

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for Monday, April 28, 2025 through Sunday, May 4, 2025.

MONDAY04/28/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his racing office staff were on hand today, accepting entries for Saturday, May 3. Ten (10) races will be contested. Eighty-five (85) horses are scheduled to start. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty today for the California Horse Racing Board.

TUESDAY04/29/25¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, May 4. Steward Kim Sawyer oversaw the drawing of the races. Ten (10) races will be held. Eighty-nine (89) horses are scheduled to start.

THURSDAY05/01/25¹**STEVE KNAPP COMPLAINT (24DM0061)**

Trainer Steve Knapp appeared in our office for a hearing today. Trainer Knapp has been charged with allegedly violating CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Racing). The alleged incident in this matter took place on August 29, 2024 at Del Mar. CHRB Staff Counsel Jacquelyn Loyd was present today along with CHRB Supervising Investigator (Southern Division) Mike Barker.

The cover page of Supervising Investigator Barker's twelve (12) page complaint reads as follows:

A server at Del Mar Racetrack made allegations that Trainer STEVE KNAPP committed an inappropriate act towards her during the Summer Meet while she was working. KNAPP admitted to the allegation, but said it was wanted and described it

as a playful gesture. The server stated the act was not wanted and that she was appalled and embarrassed by it.

This hearing was chaired by Steward Luis Jauregui. Trainer Knapp represented himself. Witnesses were questioned and documents were marked for identification and moved into evidence. Following testimony and final statements, this hearing ended.

FRIDAY
05/02/25¹

DIEGO HERRERA FILM REVIEW (REF: 04/27/25³)

Jockey Diego Herrera appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the second race on Sunday April 27. This race was contested at 5 ½ furlongs on the main track. Today's film review shows Jockey Herrera aboard original first place finisher #6 Adebayo drift out towards the middle of the racetrack in the final furlong. #6 Adebayo then makes contact with second place finisher #4 Unbreakable Trust (Armando Ayuso) which resulted in a disqualification from first to second place.

The Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that this constituted a 'careless ride'. Jockey Herrera did not dispute our analysis. The following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #68

Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode ADEBAYO in the second race at Santa Anita Park on April 27, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (May 16, 17 and 18, 2025) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding)

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

05/02/25²

MARCOS MEZANO RULING (REF: 01/26/25²)

Winners Foundation staff members Darin Scharer and Omar Lizarrga appeared in the Stewards office along with Groom Marcos Mezano. Mr. Mezano was suspended for failing to comply with LATC Ruling #30 issued on October 27, 2024 at Santa Anita. Last year he was ordered to comply with the recommendations of the Winners Foundation following a drinking/fighting incident at San Luis Rey Downs. Mr. Scharer and Mr. Lizarrga told the Stewards that Marcos Mezano has successfully completed an in-house rehabilitation program that they had assisted with his admittance to. The Stewards congratulated Mr. Mezano and issued the following ruling that 'set aside' original suspension ruling.

LATS RULING #69

Groom MARCOS MEZANO, having now abided by terms set by the Winners Foundation, is reinstated and LATS Ruling #26, issued on January 26, 2025 for failing to comply with the provisions of LATC Ruling #30 dated October 27, 2024, is set aside.

05/02/25³

FIRST RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in mid-stretch of this one (1) mile turf event. Approaching the 1/16th pole third place finisher #2 Kawazaki (IRE) attempts to enter a tight opening, along the rail, inside of first place finisher #6 Hudson Ridge (Drayden Van Dyke). These two (2) horses made significant contact

and Jockey Ayuso (#2 Kawazaki (IRE) was 'off balance' in the saddle following the incident.

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles (including drone) of the incident, spoke to both Jockeys involved and received a Patrol Judge report. The Stewards determined that Jockey Ayuso lacked sufficient room to enter a tight opening and initiated contact with first place finisher #6 Hudson Ridge. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish.

05/02/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #5 Rhythem On Stage (Tr. C. Gaines) Poor Warm-up—Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$25,932.04

2nd Race #3 Jerry's Spirit (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, Tr. Tim Yakteen, trainer

3rd Race #5 Giant Kid (Tr. B. McLean) Injured—Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$523.64

4th Race Declaration #5 Lino's Angel (Tr. E. Alvarez) Unsound- Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$567.58

5th Race #1 Regal Patriot (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

7th Race Declarations #1 Penny Account (Tr. J. Mullins) Injured—Jay Deluhery DVM
#4 Onward and Upward (Tr. T.R. Bell II) Full Field—Stewards
#8 Starship Sedona (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) Injured—Injured—Jay Deluhery DVM
#9 U Better B the Won (Tr. T. McCanna) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND TOTAL: \$3,370.91

8th Race Declaration #2 Booster Club (Tr. C. Lewis) Full Field-Stewards
REFUND: \$1,153.60

9th Race #2 Leyas Candy (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, M. Badilla, trainer

05/02/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,346	652,272.77
SCOTWINC	4,768	1,654,187.99
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,104,945.59
TOTAL	8,114	7,411,406.35

SATURDAY

05/03/25¹

ABEL LEZCANO FILM REVIEW

Jockey Abel Lezcano appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #7 Thirst for Passion, who finished eighth in the eighth race yesterday, May 2. He was accompanied by his agent Ryan Glatt. This race was contested at one (1) mile on the infield turf course.

There were two (2) incidents that Stewards wanted to review with Jockey Lezcano. In the first incident, second place finisher #11 Cornella Fort (Tiago Periera) steadied sharply when attempting to enter an extremely tight opening inside of #7 Thirst for Passion. Stewards did not find fault for Jockey Lezcano's action regarding this incident.

In the second incident, just after the 5/16th marker, #7 Thirst for Passion drifts in and bumped ninth (last) place finisher #4 Practical Dazzle (Drayden Van Dyke) forcing that rival to steady. Jockey Lezcano was issued a 'warning' for this sub-par ride, in what was a unanimous decision.

05/03/25²

ISIDRO TAMAYO RULING

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio and the Stewards approved a late bleeder registration request made for Trainer Isidro Tamayo. Trainer Tamayo was given a choice of scratching #4 C Plum Run in yesterday's (May 2) sixth race or pay a fine. He chose the latter. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #70

Trainer ISIDRO TAMAYO, who started the horse C PLUM RUN in the sixth race on May 2, 2025 at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

05/03/25³

THIRD RACE STEWARDS' REVIEW

Public Address Commentator Frank Mirahmadi announced that a Stewards' Review would be held in order to look at the start of this 5 ½ furlong race. #1 Naftis (Welfin Orantes) stumbled badly when leaving the gate in this 5 ½ main track event. Apprentice Jockey Orantes nearly became unseated following the incident. After review the Stewards determined this single horse incident only affected this fifth (last) place finisher and there was no reason for a formal Inquiry.

05/03/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Potito (Tr. C. Gaines) Injured-Jay Deluhery DVM.
REFUND: \$803.68
- 3rd Race Declaration #3 Sir Maximus (Tr. J. Periban) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$795.95
- 6th Race #1 Wizard of Westwood (Tr. M. McCarthy) Injured—M. Jay Deluhery, DVM. REFUND: \$653.90
- 8th Race Declaration #1 T'Challa (GB) (Tr. N. Drysdale) Injured—Nolton Pattio VMD. REFUND: \$842.01
- 9th Race #10 Majestic Palisades (Tr. D. Pederson) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

05/03/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	15,122	2,566,007.23
SCOTWINC	13,752	5,058,875.68
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,594,331.35
TOTAL	28,874	14,219,214.26

SUNDAY

05/04/25¹

RON ELLIS RULING

The Stewards were notified by the CHRB Veterinarian office that Trainer Ron Ellis had made a request to race on Lasix after time of entry for May 3, 2025. The horse Crossana had Lasix designated on the official race program. For the late registration, the following penalty was issued.

LATS RULING #71

Trainer RON ELLIS, who started the horse CROSSANNA in the tenth race on May 3, 2025 at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

05/04/25²

STEVE KNAPP RULING (REF: 05/01/25¹)

The following ruling was issued after completion of a formal hearing that was held in our office on May 1, 2025. The decision was unanimous.

LATS RULING #72

Trainer STEVE KNAPP is fined THREE THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Unwanted behavior towards a frontside employee) on August 29, 2024 at Del Mar Race Track.

Furthermore, STEVE KNAPP must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and abide by the terms set by their recommendations. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by Steve Knapp.

05/04/25³

ADRIAN ESCOBEDO FILM REVIEW/RULING

Adrian Escobedo appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the 5th race yesterday, May 3. Jockey Escobedo was aboard seventh (last) place finisher #7 Renatus in this 5 ½ furlong main track event. Today's film review shows Jockey Escobedo using his riding crop five (5) times in the stretch run of this race. The Stewards determined this was not warranted as this horse had reached her maximum placing. Escobedo apologized and stated that he would do better. The following ruling was issued.

LATS RULING #73

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (c)(5) (Use of Riding Crop – after horse obtained maximum placing) Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO, who rode RENATUS in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on May 3, 2025, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*

05/04/25⁴

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident down the backside in this six (6) furlong main track event. The focus of this Inquiry were the actions of the following five (5) horses.

- A. # 1 Seager Man (Adrian Escobedo)—Third place
- B. #2 Chasing Ryter (Tyler Baze)—Seventh place
- C. #3 Rocksalot (Reylu Gutierrez)—Eleventh place
- D. #6 Got Your Six (Armando Ayuso)—Ninth Place
- E. #8 Whats the Buzz (Diego Herrera)—Second Place

Today's film review utilized all our camera angles available. The overhead (drone) camera angle was particularly useful.

Films show #8 Whats the Buzz angle inward, towards the inside rail. This forced #6 Got Your Six off his straight bath and into the path of three (3) rivals to his inside. There was significant bumping between #3 Rocksalot, #2 Chasing Ryter and #1 Seager Man. These horses were all significantly compromised in this incident. Stewards spoke to several Jockeys and Patrol Judge report before reaching a unanimous decision. #8 Whats the Buzz was disqualified and placed eleventh. Jockey Diego Herrera was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH	10-(8)-1-12-14-5-2-9-6-11-3-7
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH	10-1-12-14-5-2-9-6-11-3-(8)-7

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #2 Authentic Grace (Tr. N. Drysdale) Sick—Jay Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$2,688.76
 3rd Race Declaration #4 Flashy Fitz (Tr. S. Miyadi) Not Gate Approved—Stewards. REFUND: \$1,246.70
 4th Race Declaration #4 Khinjani (GB) Stake—Stewards REFUND: \$3,055.55
 6th Race Declaration #7 Known Idea (Tr. J. Sadler) Full Field-Stewards REFUND: \$1,770.70
 6th Race #8 Invincible (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed, P. Eurton, trainer #10 Rexford (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed, J. Raudales, trainer
 7th Race Declaration #4 Highland Echo (Tr. J. Bautista) Full Field—Stewards #13 Naval Harbor (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Full Field-Stewards
 8th Race Declaration #1 Exuitation (Tr. P. Eurton) Injured-Jay Deluhery DVM REFUND: \$2,039.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,418	837,033.66
SCOTWINC	3,397	1,176,543.29
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	11,550,254.05
TOTAL	8,815	13,563,831.00

SUMMARY

	Fri 05/02	Sat 05/03	Sun 05/04	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	3	3	4	10	133
Claims	4	1	2	7	150
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	11
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	28
Refunds	9	8	10	27	487
Rulings	2	1	3	6	73
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	22

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/28/25 TO 05/04/25

Horses on Vet List 8
 Horses off Vet List 14
 Shock Wave Therapy 3
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward