Gary Mandella) sick, Dr. Bailey
 #4 Inspired Storm (Tr. Michael Machowsky) enter back, Stewards
 #8 Dona Amelia (CHI)(Tr. Gary Sherlock) sick, Dr. Beck
 Refund \$3,009.57; Minus pool \$245.78

6th Race #2 Fabulous Moolah (Tr. Louis Bradvica) lame, Dr. Bailey
 #8 Toll Road (Tr. Mike Mitchell) sick, Dr. Beck
 Refund \$14,930.80

04/16/09²**CASE DISMISSED**

A case alleging that Dr. Edwin Simpson failed to report shockwave treatments on his confidential forms was dismissed. Dr. Simpson produced evidence that he sent an E-Fax reporting the procedure.

04/16/09³**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT**

Trainer Mark Molina appeared to address a financial complaint regarding a vanning bill owed to James Leatherberry. The parties agreed that the \$775 bill would be paid in three installments, starting May 5, 2009.

04/16/09⁴**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the eighth race (One Mile) the Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Martin Garcia. Jockey Garcia, aboard the ninth place finisher #1 Sunday Paper, alleged interference by the third place finisher #5 Prince Novetti (jockey Rafael Bejarano) at about the three sixteenths pole. After receiving the patrol judges' reports, talking with the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Tapes show that #1, racing in tight quarters on the rail, steadies briefly as #5 passes him; however, the incident did not cost the latter a better placing.

04/16/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	4,743	1,158,927.20
Inter-track	5,987	1,623,507.80
Out of state	n/a	3,589,919.66
Total	10,730	\$6,372,354.66

FRIDAY04/17/09¹**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2nd Race #1 Big Wave Rider (Tr. Mike Mitchell) sick, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$2,058.96; Minus Pool \$441.15

3rd Race #3 Cape Hatchet (Tr. Doug O'Neill) sick, Dr. Bell
#6 Cayambe (Tr. B.D.A. Cecil) sick, Dr. Bell
Refund \$2,527.18

04/17/09²**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Rafael Bejarano appeared to review replays of yesterday's eighth race with the Stewards. Bejarano's mount was lugging in up the stretch and the rider made an acceptable effort to maintain his course.

04/17/09³**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the first race (One Mile - Turf) the Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Brice Blanc, aboard the second place finisher #4 Catsalot. The rider alleged interference approaching the quarter pole by the winner #7 Win Allison Win (jockey Rafael Bejarano). After talking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judges' reports, and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to let the original order of finish stand. Tapes show that, at the point of the turn, #6 Kami DBC (jockey Aaron Gryder), bears out, forcing #7 into the path of #4. As #6 was the cause of the incident and #4 finished well ahead of her, there was no need for a change.

04/17/09⁴**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the fourth race (One Mile and One Eighth) the Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Rafael Bejarano aboard the second place finisher #3 Dadsalittleunusual. Mr. Bejarano alleged interference approaching the five eighths pole by the winner #2 Camisado (FR) (jockey Martin Garcia). After speaking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judges' reports and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays fail to substantiate the claim of foul.

04/17/09⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,040	1,557,357.90
Inter-track	5,885	1,757,647.30
Out of state	n/a	3,872,956.96
Total	14,925	\$7,187,962.16

SATURDAY
04/18/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #2 There Goes Gee Gee (Tr. Doug O'Neill) injured, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$72,012.46
- 4th Race #7 Justinplace (Tr. Bill Spawr) ran off in post parade
Refund \$48,411.92
- 7th Race #6 Headache (FR) (Tr. Leonard Powell) Stake, Stewards
Refund \$1,212.00
- 8th Race #2 Baroda Court (Tr. E.G. Harty) lame, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$52,895.48
- 9th Race #5 Grace Anatomy (Tr. Doug O'Neill) Stake, Stewards
Refund \$3,457.40
- 10th Race #5 Victory Knock (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) sick, Dr. Durenberger
Refund \$24,411.76

04/18/09²

CASE SETTLED

A financial complaint filed by trainer Paul Aguirre against owner Sean Driscoll was settled to the satisfaction of both parties.

