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

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Report for Monday, March 23, 2026, through Sunday, March 29, 2026.

MONDAY
03/23/26¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, March 28, 2026. Nine (9) races were drawn, with sixty-one (61) horses scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty overseeing all matters regarding entries and declarations for the California Horse Racing Board.

TUESDAY
03/24/26¹

ENTRY DAY

Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his staff were on duty today, preparing a racing card for Sunday March 29, 2026. Nine (9) races were drawn with seventy-one (71) horses scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer oversaw the draw, participated in an Entry Panel, spoke with out of state Stewards and accepted phone calls in the Stewards' Office.

THURSDAY
03/26/26¹

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ COMPLAINT (CASE #26SA0019)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Exercise Rider Miguel Hernandez for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct). CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. prepared a nine (9) page complaint packet for today's hearing. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

On February 1, 2026, at approximately 0809 hours, CHRB Investigators were contacted by a witness who requested to remain anonymous. The witness said Exercise Rider Miguel Hernandez had an odor of an alcoholic beverage omitting from his person while they were speaking with him at trainer Jeff Mullins barn 106.

Hernandez consented to a breathalyzer exam. The BAC results showed a BAC of .054. I provided Hernandez with The Winner's Foundation's contact foundation. Hernandez appears to be in violation of CHRB Rule #1874-Disorderly Conduct.

Miguel Hernandez appeared today and stated he worked for Trainer Jeff Mullins. Steward Luis Jauregui chaired the hearing. CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. appeared and presented his complaint. Exercise Rider Hernandez testified before the Stewards. A decision regarding this matter will be made soon.

03/26/26²

DERON L. PEARSON COMPLAINT (CASE #26SA0021)

Private Veterinarian Melinda Blue filed a complaint against Owner Deron Pearson for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama prepared a thirty-one (31) page complaint packet for today's hearing. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows:

Dr. Melinda J. Blue performed pre-workout soundness examinations and treatments between January 2025 and January 2026 for PRINCESS SNOW, PURE CHAOS (PURE 22), TAKE CARAMINE, and WATHEEGA 22. Owner Pearson was sent a notice of his past due account for the veterinary services in the amount of \$11,250.05 on February 10, 2026, via Certified US Mail. The \$11,450.05 outstanding balance, in addition to a preceding unpaid balance of \$114,295.53, both remain unpaid until present day.

The office manager for Melinda Blue DVM called our office prior to today's hearing. She told us that a private resolution between the two (2) parties has been made. On behalf of Dr. Blue, she requested that the complaint be withdrawn.

03/26/26³

LEW WINNEY COMPLAINT (CASE #25DM0056—REF: 03/12/26³)

The hearing that originally started on March 12, 2026, was reconvened and completed today. This hearing is for Stable Worker Lew Winney, who participated telephonically from Oaklawn Park (Arkansas). CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. presented videos of Lew Winney on October 31, 2026 (Breeders' Cup—Day 1) at Del Mar Race Track. Winners' Foundation Executive Director Darin Scharer was also present. The videos show Del Mar Stable Security talking to Lew Winney. San Diego County Sheriff's Department handcuffing Mr. Winney as he was allegedly under the influence of alcohol. Mr. Winney was transported to Scripps Hospital in La Jolla after the incident at Del Mar. He is currently denied access to Gulfstream Park (FL), Santa Anita Park and Del Mar Race Track by the management of those racetracks.

The Stewards will now deliberate on the documents presented, testimony given and videos viewed on March 12 and March 26, 2026, here at Santa Anita. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY
03/27/26¹

ADRIAN ESCOBEDO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Adrian Escobedo appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the seventh race on Sunday, March 22, 2026. In this six (6) furlong race on the turf, #1 Irish Rebel finished second. This horse drifted out in the final one hundred (100) yards of this race. This caused fifth place finisher, #8 Broheim (Juan Hernandez), to drift out as well. This second action forced Jockey Tyler Baze (#4 Sand Bagger-Sixth Place) to steady his mount. Jockey Escobedo was told it is very important to maintain a straight course, as failure to do so can cause problems for other rivals. He was issued a warning in what was a unanimous decision. Jockey Escobedo was told he needs to do better.

