

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Chairman  
Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman  
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Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member  
Honorable Thomas C. Hudnut, Member  
C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director  
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director  
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report for Monday, April 21, 2025 through Sunday, April 27, 2025.**

**MONDAY**

04/21/25<sup>1</sup>

**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Steward Luis Jauregui was available to resolve any issues during the entry phase for Saturday (11 races). The Friday final program was approved before it was distributed to the printers.

**TUESDAY**

04/22/25<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Again, Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Sunday (11 races). The Saturday program was also approved before it went to print.

**THURSDAY**

04/24/25<sup>1</sup>

**SAAVEDRA HEARING CASE 25SA0043**

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner Nicholas Saavedra for violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Present before the BOS, Respondent Nicholas Saavedra, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. and California/Account Representative for Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. Michael Machowsky.

The complaint read as follows:

*Owner Nicholas Saavedra purchased two horses from the Fasig-Tipton Yearling Sale on September 24, 2024. Representatives from Fasig-Tipton have attempted to contact Saavedra by email, mail and telephone and have not received a response. The total amount owed to Fasig-Tipton is \$38,473.00.*

After a discussion concerning the debt owed, a financial agreement was memorialized and signed.

04/24/25<sup>2</sup>

**LEON KING STABLE CORP. HEARING CASE 25SA0052**

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner Khrysseiv Mavarez (dba Leon King Stable Corp) for violation of CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility).

The complaint read as follows:

*The Owner Khrysselv Mavarez (CHRB #411198) who is acting as the racing organization Leon King Stable Corp. is indebted to Southern California Equine Foundation in the amount of \$3,380.00. The horse "Bentornato", had a PET SCAN done on 12/30/2025 and a PET SCAN done on 1/3/2025. The invoices were sent via email and SCEF also attempted to contact Mr. Mavarez via telephone but were unsuccessful.*

The Stewards were notified that the debt owed was paid in full and the complaint was withdrawn.

04/24/25<sup>3</sup>

**FERNANDEZ HEARING CASE 25SA0037**

The CHRB filed a complaint against Stable Foreman Oscar Fernandez for CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Present for the hearing before the BOS were Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. and respondent Oscar Fernandez.

The complaint read as follows:

*On March 7, 2025, at approximately 1515 hours, APD arrived at the Santa Anita Stable security office and arrested the Stable Foreman Oscar Fernandez for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.*

Testimony was given and the complaint was entered into evidence. Decision to follow.

**FRIDAY**

04/25/25<sup>1</sup>

**ROUTINE MORNING**

Usual matters were adjudicated with several minor issues that entered the Stewards' office

04/25/25<sup>2</sup>

**HIWU INVESTIGATOR VISIT**

Safety Steward Paul Atkinson visited the Stewards' office to introduce Tara McGirr, a recently hired HIWU Investigator. Questions were asked and answered and good conversation was exchanged. Mr. Atkinson is ushering her around the Southern California race tracks as requested by HIWU Director of Investigative Operations Shawn Loehr.

04/25/25<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH SAILING**

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

04/25/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$1,482.97
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$14.00
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$22.00
4th race	#3 Beau Brume (Tr. D. W. Baker) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$300.69

5th race #1 G'oro (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery  
Refund \$785.27

6th race #3 Lady Mendelssohn (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery  
#7 Tizzy Twister (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery  
Refund \$1,328.11

7th race #3 Ms Brightside (Tr. P. D'Amato) K. Frey replaced U. Rispoli (2<sup>nd</sup>  
call)  
#4 Booster Club (Tr. C. Lewis) Stewards-full field  
#10 Word Play (GB) (Tr. S. Callaghan) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins  
Refund \$370.20

8th race #4 Yukii (CHI) (Tr. M. Polanco) S. Carmona replaced J. Laprida (late)

9th race #4 Smokem Hot Girl (Tr. J. Bonde) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-  
Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$34,450.56

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,367	383,548.82
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,538	993,882.75
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	6,286,415.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,905	7,663,847.16

**SATURDAY**

04/26/25<sup>1</sup>

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY MEETING**

Once again after rain fell in the AM, the mandatory meeting in the Stewards' office was held to discuss the policy applied when the racing surface is labeled something other than fast. In attendance were Safety Steward David Nuesch, Executive Director CTT Alan Balch, Santa Anita Senior Vice President & General Manager Nate Newby, and Santa Anita Director of Racing & Racing Secretary Jason Egan. Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire was unavailable but will be informed of the information shared. Track Superintendent Rob Moore telephonically gave a report of the condition of the track surface and all in attendance were satisfied with the results.

04/26/25<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS' REVIEW**

Following the eleventh race the Stewards posted on Santa Anita's graphics that a "Stewards Review" would be conducted regarding the field of horses crossing the transition in the 6-furlong turf event. #2 Religiously (K. Kimura 9th) appeared to see something and duck outward sharply entering the wet-fast (dirt) section of the transition. In doing so horses to its inside were forced off their path. In a unanimous decision, the incident was not worthy of an inquiry as the final placing was not disturbed.

04/26/25<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #5 Unrivaled Hero (Tr. M. Glatt) Stewards-track condition  
#7 Cuban Confusion (P. D'Amato) A. Ayuso replaced U. Rispoli  
(travel). Refund \$4,815.75

2nd race #3 Positivity (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
Refund \$165.00

3rd race #6 Fireman Dan (Tr. J. Wallace III) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio  
#9 Navy Man (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery  
Refund \$2,849.19

4th race NO SHOW WAGERING  
#2 Mirahmadi (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery

- #3 Eagles Flight (Tr. J. Sadler) J. Hernandez replaced U. Rispoli (travel). Refund \$1,626.00
- 5th race (Turf) race distance changed from 6 ½ down the hill to 6 ½ out of the chute
- #4 Dandy Man Shines (IRE) (Tr. J. Mullins) H. I. Berrios replaced U. Rispoli (travel). Refund \$85.00
- 6th race #1 Aggro (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
- #9 Japhar’s Girl (Tr. C. Dollase) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$293.57
- 7th race #6 Terupati (Tr. J. Thomas) K. Frey replaced U. Rispoli (travel)
- #12 Baltic Fire (Tr. S. Callaghan) Stewards-stake
- #13 Lunar Impact (GB) (Tr. D. Blacker) Stewards-stake Refund \$2,739.40
- 8th race #5 Respect the Crown (Tr. J. Uranga) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Fitzgerald
- #10 Champagne Camie (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. A. Saavedra Refund \$679.96
- 9th race #4 Table for Two (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon
- #7 Jimmy Blue Jeans (Tr. J. Mullins) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
- #9 Rodrigoknows (Tr. A. Marquez) M. Smith replaced U. Rispoli (travel). Refund \$3,343.22
- 10<sup>th</sup> race #2 Valentines Candy (Tr. J. Mendoza) claimed by Tr. G. Stute Refund \$359.00
- 11<sup>th</sup> race #10 Have Mrazek (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$2,302.77

04/26/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,202	886,195.41
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,588	1,484,036.34
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	7,844,668.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	9,790	10,214,900.51

**SUNDAY**

04/27/25<sup>1</sup>

**O’NEILL RULING- ref 03-06-25<sup>2</sup> and 04-17-25<sup>2</sup>**

The following ruling was formulated after the BOS agreed on the penalty issued.

**LATS RULING #67**

Trainer DOUG O’NEILL is fined TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)\* for violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (Workouts – undocumented veterinary examinations – multiple counts) between June 1, 2024 and July 14, 2024 at Santa Anita Park.

04/27/25<sup>2</sup>

**LICENSING QUESTION**

Jeffery and Jeanette Levinson appeared in our office today to request a Stable License. These owners received a letter on April 2, 2025 from CHRB License Technician Praveen Arora after these owners applied for a Stable License under the name Sierra Stables LLC. Mr. Arora informed these owners that a similar name is already licensed and they would have to contact the “stewards at that racetrack.”

The Stewards did some groundwork and spoke to other racing officials (Clerk of the Course and Paymaster) regarding potential conflicts. After a rather long meeting with

this very personable couple, the Stewards reluctantly informed these owners that they would require a different stable name.

04/27/25<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /SECOND RACE -5 1/2 dirt**

Following the running of the race, the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch run. Involved were #4 Unbreakable Trust (A. Ayuso 2nd) and #6 Adebayo (D. Herrera 1st). After a report from the Patrol Judge, conversation with both jockeys and a review of the available angles of the video, in a unanimous decision #6 was disqualified and placed second behind #4. #6, on the inside of #4, drifted out dramatically and impeded #4, who was beaten a nose for a better placing.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH (6)-4-2-5-9-1-8-3

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-(6)-2-5-9-1-8-3

04/27/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #6 Mizzyaan (Tr. M. McCarthy) L. Saez replaced U. Rispoli (travel)  
Refund \$908.00

2nd race #7 Sixhoofsevenhoof (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
Refund \$2,427.54

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$17.00

4th race No Changes; Refund \$59.00

5th race #4 Father Delay (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) E. Maldonado replaced U. Rispoli (travel)  
#7 Joint Venture (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) Steward-full field  
Refund \$1,159.88

6th race No Changes; Refund \$16.00

7th race No Changes; Refund \$17.00

8th race #5 A Kitten for Sue (Tr. S. Ledezma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery  
Refund \$583.50

9th race No Changes; Refund \$991.10

10th race #5 Contrary Chieftain (Tr. J. Sierra) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio  
#6 Runnin Ute (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery  
#7 Supermazel (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed by tr. I. Tamayo  
#10 Wild Wager (Tr. J. Bautista) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery  
Refund \$2,241.00

11th race #6 Winning patriot (Tr. C. Gaines) R. Gonzalez replaced L. Saez (sick)  
#11 Miles Finch (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon  
Refund \$4,696.90

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,665	919,745.41
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,977	1,150,375.66
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	9,423,169.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,642	11,493,290.52

## SUMMARY

	Fri 04/25	Sat 04/26	Sun 04/27	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	2	2	7	123
<b>Claims</b>	1	4	2	7	143
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	1	1	10
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	1	26
<b>Refunds</b>	8	11	11	30	460
<b>Rulings</b>	0	0	1	1	67
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	22

### VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/21/25 TO 04/27/25

Horses on Vet List	20
Horses off Vet List	9
Shock Wave Therapy	4
Fatalities	1 @ Chino
Medication	0

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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