

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

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Honorable Chuck Winner, Chairman  
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Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman  
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Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
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Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director  
Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB

**Week 5 – Sunday, January 18, 2015 – Saturday, January 24, 2015**

#### SUNDAY

1/18/15<sup>1</sup>

#### FILM REVIEW

Jockey RAFAEL BEJARANO came to the office to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday after which his mount was disqualified for interference. Video revealed that his mount was getting out badly and that he was making an effort to keep him straight. The majority felt that the effort was sufficient to avoid a suspension while Steward CHANEY felt that he could have done more, and therefore voted for a penalty.

1/18/15<sup>2</sup>

#### FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS WITHDRAWN

Veterinarian MELINDA BLUE withdrew two financial complaints (cases numbered 15SA017 and 15SA014) when each alleged bill was paid.

1/18/15<sup>3</sup>

#### DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$648.60; Minus Pool \$246.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$245.18
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#7 RUSTY ROAD – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Grande #6 THESHEETSGUY – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer Refund \$2,645.31
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#13 PRETTY EMMA – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible #14 SHE GOT AWAY – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible Refund \$1,088.31
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 NATALIE’S WONDER – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer #2 NATALIE’S WONDER – Claim <b>VOIDED</b> – returns to A. Marquez, trainer Refund \$321.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$438.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race #11 PRACTICAL – Veterinarian scratch, unsound—Dr. Stead  
 #1 GILMAR – Rider change – W. Antongeorgi for A. Jimenez (conflict)  
 Refund \$2,321.24

1/18/15<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,689	1,214,198.50
SCOTWinc	5,741	1,764,084.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	6,135,746.81
Total	11,430	9,114,029.41

**MONDAY**1/19/15<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey TYLER BAZE came to the office to review his ride in the second race on Thursday. We felt that he shifted out a bit near the five-sixteenths pole forcing the jockey to his outside to check. The horse to the far outside was also to blame but we wanted to caution Mr. Baze to ride more safely. He agreed.

1/19./15<sup>2</sup>**MONGOLIAN RACING FEDERATION**

Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI is hosting representatives of the Mongolian Horse Racing Federation today. They visited our office this morning to learn what our duties in California racing entail.

1/19/15<sup>3</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 FREE MONEY – Claimed – L. Powell, trainer  
 Refund \$1.10

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 PEACHES N’ BRANDY – Claimed -- D. Pederson, trainer  
 #8 DESERT TRAINER – Claimed – B. Spawr, trainer

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Minus Pool \$1,735.16

4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$5.50

6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 DOMINO JOHNSON – pulled up, walked off – M. Pender, trainer  
 Refund \$8.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$76.66

8<sup>th</sup> Race #13 BABY BLAKE – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 Refund \$154.20

9<sup>th</sup> Race #5 FOLLOW ME CREV – Claimed – A. Marquez, trainer  
 #6 DONJI – Claimed – R. Gonzalez, trainer  
 #13 CHUCK’S CHUCKLE – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 #14 CAL McLISH – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible  
 Refund \$296.80

1/19/15<sup>4</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,361	1,321,669.80
SCOTWinc	5,128	1,615,596.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	5,278,832.34
Total	11,489	8,216,099.04

**FRIDAY**1/23/15<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MIKE SMITH came to the office to review a ride from last week. We felt he could have given a bit more room to the horses to his inside near the 5/16<sup>th</sup>s pole. He agreed and was warned.

1/23/15<sup>2</sup>**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

The complaint (case number 15SA0019) filed by KC HORSE TRANSPORTATION against owners LESTER HUNSUCKER and STEVE PETZHOLD was withdrawn when the alleged debt was paid.

1/23/15<sup>3</sup>**OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the third race, jockey ELVIS TRUJILLO, aboard second place finisher #8 VERRACO, claimed foul against the winner, #1 ERNEST SHACKLETON (IRE), ridden by DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. While the winner did drift out during the stretch run, he was clear most of its length; and the last sixteenth, while he did commit interference, we believed that #8 VERRACO was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Therefore, after speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, we voted unanimously to make no change to the original order of finish.

1/23/15<sup>4</sup>**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

We posted the Inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to examine the circumstances under which the last place finisher, #9 MARINA DEL HEAT (F. Perez), took up sharply at the 3/8<sup>th</sup> pole. Video was somewhat inconclusive but seemed to indicate that the horse on the rail (#8 BELONGING, A. Green) drifted out, and the horse on the outside (#1 KUKALUKA, B. Boulanger) drifted in, causing the squeeze. However, given the video and the finish position of the horse who suffered the interference, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original of finish.

1/23/15<sup>5</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 PARALYZING EYES – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
#5 TRAIN SET – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$625.10

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 ROADBUG – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$378.00; Minus Pool \$3,031.43

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No change; Refund \$357.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 GRAMMY TIMES SIX – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead  
Refund \$2,205.50

5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 HE'S DREAMY – Rider change – A. Gryder for M. Garcia (sick)  
#5 GNARLY HARLY – Claimed – W. Ward, trainer  
Refund \$3.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 LAMAZONE – Claimed – C. Dollase, trainer  
#6 LADY'S PAN – Claimed – A. Avila, trainer  
Refund \$9.50

8<sup>th</sup> Race #14 LADY COMIC – Stewards' scratch, also eligible  
#6 PUSH GIRL – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer  
#6 PUSH GIRL – Claim **VOIDED** – returns to M. Pender, trainer  
Refund \$135.10

1/23/15<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,569	684,751.20
SCOTWinc	4,977	1,385,394.00
Out of state + ADW	N/A	4,616,012.18
Total	7,546	6,686,157.38

**SATURDAY**1/24/15<sup>1</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

We had three riders, at the same time, in our office this morning to review races from yesterday: Apprentice AMELIA GREEN, Apprentice BRANDON BOULANGER, and jockey

DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. All three were involved in inquiries yesterday. While suspension days were not contemplated in any of the cases, we had a productive discussion regarding safer riding.

1/24/15<sup>2</sup>

**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

Blacksmith KYLE BAZE withdrew his financial complaint (case number 15SA008) against trainer DEAN GREENMAN after the alleged bill was paid.

1/24/15<sup>3</sup>

**COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN**

Groom HECTOR SARRATEGUI withdrew his financial complaint (case number 15SA015) against trainer BLAKE KELLY after the alleged debt was paid.

1/24/15<sup>4</sup>

**LEYTE RULING – LATS #020**

We issued the LEYTE ruling this morning after a lengthy deliberation. This complaint involved an animal welfare allegation against Pony Rider GUADALUPE LEYTE. Mr. Leyte owned a pony that was found to be in poor condition by the CHRB investigators. The pony was an appropriate weight and was fed properly but had several rub marks from the saddle, bandages, etc. Although they were being treated with medication, the concern was how they occurred in the first place and at what point should the pony have been turned out. Mr. Leyte admitted the mistake but maintained that the horse was always given appropriate care. Before the hearing two months ago, that particular pony was turned out. About two weeks ago, Steward KIM SAWYER and Safety Steward LUIS JAUREGUI conducted a surprise inspection of the pony barn, for general deterrence but more specifically to examine Mr. Leyte's current ponies. All were in good condition. Given the circumstances, we issued the following ruling:

Exercise rider GUADALUPE LEYTE is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) and suspended for THIRTY (30) DAYS (February 2, 2015, through March 3, 2015) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare). TWENTY (20) DAYS of the suspension (February 12, 2015, through March 3, 2015) are stayed provided that Mr. LEYTE not violate any California Horse Racing Board rules related to animal welfare. Furthermore, Mr. LEYTE shall remain on probation for as long as he holds a license from the California Horse Racing Board.

1/24/15<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the first race, we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident shortly after the break. #1 GIGANTIS, stumbled and lost his rider, DRAYDEN VAN DYKE. Video revealed that the horse stumbled on its own, without outside influence, and therefore was declared a starter. The horse was corralled by the outrider and the rider was cleared by the track physician. Accident report attached.

1/24/15<sup>6</sup>

**RACE DELAY**

The seventh race was delayed approximately fifteen minutes when two jockeys realized that they had the wrong saddles after the horses had entered the track. Both horses were returned to the paddock, both riders weighed out again and the horses rejoined the field. We were careful to take the riders off once the rest of the field reached the starting gate, so that all horses carried weight for approximately the same amount of time from the paddock to race start. We will meet with the parties involved tomorrow to determine if penalties are appropriate and how to prevent this from occurring in the future.

1/24/15<sup>7</sup>

**INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the ninth race (Cal Cup Turf Classic) we posted the Inquiry sign to examine an incident at the eighth pole. Video revealed that the winner #3 ALERT BAY

(T. Baze) crossed over and interfered with eighth place finisher #8 STONEY FLEECE (R. Bejarano) causing that rider to take up sharply. After speaking to the patrol judges and riders involved, the majority believed that #8 STONEY FLEECE was not cost the opportunity at a better placing and therefore voted to make no change. Steward CHANEY believed that the horse was cost the opportunity at a better placing and therefore voted for a disqualification.

1/24/15<sup>8</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#9 GENEROUS DON – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$486.10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	No changes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$55.60
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$9.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$31.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#8 AVANTI BELLO – Stewards’ scratch, stake Refund \$1,360.70
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	No changes; Refund \$388.10
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 FRENHAM – Stewards’ scratch, stake #5 GRAZEN’S HOPE – Stewards’ scratch, stake Refund \$1,392.66; Minus Pool \$10,804.22
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	#11 CHRISTOPHER STREET – Stewards’ scratch, stake #12 ALPINE LUCK – Stewards’ scratch, stake Refund \$4,864.08
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 LADY DANGER – Rider change – T. Pereira for R. Bejarano (injured)

1/24/15

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,461	1,946,773.00
SCOTWinc	7,223	2,357,079.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	8,403,052.76
Total	17,684	12,806,905.26

**VETERINARIAN REPORT - Week of: 1/12-15 – 1/18/15**

Horses on Vet List	13
Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	15
Deceased	0
Medication	0

**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.

**SUMMARY**

	Sun 1/18	Mon 1/19	Fri 1/23	Sat 1/24	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	1	0	0	9	10	24
Claims	1	5	3	0	9	68
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	2	2	4	13
Refunds	7	6	7	8	28	105
Rulings	0	0	0	1	1	20
Voided Claims	1	0	1	0	2	8

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Safety  
Steward

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