

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC
Arcadia, California**

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Report for Monday, February 23, 2026, through Sunday, March 1, 2026.

MONDAY02/23/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Saturday (9 races). He approved program changes for Friday and resolved any issues that presented themselves.

TUESDAY02/24/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Luis Jauregui was present to supervise entries for Sunday (9 races). He also validated the alterations made to Saturday's program.

THURSDAY02/26/26¹**STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

Richard Lewis replaced Luis Jauregui Friday and Saturday this week. Paul Atkinson was available to adjudicate today's hearings. He also spun his hat and attended to several Safety Steward issues.

02/26/26²**RUVALCABA HEARING CASE 25SA0001**

The CHRB filed a complaint against Owner Isidro Ruvalcaba for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility). Present before the BOS were, via telephone (3 way) complainant Dr. Kim Kuhlmann and respondent Isidro Ruvalcaba. Also present was CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama to present the case.

The complaint read as follows:

Dr. Kim Kuhlmann performed pre-workout/entry soundness examinations and treatments between January and March 2025 for NO D'ORO. Dr. Kuhlmann also provided pre-workout, surgical procedure, and treatments between January and June 2025 for WALK'N THE BEACH. Owner Isidro Ruvalcaba was sent a notice of his past due account for the veterinary services in the amount of \$721.19 on

December 12, 2025, via Certified US Mail. The outstanding balance remains unpaid until present day. Isidro Ruvalcaba is licensed as a CHRB Owner 223995; Exp. 5/2026.

Upon much conversation concerning the charges filed, Dr. Kuhlmann agreed to accept a payment of \$500.00 to finalize the debt owed. The complaint was signed off after Dr. Kuhlmann verified he had received payment.

02/26/26³

LEWIS HEARING CASE 25LT0006

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Craig Lewis for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). Present before the BOS were trainer Craig Lewis and CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama.

The complaint read as follows:

STAGE RUN (CA) was entered in Race 7 at Los Alamitos Race Course on Sunday, December 14, 2025, and was listed on the racing program as a colt and a first-time starter. Trainer Craig Lewis entered the horse on December 11, 2025, and the entry was recorded as a colt. The Horse Identifier conducted a pre-race examination on December 14, 2025, and determined the horse to be a gelding. Trainer Craig Lewis confirmed with the Horse Identifier that he knew the horse was gelded at the farm prior to it shipping to Santa Anita Park in September 2025. Trainer Lewis believed the discrepancy may have occurred due to the paperwork that shipped with the horse erroneously stated it was a colt.

(Trainer #052095; Exp. 5/2028).

(Owner #206863; Exp. 5/2027).

Mr. Lewis had several opinions to mitigate this violation. The rule was discussed, questions were asked and answered, and all testimony will be taken into consideration in the formulation of a decision.

02/26/26⁴

URANGA HEARING CASE 25LT0004

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Jesus Uranga for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn). Present before the BOS was CHRB Investigator Thomas Gandara.

The complaint read as follows:

Test barn Supervisor Celina Munoz and Horse Identifier Jennifer Paige reported the horse "VILENCES OHR" who was entered in the 8th race at Los Alamitos on September 14, 2025, was 13 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. "VILENCES OHR" was trained by Jesus Uranga. Uranga currently holds two licenses as an owner 292200 expiration 12/2027 and trainer license 328895 expiration 12/2027.

After a forty-five (45) minute wait beyond the scheduled hearing time, the Stewards' attempt to contact the respondent telephonically was not answered. However, Investigator Gandara again called the respondent, who then answered, and he reported to the BOS that he (Mr. Uranga) could not make the hearing. The final decision was to re-schedule the hearing for April 23, 2026, at 9:30am.

02/26/26⁵

JOCKEY LICENSE APPROVAL

Jockey Agent Ryan Glatt met with the Stewards and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson to approve a safety vest so his jockey, Vincente Del-Cid, would be able to obtain a

jockey's license. After confirmation it was an approved vest, Mr. Atkinson signed the jockey license. Mr. Del-Cid has 749 wins, and his mounts have earned 15 million in purses lifetime. He has 176 starts and 53 wins in 2026.

FRIDAY
02/27/26¹

CHIEF VISIT

CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue, upon doing a tour of Southern California racetracks and training facilities, spent the day at Santa Anita observing and visiting licensees including the BOS. Several topics were discussed, debated and the results were very informative.

