



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

**DEL MAR SUMMER MEET
DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB**

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 4 - Tuesday, August 07, 2018 through Sunday, August 12, 2018.

TUESDAY
08-07-18¹

SCRATCH DUTIES

Steward Kim Sawyer was present for Wednesday's scratches and to answer any questions which might arise pertaining to racing matters.

WEDNESDAY
08-08-18¹

STEVENS RULING

DMTD RULING #012

Jockey GARY STEVENS is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b) (6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in the last 60 days), during the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 5, 2018; first offense June 9, 2018.

The above ruling was issued after Stevens appeared, reviewed the tapes of the race and pleaded guilty.

08-08-18²

DESORMEAUX WARNING

Jockey Kent Desormeaux stopped in to explain why he left the jockey's room during the afternoon when he still had mounts remaining on the card. Kent's explanation was that he felt he was in a restricted zone because the general public was not allowed in the area. He was informed that jockey's are not allowed to leave the jockey's room without permission.

08-08-18³

FIRST CALL DISCUSSION

Jockey agent Derek Lawson was before the stewards to explain why he rescinded a call he gave to trainer Patrick Gallagher for a race on the 17th of August.

Gallagher wants Lawson to honor the call while Lawson states he must now ride a horse for Richard Mandella. The Stewards advised Lawson to resolve the matter before the entries for the seventeenth are taken or face the consequences of not honoring a call.

08-08-18⁴

EXERCISE RIDERS APPEAR

Exercise Riders Sophia Barandela and Nicole Diodoro were in the office in response to a security report filed by Trainer Matthew Chew. Chew alleged that Diodoro interfered with Barandela who was exercising one of Chew's horses. The Stewards heard explanations from the various parties but felt more information is needed. To be continued....

08-08-18⁵

TRICAR DECISION (CASE #18SA0186-Refer 08-04-18⁴)

DMTD RULING #013

Following a formal hearing Owner DANIEL CARDENAS (DBA Tricar Stables, Inc.,) is hereby directed to pay von Bluecher, Blea, Hunkin, Inc. Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$23,917.00) by September 1, 2018 for veterinary services rendered. Failure to pay the above amount will be considered a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and result in the suspension of all licenses held by Daniel Cardenas (DBA Tricar Stables, Inc.)

The above ruling was issued following last week's formal hearing before the Board of Stewards.

08-08-18⁶

EARLY DECLARATIONS

3rd Race #9 Easy Keeper - trainer Doug O'Neill, Stewards - also eligible
Refund: \$692.73

4th Race #8 Two Timing Lucy – trainer Jeff Bonde, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Grande
Refund: \$655.41

6th Race #11 She's a Dime – trainer Reed Saldana, Stewards – also eligible
Refund: See below

#13 Spicy Curry – trainer Vladimir Cerin, Stewards – also eligible
Refund: \$1,041.39

8th Race #11 Brighton Boy – trainer Steve Miyadi, veterinarian sick, Dr. Stead
Refund: \$285.34

08-08-18⁷

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The day's eight race program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

08-08-18⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	8,132	\$938,923.48
Off Track	3,561	\$1,774,837.03
Out –of-State	-0-	\$5,748,388.23
Total	11,693	\$8,462,148.74

THURSDAY

08-09-18¹

KEEN DISPOSITION (refer 8-4-18⁸)

The Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented at last week's informal hearing and determined that Trainer Dallas Keen owes Shane Parks \$450.00 for exercising Keen's horses. Today Keen brought in a check for that amount and the matter is now considered resolved.

08-09-18²

EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 2nd Race #5 Bitte, trainer R. B. Hess, Jr. Stewards, late medication
Refund: \$923.43
- 6th Race #5 San Giorgio, trainer Luis Mendez, veterinarian, unsound, Dr. Grande
Refund: \$3,942.53
- 8th Race #3 Rockandahardplace, trainer Jeff Metz, sick, Dr. Grande
Refund: \$1,453.47

08-09-18³

STEWARDS INQUIRY – FIRST RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the top of the stretch involving the place horse #3 He’s Like Violence ridden by Alonso Quinonez and the fourth place finisher #4 Platinum Equity with Flavien Prat in the saddle. After a thorough review the Stewards took no action with respect to the placings. Tapes showed that He’s Like Violence came out near the 3/16 and caused Prat to momentarily steady Platinum Equity. The Stewards determined that the incident did not cost Platinum Equity the opportunity at a better placing so a disqualification was not warranted. Jockey Quinonez will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

08-09-18⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – SECOND RACE

Trainer Peter Miller deposited a claim for #2 Calvert Street which was subsequently deemed void by the Stewards when Official Veterinarian Tim Grande diagnosed the horse unsound and placed him on the vet’s list. Trainer George Papaprodromou retained possession of the horse.

08-09-18⁵

LATE SCRATCH – SIXTH RACE – REFUND

#10 Agronomo, trained by Sal Gonzalez, was scratched by the Stewards mid-afternoon on the recommendation of Dr. Grande after he stated the colt suffered an injury to his left eyelid. On vet’s list. The refund amounted to \$3,942.53.

08-09-18⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	7,172	\$1,004,877.26
Off Track	4,152	\$2,123,261.05
Out –of-State	-0-	\$5,645,573.42
Total	11,324	\$8,773,711.73

FRIDAY

08-10-18¹

HESS RULING

DMTD RULING #014

Trainer ROBERT HESS, Jr. who was scheduled to start BITTE in the second race on August 9, 2018 at Del Mar Race Track is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration - Medicated).

The above ruling was issued after Hess was informed of the penalty. He stated that Bitte was accidentally given a double dose of banamine in the days before the race and he didn’t want to take a chance by running the horse.

08-10-18²

WARNING ISSUED (refer-08-08-18⁴)

Exercise rider Nicole Diodoro was issued an official warning following Wednesday’s informal hearing. She and exercise rider Sophia Barandela were involved in an incident on the track which resulted in Barandela’s horse running off. The evidence presented was not conclusive that Diodoro was solely responsible hence the warning.

08-10-18³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Edwin Maldonado appeared to review yesterday's second race where his mount came in at the 3/8 and tightened up the available racing room for a rival. He didn't close the hole so a warning was issued.

Jockey Flavien Prat reviewed yesterday's third race where he allowed his mount to drift in at the top of the stretch and forced a rival to check. That rival came on to out finish Prat's mount so no disqualification was required but Flavien did cause interference. Prat acknowledged the fact stating he thought he had cleared the other horse. The following ruling was issued by majority vote with Steward Baker dissenting.

DMTD RULING #015

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT who rode UNUSUAL GOLD in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on August 9, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 17, 18 and 19, 2018) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes 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.

Jockey Alonso Quinonez reviewed yesterday's first race where his horse was the subject of a Stewards inquiry. Quinonez allowed his mount to bear out at the top of the stretch and cause a fellow competitor to steady. Quinonez admitted he could have done a better job controlling his horse and the ruling listed below was issued by majority vote with Steward Sawyer dissenting:

DMTD RULING #016

Jockey ALONSO QUINONEZ who rode HE'S LIKE VIOLENCE in the first race at Del Mar Race Track on August 9, 2018 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 17, 18 and 19, 2018) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference. This constitutes 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.

08-10-18⁴

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1 st Race	#1 Confidentially, trainer John Shirreffs, veterinarian, injured, Dr. Stead Refund: \$2,529.10
4 th Race	#14 Sharp Holiday, trainer Genaro Vallejo, Stewards, also eligible Refund: \$67,259.84
8 th Race	#11 No Thanks Erik, trainer Doug O'Neill, Stewards, also eligible Refund: \$884.81
	#12 Sky Babe, trainer William Morey, Stewards, also eligible Refund: \$884.81

08-10-18⁵

LATE SCRATCH – FOURTH RACE - REFUND

#10 Autumn Twilight, trained by Mike Pender with Brayan Pena in the saddle, was scratched by the Stewards as the horses were beginning to load after Dr. Stead reported the horse reared, unseated Pena and injured herself in the process. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$67,259.84.

Pena told the paramedics at the scene he was fine but after further examination was sent to the hospital for precautionary x-rays of his ankle. He will need to be cleared by a physician before he can ride again.

08-10-18⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	9,218	\$1,322,137.04
Off Track	5,137	\$2,900,785.19
Out –of-State	-0-	\$6,352,446.73
Total	14,355	\$10,575,368.96

SATURDAY

08-11-18¹

PEGRAM RULING (CASE #18DM0009)

DMTD RULLING #017

Owner JAMES RUSSELL (J.R.) PEGRAM JR. having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$4,000.00 to Jeff Meyers) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JAMES RUSSELL (J.R.) PEGRAM JR. are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine) JAMES RUSSELL (J.R.) PEGRAM JR. is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Pegram was not present for his scheduled hearing. The allegations center around the fact that Jeff Meyers sent Pegram \$4,000.00 for the purchase of a horse and Meyers got neither the horse nor his money returned.

08-11-18²

METANOVIC AGREEMENT (CASE #18LT0013)

A payment agreement was reached between Bob Hubbard Horse Transport and owner Mersad Metanovic to settle a complaint alleging \$6,291.00 due for services rendered.

08-11-18³

NEW VIEW

Del Mar management has installed a new camera on the outside of the dirt course near the 5/16 pole which allows the Stewards a true head-on of the turf course back stretch. A scissor platform was moved into place yesterday and the coverage allows an excellent head on view of the turf course which will now prove the adage “you can run but you can’t hide”.

