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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of Sunday August 8, 2010 through Saturday August 14, 2010.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2010

1 FILM REVIEW

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES met with us regarding his ride in the sixth race on Wednesday. Films showed that Mr. Santiago Reyes' horse breaks inwardly and that he is late in correcting his course. He acknowledged the mistake and pledged to make a better effort in the future.

Jockey PATRICK VALENZUELA came to the office as directed this morning to review two races from yesterday's card. We cautioned him about guiding his horse into a tight space in the fourth race and about crossing over too quickly out of the gate in seventh race. He acknowledged both mistakes and pledged to make a better effort in the future.

2 REYES HEARING

The hearing involving jockey Christian Santiago Reyes and allegations of using a lead weight improperly during the weighing out process, which was continued from July 24, 2010, was completed today. Decision to follow.

3 INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the first race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which apprentice Alex Gonzalez, aboard fifth place finisher #4 Forty Paces, checks sharply down the backside. Films revealed that third place finisher #8 Jenny Jenny Emily, ridden by Christian Santiago Reyes, crosses over without sufficient clearance down the backside, causing his rival to check. After speaking with the patrol judges and riders involved, and taking into account that #4 Forty Paces was

only beaten one half of a length for fourth place, we unanimously voted to disqualify #8 Jenny Jenny Emily and place her fifth.

Original order of finish 1-5-(8)-2-4-3-6-7
 Corrected Order of finish 1-5-2-4-(8)-3-6-7

4 INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the ninth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in which jockey FELIPE VALDEZ was unseated from his mount shortly after the start. Films showed that the gate functioned properly and that Mr. Valdez's mount stumbled without being influenced by any other horses. Unfortunately, the riderless horse did cause some interference with the rest of the field. (See attached accident report.)

5 DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Cactus Jane – Claimed – M. Puype, trainer
 #3 Benecia – Rider change – K. John for M. Pedroza (injured)
 Refund \$1,624.00
- 2nd Race #4 Action in Motion – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
 #6 Our Juke Box Hero – Rider change – P. Atkinson for M. Pedroza
 #8 Skimming Skipper – Rider change – L. Medina for O. Cedeno (sick)
 Refund \$3,888.86
- 4th Race No changes; Refund \$.70
- 5th Race #9 Mark of a Warrior – Claimed – J. Carava, trainer
 #11 Margarita Shot – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
 #4 Brendasgoldennuget – pulled up, vanned off as a precaution (synthetic) A. Soto,
 trainer. Refund \$42.70
- 6th Race #4 True Way of Grace – Rider change – P. Valenzuela for M. Pedroza
 Refund \$87.00
- 7th Race #6 Luv Dragon – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
 #2 Siete Machos – Claimed – B. Hess, Jr., trainer
 Refund \$2,433.58
- 8th Race #7 River's Chapel – Stewards' scratch, stake
 #2 Comma to the Top – Rider change – M. Smith for M. Garcia (injured)
 (see attached accident report)
 Refund \$507.70
- 9th Race #4 Journeyman – Stewards' scratch, medication
 #11 Skellytown – Rider change – D. Flores for M. Garcia
 #2 Gold Trim – Claimed – R. Lucas, trainer
 #9 Joe Carl – Claimed – D. O'Neill, trainer
 Refund \$1,549.14

6 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$10,133.68	Del Mar on Track 15,913	Off Track \$4,721,809.70
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track 10,127</u>	Out of State \$6,226,156.74
	Total Attendance 26,040	<u>Del Mar Total \$2,302,647.40</u>
		Total \$13,250,613.84

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2010

1 SPAWR WARNING

Trainer BILL SPAWR contacted the office by telephone to answer case number 10DM012 which alleged that one of his horses was late to the receiving. As this was his first violation of this nature in the last year, he was issued a warning.

2 HICKMAN HEARING

Owner CORTNEY HICKMAN appeared by telephone and trainer MATT CHEW appeared in person to answer a complaint alleging that Ms. Hickman was indebted to Mr. Chew for training fees in the amount of \$7,800.00. This complaint was filed as case number 10DM001. Ms. Hickman acknowledged the debt and entered into a financial agreement that was signed by both parties.

3 HOFMANS RULING

Trainer DAVID HOFMANS contacted the office by telephone to answer a complaint alleging violation of CHRB rule 1865, better known as “the gelding rule.” Case number of 10HP103 involved a horse trained by Mr. Hofmans that was discovered to be a gelding during morning soundness checks by racetrack veterinarian Stead. The gelding had not been previously reported. Mr. Hofmans took responsibility for the oversight but explained that the horse was a first time starter and that the horse had been gelded at the farm, both of which represent mitigating circumstances. After careful consideration of the facts, the following ruling was issued:

DMTD Ruling #13

Trainer DAVID HOFMANS is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse “SONG SINGER”, which ran in the fifth race at Hollywood Park on July 3, 2010. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

4 FILM REVIEW

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES came to the office this morning to examine the first race from Sunday in which his mount was disqualified from third and placed fifth for interference on the backstretch. Mr. Reyes took responsibility for the incident but correctly pointed out that the apprentice’s horse was difficult to handle. Nevertheless, he was issued the following three-day suspension:

DMTD Ruling #15

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES who rode “JENNY JENNY EMILY” in the first race at Del Mar on August 8, 2010, is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (August 22, 25, and 26) for crossing over without sufficient clearance causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from third to fifth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board # 1766 (Designated Races).

Apprentice jockey JESUS VELAZQUEZ came to the office to review his ride in the second race on Sunday in which he steers his mount through what can only be termed a questionable hole along the fence while turning into the stretch. We explained that especially at Del Mar, it often appears as if there is more room that actually exists and that jockeys need to be especially vigilant at this point in

the running of the race. We issued a warning but pledged suspension days for this type of action in the future.

5 JOCKEYS CLEARED

Jockeys Martin Pedroza (off of mounts Sunday due to back injury), Felipe Valdez (fell from mount in last race on Sunday) and Martin Garcia (kicked in paddock on Sunday) were all cleared to ride today by the track physician.

6 REYES RULING

The following ruling was published based on the fact that Mr. Reyes failed to appear for a hearing to review films as directed on Friday, August 6 (this represented the second such failure this meet):

DMTD Ruling #14

Jockey CHRISTIAN SANTIAGO REYES is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation California Horse Racing Board rule # 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) for failure to attend Stewards' hearing on Friday August 6, 2010.

7 VALDEZ HEARINGS

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ came to the office for three informal hearings involving allegations of violation of the whip rule (case numbers 10HP087, 10HP088, and 10HP099) filed by the CHRB. Each case involved one of Mr. Valdez's mounts that had entered the test barn after his ride and was discovered to have welts on or around the flank area. Two of the complaints included pictures that clearly showed these marks while the thirds' pictures were less apparent. We also viewed films of the three races which appear to show Mr. Valdez hitting the horses lower than is acceptable. Mr. Valdez acknowledged the error and explained that he has since used a different whip manufacturer with better success. We explained that hitting a horse in the flank could cause welts even with the kindest of whips. He agreed to work on his whipping style. Decision to follow.

8 INQUIRY/OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the fifth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident in mid-stretch during which the rider of #4 Victory Joe, apprentice Alex Gonzalez, is unseated from his mount (see attached accident report). There was also an objection lodged by the connections (jockey Omar Berrio and trainer AC Avila) of second place finisher #1 James Prior against the winner (#10 Mind the Minister, Patrick Valenzuela), alleging interference during the same incident. Films revealed it was actually sixth place finisher #8 Super Harmony ridden by Jose Verenzuela, that drifted out in the stretch, causing a chain reaction involving several horses and not the winner, who was racing on a straight path on the outside of the field. Therefore, in a unanimous decision, we disqualified #8 Super Harmony to unplaced (behind the riderless horse). The objection was dismissed without action.

Original order of finish 10-1-3-2-7-(8)-9-6-11
Corrected order of finish 10-1-3-2-7-9-6-11

9 DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Fast Track – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
Refund \$239.30
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$12.00
- 3rd Race #1 Lyphard's Dancer – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#6 Ultra Awesome – Claimed – S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$181.90

4th Race #6 Bell Blitz – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$379.44

5th Race #12 Stormy Game – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#13 Squallcreakk – Stewards’ scratch, also eligible
#1 James Prior – Claimed – R. Hess, Jr., trainer
Refund \$503.26

6th Race No changes; Refund \$541.68

7th Race #5 Pacific Avenue – Stewards’ scratch, stake
Refund \$2,985.40

8th Race #7 Wild and True – Claimed – J. Sadler, trainer
Refund \$16.40

10 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$4,859.38	Del Mar on Track 14,011	Off Track	\$2,682,405.60
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track 7,031</u>	Out of State	\$5,559,286.48
	Total Attendance 21,042	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$1,789,130.80</u>
		Total	\$10,030,822.88

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010

1 SHERLOCK RULING

The following ruling was issued when trainer GARY SHERLOCK mismedicated his horse, precluding it from running last Sunday:

DMTD Ruling #16

Trainer GARY SHERLOCK, whose horse “JOURNEYMAN” was scheduled to start in the ninth race at Del Mar on August 8, 2010, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run-medication administration) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration).

2 FILM REVIEW

Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA came to the office this morning with two representatives—jockey David Flores and agent Frank Monteleone, to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday in which his mount was disqualified for drifting out in the stretch. Mr. Verenzuela didn’t really offer an explanation other than his horse had a habit of that behavior. Unfortunately, he drifted out several lanes and caused interference which resulted in another jockey falling. Therefore, despite his good record thus far, he was issued the following penalty:

DMTD Ruling #17

Jockey JOSE VERENZUELA who rode “SUPER HARMONY” in the fifth race at Del Mar on August 11, 2010, is suspended for FIVE RACING DAYS (August 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from sixth to unplaced. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). Terms of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races).

3 FORD COMPLAINT

The complaint filed against owner JIM FORD by Equine Medical Center (case number 10HP102) alleging unpaid veterinary expenses was withdrawn when the veterinary group was paid in full.

4 HELMET ISSUES

Trainer PETER MILLER was warned last week here at Del Mar that helmets are required when mounted on a horse by safety steward Luis Jauregui. This morning, Mr. Miller, once again, rode onto the track without a helmet. Mr. Jauregui directed Mr. Miller to meet him in our office this morning to which Mr. Miller replied, "Just fine me." Therefore, the following ruling was issued:

DMTD Ruling #18

Trainer Peter Miller is fined One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting-no safety helmet).

5 DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Deputy Flyer – Rider change – J. Gihua for A. Gonzalez (injured)
- 2nd Race #2 Daylight Storm – Claimed – T. West, trainer
#3 Ukandoit – Claimed – P. Miller, trainer
Refund \$2.00
- 3rd Race No changes; Refund \$4.00
- 4th Race #9 Big Wig – pulled up post race – vanned off as precaution (turf) – D. O’Neill, trainer;
jockey P. Valenzuela injured when dismounting (see attached accident report)
Refund \$155.50
- 5th Race #2 Warren’s Extrasilk – Rider change – A. Quinonez for P. Valenzuela
#6 Proud Jenny – Rider change – A. Medellin for J. Gonzalez (left jurisdiction)
Refund \$262.00
- 6th Race #6 Kaylie’s Joy – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
#1 Yodelady O – Claimed – J. Hollendorfer, trainer
#2 Frequent Fame –Rider change - R. Bejarano for P. Valenzuela
Refund \$1,721.20
- 7th Race #3 Falcon Rock (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
#8 Ducane – Rider change – D. Flores for P. Valenzuela
Refund \$1,054.30
- 8th Race #13 Clearance Clarence – Rider change – M. Smith for P. Valenzuela
#6 Purgestein – pulled up at wire, vanned off as a precaution (synthetic) – J. Bonde,
trainer. Refund \$34.30

6 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$3,233.30	Del Mar on Track	9,702	Off Track	\$2,318,086.20
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u>	6,178	Out of State	\$4,382,809.76
	Total Attendance	15,880	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$1,348,730.20</u>
			Total	\$8,049,626.16

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010

1 O’NEILL RULING

The following ruling was published when trainer DOUG O’NEILL contacted the office and explained that he had neglected to scratch his horse from the also eligible list in the third race this afternoon:

DMTD Ruling #19

Trainer DOUG O’NEILL whose horse “FORTYFIVEWITHRUBY” was scheduled to start in the third race at Del Mar on August 13, 2010 is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (400.00)* for violation of

California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run – Failure to File Scratch Card Before Designated Scratch Time) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration).

2 DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Forthreeforeuclid – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Bailey
#8 Grand Tower – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
Refund \$4,400.15
- 2nd Race No changes; Refund \$54.00
- 3rd Race #11 Fortyfivewithruby – Stewards’ scratch, scratch issue
Refund \$427.90
- 4th Race #12 Love At the Bay – broke down eighth pole, left front, vanned off (euthanized – synthetic) R. Becerra, trainer
#4 Yellow Slicker – Claimed – T. Knight, trainer
Refund \$245.00
- 5th Race #5 Lady Alex – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead
#9 Apt to Be Amazing – Claimed – WE Morey, trainer
Refund \$1,323.40
- 6th Race #5 Swift Demand – Rider change – J. Gihua for A. Gonzalez (injured)
#4 Bad Boy – Claimed – J. Canani, trainer
#8 Magnificent Blend – Claimed -- B. Heap
#9 Major Smoke – Claimed – WE Morey
Refund \$102.00
- 7th Race #1 Porto Marmay (IRE) – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Stead
Refund \$1,148.75
- 8th Race #2 Little Travis – Rider change – J. Gihua for A. Gonzalez
#10 One French Kiss – Rider change -- D. Flores for M. Garcia (first call drew in)
#13 Who U Foolin – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Stead
#5 Cat Brando – Claimed – D. O’Neill, trainer
Refund \$364.20

3 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$8,065.70	Del Mar on Track	12,403	Off Track	\$2,862,849.30
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u>	<u>6,512</u>	Out of State	\$5,513,957.60
	Total Attendance	18,915	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$1,762,952.60</u>
			Total	\$10,139,759.50

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010

1 FILM REVIEW

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ came to the office to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday. Although there were several horses that contributed to the difficulty out of the starting gate, we believed that Mr. Valdez could have done more to relieve some of the pressure from the situation. He agreed.

2 CANANI RULING

The following ruling was issued after giving Mr. Canani ample time to demonstrate that he had notified the appropriate entities when he gelded a horse last year (case number 10HP060):

DMTD Ruling #20

Trainer Julio Canani is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "SULUTION", which ran in the eighth race at Hollywood Park on May 27, 2010. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865(Altering of Sex of Horse).

3 VALDEZ RULING

After careful consideration of the complaints alleging whip violations against jockey FELIPE VALDEZ (see 8/11/2010⁷), we elected to dismiss one of the three for lack of evidence and issued the following ruling with respect to the other two cases:

DMTD Ruling #21

Jockey FELIPE VALDEZ is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b) (Use of Whips) on June 18th and June 27th 2010 at Hollywood Park.

4 INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident at the eighth pole when #3 Fantasy Free, ridden by Mike Smith, broke down while racing on the lead. The inquiry was quickly concluded with no change when it became clear that the horse had gone wrong on its own and that no other horses were involved. Unfortunately, Fantasy Free was euthanized on the track. (See attached accident report).

5 INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the seventh race to examine two incidents in the stretch. The first involved a slight float out by eventual winner #8 Malibu Pier, ridden by Rafael Bejarano. Our unanimous belief was that this was minor in nature and did not constitute interference. The second incident involved the winner #8 Malibu Pier, the seventh place finisher #3 Ninth Infantry ridden by Brice Blanc, #1 Hard to Win ridden by Martin Garcia and #10 Sandy Cheeks ridden by Corey Nakatani. While it initially appeared that the winner had drifted out a bit causing a chain reaction, films revealed that she was straight and that it was #3 Ninth Infantry who was racing erratically and was the sole cause of the incident. Since all three horses with whom #3 interfered finished in front of her, no change was appropriate.

6 DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes; Refund \$336.00
2 nd Race	#7 Equiparado (ARG) – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey Refund \$1,024.20
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$201.00
5 th Race	#7 Elusive Moment – Late veterinarian scratch, injured in gate #9 Titus Aurelius (IRE) – Claimed – B. Heap, trainer #8 Joyful Success – vanned off post race, possible right front (synthetic) – P. Miller, trainer. Refund \$57,458.26
6 th Race	#3 Fantasy Free – broke down eighth pole, left front, euthanized on track (synthetic) M. Mitchell, trainer #4 Gallant Gent – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Stead Refund \$2,621.24

7th Race #2 Win for M'Lou – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Bailey
#11 Go Forth North – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#13 Sweet Hanni – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
#7 Pulpit Magic – Rider change – D. Flores for M. Smith (injured)
Refund \$1,018.54

8th Race #9 Tak Gamo – Rider change – R. Bejarano for M. Smith
Refund \$34.40

9th Race #3 Macias – pulled up post race, possible right front/exhaustion (turf) B. Baffert, trainer
Refund \$28.00

10th Race #14 Vonn Nez – Stewards' scratch, also eligible
Refund \$164.50

7 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$62,886.14	Del Mar on Track	38,577	Off Track	\$5,046,205.30
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u>	<u>11,016</u>	Out of State	\$8,557,073.62
	Total Attendance	49,593	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$2,923,828.10</u>
			Total	\$16,527,107.02

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

	Sun 8/7	Wed 8/11	Thurs 8/12	Fri 8/13	Sat 8/14	Week Total	Meet Total
Accidents	2	1	1	0	1	5	7
Cal-Bred Races	0	3	2	3	2	10	32
Claims	6	3	5	7	1	22	82
Inquires	2	2	0	0	2	6	13
Disqualifications	1	1	0	0	0	2	3
Refunds	8	8	7	8	9	40	99
Rulings	0	3	3	1	2	9	21

Respectfully submitted,

C. Scott Chaney (Steward)

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