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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for Monday, March 16, 2026, through Sunday, March 22, 2026.

MONDAY03/16/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Luis Jauregui was obtainable to oversee entries for Saturday (9 races). He also ratified changes to the program for Friday (8 races) and put out any fires that might surface during his work period.

TUESDAY03/17/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Luis Jauregui was on duty to supervise entries for Sunday (9 races) and solve any issues that might come to light during this timeframe. Adjustments to the Saturday program (9 races) were made with Mr. Jauregui's endorsement.

THURSDAY03/19/26¹**GALLAGHER FORMAL HEARING CASE 25SA0160**

Present for the hearing before the BOS were, respondent trainer Patrick Gallagher, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. and Court Reporter Andy Hsaio.

The complaint read as follows:

The horse "LOUDER" trained by Patrick Gallagher sustained a catastrophic injury while galloping on the training track at Santa Anita on December 18, 2024. The horse was later euthanized by Dr. Ryan Carpenter. LOUDER was a 2-year-old maiden who had never raced and had only one recorded work out. The horse had recently returned from a layup longer than 90-days without undergoing the required primary and secondary regulatory veterinary examinations before resuming training as required by CHRB rule 1846.2.

Equibase records show LOUDER had one recorded workout on July 1, 2024, at Santa Anita. Equitaps records for LOUDER show Dr. Cathaleen Canfield performed a pre-workout examination on June 23, 2024, which would be outside the 72-hour window as required CHRB Rule #1878- Workouts. I contacted Dr. Canfield on the telephone and asked her if she performed this examination on June 23, 2024, and she confirmed.

Other license held: Owner # 070681 Exp 11/30/2026

Testimony was given, all documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

03/19/26²

VACA FORMAL HEARING CASE 26SR0002

Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent Silvano Vaca, CHRB Investigator Steven Manila, translator Jessica Zeichner and Court Reporter Andy Hsaio. Trainer Edward Freeman also was available as a witness for the respondent.

The complaint read as follows:

Vaca is the stable foreman for a trainer who had a horse test positive for a "metabolite of Methamphetamine". Vaca voluntarily submitted to a urine sample which tested positive for amphetamine and methamphetamine on both the initial Quest Diagnostics Express Results Integrated Multi-Drug Screen Cup and the official laboratory testing results by Quest Diagnostic. Due to the horse medication positive and Vaca's positive test result, Vaca is found to be in violation of CHRB 1874 - Disorderly Conduct.

Testimony was heard, the complaint was submitted into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

03/19/26³

HAGEMANN RECORDED HEARING CASE 26SA0017

Present for the hearing before the BOS were complainant trainer Samuel Calvario, his daughter to translate, if necessary, and by telephone respondent Paul Hagemann, along with his son David Hagemann.

The complaint read as follows:

Owner Paul Hagemann is indebted to trainer Samuel Calvario in the amount of \$20,489.00 for training fees and transportation. Calvario provided CHRB Investigator's with invoices for the horses, "Kinky Moon", "Bold Mission", "Hails Tribute", "Hakuhia", "Triple Slipper", and "True Ricardo".

After there was copious conversation discussing the debt billed, Mr. Hagemann agreed he was responsible for the November 2025 balance, Mr. Calvario agreed to withdraw the amount charged for December 2025. The settled amount to be paid is \$17,393.00. The complaint will be signed off after confirmation from Mr. Calvario that he has received that amount as promised.

FRIDAY
03/20/26¹

SAFETY STEWARD REPORT

Safety Steward Paul Atkinson met with the Stewards twice to discuss issues pertaining to clearing the CHRB problem sheet along with HISA topics of concern.

03/20/26²

LOPEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation that Mr. Lopez had finalized his six-month suspension with HISA. These days could not be issued simultaneously with the HISA penalty.

LATS RULING #47

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTC Ruling #34, issued at Del Mar Race Track on August 31, 2025, has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey PACO LOPEZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 27, 28 and 29, 2026).

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

03/20/26³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SECOND RACE 5 1/2 dirt

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race that involved #4 Ottis Betts (F. Geroux 3rd). After a review and conversation with Starter Travis and the jockey, it was unanimous there were no other factors involved that caused the horse to dwell (break very slowly). When the horse did decide to leave the starting gate, it gained ground rapidly and finished a strong third.

03/20/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
2nd race	#3 My Man Joe Roldan (Tr. A. Marquez) Steward-unable to bridle in Holding barn. Refund \$2,470.96
3rd race	No Changes. Refund \$264.30
4th race	#1 Gentleman Rancher (Tr. C. Dollase) Stewards-entered back #7 Smoovin Saturday (Tr. M. McCarthy) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,396.01
5th race	#4 Poor Val (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery #7 Sounds Lucky (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$1,780.41
6th race	#7 Hacking It Up (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) A. Fresu replaced F. Geroux- 2nd call #8 Central Dispatch (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$2,735.41
7th race	#4 Minister Shane (Tr. G. Lopez) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #8 Known Idea (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou #9 One Smokin dude (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio Refund \$444.35
8th race	#4 By the Moonlight (Tr. R. Baltas) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$325.45

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,446	\$374,838.76
SCOTWINC	2,373	\$852,097.52
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,227,680.79
TOTAL	4,819	\$5,879,100.66

SATURDAY

03/21/26¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Francisco Monroy met with the Stewards to review an incident near the 5/16 marker in the sixth race. Mr. Monroy's horse stepped inward and interfered with a horse to his inside. The majority believed mitigating factors permitted a warning penalty. Steward Jauregui voted for a suspension.

Vicente Del-Cid was directed to meet with the BOS to discuss the use of his crop in the eighth race yesterday. As Mr. Del-Cid is riding today at Turf Paradise, his agent Ryan Glatt telephoned the Stewards to allow Mr. Del-Cid to express his opinion. Steward Jauregui translated the conversation; in Spanish, Mr. Del-Cid stated he agreed that he went one over the allowed usage of the crop.

The Stewards subsequently issued the HISA ruling listed below.

HISA 2026-00555

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey VICENTE DEL-CID, who rode CELESTIAL SKIES in the eighth race (Purse \$17,000) at Santa Anita Park on March 20, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (April 4, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

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

03/21/26²

POST TIME ADJUSTMENTS

Santa Anita pushed back post times today by ten minutes. The Coast-to-Coast wager was the crux of the issue. Gulfstream Park's post times were on top of Santa Anita's, thus there was a chance if they were not separated the races involved in this wager might have to race out of order.

03/21/26³

VOIDED CLAIMS

After a physical examination and a report from Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio that #5 Lorenzo Bernini, who performed in the second race, was unsound, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer George Papaprodormou.

Also, in the eighth race #6 Mbagnick (CHI) was reported to be unsound after a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio. The horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List; the Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer John Sadler.

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BOARD MEMBER VISIT

CHRB Board Member Dennis Alfieri visited the Stewards yesterday to discuss different topics that pertained to racing. The Stewards always appreciate Member stopovers.

03/21/26⁵

INQUIRY /NON-STARTERS /SEVENTH RACE 6 ½ hillside turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved were #5 Prancingthruparis (J. Hernandez 3rd) and #6 Miss Practical (H. I. Berrios 5th). Upon review of the video, conversation with Starter Keil Travis and both jockeys, both horses were declared non-starters per CHRB rule 1696 (b)-The Start.

As #5 false broke through the gate ½ length before the rest of the field, thus gaining an unfair advantage, #6 did not receive a fair start through no fault of the horse. By rule both horses had to be declared nonstarters. This left a three-horse field with some wagering options removed prior to making the race official (place, show and superfecta wagers).

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 2nd race #5 Lorenzo Bernini (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez-VOID. Refund \$0.00
 3rd race No Changes. Refund \$15.00
 4th race No Changes. Refund \$96.00
 5th race #3 Moonlit Courage (Tr. M. Badilla) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$660.02
 6th race #1 Surprise D’Oro (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Patio Refund \$556.50
 7th race #2 Moment’s Pleasure (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon
 #5 Prancingthruparis (Tr. P. Eurton) & #6 Miss Practical (Tr. C. Gaines) - non starters. Refund \$221,651.00
 8th race #6 Mbagnick (CHI) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins-VOID Refund \$0.00
 9th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,202	\$770,023.51
SCOTWINC	3,849	\$1,467,401.53
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,182,348.23
TOTAL	10,051	\$7,173,835.17

SUNDAY
03/22/26¹

GALLAGHER RULING ref 03-19-26¹

The following ruling was issued after adjudicating mitigating and aggravating particulars presented in the evidence and testimony. The language in the ruling was a majority decision; Steward Jauregui voted for a seven-day suspension.

LATS RULING #49

Trainer PATRICK GALLAGHER, who trained LOUDER on December 18, 2024, at Santa Anita Park, is fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination – no ninety-day examination) and #1878 (Workouts – Horse not examined by attending veterinarian within 72 hours of workouts.)

03/22/26²

VACA RULING ref-03-19-26²

The following ruling was issued after the BOS assessed testimony and evidence submitted in the complaint (26SR0002) filed by the CHRB.

LATS RULING #50

Stable Foreman SILVANO VACA is suspended THIRTY (30) days (April 6, 2026, to May 5, 2026) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Methamphetamine and Amphetamine) for a positive test taken at San Luis Rey Downs Training Center on January 9, 2026.

Furthermore, SILVANO VACA must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and ordered to sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by SILVANO VACA.

03/22/26³

VOIDED CLAIM

Following a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, 4 One Happy Dude who performed in the sixth race was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Steve Knapp.

03/22/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 2nd race #1 Union Heiress (Tr. D. W. Baker) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase
 #2 Tom's Star (Tr. M. Valenzuela, Jr.) T. Pereira replaced F. Orduna-Rojas (travel). Refund \$0.00
 3rd race No Changes. Refund \$47.00
 4th race No Changes. Refund \$83.00
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$1,170.60
 6th race #2 Uncle Evco (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. C. Gaines
 #4 One Happy Dude (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.
 VOID. Refund \$110.00
 7th race #9 Maximon (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. Eurton
 #11 My Box of Light (Tr. J. Herrick) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$1,803.10
 8th race #2 Golden River (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) claimed by Tr. A. Psarras
 #4 Alpine Thunder (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed by Tr. J. Hernandez Jr.
 #6 Binging (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon
 #8 The Big Cheesola (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Farias
 #9 Sunset (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$1,771.14
 9th race #1 Have Style (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 #6 Risky Pleasure (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$3,821.17

03/22/26⁵

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,758	\$750,587.77
SCOTWINC	3,198	\$1,116,718.96
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,691,220.81
TOTAL	8,956	\$9,042,909.19

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/16/26 TO 03/22/26

Horses on Vet List	18
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/20	Sat 03/21	Sun 03/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	9
Cal-Bred Races	4	3	4	11	86
Claims	2	0	6	8	89
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	1	1	0	2	18
Refunds	7	5	7	19	199
Rulings	1	1	2	4	50
Voided Claims	0	2	1	3	13

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