

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB Del Mar, California

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Report for Monday, August 03, 2026 through Sunday, August 09, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

08/05/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Sunday (10 races) and resolve issues that may arise. He also approved the alterations made to Friday's Program (8 races).

THURSDAY

08/06/26¹

MENA RECORDED HEARING CASE 26DM0002

Present before the BOS were, the author of the complaint, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. and CHRB Investigator Thomas Gandara (observer). Also observing Del Mar Exec. V. P. COO Ann Hall, respondent Gumaro Mena and available to translate his wife, Guillermina Mena.

The complaint read as follows:

Del Mar Outrider Gumaro Mena consented to a breathalyzer pertinent to his CHRB testing agreement. The results showed a BAC of .156. Mena was under the influence of alcohol while performing his duties as an outrider.

Other licenses held:

Exerciser Rider Inactive

Pony Rider Exp. 10/31/2028

Stable Worker Exp. 10/31/2026

The hearing opened (chaired by Grant Baker) and upon the querying of the ten (10), "Questions for Licensees Not Represented by Counsel at a Hearing Before the Board of Stewards" and after the reading of the #5 question; "Do you understand that you are entitled to be represented by counsel? Mr. Mena responded via his wife and stated he did "not" want to proceed without counsel. A new date, September 10,

2026, 9:30am at Los Alamitos Race Course was scheduled on the calendar. More to follow.

08/06/26²

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE / EIGHTH RACE -5 ½ dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review two different incidents. The first involved #1 Last Chance Darcy (H. I. Berrios 8th), #2 Zadra (E. Garcia 1st), #4 Low La Bunny (K. Frey 4th), #6 Sophia Mija (K. Kimura 5th), #7 Grievous Angel (A. Ayuso 10th). After a report from the Patrol Judge, conversation with several jockeys and a review of different video angles, unanimously, there was no change in the order of finish for this occurrence as several horses were involved and not any specific individuals were the sole contributor.

The Second incident inside the 1/16 marker involved, #2 Zadra (E. Garcia 1st) and #4 Low La Bunny (K. Frey 4th). In a unanimous decision there was no change in the original order of finish. #2 did drift inward and #4 did change paths but was not afforded a better position.

08/06/26³

VIOLATION CITATION NOTICE

Juan Luis Molina met with the Stewards to answer to the accusation of galloping the wrong way in the am yesterday on the main track. Safety Steward David Nuesch appeared as a witness and testified to the incident. Mr. Molina stated he had been warned before but wanted to keep the horse happy. He was informed to abide by the rules or be penalized again as listed in the following ruling.

DMTD RUING #09

Exercise Rider JUAN MOLINA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – galloping wrong way on track) and CHRB rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers- failure to obey direction of Outrider) at Del Mar Race Track on August 6, 2026.

08/06/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes. Refund \$108.50
2 nd Race	No Changes. Refund \$35.50
3 rd Race	No Changes. Refund \$469.84
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$43.00
5 th Race	#1 Midnight Buck (Tr. L. Mendez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Cloninger. Refund \$922.68
6 th Race	Refund \$66.00
7 th Race	Refund \$31.00
8 th Race	#9 Start D' Oro (Tr. R. Quinonez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Cloninger #10 Grape Juice Too (Tr. M. McDonald) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Cloninger. Refund \$1,230.18

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,327	\$819,272.52
SCOTWINC	2,049	2,502,022.54
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,531,396.33
TOTAL	9,376	\$8,852,691.39

FRIDAY

08/07/26¹

PAPPAS FORMAL HEARING CASE 26SA0150

In attendance in person before the BOS were, CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. Respondent Gregory Pappas and Complainant licensed owner Alison Fournogerakis and her unlicensed husband Mike Fournogerakis who upon her choosing spoke for Alison. Ms. Fournogerakis approximately half way into the hearing, asked to be excused for another obligation. With no objections she opted to leave stating her husband would represent her.

The complaint read as follows:

Owner Alison Fournogerakis alleges Pappas Horse Racing Corp. is indebted to her in the amount of \$5,719.00 which is currently being withheld by the Santa Anita Park Paymaster as payouts for a 10% ownership interest in the horse "IT'S A CINCH". Fournogerakis alleges Pappas Racing has zero ownership of the horse.

According to Fournogerakis, Pappas testified under oath in a prior hearing that he owned a 10% interest in the horse, which the Board of Stewards relied on as sole evidence of his ownership. Fournogerakis claims that if Pappas Horse Racing Corp. held a 10% ownership interest, it should then be responsible for 10% of the horse's expenses, including boarding, training, feed, veterinary, and medical costs. From January 2024 through March 2026, total expenses were \$107,555.00, allegedly making Pappas's share \$10,755.50. These expenses were paid by Fournogerakis with no contribution from Pappas Horse Racing. Fournogerakis claims to only be seeking the \$5,719.00 currently being withheld. Fournogerakis claims it would be inequitable for Pappas Horse Racing Corp. to benefit from a claimed ownership interest while avoiding the financial obligations that accompany that ownership.

After repetitious dialog and testimony, evidence was submitted and the hearing, chaired by Steward Baker was closed. Decision to follow.

08/07/26²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday. Approaching the 3/8 marker in the 5 ½ furlong dirt event Mr. Aguilar veered inward into the path of another horse. In a majority opinion he received a warning with the belief there were mitigating factors. Steward Jauregui opted for a suspension penalty.

Hector I. Berrios, Epifanio Garcia, Kazushi Kimura, Armando Ayuso and Armando Aguilar were directed to meet with the BOS to review the inquiries in the last (8th) race yesterday (ref 08-06-26²). The first incident near the 3 1/2 marker involved a five (5) horse spread. Horses shifted outward and inward applying pressure to horses in the middle. Discussion had pertained to jockeys allowing their mounts to hang in unsafe positions, jockeys not going straight especially in tight quarters, and riding safe rather than too aggressive. Armando Aguilar was not involved in this incident but remained present to review for education. Jockeys' Berrios and Garcia were relieved of penalty worthy culpability.

Kazushi Kimura and Armando Ayuso did not appear as directed, more to follow.

For the second incident that occurred in the stretch that involved Mr. Garcia, in a majority opinion he received a warning for veering off of his path that closed a hole on a horse he was passing, Mr. Baker voted for a suspension penalty.

VOIDED CLAIM

Following a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #6 Love Our Family after the running of the second race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Gary Stute.

08/07/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Lady Rider (Tr. V. Cerin) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#5 Eva Lea (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. B. McLean
#6 Long Mayshe Reign (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp. Refund \$3,140.82

2nd Race #1 Makenarita (Tr. E. Alvarez) claimed by Tr. S. Sherman
#2 Danzig Til Dawn (Tr. D. W. Baker) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Grant
#5 Free and Humble (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
#6 Love Our Family (Tr. G. Stute) claimed by Tr. M. Badilla VOID
Refund \$469.50

3rd Race No Changes. Refund \$198.00

4th Race #5 Opus Uno (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Cloninger
#6 Marcos Performance (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. P. Aguirre
Refund \$1,732.91

5th Race No Changes. Refund \$1,798.41

6th Race No Changes. Refund \$519.00

7th Race No Changes. Refund \$220.90

8th Race No Changes. Refund \$2,575.55

08/07/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,670	\$871,075.88
SCOTWINC	2,706	\$3,538,473.18
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,711,935.08
TOTAL	9,376	\$11,121,484.14

SATURDAY

08/08/26¹

ALVARADO RECORDED HEARING CASE 26SR0006

This hearing (chaired by Grant Baker) was a reschedule after Mr. Alvarado failed to appear on July 16, 2026, ref-07-16-26¹. Present before the BOS today were, CHRB Investigator V. Ibarra-Corda (Leo) and respondent Felimon Alvarado.

The complaint read as follows:

San Luis Rey Downs Security notified CHRB Investigators of an altercation that occurred in the barn area during the morning training hours. The San Luis Rey Downs Security Report, San Diego Sheriff's Report, and CHRB follow up investigations found Joseph Herrick and Felimon Alvarado to be involved in a boisterous and aggressive altercation in a barn area inside San Luis Rey Downs. Both individuals were found to be in violation of CHRB Rule 1874 - Disorderly Conduct.

License(s): Exercise Rider, Lic #: 118101 Expiration 2/28/2028

Owner, Lic #: 284703 Expiration 2/28/2028

Security Guard, Lic #: 405417 Expiration 2/28/2028

Testimony was given, the complaint package was entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

08/08/26²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Armando Ayuso and Kazushi Kimura met with the BOS as they both failed to appear as directed yesterday to review the eighth race on Thursday (ref 08-07-26 ²). The actions of all the jockeys involved in the inquiry were discussed. The two riders were informed what the BOS expects when similar formations occur during a race. Mr. Ayuso's explanation of his involvement was agreed upon, he was not issued a penalty. Mr. Kimura divulged several reasons why he should be held blameless; it was disappointing he took no accountability for his involvement in the incident. Majority opined no penalty, Mr. Baker voted for a riding suspension penalty. The following two rulings were issued for their failure to appear for the film review yesterday.

DMTD RULING #10

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of CHRB Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer and Public Safety Officers - for failing to attend film review with the Stewards) on August 7, 2026 at Del Mar Race Track.

