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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, January 28, through Sunday, February 1, 2026.**

**WEDNESDAY**1/28/26<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise entries for Saturday, January 31, 2026, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

**FATALITY REVIEW**

Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward Brice Blanc, Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM, and Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea attended the fatality review of twelve horses trained by Heath Taylor, who were euthanized due to EIA. Mr. Taylor was also present.

**THURSDAY**1/29/26<sup>1</sup>**COMPLAINT (Case #25LA0141)**

Stewards Ron Church, Tom Ward, and David Nuesch were present to address a California Horse Racing Board complaint filed against exercise rider Julian Dominguez, by CHRB Investigator Barrett Halcromb, alleging a violation of CHRB rule #1489. However, the hearing did not take place as Mr. Dominguez failed to appear and was unable to be contacted by telephone. Ruling to follow.

1/29/26<sup>2</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to supervise entries for Sunday, February 1, 2026, and changes to Saturday's program.

1/29/26<sup>3</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Saturday's program. Following the review there was one entry listed as a hard watch.

**FRIDAY**1/30/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Sunday's program. Following the review there were two entries designated as hard watches.

1/30/26<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise scratches and changes to Sunday’s program.

1/30/26<sup>3</sup>

**FATALITY REVIEW**

Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward George Yniguez, and Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM, attended the fatality review for the two-year-old Thoroughbred filly “Cayce in Gary” trained by Felix Gonzales, who was also present.

**SATURDAY**

1/31/26<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #11**

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Owner JUAN ESCOBEDO, having failed to appear to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$4,989.90 to Equine Sports Medicine) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Escobedo failed to appear for his scheduled hearing on Thursday January 22, 2026. Mr. Escobedo did not appear for his hearing but was contacted telephonically and advised to resolve the matter; he failed to do so.

1/31/26<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #12**

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Exercise Rider JULIAN B. DOMINGUEZ, having failed to appear to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (a)(8)(Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – engaged in the use of drugs) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Dominguez failed to appear to answer charges alleging use of marijuana.

1/31/26<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

Following the running of the seventh race the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to examine the start of the third-place horse #3 CMTellumwhereyagotit (Jockey Cesar Franco) and fifth place finisher #4 Flying Female (Jockey Gabriel Lara). Video revealed #3 broke out and made slight contact with #4. However, in a majority decision (Steward Nuesch dissenting), we voted to make no change to the original order of finish despite the contact, as the majority felt the incident did not cost #4 the opportunity of better placing.

1/31/26<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #3 Obsidian Strom (Tr. F. Rodriguez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: 641.07
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Tenacious Candy (Tr. J. Nunez) – Claimed by Tr. Troy Dial
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Straker (Tr. R. Hanson) – Claimed by Tr. Jesus Mendoza
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 A Kitten For Sue (Tr. F. Rodriguez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$685.52
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Run For Kidder (Tr. A. Kitchingman) – Claimed by Tr. Sergio Morfin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

1/31/26<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	816	\$73,847.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,087	\$237,695.60
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,120,164.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,903	\$1,431,707.12

**SUNDAY**

2/1/26<sup>1</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED - 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

The claim submitted by Trainer Hector Magallanes for #1 Street Talker (Trainer Angela Aquino) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, that the five-year-old gelding was unsound in the right foreleg and placed on the veterinarian's list. Street Talker was returned to the Angela Aquino barn.

2/1/26<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Sir Nano (Jockey Edgar Payeras) – Replaced by Francisco Monroy  
#5 Pressforchampagne (Tr. C. Dollase) – Ineligible – Stewards – Refund: \$247.28
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Street Talker (Tr. A. Aquino) – Claim Voided
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

2/1/26<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	691	\$95,811.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	885	\$235,237.10
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,352,761.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,576	\$1,683,810.15

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 1/09</b>	<b>Sat 1/31</b>	<b>Sun 2/01</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	3	0	3	11
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	0	1	7
<b>Refunds</b>	A	2	1	3	29
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	2	0	2	12
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	1	1	5

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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