

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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For the period: Sunday, December 23, 2007, through Tuesday, January 01, 2008.

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Wednesday, December 26, 2007, through Sunday, April 20, 2008 – 85 racing days. Racing Thursday through Monday. Dark Tuesdays and Wednesdays, except Wednesday, December 26 (Opening Day) and Tuesday, January 01. No racing Thursday, December 27.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races Opening Day and weekends, unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** 12:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays through Saturday February 2; 12:30 p.m. thereafter *except* special 11:00 a.m. post time on Super Bowl Sunday (February 03), 11:45 a.m. on Sunshine Millions Day (Saturday, January 26), 12:00 p.m. on Big 'Cap Day (Saturday, March 01) and Santa Anita Derby Day (Saturday, April 05); 1:00 p.m. on weekdays *except* special 12:00 noon post time on Wednesday, December 26 (Opening Day).
- 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; on all qualifying races \$1

Trifectas, \$.10 Superfectas; \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race; \$1 Pick Four on final four races (no carryover); \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Super High 5 on last race daily (with carryover).

Auxiliary stables: Hollywood Park, Fairplex Park, San Luis Rey Downs.

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Mr. Albert Christiansen	Steward
Mr. Tom Ward	Steward
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Mr. Jeff Tufts	Morning Line Maker & Timer
Ms. Jennifer Paige	Horse Identifier
Ms. Leslie Miller	Assistant Horse Identifier
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Dr. Jill Bailey, DVM	Veterinarian representing Los Angeles Turf Club, Inc.

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SUNDAY

12/23/07¹

DOUBLE DRAW

Steward Albert Christiansen was present for a double draw. Nine races were drawn for Wednesday's opening day card. For the second day of racing, Friday, December 28, eight races were drawn.

MONDAY

12/24/07¹

SCRATCHES

One scratch and one rider change completed scratch time at 10:00 a.m. for opening day.

OPENING DAY

WEDNESDAY

12/26/07¹

OPENING DAY

Nine races are scheduled for the opening day of an eighty five (85) day meet.

12/26/07²

RULING #01

Jockey Martin Garcia appeared to review the eighth race from Hollywood Park run on December 22, 2007. The rider's mount was disqualified from the win for interference inside the sixteenth pole. Although Garcia was whipping his lugging-in mount left handed, this Board of Stewards were of the opinion that the rider could have prevented the interference by grabbing the outside rein.

LATS #01

Jockey MARTIN GARCIA, who rode WISE ONE in the eighth race at Hollywood Park on Saturday, December 22, 2007, is suspended THREE (3) racing days (January 3, 4, and 5, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

12/26/07³**RIDERS REVIEW RACE**

Jockeys David Flores and Alonso Quinonez appeared to review the seventh race from Hollywood Park on December 22, 2007. Both riders were cautioned to make better efforts to keep their mounts straight.

12/26/07⁴**JOCKS MEETING**

The Stewards, California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator Bill Westermann, and California Horse Racing Board Executive Director Ingrid Fermin ventured to the jockeys room for the traditional opening day meeting. The riders were reminded of the new “Super High Five” wager in the last race each day. The riders were cautioned to ride their mounts out to the finish for fifth money, especially in this race. The usual reminders were addressed and the riders concerns concluded the meeting.

12/26/07⁵**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the third race (six furlongs), the Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Patrick Valenzuela, aboard the sixth place finisher #2 No Lien Here. Valenzuela alleged interference by the second place finisher #5 Liberty Watch (jockey Aaron Gryder) at the five-sixteenth pole. After talking with the riders involved, hearing the patrol judge’s reports and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to dismiss the objection. Replays failed to substantiate Valenzuela’s claim of foul as it appeared he always had room.

12/26/07⁶**LATE DECLARATIONS**

1st race - #8 Greenstone (Tr. Mike Puhich) injured, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$11,351.51; MINUS POOL: \$227.27

3rd race - #4 That’s Grand (Tr. Todd Pletcher) injured, Dr. Connor
#6 Cajun Gent (Tr. John Shirreffs) sick, Dr. Guillen
TOTAL REFUND: \$12,128.16

8th race - #5 Augment (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) stake, Stewards
REFUND: \$1,071.20

9th race - #14 Maria's Cat (Tr. George Papaprodromou) works, Stewards
REFUND: \$300.00

12/26/07⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	30,156	4,447,149.00
Inter-track	10,475	3,209,150.90
Out of state	N/A	7,109,460.08
Total	40,631	14,765,759.98

FRIDAY12/28/07¹**MANAGEMENT MEETING**

Santa Anita Park's President and Chief Executive Officer Ron Charles, accompanied by Vice President and General Manager George Haines II, chaired a meeting this morning. Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur, Jockey's Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire, Associate Steward Luis Jauregui, Racing Secretary Rick Hammerle, Director of Racing Michael Harlow, Official Veterinarian Tim Connor, D.V.M., Racing Veterinarian Jill Bailey, D.V.M., the Board of Stewards and various security personnel also were in attendance. Primarily veterinary and riding concerns were discussed and the meeting was concluded.

12/28/07²**APPRENTICE JOCKEY**

French apprentice jockey Aurelien Lemaitre, accompanied by agent Derek Lawson was approved for a license. The eighteen year old rider has won thirteen races in France, and will receive a 7 pound allowance.

12/28/07³**JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr. appeared to review the eighth race from December 22, 2007 at Hollywood Park. The rider's horse was disqualified from seventh to ninth. After hearing Valdivia's explanation and reviewing the replays, the rider was cautioned to make a better effort in controlling his mount.

12/28/07⁴**JOCKEY OFF**

Jockey Patrick Valenzuela was removed from his three mounts today. An order from the California Horse Racing Board terminating Mr. Valenzuela's license was received today and the jockey was notified on his arrival. The rider was cited for violating his conditional license contract with the C. H. R. B. See attached memo.

12/28/07⁵ **GOOD RACING**
Eight races were conducted without a reportable incident.

12/28/07⁶ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 3rd race - #9 Bromos Lead Change (Tr. Silverio Martinez) unsound, Dr. Bailey
REFUND: \$1,440.30
- 4th race - #4 Schaghticoke Hill (Tr. Mike Marlow) unsound, Dr. Bailey
REFUND: \$131,777.96
- 6th race - #3 Byrnes (Tr. Rafael Becerra) injured, Dr. Connor
#10 The Ivan Show (Tr. Doug O'Neil) injured, Dr. Bailey
TOTAL REFUND: \$5,759.30
- 8th race - #9 Belleacton (Tr. Neil Drysdale) sick, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$1,729.30

12/28/07⁷ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,212	1,699,321.40
Inter-track	7,415	2,344,928.70
Out of state	n/a	6,126,535.01
Total	14,627	10,170,785.11

SATURDAY
12/29/07¹

RULING #02

This ruling was issued after trainer Jean Pierre Dupuis medicated his entry for today's 8th race while under the impression he could scratch up to one hour prior to post time. Mr. Dupuis was clearly in error as the conditions state that a race with a purse of less than \$100,000 is considered an overnight stake.

LATS #02

Trainer JEAN PIERRE DUPUIS is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS* (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run – Medication), pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration).

12/29/07² **RIDER REVIEWS RACE**

Jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr. appeared to review yesterday's fifth race with the Stewards. The jockey was cautioned to be clear when altering course.

12/29/07³**RULING #03**

This ruling was issued after jockey Quinonez reviewed yesterday's second race with the Stewards. The Stewards are of the opinion the rider got careless when he made his own hole at the top of the stretch. Mr. Quinonez bumped his outside rival outward to create racing room for his own mount.

LATS #03

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ, who rode RIVERGRADE BOY in the second race at Santa Anita on Friday, December 28, 2007, is suspended THREE (3) racing days (January 5, 6, and 7, 2008) for altering course without sufficient clearance, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

12/29/07⁴**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted today to address California Horse Racing Board complaint #07DM023. The case concerns a class 2 drug positive involving trainer Mike Pender. The trainer agreed to a stipulated agreement of a thirty day suspension, fifteen of the days being stayed, and a \$7,500.00 fine. A ruling will be discussed today and probably issued tomorrow. At the request of the owner, a hearing regarding disqualification from purse money will be addressed at a later date.

12/29/07⁵**NO PROBLEM**

Ten races were contested without further reportable incident.

12/29/07⁶**LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race - #5 Canyon Drive (Tr. Bob Baffert) sick, Dr. Bailey
REFUND: \$5,541.06
- 2nd race – #1 Tox Dee Bee (Tr. Roger Stein) sick, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$1,994.90
- 5th race - #3 Skimtheexcess (Tr. Ted West) injured, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$871.80
- 7th race - #2 Ice Lady (Tr. Doug O'Neill) stake, Stewards
REFUND: \$3,117.60
- 8th race - #3 Robscarvic (IRE)(Tr. Patrick Gallagher) sick, Dr. Connor
#5 Sassou (Tr. Jean Pierre Dupuis) medication, Stewards
TOTAL REFUND: \$3,296.20
- 9th race - #5 Dawn After Dawn (Tr. John Sadler) stake, Stewards
#6 Shriek (Tr. David Hofmans) stake, Stewards

TOTAL REFUND: \$3,679.10

12/29/07⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	10,618	2,650,246.90
Inter-track	9,886	3,253,665.30
Out of state	n/a	8,066,739.62
Total	20,504	13,970,651.82

SUNDAY12/30/07¹**FORMAL HEARING**

A formal hearing was conducted to address California Horse Racing Board complaint #07SW0081. The complaint alleges race day administration of banamine by veterinarian Kristie Brandenburg, D.V.M. Dr. Brandenburg appeared in person, waived her right to an attorney and notice and indicated she was ready to proceed. Supervising Investigator Bill Westermann presented the case for the C.H.R.B. and court reporter Barbara Weinstein recorded the proceedings. C.H.R.B. Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur appeared as a witness. After testimony from both sides was heard and exhibits marked for identification, the hearing was adjourned. Decision will be determined at a later date.

12/30/07²**RACING OFFICE MEETING**

The Stewards attended a meeting with Santa Anita President and Chief Executive Officer Ron Charles, Racing Secretary Rick Hammerle, Director of Racing Mike Harlow and T.O.C. members. Topic of discussion was the issue of having "Also-Eligibles" listed on the program with the possibility of drawing in the morning of the race. Various concerns regarding the riders, notifying trainers and when changes would be made were reviewed.

12/30/07³**LATE DECLARATIONS**

2nd race - #6 Killer Chick (Tr. Gus Headley) unsound, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$1,867.10

4th race - #8 Adagio (Tr. Richard Dutrow, Jr.) injured, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$2,278.20

7th race - #10 Brides Folly (Tr. Mike Puhich) sick, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$641.40

12/30/07⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	8,220	2,339,787.60
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Inter-track	9,257	2,952,984.90
Out of state	n/a	6,274,816.00
Total	17,477	11,567,588.50

MONDAY
12/31/07¹

RULING #04

This ruling was agreed upon after due consideration from last Saturday's hearing. Mr. Pender's horses will be trained by Jorge Alcala.

LATS #04

Trainer MICHAEL PENDER, who started the horse "QUEEN OF THE DERBY" in the first race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on July 25, 2007, having entered into a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board, is suspended for thirty days (January 03, 2008 through February 01, 2008) and fined SEVENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (A) (B) and (D) (Medication, Drugs, and other Substances); #1843.2 (Classification of Drug Substances – Guanabenz Class II).

Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, fifteen days (January 18, 2008 through February 01, 2008), shall be stayed provided that Respondent be placed on probation for a period of one year from the date of this ruling and not have any violations for Class 1, 2, or 3 drug substances.