DMTD RULING #11

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA, is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of CHRB Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer and Public Safety Officers - for failing to attend film review with the Stewards) on August 7, 2026, at Del Mar Race Track.

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VOIDED CLAIM

Upon a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #2 Sharp Aza Tack who raced in the fourth race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of Adan Farias.

08/08/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Character (Tr. P. Miller) Steward-not starter approved #4 Billy Goat (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Benson #8 Shake for One (Tr. P. Oviedo) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Benson Refund \$7,706.75
2 nd Race	#2 Hannah Buckle (IRE) Tr. L. Powell) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler Refund \$85.50
3 rd Race	#4 Icanthepmyself (Tr. B. Koriner) Steward-stake. Refund \$819.34
4 th Race	#2 Sharo Aza Tach (Tr. A. Farias) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase VOID #5 Code Duello (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. R. B. Hess #7 Agency (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis #9 Fulanito (Tr. J. D'Angelo) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Cloninger Refund \$2,970.84
5 th Race	#2 Ima Track Star (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp #8 Chapter One (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed Tr. B. McLean. Refund \$72.00
6 th Race	Refund \$112.50
7 th Race	Refund \$122,807.30
8 th Race	Refund \$82.70
9 th Race	Refund \$85.00
10 th Race	Refund \$964.05

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	12,033	\$1,779,431.08
SCOTWINC	5,333	\$6,808,307.51
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,075,606.17
TOTAL	17,366	\$18,663,344.76

SUNDAY
08/09/26¹

ALVARADO RULING ref 08-08-26¹

The following ruling was issued in a unanimous decision following the hearing. This was Mr. Alvarado's first violation of CHRB Rule #1874, he has held a California license since 2005.

DMTD RULING #12

Assistant Trainer FELIMON ALVARADO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - Verbal Altercation) on January 9, 2026 at San Luis Rey Downs.

*Rule #1532. Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

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PAYMASTER MEETING

The BOS asked Paymaster Vicki Layne to meet with them to discuss the process of verification of the amount of funds in a licensee's account prior to submitting a claim. There are several CHRB rules pertaining to claiming procedures that appear to have different interpretation by Racing Officials and Stewards. Ms. Layne satisfactorily explained all that was asked. A good discussion was had with different opinions by the BOS in the translation of the rules. Steward Jauregui requested that the Paymaster require the trainer to properly fill out the envelope before approving the claim.

08/09/26³

EDWARDS HEARING CASE

Present before the BOS today were, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr., complainant trainer Steve Miyadi, respondent Gary Edwards and his wife Brenda Lomeli via Microsoft Teams. There was a slow start as the complaints could not be found on the CHRB computers and there was only one hard copy of the complaint to be shared among the BOS.

The Complaint read as follows:

Owner Gary Edwards is indebted to trainer Steve Miyadi in the amount of \$1,872.00 for services rendered. Miyadi trained the horse Johnny Whispers from September 20, 2025 till December 18, 2025. The amount includes black smith and veterinary bills.

Testimony was given, documents submitted into evidence. Mr. Edwards and Mr. Miyadi agreed to a financial agreement which was issued by Steward Baker and the hearing was closed.

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SMOOTH SAILING

The nine-race card was performed without a ripple, changes made are listed below.

08/09/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1s Race	#1 Helen's Time (J. Glenn, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr. Jenkins Refund \$79,773.96
2 nd Race	No Change. Refund \$309.00
3 rd Race	#1 Red Cherry (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$3,553.24
4 th Race	#5 Ride Like the Wolf (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grant #8 Rejoiceful (Tr. F. Rondan) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cloninger Refund \$1,696.71
5 th Race	#9 Enterdadragon (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. M. Puype.

Refund \$42.50
6th Race No Changes. Refund \$71.50
7th Race #10 Taking a Joy Ride (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cloninger
#11 Andiamo Ragazza (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. S. Sherman
Refund \$1,139.85
8th Race #1 No Bad Beats (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. L. Powell
#7 Kambree's Flyer (Tr. D. Jensen) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$234.90
9th Race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,231	\$998,068.12
SCOTWINC	4,238	\$4,475,153.28
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$8,594,372.91
TOTAL	12,469	\$14,067,594.31

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/03/26 TO 08/09/26

Horses on Vet List 24
Horses off Vet List 13
Shock Wave Therapy 0
Fatalities 1
Medication 0
Voided Claims 2

SUMMARY

	Thu 08/06	Fri 08/07	Sat 08/08	Sun 08/09	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	4	3	3	2	12	42
Claims	0	5	7	3	15	75
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	1	7
Refunds	8	8	10	8	34	115
Rulings	0	1	2	1	4	12
Voided Claims	0	1	1	0	2	7

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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