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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the week of April 22, 2026, through April 26, 2026.

WEDNESDAY4/22/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

4/22/26²**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled a strong eight-race card for Saturday, consisting of multiple races with eight runners.

4/22/26³**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Once the second race in the book for California bred two-year-old maidens was opened up to all runners, the race quickly filled and was used as the third race on the program.

THURSDAY4/23/26¹**ENTRIES, SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Steward Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Sunday and also approve scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card. Additionally, the entry panel met to review and discuss all the runners on Saturday's eight-race program. No scratches were submitted.

4/23/26²**FINANCIAL COMPLAINTS**

The two financial complaints (#26LA0040 and #26LA0041) filed on behalf of Equine Sports Medicine were both paid in full prior to their scheduled hearings for this morning. As a result, both complaints were withdrawn.

FRIDAY4/24/26¹**SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Sunday's card. The entry panel met once again to review and discuss all the runners on the eight-race program. Two thoroughbreds were found to be ineligible, so both horses were withdrawn.

SATURDAY

4/25/26¹

QUIET AFTERNOON

With no riders ordered to see the Stewards this afternoon, office duties were minimal.

4/25/26²

INQUIRY INTO THE START

After the runners passed the finish for the first race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start of the race, where #3 Dial A Friend was “left” and remained well behind the rest of the field for the entire race. Dial A Friend began to rear and threw his head just at the starting gate doors opened, resulting in a very tardy start. After review, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Dial A Friend was afforded a fair start but caused his own problems just as the field was dispatched. As a result, Dial A Friend was ruled a starter, and the result was made official.

4/25/26³

TWO LATE SCRATCHES

We had two late scratches this evening, both after the horses were on the track. In the fifth race, #6 Rational became fractious in the starting gate and broke through the front door. The Stewards withdrew the runner on the recommendation of the Racing Veterinarian. The second scratch came in the seventh race after #6 Stop Walking unseated jockey Ricardo Ramirez, than ran loose, ultimately exiting the racetrack.

4/25/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Maniae (Tr. G. Vallejo) Vet-Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$328.60
5 th Race	#6 Rational (Tr. P. Jones) Stewards-Injured at gate - Refund: \$10,755.84
6 th Race	#6 Excess B First (Tr. S. Morfin) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$97.00
7 th Race	#3 Dynasty 149 (Tr. K. Watanabe) Jockey changed to C. Franco
	#6 Stop Walking (Tr. J. Flores) Stewards-Loose post parade - Refund: \$4,455.05
8 th Race	#3 Jess Being A Friend (Tr. E. Andrade) Stewards-Stake scratch-Refund\$439.72

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	929	\$90,907.10
SCOTWINC	1,064	\$249,377.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$732,917.58
TOTAL	1,993	\$1,073,201.78

SUNDAY

4/26/26¹

CRUZ RULING

As a result of jockey Damian Diaz Cruz riding two designated trial races on the same day last week, he was issued an additional suspension day in the following ruling.

Ruling # 33

Jockey DAMIAN DIAZ CRUZ is suspended for ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACE DAY (May 3, 2026) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (h)(Designated Races – participated in more than one trial heat while under suspension) on April 19, 2026.

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EQUINE INJURY – RACE 4

As the field of runners entered the home stretch #7 Soli sustained an injury and was immediately pulled up by jockey Edgar Payeras. Soli was brought to a stop just past the finish line where Mr. Payeras dismounted safely. After being evaluated and stabilized by the Racing Veterinarian, the four-year-old gelding was vanned via equine ambulance back to the Jesus Nunez barn for further diagnosis and x-rays.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2 nd Race	#3 Dutton (Tr. J. Farias) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$219.78
3 rd Race	#4 Crypto Craze (Tr. S. Morfin) Claimed by trainer S. Perez

7th Race #5 Jess Good Time MRL (Tr. J. Gomez) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$76.20
 #8 My Favorite Jeans (Tr. E. Willis) Stewards-Medication - Refund: \$112.27

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	850	\$79,636.30
SCOTWINC	1,051	\$220,145.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$920,994.73
TOTAL	1,901	\$1,220,776.73

SUMMARY

	Fri 04/24	Sat 04/25	Sun 04/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	0	1	1	25
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	-	1	0	1	18
Refunds	D	5	3	8	116
Rulings	A	0	1	1	33
Voided Claims	Y	0	0	0	9

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