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

### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**Report for Monday, March 9, 2026, through Sunday, March 15, 2026.**

**MONDAY**03/09/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES**

Steward Grant Baker was in the office on Monday morning to oversee entries for Saturday races. The racing office carded nine (9) races.

**TUESDAY**03/10/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES**

On Tuesday morning Steward Grant Baker was in again to monitor Sunday's entries. The office carded nine (9) races for Sunday's card.

**THURSDAY**03/12/26<sup>1</sup>**SILVA CASE #26SA0018**

The case against Owner JUAN PABLO SILVA has been withdrawn after receiving notice from the investigators that the debt from the complaint filed by Trainer Alfredo Marquez has been paid in full. Mr. Silva paid Trainer Alfredo Marquez the full amount of \$4,660.00 for unpaid training fees.

03/12/26<sup>2</sup>**CARIAS HEARING (25SA0157/25-HI-177)**

We held a hearing this morning after the CHRB filed a complaint against Stable Worker FLORIDAMA CARIAS for HISA rule violation #2230(e) (Possession of Hypodermic Needles or Syringes) after a barn search. She was found to have four syringes in her living quarters on May 31, 2025. Mrs. Carias is accompanied in the hearing by her husband Minor Osotio. Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. and translating the hearing was translator Suzy Magana. Ms. Carias stated she purchased the medication and syringes from a pharmacy in Los Angeles to help her with her medical condition. One of the syringes was found to contain the substance Diclofenac. After numerous questions and entering the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

03/12/26<sup>3</sup>

**WINNEY HEARING (case #25DM0056)**

Stable Worker LEW WINNEY participated in a hearing this morning to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation of rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers/ Public Safety Officers) when he was intoxicated at Del Mar Race Track on October 31, 2025. The complaint filed by the CHRB read as follow.

*On October 31, 2025, Hot Walker Lew Winney was contacted by Del Mar Security and San Diego Sherriff's Deputies on the backside of Del Mar. Winney displayed the signs and symptoms of being the under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. Winney became verbally combative with Del Mar Security and Deputies. Deputies contacted Emergency Services and requested that Winney be transferred to the hospital for further evaluation.*

*On November 1, 2025, Winney was barred from Del Mar and escorted off the property. On November 8, 2025, Winney violated his denial of access and arrived at the Del Mar Racing Office and spoke with the Stewards.*

After listening to part of the testimony, we elected to continue the hearing to get more information with Winners Foundation and to review the video of the incident. To be continued.

03/12/26<sup>4</sup>

**HISA MEETING**

We participated in a HISA meeting to discuss scratches and any other issues. Participating in the hearing were the Los Alamitos Stewards, Chief Steward Darrel McHargue (Microsoft Teams), HISA Director of Stewards and State Racing Commissions Marc Guilfoil (Microsoft Teams), and HISA's Director of Policy and Industry Initiatives Dr. Jennifer Durenberger (present). The meeting was mainly to discuss any other issues that HISA could do better.

**FRIDAY**

03/13/26<sup>1</sup>

**APPRENTICE IN**

Apprentice Jockey ALI HUSAIN was in this morning as he rides his first race in the United States in today's third race. Mr. Husain has ridden five winners in Bahrain. We explained to him the rules and issued him an apprentice jockey certificate.

03/13/26<sup>2</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Friday's nine race card went very smoothly with no major issues to report. Our Steward's Aide was very busy today handling all the claims listed below.

03/13/26<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 Sketchy-Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured #4 Geometry- Claimed by T. McCanna, trainer. Refund \$1,381.90
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#5 Go Trigger Cut- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured #2 Stage Run- Claimed by T. McCanna, trainer. Refund \$422.40
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#2 Spun Not Stirred- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Moser, sick #5 Smiling Tizzy- VOIDED claim, returns to J. Valdez Refund \$1,016.90
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#4 Olivia- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured. Refund \$1,187.50
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 Julia Street- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$10.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#1 Headed for Om- Claimed by T. Yakteen, trainer #2 Shangriilama- Claimed by G. Papaprodromou, trainer

#7 Candy Bar- Claimed by G. Papaprodromou, trainer  
 #9 Lamporghini- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$181.35  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$274.77  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Man Child- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Moser, injured  
 #10 Broadway Unions- Claimed by M. Stortz, trainer.  
 Refund \$1,066.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Passion D- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured  
 #11 Positive Times- A. Escobedo replaces K. Kimura, 2<sup>nd</sup> call  
 Refund \$592.15

03/13/26<sup>4</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,722	\$382,496.79
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,380	\$825,835.69
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$4,157,542.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,102	\$5,745,495.88

**SATURDAY**

03/14/26<sup>1</sup>

**INTERNS**

Two Cal Poly Pomona Interns Kiera Roberts and Amaranta Torres came in to spend the afternoon with us. The interns scheduled the day to observe the daily duties of a Steward.