12/31/07²

RULING #05

Mr. Masry failed to appear to address a financial complaint necessitating this ruling. The owner is alleged to be indebted to Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation for the sum of \$475.00.

LATS #05

Owner LOUIS MASRY, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita on or before December 28, 2007, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Louis Masry are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), Mr. Masry is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/31/07³

GOOD RACING

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

12/31/07⁴

LATE DECLARATIONS

1st race - #6 Hotitude (Tr. Stephan Mitchell) injured, Dr. Connor
REFUND: \$768.04

5th race - #1 Rising Czar (Tr. Dominic Fama) injured, Dr. Bailey
REFUND: \$25,281.86

7th race - #1 T.D. Vance (Tr. Graham Motion) sick, Dr. Guillen
REFUND: \$1,978.10

8th race - #10 Cherokee Law (Tr. Mike Puype) sick, Dr. Guillen
REFUND: \$1,540.00

12/31/07⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	6,139	1,637,335.80
Inter-track	7,517	2,328,407.60
Out of state	n/a	5,056,349.42
Total	13,656	9,022,092.82

TUESDAY
01/01/08¹

NEW YEAR

Morning matters, to begin the New Year, were all routine.

01/01/08²**CAL-BRED REPORT**

For the first six days of racing, including today, there were nine Cal-Bred races.

01/01/08³**STEWARDS INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

After the finish of the fourth race (El Conejo Handicap – 5 ½ furlongs) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in midstretch. Involved were the third place finisher #3 “Idiot Proof” (jockey David Flores) and the fifth place horse #1 “Barber” (jockey Richard Migliore). After talking with the riders, receiving the patrol judge’s reports and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #1 steady slightly in midstretch, as #3 puts him in tight quarters; however, the incident does not cost #1 a better placing.

01/01/08⁴**STEWARDS INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

After the finish of the ninth race (Monrovia Handicap – about 6 ½ furlongs on the grass) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the sixteenth pole. Involved were the second place finisher #4 “Society Hostess” (jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr.) and the fifth place mare #1 “Strong Faith” (jockey Martin Garcia). After talking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judge’s reports, and reviewing the tape replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #4

from second and place her fifth, behind #10 for interference in the stretch. Replays show #4 drift out into the path of #10, causing the latter to take up and lose the opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 7 – (4) – 8 – 6 – (10)
 Official Order of Finish: 7 - 8 - 6 - (10) - (4)

01/01/08⁵ **LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 1st race - #3 Pointed Home (Tr. Doug O'Neill) injured, Dr. Guillen
 #8 Sudoku Buddy (Tr. John Sadler) unsound, Dr. Connor
 TOTAL REFUND: \$8,423.00
- 4th race - #2 Bushwacker (Tr. William Currin) stake, Stewards
 REFUND: \$1,226.50; MINUS POOL: \$3,648.85
- 5th race - #3 Key Rose (IRE) (Tr. Patrick Gallagher) injured, Dr. Bailey
 REFUND: \$2,368.20
- 9th race - #2 Victory Spy (Tr. John Sadler) stake, Stewards
 REFUND: \$2,016.80

01/01/08⁶ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	11,469	2,452,583.50
Inter-track	8,823	2,957,657.60
Out of state	n/a	6,605,562.34
Total	20,292	12,015,803.44

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 12/23-12/30/07

Horses on Vet List 17

Horses off Vet List **20**
 Shock Wave Therapy 10
 Deceased 3

SUMMARY

	Wed. 12/26	Fri. 12/28	Sat. 12/29	Sun. 12/30	Mon. 12/31	Tue. 01/01	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-bred Races	1	3	1	3	0	1	9	9
Claims	0	3	3	6	3	3	18	18
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Refunds	5	5	8	3	4	5	30	30
Rulings	1	0	2	0	2	0	5	5

Respectfully submitted,

 Albert Christiansen, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

 C. Scott Chaney, Steward

Attachments
 BOS:AC/dm