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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
- Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member
- Honorable Damascus Castellanos, Member
- Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member
- Honorable Thomas C. Hudnut, Member
- Honorable Peter Stern, Member
- C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director
- Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
- Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report for Monday, May 4, 2026, through Sunday, May 10, 2026.**

**MONDAY**

05/04/26<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Luis Jauregui was present to resolve any issues pertaining to entries for Saturday (9 races) and the approval of Friday’s program (8 races).

**TUESDAY**

05/05/26<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Again, Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Sunday (9 races). He also approved the adjustments made to Saturday’s program.

**THURSDAY**

05/07/26<sup>1</sup>

**CHIEF INVESTIGATOR VISIT**

CHRB Chief Investigator Vittorio Racowschi made an effort to visit the BOS this morning, which was greatly appreciated. The racing industry was discussed, and questions were asked and answered on both sides.

05/07/26<sup>2</sup>

**BOYD HEARING CASE 26SA0035**

The complaint was filed by the CHRB on behalf of Southern California Equine Foundation for alleged debt owed by owner Matthew Boyd.

The complaint read as follows:

*Owner Matthew Boyd is indebted to Southern California Equine Foundation in the amount of \$1,645.00 for services rendered. On December 12, 2025, the horse “Dane The Great” had a NuCscan [sic] performed and the invoice was mailed to the address Boyd provided via certified registered mail. Boyd has not responded to SCEF.*

Prior to the hearing the BOS were informed that the debt had been paid in full and the complaint was withdrawn.

05/07/26<sup>3</sup>

**CITATION VIOLATION NOTICES**

Two citations were issued at San Luis Rey Training Center to exercise riders, Alejandro Castaneda and Humberto Tellez, for allegedly not pulling their horses up when the siren was activated. The hearing was held via the telephone in the CHRB office at the Training Center. Present there were CHRB Safety Steward George Yniguez, Outrider Dan Dunham (witness) and both respondents. All testimony was taken into consideration, and a decision will follow shortly.

05/07/26<sup>4</sup>

**PRECIADO HEARING CASE 26SA0086**

Present for the hearing before the BOS were respondent Hector Preciado and complainant trainer Jose Bautista.

The complaint read as follows:

*Hector Preciado is indebted to Jose Bautista for training services rendered in 2025 in the amount of \$14,478.00.*

Testimony was heard from both parties who were in agreement concerning the debt, even though the complaint packet was lacking information about the issue. A financial agreement was formulated, and the complaint was signed off.

05/07/26<sup>5</sup>

**ORENS HEARING CASE 26SA0032**

The complaint filed by the CHRB on behalf of Southern California Equine Foundation for alleged debt owed by owner Matthew Boyd. Present for the hearing before the BOS was trainer Andreas Psarras.

The complaint read as follows:

*Owner Richard Orens is indebted to trainer Andreas Psarras in the amount of \$15,313.15 for services rendered which included transportation, veterinarian treatment, hay and straw, etc. Psarras said he has been training two horses named "Lady Laoban" and "Maul", since November 2025. Psarras has been in communication with Orens via text messages and telephone. Psarras has also emailed Orens invoices showing the amount owed. Psarras said Orens informed him that he would pay the whole amount owed on February 19, 2025, but no payment was made.*

Fifteen minutes after the scheduled hearing time (11:00am), Mr. Orens was telephoned (New York) about the complaint and a voicemail was left. Owner Richard Orens was again called at 11:35am; the message left was recorded on his telephone. A decision pertaining to the complaint will be issued tomorrow.

05/07/26<sup>6</sup>

**SULLIVAN HEARING CASE 26SA0036**

The complaint filed by the CHRB on behalf of Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation (BHHT) for alleged debt owed by owner Luis F. Sullivan.

The complaint read as follows:

*Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation (BHHT) provided transportation services to owner Luis Sullivan for shipment of VITALERA from Santa Anita Park to Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on July 15, 2025. BHHT provided transportation services to Mr. Sullivan for shipment of VITALERA from Del Mar Thoroughbred Club to Santa Anita Park on September 6, 2025, for a roundtrip total of \$710.00. A request for payment was sent to Mr. Sullivan via Certified US Mail on February 18, 2025; however, the balance remains outstanding to this day.*

*Luis F. Sullivan #322313, Exp. 9/2028*

Prior to the hearing the BOS were informed that the debt had been paid in full and the complaint was withdrawn.

**FRIDAY**  
05/08/26<sup>1</sup>

**ORENS RULING ref 05/07/26<sup>5</sup>**

The following ruling was issued after owner Richard Orens failed to appear at the previously scheduled hearing.

**LATS Ruling #66**

Owner RICHARD ORENS, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before May 7, 2026, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$15,313.15 to Andreas Psarras). Suspension to commence on May 22, 2026.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of RICHARD ORENS are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

05/08/26<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SECOND RACE-6 ½ turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the ¼ pole. Involved were #2 Wizard of Westwood (E. Jaramillo 3rd) and #3 Caribbean King (A. Lezcano 4th). After a review of the available video, conversation with both jockeys and the Patrol Judge, the unanimous opinion was #3 leaned into #2 initiating contact. Therefore, no change was made in the order of finish.

05/08/26<sup>3</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

Following a physical examination of #1 Headstrong Ways (3rd race) by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, the horse ways placed on the Veterinarian List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Richard Baltas.