03/14/26<sup>2</sup>

**APPRENTICE IN**

Apprentice Jockey ALI HUSAIN came to review his race from yesterday. We went over a couple of things in the race; the young rider appreciated the input and promised to hone his skills.

03/14/26<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY/ACCIDENT/DISQUALIFICATION (4<sup>th</sup> race)**

We posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the 5/16<sup>th</sup> pole in which the #5 Elegant Life (P. Castillo DNF) was unseated when the #4 Mongolian Max (A. Aguilar 1<sup>st</sup>) drove in between the #5 and the #6 Last Call Paul (A. Ayuso 3<sup>rd</sup>). After reviewing the race, speaking to the Patrol Judges and riders, we disqualified the #4 and placed him unplaced behind the #5. In a unanimous opinion, the #4 drove into tight quarters in between the #5 and #6, bumping the #5 into the inside rail, causing the #5 to lose his rider.

Unofficial order (4)-3-6-1-2-5- "DNF"  
 Official order 3-6-1-2-5- "DNF" -(4) unplaced

03/14/26<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$0.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Love Our Family- Claimed by G. Stute, trainer  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$0.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Malibu Rocks- VOIDED claim, returns to R. DeLeon  
 #3 Mighty Kai- Claimed by J. Valdez, trainer  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 It's a Clinch- L. Campuzano, trainer. Refund \$14.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$10.00  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Grogu- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound  
 Refund \$2,420.90  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes. Refund \$530.00  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Ohmyom- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured  
 #3 Balaza- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured  
 #4 Kool Mariah- Stewards' scratch- full field. Refund \$5,720.86

03/14/26<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	7,068	\$944,209.04
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,935	\$1,543,836.73
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$6,548,238.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,003	\$9,693,823.43

**SUNDAY**

03/15/26<sup>1</sup>

**DESORMEAUX CROP VOILATION/DISQUALIFICATION**

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX was called in to review yesterday's seventh race in which he may have possibly violated the riding crop rule. Mr. Desormeaux appeared to use his riding crop fourteen (14) times in the entire race, many of the strikes were out of the starting gate. He stated that his trainer instructed him to be aggressive out of the gate and get the lead. Unfortunately, the number of strikes results in a disqualification per HISA #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). The Hall of Fame jockey understood our decision. Therefore, we will issue a ruling suspending and fining Mr. Desormeaux and disqualifying the horse "Balladeer" from the race.

03/15/26<sup>2</sup>

**AGUILAR FILM REVIEW**

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was ordered to come in after he was disqualified from first to unplaced in yesterday's fourth race for an incident at the 5/16th. After reviewing the race several times, it appeared that he entered into a small opening in between two horses, which resulted in contact with the inside horse, causing that horse to collide into the inside rail, unseating the rider. Mr. Aguilar agreed that his move was aggressive and he was very apologetic for his actions. We unanimously voted to suspend Mr. Aguilar ten (10) racing days. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

**LATS Ruling #46**

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode MONGOLIAN MAX in the fourth race at Santa Anita Park on March 14, 2026, is suspended for TEN (10) racing days (March 29, April 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25, 2026) for entering tight quarters without sufficient room in the turn, causing an accident, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to unplaced; 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.

03/15/26<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (3<sup>rd</sup> race)**

We posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole involving the fourth-place horse #2 Bright Eye Bungle (IRE) (A. Fresu) and the fifth-place horse #7 Chapter One (E. Jaramillo). The video shows the #2 shifted out slightly contacting the #7. After speaking to both riders and reviewing the race several times, we made no change to the order of finish. In our opinion the incident did not cost the #7 a better placing.

03/15/26<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race	No changes. Refund \$1,206.84
2nd Race	No changes. Refund \$336.24
3rd Race	#1 Newton- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured #4 Kelse- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$6,007.72
4th Race	No changes. Refund \$225.00
5th Race	#9 Sir Percival- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick Refund \$1,807.31

6th Race #3 Ooty (ARG)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
Refund \$1,792.00

7th Race #11 Catalina- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$2,758.58

8th Race #2 Cash In Toknight- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured  
#5 Can You Dream- Del-Cid replaces G. Franco, travel  
Refund \$2,455.56

9th Race No changes. Refund \$0.00

03/15/26<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,126	\$717,431.39
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,182	\$1,131,731.35
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$7,066,779.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	9,308	\$9,391,575.08

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 03/13</b>	<b>Sat 03/14</b>	<b>Sun 03/15</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	1	0	1	9
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	4	1	1	6	75
<b>Claims</b>	7	3	0	10	81
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	1	0	1	3
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	1	2	16
<b>Refunds</b>	9	5	8	22	180
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	1	2	46
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	1	0	2	10

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/09/26 TO 03/15/26**

Horses on Vet List 22  
Horses off Vet List 7  
Shock Wave Therapy 4  
Fatalities 0  
Medication 0

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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