03/27/26²

MIGUEL HERNANDEZ RULING (REF 03/26/26¹)

The ruling below was issued after the Stewards reached a decision on the evidence presented in Thursday’s hearing.

LATS Ruling #51

Exercise Rider MIGUEL HERNANDEZ is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - intoxication) on February 1, 2026, at Santa Anita Park.

Furthermore, MIGUEL HERNANDEZ must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and 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 MIGUEL HERNANDEZ.

03/27/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race NO SHOW WAGERING
1st Race Declarations #1 Gold Council (Tr. Antonio Garcia) Vet – Sick – Nolton Pattio VMD
#6 Decapo (Tr. J. Sadler) Vet – Sick – Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND TOTAL: \$2,909.04

2nd Race #4 No More Ding Dongs (Tr. J Farias) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
3rd Race #3 Going Deep (Tr. D. O’Neill) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer
4th Race #4 Honorable Gal (Tr. S Morfin) claimed, J. Uranga, trainer
#5 Respect the Crown (Tr. F. Rodriguez) claimed, A Saavedra, trainer
4th Race Declaration #6 Cee’s the Image (Tr. Felix Rondan) Vet – Injured – Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$229.84

5th Race #3 Gallatin (Tr. J Thomas) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
#4 Prime Artist (FR) (Tr. L. Powell) claimed, L. Powell, trainer

6th Race NO SHOW WAGERING
6th Race #2 Sendit Mo (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer
6th Race Declarations #1 Original One (Tr. H. Palma) Vet – Sick – Nolton Pattio VMD
#5 Beers On Me (Tr. D. O’Neill) Vet – Unsound – Jay Deluhrey DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$840.12

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,533	\$416,124.99
SCOTWINC	2,392	\$855,329.82
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$3,778,825.27
TOTAL	4,925	\$5,462,737.19

SATURDAY STEWARDS SWITCH

03/28/26¹

Steward Grant Baker is away for the weekend, and John Herbuveaux will be acting in his stead.

03/28/26²

VOIDED CLAIM – FIFTH RACE

#7 Velvet Lilly, who was the subject of a claim deposited by trainer Steve Knapp, was returned to the barn of John Sadler after Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio determined the filly was unsound and placed her on the Vet’s List.

03/28/26³

STEWARDS’ REVIEW - SIXTH RACE

The Stewards initiated a review of the start after the #6 My Kat broke slowly as the prospective favorite. Tapes showed #6 My Kat whipped his head to the right milliseconds prior to the stall doors opening. The assistant starter did not contribute to the incident, so no further action was taken.

03/28/26⁴

JOCKEY OBJECTION – SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards illuminated the objection sign at the behest of Hector Berrios who rode the place horse #4 Yacowlef (IRE). Berrios felt the winner, #5 Irish Royalty ridden by Kazushi Kimura, drifted in and impeded his progress as the pair neared the 1/16. After a thorough review the Stewards unanimously disallowed the claim of foul. Tapes show that Irish Royalty did indeed drift in later in the stretch, but #4 Yacowlef (IRE) was not impeded, and the placings were not affected.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race NO SHOW WAGERING
 1st Race Declaration #1 Hey Lil Lady (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.) Vet – Injured – Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$2,285.87
 2nd Race NO SHOW WAGERING
 2nd Race Declaration #3 Bazooka Charlie (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Vet – Sick – Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$628.71
 4th Race Declaration #5 Manhattan Beauty (Tr. Richard Baltas) Vet – Injured – Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$977.86
 4th Race #4 Elsa Dutton (Tr. I. Tamayo) claimed, A. Ordonez, trainer
 5th Race Declaration #6 Heavenly Bella (Tr. Richard Baltas) Vet – Injured – Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$760.00
 6th Race Declaration #2 Pride of Queens (Tr. Doug O’Neill) Vet – Sick – Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$2,068.99
 7th Race #2 Fomo Joe (Tr. Ryan Hanson) Jockey Adrian Escobedo replaced by Tyler Baze
 #4 Yacowlef (IRE) (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, H. Palma, trainer
 9th Race Declaration #10 Almost There (Tr. Ryan Hanson) Vet – Unsound – Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$1,402.50

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,221	\$1,083,132.32
SCOTWINC	4,128	\$1,643,667.92
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,342,608.59
TOTAL	11,349	\$7,828,292.47

SUNDAY

03/29/26¹

ANTONIO GARCIA RULING

The ruling below was issued after Garcia acknowledged he forgot to file the paperwork in a timely manner.