04/18/09³

ORDER TO PAY

In response to a financial complaint filed by trainer Uri Rafaeli, owner Joshua Murphy was ordered to pay Rafaeli \$735. Mr. Murphy was notified that he had two weeks to pay the bill or his license may be suspended.

04/18/09⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

After the finish of the third race (Six and One Half Furlongs) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in deep stretch. Involved were the third place finisher #4 Steam Iron (jockey Octavio Vergara) and the fourth place horse #5 So Pink (jockey Tyler Baze). After receiving the patrol judges' reports, talking with the aforementioned riders, and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Tapes show #5 steady as #4 drifts in approaching the sixteenth pole; however the incident clearly does not cost #5 the opportunity at a better placing.

04/18/09⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	22,545	3,020,940.50
Inter-track	9,745	3,177,645.20
Out of state	n/a	6,110,749.36
Total	32,290	\$12,309,335.06

SUNDAY
04/19/09¹

A.M. DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #9 Whatafantasy (Tr. Doug O'Neill) medication, Stewards
Refund \$2,111.38; Minus Pool \$5,570.39

- 3rd Race #2 Roomantic (Tr. Ina Hajek) unsound, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$15,741.80
- 9th Race #4 On Fire (Tr. Barry Abrams) Stake, Stewards
Refund \$505.28
- 10th Race #10 Ata Honour (Tr. E.G. Burnison) injured, Dr. Durenberger
#8 Ms Honkytonk (Tr. Duff Shidaker) unsound, Dr. Bailey
Refund \$24,036.94

04/19/09²**CLOSING DAY**

Today is closing day of Santa Anita Park's eighty four day winter/spring meet. Under the circumstances of today's economy, the meet would be considered successful. "Free Fridays" proved to be a marketing success, with crowds increasing each week. Santa Anita Derby Day attracted more than 50,000 fans. At this point, overall handle is reported to be down approximately 10%.

04/19/09³**RULING #072****LATS #072**

Jockey **OCTAVIO VERGARA**, who rode "Steam Iron" in the third race at Santa Anita Park on April 18, 2009, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 26, 29 and 30, 2009) for crossing over without sufficient clearance and causing interference, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

The ruling referenced above was issued after jockey Vergara appeared in the office to review yesterday's third race with the Stewards. The rider permitted his horse to lug in under a right hand whip and into the path of a rival.

04/19/09⁴**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Joe Talamo appeared this morning to review Friday's first race with the Stewards. It appears that the rider stood up early, possibly costing his horse fourth position. Mr. Talamo stated his mount was having a hard time breathing and he thought the horse may have been bleeding. As the horse was backing up quite rapidly, the Stewards accepted Talamo's explanation.

04/19/09⁵**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the third race (Five and One Half Furlongs) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in the stretch. Involved was the sixth place finisher #5 Daniella Roth (jockey Martin Garcia). Upon review of the patrol judges' reports, discussion with the rider, and watching the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Tapes show that as #5 attempts to come between horses, she possibly shies from the horse outside of her and becomes unmanageable. Therefore, as #5 caused her own problems, no change was warranted.

04/19/09⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	14,887	2,682,435.00
Inter-track	8,788	2,570,496.10
Out of state	n/a	5,689,198.84
Total	23,675	\$10,942,129.94

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 **04/13/09-04/19/09**

Horses on Vet List	22
Horses off Vet List	20
Shock Wave Therapy	20
Deceased	3
Medication	7

SUMMARY

	Wed. 04/15	Thurs. 04/16	Fri. 04/17	Sat. 04/18	Sun. 04/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	0	0	1	62
Claims	1	3	1	0	3	8	180
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	1	2	1	1	5	36
Refunds	1	5	3	6	4	19	392
Rulings	1	0	0	0	1	2	72

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Christiansen, Steward

C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward