

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for Monday, March 3, 2025 through Sunday, March 9, 2025.

MONDAY03/03/25¹**STEWARD ON DUTY**

Luis Jauregui was present and available to oversee entries for Saturday (11 races) and approve the printing of the program for Friday (9 races).

TUESDAY03/04/25¹**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Again Mr. Jauregui was on duty to adjudicate any issues pertaining to entries for Sunday (11 races) and approve any changes to the overnight before it is transformed into the daily program.

THURSDAY03/06/25¹**BIRCH HEARING CASE 24SA0134**

The CHRB filed a complaint against Veterinarian Sarah Birch for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1842 (Veterinarian Report- 6 counts). Present for the recorded hearing before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama, respondent Dr. Sarah Birch and Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea.

The complaint reads as follows:

An audit of workouts performed at Del Mar and Santa Anita Park in September 2024 showed ten timed workouts performed by various trainers did not have clearance examinations recorded in EquiTAPS by Dr. Sarah Birch. On October 19, 2024, Dr. Birch provided her notes for six of the ten pre-workout examinations she performed, and said she would record them in EquiTAPS as soon as possible. It appears Dr. Birch failed to record at least six (6) examinations into EquiTAPS during the month of September 2024.

Investigator Yokoyama testified; a new percentage of examinations completed by veterinarians has been incorporated into the decision to file complaints. For this complaint Dr. Birch's percentage was a higher computer number than the new implemented limit; moving forward a complaint of this nature would not be filed. Decision to follow.

03/06/25²

O'NEILL HEARING CASE 24SA0106

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Doug O'Neill for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1878 (Workouts-56 counts). Present for the hearing before the BOS were: representing the CHRB Deputy Attorney General Narek Shahmoradian, Mr. O'Neill's counsel Darrell Vienna, Court Reporter Andy Hsiao of Weinstein Court Reporters LLC, CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama (witness), practicing veterinarian Ryan Carpenter (witness), assistant trainer Leandro Mora (witness) and Stable Foreman Benjamin Perez (witness).

The complaint reads as follows:

A random audit of workouts performed at Santa Anita Park showed Trainer Douglas O'Neill recorded forty-four (44) timed workouts in June 2024 and twelve (12) timed workouts in July 2024 without a corresponding clearance by an attending veterinarian, for a total of fifty-six counts.

The hearing was chaired by Steward Grant Baker. At least two hours into the session, the Court Reporter reminded all that he had previously emailed the CHRB Investigators stating he was only available until 12:00 pm. With permission from Mr. Shahmoradian, a witness for the respondent was taken out of order so an employed translator (Ana Guillen Ahumado) would not have to return on a future date. After this testimony was exhausted, it was confirmed there would be a continuance scheduled on April 17, 2025 which was the earliest date all involved could commit to. Only two witnesses were heard today and the court reporter left later than he had requested.

03/06/25³

RUBALCAVA HEARING CASE 25SA0014

The CHRB filed a financial complaint for Southern California Equine Foundation against trainer Tony Rubalcava.

This complaint read as follows:

Tony Rubalcava is indebted to the Southern California Equine Foundation (SCEF) for surgical services rendered on the horse "BRUCKNER" on November 11, 2024 in the amount of \$392.45.

SCEF representative Margie Levine telephoned and verified that the amount owed was paid in full. Complaint withdrawn.

FRIDAY
03/07/25¹

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY MEETING

Once again due to the rain Track Superintendent Rob Moore reported the condition of the dirt racing surface and his procedure to comply with the written protocol. All of the required attendees in person and by telephone, were satisfied with his description.

03/07/25²

KIMURA RULING

After attorney Bing Bush contacted CHRB SSM I Administrative Manager Kimberley Herd that the appeal of ruling #LWTL #02 had been dropped, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

LATS RULING #47

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LWTL Ruling #02, issued at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 7, 2024, has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (March 14,15, and 16, 2025).

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

03/07/25³

VOIDED CLAIMS

In the second race the claims of #1 Tesoro and #4 Mobe Town were voided by the Stewards after a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio was reported; they were placed on the Veterinarian's List. The two horses returned to the stable of trainer Steve Knapp.

03/07/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #4 Bolt Zapper (Tr. C. Kelly) A. Ayuso replaced M. Guterrez (travel)
 2nd race #1 Tesoro (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
 #4 Mobe Town (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga
 #6 Chasin Munny (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez
 #8 Paul Vincents Poem (Tr. R. Lucas) A. Escobedo replaced D. Cruz
 (HISA physical required)
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$13.00
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$36.00
 6th race #1 Getemdusty (Tr. S. Miyadi) Stewards-entered back
 #5 Thanks Maggio (ARG) (Tr. G. Greiner) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #11 Sea Dog (Tr. V. Trujillo) claimed by Tr. O. J. Jauregui
 Refund \$759.56
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00
 8th race #6 Elwood Blues (Tr. B. Baffert) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt
 9th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00

03/07/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,479	457,143.56
SCOTWINC	2,600	911,825.06
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,263,506.81
TOTAL	5,079	6,632,475.43

SATURDAY

03/08/25¹

BIRCH RULING (REF: 03-06-25)

The following ruling was issued after a decision was made post hearing.

LATS RULING #48

Veterinarian SARAH BIRCH is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report – failure to enter examinations into EquiTAPS) during September 2024 at Santa Anita Park.

03/08/25²

SMOOTH SAILING

The eleven (11) race card was performed without a ripple. Changes made are listed below.

03/08/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st race #2 Everydayissaturday (Tr. T. McCanna) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$1,387.52
- 2nd race #4 Someone Like You (Tr. B. Koriner) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$886.52
- 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00
- 4th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00
- 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00
- 6th race #6 Moring Addiction (Tr. J. Sierra) S. Carmona replaced R. Sevilla
- 7th race #4 Lead Pipe Joe (Tr. L. Mendez) claimed by A. Mathis
Refund \$42.00
- 8th race No Changes; Refund \$189.20
- 9th race #2 Gaslight Dancer (Tr. R. Dutrow Jr.) Veterinarian-injured- Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$2,984.48
- 10th race #4 Tranche (Tr. A. Kitchingman) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon
#6 None Above the Law (Tr. J. Periban) claimed by Tr. P. Miller
Refund \$7,410.37
- 11th race #1 Lonesome Stew (Tr. M. Glatt) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#3 Piper's Causeway (Tr. J. Uranga) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#5 Sir Rocket (Tr. N. Drysdale) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#9 Lmlooknformischief (Tr. F. Taylor) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon
#11 Where's the Loot (Tr. C. Dollase) Stewards-full field
#12 Halo Uncle (Tr. J. Bonde) Stewards-Stewards-entered back
Refund \$7,426.57

03/08/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,183	993,142.09
SCOTWINC	4,298	1,723,525.15
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,303,295.30
TOTAL	10,481	11,019,962.54

SUNDAY

03/09/25¹

REGULAR MATTERS

As there were no scheduled hearings nor any jockeys listed to meet with the Stewards, the morning was available to regain normal order and systematic issues were attended to.

03/09/25²

SEVENTH RACE DELAY

After the sixth race, the jockey colony informed management that they had concerns with the condition of the turf course (slippage). The resolution between riders and management to continue to race on the turf course involved the change of the turf rail from twenty (20) feet to zero (0). The Santa Anita maintenance crew went above the call of duty in the removal of the temporary rail to have the remainder of the turf races run at zero (0). It took the crew only twenty-five (25) minutes to complete the task. The rest of the day the post times were delayed twenty (20) minutes.

03/09/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes; Refund \$32.00
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$18.00
 3rd race #2 Its Thievery (Tr. J. A. Aguila) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$167.20
 4th race #2 Amelia Bleu (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed by Tr. J. Garcia
 Refund \$30.00
 5th race #3 Princess Snow (Tr. J. Cassidy) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$530.40
 6th race #5 My Amigo (Tr. J. Puentes) W. Orantes replaced L. C. Flores
 (injured). Refund \$111.20
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$314.60
 8th race #5 Mr. Fighter (Tr. T. Johnson) A. Castellanos replaced L. C. Flores
 (injured)
 #6 Runnin Ute (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Benson
 #9 Getemdusty (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$2,142.20
 9th race #2 Shea Brennan (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards-stake
 #7 Will Then (Tr. J. Thomas) Stewards-stake. Refund \$6,230.40
 10th race #1 Melanie's Tiger (Tr. M. Badilla) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$1,134.88
 11th race #6 Bizzee Channel (Tr. J. Thomas) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$838.50

03/09/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,197	767,929.58
SCOTWINC	3,194	1,206,017.28
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,768,564.63
TOTAL	8,391	9,742,511.49

SUMMARY

	Fri 03/07	Sat 03/08	Sun 03/09	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	3	1	1	5	78
Claims	3	2	1	6	86
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	17
Refunds	3	7	11	21	292
Rulings	1	1	0	2	48
Voided Claims	2	0	0	2	13

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 03/03/25 TO 03/09/25

Horses on Vet List 19
 Horses off Vet List 21
 Shock Wave Therapy 2
 Fatalities 1 - SA
 Medication 0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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