LATS RULING #52

Trainer ANTONIO GARCIA, who started the horse HONDO’S GOLD in the ninth race on March 28, 2026, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

03/29/26²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Kazushi Kimura appeared to review his ride on Irish Royalty in yesterday’s seventh race where he survived a jockey objection to win the race.

Replays showed Kimura using a right-handed crop while his mount drifted toward the rail in late stretch. The drift caused an inside rival to steady a jump, but the placings were unaffected.

By majority vote Kimura was given a warning while Steward Jauregui felt a suspension was appropriate because the drift caused another horse to steady.

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CLAIM VOIDED

A claim dropped by trainer R. B. Hess, Jr., in the fifth race for #2 Copp was voided by the Stewards after Dr. Pattio reported the horse was off on the left front and would be entered on the Vet's List. The horse was returned to the Michael McCarthy barn.

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SEVENTH RACE – TWO LATE SCRATCHES

#5 Perfect Life trained by Lorenzo Campuzano and #6 Headstrong Ways conditioned by Richard Baltas were scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of Dr. Jay Deluhery after the two became fractious in the starting gate. Both jockeys Kyle Frey and Tiago Pereira were cleared to ride the next race and both horses walked off the course under their own power.

Pereira escaped serious injury because assistant starter Max Corrales, who was heading the #6 horse, jumped down to extricate the fallen rider from the thrashing legs of Headstrong Ways. Kudos to Corrales for courage under fire.

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CLAIM VOIDED

Trainer Jeff Mullins attempted to claim Strange Addition in the seventh race, but Dr. Pattio determined the mare was off on the right front and put her on the Veterinarian's List. Trainer Bill McLean regains possession of Strange Addiction.

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CLAIMS VOIDED

Following today's eighth race, two claims were voided.

#2 Wishtheyallcouldbe returns to the stable of Ryan Hanson.

#4 Rizzleberry Rose returns to the stable of Peter Eurton.

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio informed the Stewards, after today's nine race card, that both of these horses were unsound.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

3 rd Race	#1 Punto Forty (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
3 rd Race	Declaration #5 Savage Warden (Tr. Phillip D'Amato) Vet – Injured – Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$1,497.60
4 th Race	#3 Country Line Kid (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, I. Tamayo, trainer
6 th Race	Declaration #2 Stronghold (Tr. Phillip D'Amato) Stewards – Stake Race. Refund: \$2,699.48
7 th Race	#2 Strange Addiction (B. McLean) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
7 th Race	Declarations #5 Perfect Life, (Tr. L. Campuzano) Vet – Injured Starting Gate – Jay Deluhery DVM
	#6 Headstrong Ways (Tr. R. Baltas) Vet – Injured Starting Gate – Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND TOTAL: \$182,932.07
9 th Race	Declaration #6 Going Lucky, Tr. Jonathon Thomas, Vet – Sick – Nolton Pattio VMD. Refund: \$2,796.60

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,011	\$738,659.69
SCOTWINC	3,053	\$1,036,297.92
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,952,190.19
TOTAL	9,064	\$9,166,908.84

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/27	Sat 03/28	Sun 03/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	9
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	2	6	81
Claims	7	3	4	14	95
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	17
Refunds	6	9	9	24	204
Rulings	1	0	1	2	52
Voided Claims	0	1	4	5	15

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/23/26 TO 03/29/26

Horses on Vet List	25
Horses off Vet List	18
Shock Wave Therapy	4
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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