

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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Report for Sunday, April 12, 2026, through Sunday, April 19, 2026.

SUNDAY

04/12/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Kim Sawyer was available to supervise entries for Friday (9 races) and resolve any issues that may arise.

MONDAY

04/13/26¹

ENTRIES

Steward Sawyer was again in to monitor entries for Saturday (10 races) and the approval of Friday's program.

TUESDAY

04/14/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Sunday (9 races) and endorsed the changes made to Saturday's program.

THURSDAY

04/16/26¹

ICAL HEARING 26SR0003

The CHRB filed a complaint against Stable Worker Domingo Ical for an alleged violation of 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Present for the hearing before the BOS were: in person, CHRB Investigator Steven Manila; via Microsoft Teams from San Luis Rey Downs Training Center, CHRB Safety Steward George Yniguez, Interpreter Alejandra Serrano, and respondent Domingo Ical. The hearing was chaired by Steward Grant Baker.

The complaint read as follows:

Safety Steward George Yniguez was notified there were employees under the influence of alcohol while working at San Luis Rey Downs. Domingo Ical was

identified as one of the employees and was contacted while actively working on a horse in a stable. Ical admitted to consuming an alcoholic beverage prior to working. Ical was administered a breath alcohol testing sample which resulted in a positive result of Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC). Ical was found to be in violation of CHRB Rule 1874-Disorderly Conduct.

Testimony was given, documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

04/16/26²

HUALES HEARING 26SR0004

The CHRB filed a complaint against Stable Foreman Herlindo Hualles for an alleged violation of 1874 (Disorderly Conduct). Present for the hearing before the BOS were: in person, CHRB Investigator Steven Manila; via Microsoft Teams from San Luis Rey Downs Training Center, CHRB Safety Steward George Yniguez, Interpreter Alejandra Serrano, and respondent Herlindo Hualles.

The complaint read as follows:

Safety Steward George Yniguez was notified there were employees under the influence of alcohol while working at San Luis Rey Downs. Herlindo Hualles was identified as one of the employees and was contacted during morning training hours in his living area. Hualles was observed to have bloodshot, watery eyes and slurred speech. He walked with an unsteady gait and had the odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. He failed the one-leg stand and refused any further Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and refused to provide a breath test sample. Hualles is found to be in violation of CHRB Rule 1874- Disorderly Conduct.

The hearing was chaired by Steward Grant Baker. Testimony was given, documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

04/16/26³

POSTPONED HEARINGS

The two following scheduled hearings for Herrick and Alvarado were continued as Mr. Herrick was unavailable; this was not a request from Mr. Felimon. A new date has not been scheduled.

HERRICK HEARING 26SROO05

The CHRB filed a complaint against Trainer Joe Herrick for an alleged violation of 1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

The complaint read as follows:

San Luis Rey Downs Security notified CHRB Investigators if an altercation that occurred in the barn area during the morning training hours. The San Luis Rey Downs Security report, San Diego San Diego Sheriff's Report, and CHRB follow up Investigators 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): Lic #: 204838 Expiration 5/31/2028

ALVARADO HEARING 26SR0006

The CHRB filed a complaint against Assistant Trainer Felimon Alvarado for an alleged violation of 1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

The complaint read as follows:

San Luis Rey Downs Security notified CHRB Investigators if an altercation that occurred in the barn area during the morning training hours. The San Luis Rey Downs Security report, San Diego San Diego Sheriff's Report, and CHRB follow up Investigators 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, Lic #: 118101 Expiration 2/28/2028

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

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

FRIDAY

04/17/26¹

STEWARD REPLACEMENT

George Yniguez replaced Luis Jauregui today in the position of Steward.

04/17/26²

FRESU HISA RULING

After confirmation from HISA that Mr. Fresu won his appeal of a crop violation ruling issued on April 3, 2026, the HISA revised violation is listed below.

HISA Ruling

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey ANTONIO FRESU issued on April 3, 2026, has been modified, and by order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode MAGIC CONNECTION in the seventh race (Purse \$20,000) at Santa Anita Park on April 2, 2026, is fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

04/17/26³

INTERN VISIT

Leah Rivers and Asya Seraphin, sponsored by the Ed Brown Society, toured Santa Anita with Safety Steward/ Racing Official Brice Blanc, including a visit to the Steward's Stand to observe a race, share thoughts and ask questions.

04/17/26⁴

SMOOTH SAILING

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

04/17/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$11.00
3rd race	#1 Cyprus Moon (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. L. Powell Refund \$20.00
4th race	#2 Joey Ten (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. B. McLean #5 Son of Oneeyedmama (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$204.90
5th race	#2 Long Mayshe Reign (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by G. Papaprodromou #4 Shangrilama (IRE) (Tr. G Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. P. Miller

#6 Oveta's Hobby (Tr. O. J. Jauregui) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
Refund \$11.00

6th race No Changes. Refund \$202.57

7th race #1 Trump Era (Tr. R. Hanson) Stewards-entered back
#8 Petrakos (Tr. I. B. Perez) Stewards-entered back
Refund \$2,268.51

8th race #3 Mighty Kai (Tr. J. R. Valdez) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
#4 Contrary Chieftain (L. Barocio) Stewards. Refund \$3,749.65

9th race #5 Tom Seaver (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis
Refund \$400.30

04/17/26⁶

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	3,178	\$421,358.75
SCOTWINC	2,347	\$897,508.81
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,172,728.53
TOTAL	5,525	\$5,926,812.17

SATURDAY

04/18/26¹

PROTOCOL MEETING

A meeting was held before the BOS that included Safety Steward Paul Atkinson, Senior V P. General Manager Nate Newby, Senior V P. Executive Producer Amy Zimmerman, Racing Coordinator Steve Martinelli and Track Veterinarian Jay Deluhery. The subject, Santa Anita circulated a new protocol for warmups on the Downhill Turf Course. The Stewards and Steve Martinelli met with the jockey colony to discuss the new format. Questions were asked and answered.

04/18/26²

MILLER RULING

The following ruling was issued after Mr. Miller failed to register his trainee prior to entry.

LATS RULING 56

Trainer PETER MILLER, who started the horse TAB WALKER in the fourth race on April 17, 2026, 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).

04/18/26³

INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /FIFTH RACE / 6 ½ turf (oval)

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the finish line. Involved were #6 Marla Hooch (A. Ayuso 1st) and #8 The Loan Exchange (J. Hernandez 2nd). After conversation with the Patrol Judge and both jockeys, in a unanimous decision #6 was disqualified from first and placed second behind #8. The video revealed #6 drifted inward twice, making contact with #8; the second incident caused #8 to revert to her left lead and she lost the opportunity of a better placing.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH (6)-8-3-1-7-5-9-4-2
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 8-(6)-3-1-7-5-9-4-2

04/18/26⁴

TRAINER OBJECTION /NO CHANGE /SIXTH RACE-5 1/2 -dirt

Following the running of the race, D. Wayne Baker, trainer of #10 Vronaway (E. Garcia 5th), lodged a claim of foul against #12 Bitter Truth (E. Jaramillo 3rd) for a possible incident near the 3/16 marker. After a review of several available angles, conversation with the Patrol Judge and jockey Epifanio Garcia, in a unanimous

decision the contact between the two horses did not warrant a change in the order of finish and the race was made official.

04/18/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes. Refund \$925.73
2nd race # Tessuto (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou
#5 Liam Smith (Tr. J. Mullins) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$1,771.43
3rd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
4th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
5th race No Changes. Refund \$10.00
6th race #1 Twisted Humor (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed y Tr. J. Uranga
Refund \$210.20
7th race No Changes. Refund \$17.00
8th race #4 Mischief Moments (Tr. R. Gomez) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$544.45
9th race No Changes. Refund \$269.02
10th race #6 Legal Heir (Tr. V. Belvoir) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
Refund \$2,493.79

04/18/26⁶

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,231	\$935,288.24
SCOTWINC	4,138	\$1,711,215.39
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,356,551.90
TOTAL	11,369	\$9,812,678.86

SUNDAY

04/19/26¹

HUALES RULING ref 04/16/26²

In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued after deliberation of the facts in the complaint.

LATS RULING 57

Stable Foreman HERLINDO HUALES is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - Intoxication) on February 5, 2026, at San Luis Rey Downs.

Furthermore, HERLINDO HUALES must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by HERLINDO HUALES.

04/19/26²

ICAL RULING ref 04/16/26¹

After a majority opinion the following ruling was issued; Steward Sawyer voted for a lesser penalty due to mitigating circumstances.

LATS RULING 58

Stable Worker DOMINGO ICAL is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication – second offense) on February 5, 2026, at Santa Anita Park.

Furthermore, DOMINGO ICAL must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and sign a testing agreement while

holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by DOMINGO ICAL.

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JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Armando Ayuso met with the BOS to review the reason for the disqualification of his mount in the fifth race yesterday (ref 04/18/26³). His agent Mike Ciani joined the review. Mr. Ayuso had much to say before a review or before questions could be asked. Mr. Ciani was granted time to display his opinion. After all angles were observed, in a majority opinion, he left the office with a warning. Steward Sawyer voted for a suspension due to a careless ride.

Juan Hernandez joined the BOS to review his ride in the seventh race that involved a possible crop violation. After a review it was evident, he was one over the allowed limit. The HISA ruling is listed below.

HISA Ruling

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – third offense), Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ, who rode GENIUS JIMMY in the seventh race (Purse \$100,000) at Santa Anita Park on April 18, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) days (May 3, 8 and 9, 2026) and fined ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

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

(LATS #25, issued 01/23/2026)
(#26-033, issued 04/12/2026)

04/19/26⁴

PADDOCK FILM REVIEW

It was brought to the Stewards' attention to review the actions of a horse schooling in the Saddling Paddock in the second race yesterday. The horse in question is trained by Ron Ellis, who was contacted. He stated he was not at the racetrack today nor was his Assistant Trainer available to supervise the schooling of a horse who had previously been difficult. He was asked to meet with the BOS to review the video of the actions of his employee during this time. Ron Ellis appeared in the Stewards' office today. After a review, he stated he would remedy any further issues.

04/19/26⁵

TRAINER FILM REVIEW

Phil D'Amato requested a meeting with the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday where his mount was disqualified. There were differences of opinion of the incident (ref 04/18/26³); by the time the meeting was finished, Mr. D'Amato understood the Stewards' decision pertaining to the disqualification of his trainee.

04/19/26⁶

NINTH RACE DELAY

Prior to the start, #1 It's the Bandit and #10 Ottis Betts acted up behind the starting gate at two different occasions. When they were finally captured by the Outriders they were declared from the race. Post time for the race was 5:03, the field was dispatched at 5:16.

04/19/26⁷

INQUIRY /JOCKEY OBJECTION /DISQUALIFICATION/ NINTH RACE-1 mile turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the wire. Jockey Kazushi Kimura, aboard #9, also claimed foul against #3. Involved in a four-horse spread were: fourth out #3 Robin Olds (A. Ayuso 2nd), second out #4 Throwthefirstpunch (E. Jaramillo 3rd), inside #7 John Metcalf (J. Hernandez 1st) and third out #9 Flash of Lightning (K. Kimura 4th). In the late stretch #3 and #9 came together, after which #3 lunged inward into #9 who is then pushed into #4. After a review of the video, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with all jockeys involved, in a unanimous decision #3 was disqualified from second and placed fourth behind #9, as both #4 and #9 lost their opportunity of a better placing.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 7-(~~3~~)-4-9-2-8-6-5
 OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 7-4-9-(~~3~~)-2-8-6-5

04/19/26⁸

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination of #10 Ballyvaughn Gig (first race) by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of Andrew Harris.

04/19/26⁹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #2 One Smokin Dude (Tr. L Barocio) Steward
 #7 Mutt Dillin (Tr. P. Capestro) claimed by S. Knapp
 #9 Belmont Bill (Tr. A. Saavedra) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Deluhery
 #10 Ballyvaughan Gig (Tr. A. Harris) claimed by Tr. J. Valdez-VOID
 Refund \$2,344.30

2nd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

3rd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

4th race #6 Mongolian Max (Tr. P. Aguirre) claimed by Tr. A. Rodriguez
 Refund \$94.00

5th race No Changes. Refund \$182.00

6th race #2 Morello (Tr. A. Harris) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 #4 James J. Braddock (Tr. S. Morfin) L. Camacho-Flores replaced R.
 Ramirez. Refund \$902.26

7th race #9 Rastman Vibe (Tr. M. Glatt) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$4,411.19

8th race NO SHOW WAGERING
 #3 Syntax (Tr. L. Barocio) Steward. Refund \$622.65

9th race #1 It's the Bandit (Tr. B. Cunningham) Steward
 #10 Ottis Betts (Tr. R. Ellis) Veterinarian-injured-post parade
 Refund \$128,180.25

04/19/26¹⁰

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,064	\$713,116.87
SCOTWINC	2,996	\$1,120,295.02
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,962,826.21
TOTAL	9,060	\$8,269,177.24

SUMMARY

	Fri 04/17	Sat 04/18	Sun 04/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	10
Cal-Bred Races	4	3	2	9	97
Claims	7	2	2	11	113
Disqualifications	0	1	1	2	5
Inquiries	0	2	1	3	23
Refunds	8	8	7	23	258
Rulings	0	1	2	3	58
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	17

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 04/13/26 TO 04/19/26

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	18
Shock Wave Therapy	5
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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