05/08/26<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race	No Changes. Refund \$308.00
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$209.00
3rd race	#1 Headstrong Ways (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez-VOID
	#2 Tupelo (Tr. E. Alvarez) claimed by Tr. B. Wright
	#3 Neezer Dalton (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery
	#4 Lena Lingard (Tr. J. Farias) Steward-loose post parade
	#6 Aloha Dreamon (Tr. J. Valdez) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
	Refund \$16,148.04

4th race No Changes. Refund \$141.00  
 5th race #5 Shemakesmemad (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery  
 Refund \$686.66  
 6th race No Changes. Refund \$289.60  
 7th race #1 Little Originaire (Tr. S. Miyadi) Steward-loose post parade  
 #3 Kambree's Flyer (Tr. D. Jensen) Veterinarian-injured paddock-Dr.  
 Deluhery  
 #4 Bitter Truth (Tr. C. Lewis) claimed by Tr. J. Valdez.  
 Refund \$24,861.73  
 8th race No Changes. Refund \$1,657.76

05/08/26<sup>5</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	2,402	\$305,371.71
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,062	\$669,024.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$4,654,943.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,464	\$5,945,827.62

**SATURDAY**

05/09/26<sup>1</sup>

**CITATION DECISIONS ref 05/07/26<sup>3</sup>**

Upon deciphering the mitigating and aggravating facts of concern pertaining to the reported incident, unanimously the BOS dismissed both citations with the belief, mitigating facts outweighed the possible aggravating. All parties involved in the hearing were notified.

05/09/26<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FIRST RACE-3/4 turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident approaching the 3/8 marker. Involved were #1 El Bromista (T. Baze 6<sup>th</sup>) and #2 Fuego Del Soi (P. Flores 7<sup>th</sup>). After a review of the videos, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys, the original order of finish was made official. In a unanimous vote, #1 while in tight quarters clipped the heels of #2, who was held blameless.

05/09/26<sup>3</sup>

**COMMISSIONERS' VISIT**

The BOS were honored by an unexpected visit in the Stewards' stand by two of the CHRB Commissioners, Honorable Dennis Alfieri and Honorable Peter Stern. An informative and productive conversation was shared; it was believed they enjoyed their viewing of the Board of Stewards' upstairs routine.

05/09/26<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

Post physical examination of #2 Mutt Dillin (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 trainer Steve Knapp.

05/09/26<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race No Changes. Refund \$0.00  
 2nd race #2 Mutt Dillin (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. D. W. Baker -VOID  
 3rd race #1 Copper Luna (Tr. A. Kitchingman) DNF  
 4th race #1 Tom's Star (Tr. M. Valenzula, Jr.) claimed by Tr. B. Cunningham  
 #2 Lil's Coffee (Tr. I. Tamayo) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill  
 #4 Misty Dancer (Tr. B. McLean) Veterinarian-post parade-Dr. Deluhery  
 #5 Perfect Life (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed by Tr. J. Valdez  
 Refund \$24,663.78

5th race No Changes. Refund \$40.00  
 6th race No Changes. Refund \$29.00  
 7th race #1 Jimmy Blue Jeans (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio  
 #4 Zagreus (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards-entered back  
 #7 Creative Om (Tr. A. Ordonez) J. Hernandez replaced K. Desormeaux-sick. Refund \$1,061.00  
 8th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00  
 9th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

05/09/26<sup>6</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	7,560	\$648,574.13
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,584	\$1,354,717.55
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$7,025,420.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,144	\$9,641,921.38

**SUNDAY**

05/10/26<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Welfin Orantes met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the seventh race yesterday. Upon viewing video of the race, all agreed he violated the rule. A 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), Jockey WELFIN ORANTES, who rode HIGHPLAINSDRIFTER in the seventh race (Purse \$67,000) at Santa Anita Park on May 9, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (May 24th, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for TWO (2) strikes over the limit.

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

05/10/26<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /EIGHTH RACE-3/4 dirt**

Following the running of the race, the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved were #3 The Last Straw (M. Smith 1st), #4 Tapalo (E. Jaramillo 6th), #5 Zeus' War (T. Pereira 5th), #6 Curlin's Kaos (V. Espinoza 7th) and #7 Comedy Town (H. I. Berrios 2nd). Soon after the start, #3 shifted outward while marginally clear, #6 and #7 shifted inward slightly, #4 and #5 were affected and pinched back. After a review of the available video, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with the jockeys, unanimously, the final placing was not affected and the original order of finish was made official.

05/10/26<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #6 Isntsheloverly (Tr. L. Powell) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 Refund \$760.90  
 2nd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00  
 3rd race #2 Just a Graze (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
 #3 King of Dragons (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. B. McLean  
 4th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00  
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00  
 6th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00  
 7th race No Changes. Refund 45.00

8th race      No Changes. Refund \$96.00  
 9th race      No Changes. Refund \$834.20

05/10/26<sup>4</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	10,166	\$718,509.30
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,798	\$956,932.39
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$6,870,821.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	12,964	\$8,968,919.99

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 05/08</b>	<b>Sat 05/09</b>	<b>Sun 05/10</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	10
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	3	3	9	113
<b>Claims</b>	3	4	2	9	134
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	1	1	3	30
<b>Refunds</b>	8	4	4	16	326
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	0	1	66
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	1	0	2	19

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 05/04/26 TO 05/10/26**

Horses on Vet List                    11  
 Horses off Vet List                    15  
 Shock Wave Therapy                    6  
 Fatalities                                0  
 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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