08-11-18⁴

DISTANCE DISSCUSSION

Director of Racing Tom Robbins and Starter Jay Slender met with the Stewards concerning confirming the position of the starting gate prior to the start of each race. The recent problem at Saratoga with the starting gate being positioned at the wrong distance gave rise to today’s meeting. Going forward starting gate driver Dennis Flowers Jr. and/or Slender will contact the Stewards by walkie talkie prior to the start of each race to confirm the correct distance.

08-11-18⁵

EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 1st Race #6 Our Tiger’s Boy, trainer Jeff Bonde, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Stead Refund: \$3,695.54
- 4th Race #4 Curlina, trainer Mike Harrington, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Grande Refund: \$1,229.70
- 5th Race #4 Saburai, trainer Vladimir Cerin, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Grande Refund: \$284.71
- 9th Race #2 Pursuing The Dream, trainer James Cassidy, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Grande Refund: \$2,850.51

08-11-18⁶

CLAIM VOIDED – EIGHTH RACE

Adam Kitchingman dropped a claim for #3 Baby Bear’s Soup but could not take possession of the horse since Dr. Grande reported the horse bled and the Stewards voided the claim. Baby Bear’s Soup was returned to the barn of David Jacobsen.

08-11-18⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	25,138	\$2,219,935.17
Off Track	7,929	\$4,940,795.69
Out –of-State	-0-	\$8,510,905.75
Total	33,067	\$15,671,636.61

SUNDAY

08-12-18¹

DESORMEAUX RULING

DMTD RULLING #18

Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in the last sixty days), during the third race at Del Mar Race Track on August 11, 2018.

The above ruling was composed after Kent contacted the Stewards by phone, waved his right to a hearing and admitted he applied the crop four times.

08-12-18²

FINANCIAL SETTLED (CASE#18DM002)

A complaint filed by Equine Medical Center against owner Richard Bartlett Jr. was resolved when Mr. Bartlett brought in a check for \$1,298.47.

08-12-18³

EARLY DECLARATIONS

- 3rd Race #1 Turkish Tabby, trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, Stewards, stake race
Refund: \$2,894.34
- #6 Moonshine Memories, trainer S. Callaghan, Stewards, stakes race
Refund: \$2,894.34
- 4th Race #1 Coalinga Hills, trainer Martin Jones, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Stead
Refund: \$959.20
- 5th Race #7 Springs Eternal, trainer R. Mandella, veterinarian, injured, Dr. Grande
Refund: \$419.66
- 6th Race #7 Smart Rachel, trainer Hector Palma, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Stead
Refund: \$1,036.13
- 8th Race #4 Chosen Vessel, trainer Craig Dollase, veterinarian, injured, Dr. Stead
Refund: \$1,394.26
- #6 For Him, trainer Philip D’Amato, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Stead
Refund: \$1,394.26
- 9th Race #1 Lucky Again, trainer Michael Machowsky, veterinarian, sick, Dr. Stead
Refund: \$471.83

08-12-18⁴

SECOND RACE – VOIDED CLAIM

Vladimir Cerin dropped a claim for #4 Dukes Up but the horse was placed on the vet’s list after the race by Dr. Grande who stated the horse was off on the left foreleg. Trainer Steve Miyadi retained possession of Dukes Up.

08-12-18⁵

STEWARDS INQUIRY – OBJECTION – SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards illuminated the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident involving the winner, #10 Spin Lightning ridden by Flavien Prat, #6 Gray Magician (3rd, Tiago Pereira) and #4

Music to My Ears (7th, Tyler Conner). Pereira also lodged an objection against the winner. After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish. Tapes showed that Conner shifted Music to My Ears out in mid stretch and took Grey Magician with him. Spin Lightning was racing outside both those horses and did not contribute to the incident. Since Gray Magician finished in front of Music to My Ears there was no need for a disqualification. Tyler Conner will view tapes of the race with the Stewards on Wednesday.

08-12-18⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	10,211	\$1,393,773.24
Off Track	6,868	\$3,653,388.09
Out –of-State	-0-	\$6,820,179.92
Total	17,079	\$11,867,341.25

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 8/08/18 TO 8/12/18

Horses on Vet List	27	Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	31	Deceased	2 – Del Mar
Medication	0	Claims Voided	3

SUMMARY

	Wed 8/08/18	Thurs 8/09/18	Fri 8/10/18	Sat 8/11/18	Sun 8/12/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	1	1	1	6	30
Claims	5	8	5	8	10	36	118
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	1	0	0	1	2	11
Refunds	5	4	5	4	8	26	110
Rulings	2	0	3	1	1	7	18
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	1	3	15

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward