

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 Keith Brackpool, Chairman  
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Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director  
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**For the period: Wednesday, February 24, 2010, through Sunday, February 28, 2010.**

**WEDNESDAY**

02/24/10<sup>1</sup>

**VON BLUECHER HEARING**

Dr. HELMUTH VONBLUECHER met with the stewards this morning in an informal hearing to discuss case numbers 10SA015 and 10SA050 which were complaints initiated by official veterinarian Jill Bailey and filed by the CHRB. Both cases involved alleged violations regarding paperwork: the first involved Dr. VonBluecher's alleged failure to telephone the diagnostic laboratory after euthanizing a horse on Santa Anita's grounds (CHRB rule 1846.5 – Postmortem Examination); the second involved alleged errors on a Veterinary Confidential Report filed by Dr. VonBluecher. In both instances, Dr. VonBluecher took full responsibility for the errors although continues to question the importance of accurate confidentials. Ruling to follow.

02/24/10<sup>2</sup>

**STABLE AREA VIOLATIONS AND RULINGS**

LATS Rulings 042 through 052 involved routine stable area violations initiated by Hollywood Park security:

**LATS #042**

Groom **JOSE L.GONZALEZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #043**

Groom **MARTIN G. QUEVEDO** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Intoxicated) and #1930(Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers-failure to comply with Security Officer).

**LATS #044**

Groom **ABEL HERRARTE** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #045**

Groom **ROGELIO V. RIVERA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #046**

Groom **JOSE S. GONZALEZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #047**

Groom **JOSE L. ROBLES** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #048**

Groom **BRUCE ARMSTRONG** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #049**

Groom **MARTEL CASTENADA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #050**

Groom **CARMELO HERRERA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #051**

Groom **INOCENTCTOTI DIAZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #052**

Groom **NERY HERRERA** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

02/24/10<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the eighth race to examine an incident in which the winner #9 Fermelia, ridden by Alonso Quinonez, appeared to drift in and take the path of eventual fifth place finisher, #1 Kim's Leading Man, ridden by Chantal Sutherland. Films revealed that around the eighth pole, Mr. Quinonez's mount drifts in and puts pressure on Ms. Sutherland's mount, causing her to steady briefly. In speaking with Ms. Sutherland, she explained that more than Mr. Quinonez's actions, her mount was uncomfortable in tight quarters. Although Ms. Sutherland's mount was beaten a head for fourth, it was our unanimous opinion that the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

02/24/10<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race      No changes; Refund \$339.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race      #6 Stevie's Afleet – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$10,926.00; Minus Pool \$1.97
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race      #2 Ultra Awesome – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
#7 Silent Stalk – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead  
#8 Kelleys Kitchen (MEX) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead  
#5 Multitasker – Claimed – C. Sise, trainer  
Refund \$105,338.85
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race      #5 National Holiday – Stewards' scratch, main track only  
Refund \$594.50
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race      #3 Via Veneto – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey  
Refund \$582.20

02/24/10<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,348	598,465.00
Inter-track	5,017	1,290,013.10
Out of state	n/a	2,805,036.68
Total	7,365	4,693,514.78

**THURSDAY**

02/25/10<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ came to the office this morning to discuss his ride in the eighth race yesterday in which his mount was the subject on the inquiry referenced above. Mr. Quinonez was candid in his admission that he was so focused on the horse to his outside and winning the race that he did not realize that there was a horse to his inside. He was disappointed in himself for the error. The majority voted to issue him a warning (while Steward Chaney voted for three suspension days).

02/25/10<sup>2</sup>

**VON BLUECHER RULING**

The following ruling was published after considering the second complaint filed against Dr. Von Bluecher described yesterday (he was issued a warning on the first complaint):

**LATS #053**

Veterinarian **HELMUTH VON BLUECHER**, is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS\*** (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report-incorrect confidential filed).