02/27/26²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Leonel Camacho-Flores met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the sixth race on Sunday February 22, 2026. After a thorough review Mr. Camacho-Flores was penalized for being 3 strikes over the allowed limit.

This Stewards Ruling will be issued on a HISA Stewards Ruling form only. Jockey Camacho-Flores was suspended one (1) day (March 13, 2026) and fined \$500.00. Our decision in this matter was unanimous.

02/27/26³

INQUIRY /ACCIDENT /FIRST RACE CALLED OFF

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident shortly after the start. Involved was # 1 Can't Say That (F. Geroux DNF), who shied inward, made contact with the temporary rail that then collapsed and the horse ran the race between the inner rail and the temporary rail on the turf course without the jockey. Due to safety reasons the race was called off per CHRB rule #1544 (Calling Off Race). One reason was the rail could not be replaced before the field of horses could finish the race. As the race did not officially transpire it will be decided later if there were any other factors responsible for the incident. Jockey Florent Geroux was cleared by the track physician to ride the remainder of his mounts, and the loose horse was retrieved by the Outrider and walked off on its own accord. Jockey Mirco Demuro, who rode #5 Velvet Lily, was ordered to a film review with the Stewards tomorrow.

02/27/26⁴

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /SIXTH RACE-5 ½ dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the stretch run that involved #5 Toulouse Detrac (E. Maldonado 1st) and #6 Eltonsingsanother (E. Payeras 2nd). Near the 1/8 pole #5 began to drift outward with #6 to its outside. This drift floated and or forced #6 out several paths while gaining ground on #5 to be out finished by a nose. After conversation with both jockeys, a report from the Patrol Judge and a review of the available videos in a unanimous decision #5 was disqualified from first and placed second behind #6.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH (5)-6-4-1-3-2
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 6-(5)-4-1-3-2

02/27/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#2 Photogenic (L. Powell) claimed by Tr. B. Wright – VOID, No Contest. Refund \$390,628.62
2nd race	#1 Willow Cove (Tr. B. Wright) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga #2 Deep Blue (Tr. D. Blacker) claimed by Tr. V. Garcia
3rd race	No Changes. Refund \$1.00

4th race No Changes. Refund \$2.00
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$162.30
 6th race #1 Coralgableskaylin (Tr. I. Tamayo) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson
 #4 Maniae (Tr. G. Stute) claimed by Tr. G. Vallejo. Refund \$6.00
 7th race No Changes. Refund \$243.00
 8th race #4 Midway Lane (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
 #7 Fausto (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) A. Ayuso replaced M. Smith
 Refund \$537.88
 9th race No changes. Refund \$1,829.67

02/27/26⁶

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,735	\$441,060.64
SCOTWINC	2,727	\$1,004,488.45
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,937,690.85
TOTAL	5,462	\$7,806,881.37

SATURDAY

02/28/26¹

LEWIS RULING (ref 02/23/26³)

The following ruling was issued after the BOS agreed that Mr. Lewis violated the CHRB rule in the complaint. Several factors submitted in the hearing confirmed he was responsible for the wrong sex of the horse being listed on the program, which is a CHRB rule violation. The original entry blank incorrectly designated “C” (colt) at time of entry. Trainer Lewis also failed to notice the incorrect sex listed on the “overnight” (available both electronically and in hard copy) in the days between time of entry and race day, which could have been rectified. As his horse was a first-time starter, the penalty in the complaint (\$1,000.00) was reduced to \$750.00.

LATS RULING #40

Trainer CRAIG LEWIS, who entered the horse STAGE RUN in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 14, 2025, is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse – true sex not identified in the official program.)

02/28/26²

CALVARIO RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation that Mr. Calvario was unable to satisfy a financial agreement with a vendor located in Northern California. Mr. Calvario is a casualty of the termination of Northern California racing. His stable was reduced from about a fifty-horse stable to a five-horse stable upon leaving Northern California. He hopes to regroup and be able to return to the industry. He communicated that the inability to pay off debts was a trickle-down effect from owners that are indebted to him.

LATS RULING #41

Owner/Trainer SAMUEL CALVARIO, having failed to adhere to terms of a financial complaint agreement signed February 13, 2025, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$51,340.85 to David Hatanaka (dba Dave’s Hay Barn).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of SAMUEL CALVARIO are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule

#1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

02/28/26³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Mirco Demuro met with the BOS to review the first race yesterday that involved an inquiry and accident (ref 02/27/26³). After all angles were reviewed and considerable discussion was held, in a majority judgement, a warning was issued as the belief was several influences contributed to the incident. Steward Baker voted for a three-day suspension feeling Jockey Demuro's actions contributed to the incident.

Edwin Maldonado met with the Stewards to review the sixth race yesterday that involved an inquiry and a disqualification of his mount (ref 02/27/26³). After a review of the video, Mr. Maldonado was contrite about his interference that caused the disqualification of his horse. He did admit he should have made an effort to correct even though it would cost him a better placing. His penalty, unanimous, is listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #42

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO, who rode TOULOUSE DETRAC in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on February 27, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 14, 15 and 20, 2026) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

02/28/26⁴

STEWARD OFFICE GATHERING

Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire along with his son Darrell Haire Jr. and CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue (Darrell, Darrell and Darrel) all joined the BOS for a sit down. Among other concerns, Mr. Haire asked questions about concussion protocol after a rider has fallen.

02/28/26⁵

VOIDED CLAIM

After receiving a report from Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio that #8 Dakota's Shadow who raced in the eighth race failed the physical examination and was placed on the Veterinarian's List, the Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Jeff Mullins.

02/28/26⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$48.38
3rd race	#6 Crossanna (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins. Refund \$87.57
4th race	#5 Sensational Z Z (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Moser Refund \$1,211.27
5th race	#6 Whiz Kidd (Tr. L. Mendez) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$24,089.08
6th race	#3 Spiririst (Tr. R. Quinonez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$669.11
7th race	#5 Hannah Buckle (IRE) Stewards- stake. Refund \$2,528.43
8th race	#8 Dakota's Shadow (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. I. Tamayo - VOID Refund \$797.00

9th race #1 Novita Dominga (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 #6 Bailrina (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$5,573.54

02/28/26⁷

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,234	\$1,012,268.08
SCOTWINC	4,226	\$1,651,400.97
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,813,515.02
TOTAL	10,460	\$9,284,376.81

SUNDAY
 03/01/26¹

MEETINGS

Safety Steward Paul Atkinson met with the BOS to discuss current matters, including but not limited to, jockey concussion protocol, lights and siren warning system located in the Stewards' stand, trainers and jockeys applying for their California licenses. Also, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. delivered the "scheduling calendar" so the BOS could discuss possible hearings that needed to be moved due to continuation requests. Clerk of the Course Linda Ramirez passed through asking questions about ownership on horses returning to California from Turf Paradise, etc.

03/01/26²

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #3 Clubhouse Bride following the eighth race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of Trainer Andy Mathis.

03/01/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 2nd race #4 Fortunate Truth (Tr. D. Blacker) T. Baze replaced R. Gonzalez
 Refund \$24.00
 3rd race #3 Maker and Sons (Tr. P. Capestro) DNF. Refund \$33.00
 4th race #1 Glory Sunday (Tr. J. Ramos) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #3 Ottis Betts (Tr. M. Stortz) claimed by Tr. R. Ellis. Refund \$469.90
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$108.00
 6th race #4 Miss Hot and Cold (Tr. P. Aguirre) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #6 Tupelo (Tr. E. Alvarez) T. Pereira replaced R. Gonzalez
 #8 Elsa Dutton (Tr. S Knapp) claimed by Tr. I. Tamayo
 Refund \$644.70
 7th race #6 Global Consort (Tr. P. Capestro) T. Pereira replaced M. Demuro
 Refund \$309.00
 8th race #2 Clubhouse Cutie (Tr. I. Kruljac) T. Baze replaced M. Demuro
 #3 Clubhouse Bride (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp -VOID
 #6 Back on Track (Tr. P. Capestro) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$1,230.76
 9th race #3 Knight To King (IRE) (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured-Dr.
 Bohannon
 #4 Comininalittlehot (Tr. T. Yakteen) Veterinarian-injured-Dr.
 Bohannon
 #5 Sneaking Candy (Tr. M. Puype) A. Ayuso replaced M. Demuro
 Refund \$1,883.15

03/01/26⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,920	\$896,967.37
SCOTWINC	3,482	\$1,258,076.19
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,920,577.63
TOTAL	9,402	\$8,637,323.39

SUMMARY

	Fri 02/27	Sat 02/28	Sun 03/01	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	1	7
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	3	7	60
Claims	5	3	2	10	66
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	2
Inquiries	2	0	0	2	12
Refunds	8	8	8	24	136
Rulings	0	3	0	3	42
Voided Claims	0	1	1	2	8

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 02/23/26 TO 03/01/26

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	4
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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