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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 8, through Sunday, April 12, 2026.

WEDNESDAY4/8/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise entries for Saturday, April 11, 2026, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY4/9/26¹**TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY – COMPLAINT (Case #26LA0029)**

An informal tape-recorded hearing was held this morning to address California Horse Racing Board complaint #26LA0029 filed against trainer Scott Willoughby, by Official veterinarian Gary Beck, alleging violation of CHRB rule #1845 (b)(2) (Authorized Bleeder Medication). Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards, was Mr. Willoughby and CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida, who presented the case. Mr. Willoughby was advised of his right to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation. After Mr. Willoughby testified on his own behalf, the hearing was concluded. We will review the case, and a decision will be forthcoming.

4/9/26²**COMPLAINT (Case #26LA0022)**

Stewards Ron Church, Tom Ward and David Nuesch convened to address a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against Stable worker/Groom Jesus Lemus-Manuel, CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida was present to present the case alleging violations of CHRB rules #1489 (a)(7) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) & #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). The hearing did not proceed as Mr. Manuel failed to appear. Attempts to contact Mr. Manuel by telephone were unsuccessful. Ruling to follow.

4/9/26³**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise entries for Sunday, April 12, 2026, and changes to Saturday's program.

4/9/26⁴**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Saturday's program. Following the review there was one recommended panel scratch from the eighth race.

FRIDAY

4/10/26¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Sunday’s program. Following the review there was one entry designated as a hard watch.

4/10/26²

SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

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

SATURDAY

4/11/26¹

RULING #29

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Having received notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the horse Golf Drama is disqualified for a positive test sample – Phenylbutazone – collected following the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 11, 2026 (Case# ECM2026-36/EMC). Consequently, all purse monies earned by Owner/Trainer Angela Maria Aquino and Jockey Damian Diaz Cruz are ordered returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before May 11, 2026, for re-distribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award of Prized to be Withheld).

The above ruling was issued upon receipt of notification from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit that the covered horse Golf Drama (Trainer Angela M. Aquino) has been disqualified as a result of a positive blood test sample for Phenylbutazone (Class C) obtained following the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on January 11, 2026.

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RULING #30

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Groom JESUS LEMUS-MANUEL, having failed to respond to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (a)(7) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – moral turpitude/theft) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

The above ruling was issued when stable worker/ groom Jesus Lemus-Manuel failed to appear to answer to charges of (case #26LA0022), which was alleged violations of CHRB rules #1489 (a)(7) & #1900.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #2 Honky Tonk Rhythm (Tr. A. Aquino) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$485.25
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #1 Onetwothreefloor (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$186.45
#7 Fire Ile (Tr. R. Hanson) Claimed by Trainer Troy Dial
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race #10 Elegant Train B (Tr. E. Willis) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$671.17
- 8th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	832	\$100,634.10
SCOTWINC	1,073	\$266,406.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,021,168.53
TOTAL	1,905	\$1,388,208.83

SUNDAY

4/12/26¹

RULING #31

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Jockey HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race) while riding CM Cowgirls Are Cool in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on April 11, 2026.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Henry Reynoso Lopez reported to the Stewards office as requested to review his crop use in last night's eighth race. After reviewing the video Mr. Lopez agreed he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

4/12/26²

INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 8TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the eighth race, to examine an incident shortly after the start of the 300-yard race involving #3 Miss Happy (Oscar Peinado) second, and #4 Apollitical Gray MRL (Eduardo Nicasio) who finished sixth (last). After a thorough review of the video from all angles, the Stewards in a unanimous decision, disqualified #3 Miss Happy from second, to last for drifting out into the path of #4 Apollitical Gray MRL, forcing that rival to take up sharply, losing momentum and the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish 2-(3)-7-1-5-4
 Official Order of Finish 2-7-1-5-4-(3)

4/12/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Evenereworse (Tr. Jorge Farias) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$323.40
 2nd Race #6 Mesa Verde (Tr. Adan Farias) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$230.49
 3rd Race #8 Golf Drama (Tr. Angela Aquino) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$305.15
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race No Changes
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race #6 Nymphlike (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Gate Scratch (Loading) – Stewards – Refund: \$31,644.50

4/12/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	521	\$70,791.80
SCOTWINC	875	\$186,819.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$978,505.31
TOTAL	1,396	\$1,236,116.41

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	1	0	1	24
Disqualifications	K	0	1	1	4
Inquiries	D	0	1	1	17
Refunds	A	3	4	7	99
Rulings	Y	2	1	3	31
Voided Claims		0	0	0	9

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

BOS:RC:dj