02/25/10<sup>3</sup>

**PONY INCIDENT**

Seconds after the start of the second race (seven furlongs synthetic) this afternoon, the outrider warned that there was a pony attempting to enter the track at the quarter pole chute. The pony managed to enter the track while the race was running, but the outrider did a superlative job hazing him down the stretch and past the wire. This Board of Stewards considered calling off the race, but in monitoring the situation, felt that the race could be completed safely, without impacting the field, and therefore opted to allow the race to continue. Obviously this could have had a bad outcome, but with some luck and excellent riding skills by Outrider Jesus Camacho, disaster was averted. The owner of the pony is scheduled to see us in the morning, and a meeting will be scheduled with track management personnel to determine if any changes are appropriate.

02/25/10<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes; Minus Pool \$10,575.28
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#4 Really Uptown – Claimed – JC Green, trainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 Youvegotthatright – Rider change – V. Espinoza for J. Rosario (sick) Minus Pool \$295.49
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Chocolate Marini – Rider change – A. Solis for J. Rosario #6 Tribal Face – Claimed – J. Canani, trainer Refund \$18.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Warren’s Kong – Rider change – M. Garcia for J. Rosario Refund \$35.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#9 Miss Celebration – Stewards’ scratch – also eligible #8 I’mneverwrong (IRE) – Rider change – V. Espinoza for J. Rosario Refund \$1,214.36
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$1,141.28
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 Oneinamillionyou – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey #8 Holladay Road – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead #9 Jade Ruler – Rider change – A. Quinonez for J. Rosario #10 Devil On the Roof – Claimed – V. Cerin, trainer Refund \$5,777.68

02/25/10<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,388	669,714.60
Inter-track	5,185	1,539,039.20
Out of state	n/a	2,912,643.74
Total	8,573	5,121,397.54

**FRIDAY**  
02/26/10<sup>1</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey CHANTAL SUTHERLAND and apprentice jockey SIMON PEARCE both came to the office this morning as directed for failing to see the film analyst. Both were given warnings and apologized for their forgetfulness.

02/26/10<sup>2</sup>

**PONY RIDER MEETING**

Pony rider PAM CAVINESS came to the office as directed this morning to discuss the incident described yesterday involving her pony. She had previously been warned that tying the pony near the gap was not permitted because he had gotten loose before and run around the gap. She moved the pony two barns away and tied it in a trainer's shed row. After surveying the scene shortly after the incident, Safety steward Luis Jauregui reported that the snap on the halter had broken, presumably after the pony had become agitated. Ms. Caviness was ordered to keep the pony in a stall when not being used and the matter was referred to the CHRB investigative staff.

02/26/10<sup>3</sup>

**BLEA HEARING**

Dr. JEFF BLEA came to the office and participated in an informal hearing this morning regarding case number 10SA047. This involved a complaint filed by official veterinarian Dr. Jill Bailey alleging that Dr. Blea had submitted his veterinary confidentials late on January 29, 2010. Apparently, Dr. Blea had received several warnings for this behavior. He acknowledged the mistake, but like his partner Dr. VonBluecher (referenced yesterday), didn't seem to appreciate the importance of regulatory paperwork. More to follow.

02/26/10<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 You know I Wanna – Claimed – W. Morey, trainer  
#5 Right to Work – Rider change – T. Baze for C. Santiago-Reyes (injured)  
Minus Pool \$146.80
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Minus Pool \$1,034.87
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Gula Gold – Rider change – MC Baze for C. Santiago-Reyes  
#1 Spell Caster (GB) – Late veterinarian scratch, flipped in paddock  
Refund \$6,738.80; Minus Pool \$1,598.15
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$49.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$320.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Remus – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
#10 Laser Point – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
Refund \$731.67

8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Mostro Marino – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
#7 Eminent Honor – Rider change – J. Herrera for C. Santiago-Reyes  
Refund \$3,418.02

02/26/10<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,036	898,629.50
Inter-track	5,274	1,588,339.50
Out of state	n/a	3,083,406.54
Total	10,310	5,570,375.54

**SATURDAY**

02/27/10<sup>1</sup>

**RACING CANCELLED**

Racing was cancelled for a fifth time this season, when the decision was made at 9:45 this morning. Apparently, there was excessive water near the wire and on the turn. These issues were manageable but with a second, significant storm coming, management felt that erring on the side of safety was proper. At the time of cancellation, the temperature was 58.1 degrees, precipitation for the day was 1.48 inches and the moisture content in the track was 26.2%.

02/27/10<sup>2</sup>

**MORE STABLE AREA VIOLATIONS**

The following rulings memorialized stable area citations issued by Hollywood Park security:

**LATS #054**

Hotwalker **MANUEL SOLARES** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #055**

Assistant Trainer **RUBEN COSME** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #056**

Groom **CATACHO MARQUEZ** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #057**

Groom **TITO COLINDRES** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #058**

Groom **JUAN D. OROZCO** is fined **TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1928 (Fire Regulations-tampering with smoke detector).

**LATS #059**

Hotwalker **JOSE TUNCHE** is fined **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Fighting).

02/27/10<sup>3</sup>

**BLEA RULING**

The following ruling was issued regarding Dr. Jeff Blea's late confidentials described yesterday (case number 10SA047):

**LATS #060**

Veterinarian **JEFF BLEA**, is fined **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS\* (\$200.00)** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report-untimely confidential filed).

02/27/10<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$18,557.20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$6,856.50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	RACES CANCELED; Refund \$6,108.85
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$11,993.90
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$8,830.95
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$17,307.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$14,150.55
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$34,306.55
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	RACES CANCELLED; Refund \$5,949.10

**SUNDAY**  
02/28/10<sup>1</sup>

**RACING ON**

After cancelling yesterday afternoon's card, the track maintenance team was able to return the track to a safe and fair condition. In fact, all turf races (except the Crystal Water Handicap) have been moved to the main track.

02/28/10<sup>2</sup>

**FIRST RACE DELAY**

There was a five minute delay before the first race this afternoon when #7 General Dan lost a shoe warming up. Fortunately, the horse shoe inspector, Victor Tovar, was able to make it to the gap and replace the shoe with minimal impact on the field or card. The jockeys dismounted while the shoe was being replaced.

02/28/10<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Stormy Game – Rider change -- S. Amador for C. Santiago-Reyes (injured). Refund \$438.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Minute Limit – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
Refund \$1,824.55
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Capt. Sparrow – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer  
#2 Point Attended – Claimed – R. Diodoro, trainer  
#5 Equiparado (ARG) – Claimed – AC Avila, trainer  
Refund \$454.95
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Halo's Law – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
#3 Danzig Tribal -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
#9 Milyone -- Stewards' scratch, off turf  
#2 Starcatter – Rider change – V. Espinoza for C. Santiago-Reyes  
Refund \$2,409.75
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Johnnie Gold – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
#6 Swiss Currency – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr .Bailey  
Refund \$3,908.45
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Justincredible – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
#7 First Queen (GB) – Stewards' scratch, off turf  
Refund \$1,387.45
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$858.85
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Red Sun – Stewards' scratch, stake  
Refund \$5,146.90
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #13 Born to Shop – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
#3 Frankie V. – Rider change – S. Amador for C. Santiago-Reyes  
#2 Google Me – Rider change – S. Pearce for F. Valdez (injured – see attached accident report). Refund \$700.85

02/28/10<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,733	2,057,642.20
Inter-track	8,268	2,598,002.80
Out of state	n/a	4,034,229.65
Total	17,001	8,689,874.65

**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 REPORT** - WEEK of 02/22/10 – 02/28/10

Horses on Vet List 11  
Horses off Vet List **19**  
Shock Wave Therapy 13  
Deceased 1  
Medication 5

**SUMMARY**

	Wed. 02/24	Thurs. 02/25	Fri. 02/26	Sat. 02/27	Sun. 02/28		Week	Meet
Inquiries	1	0	0	n/a	0		1	14
Disqualifications	0	0	0	n/a	0		0	1
Rulings	11	1	0	7	0		19	60
Refunds	6	5	5	9	9		34	214
Accidents	0	0	0	n/a	1		1	5
Claims	1	3	1	n/a	3		8	82
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	0	n/a	2		6	41

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward