

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Del Mar Summer Meet
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club**

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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GENERAL DATA:

- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 700
Del Mar, California 92014
Telephone number of association: (858) 755-1141. Fax: (858) 792-4263
- Dates: Friday, November 8, 2019 through Sunday, December 1, 2019
Total number of days or nights racing per week: 4, Thursday through Sunday.
- Races: Eight races weekdays, nine races on Saturday, and nine races on Sunday unless otherwise designated.
- Post time: 12:30 p.m. except Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.
- Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the previous racing day, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3rd race or 2 hours before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$0.50 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick 5 on first 5 races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.

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Plusmic USA, Photo Finish
Benoit & Associates, Track Photographer

WEEK 1: Friday, November 8, 2019, through Sunday, November 10, 2019.

TUESDAY

11/05/19¹

DARK DAY DUTY

Steward Grant Baker was available to oversee entries for Friday which carded eight races for opening day.

WEDNESDAY

11/06/19¹

STEWARD ON DUTY

Steward Baker was again onsite to oversee entries for Saturday which was finalized with a nine-race program. He also met with Walker McBride to discuss the festivities in the paddock before the first race on Friday concerning Camp Wamp. This organization, Camp Wamp is a Summer camp that empowers disabled youngsters. The ceremony will consist of five Camp Wamp youngsters escorted out by five jockeys to the paddock for the first race to kick off the Bing Crosby season.

THURSDAY

11/07/19¹

NON-RACE DAY

Steward Grant Baker was available to oversee entries for Sunday which nine races were carded. Scratches for Friday consisted of one scratch and one corrected weight.

FRIDAY

11/08/19¹

FUENTES RULINGS

The following two rulings were issued after Attorney Bing Bush notified the Board Mr. Fuentes had dropped his two appeals (rulings DMTD #36 and DMTD #63). The following two rulings were issued stating his suspension days.

DFTD RULING #001

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD ruling #036 (August 10, 2019) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 16, 17 & 21, 2019).

DFTD RULING #002

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD ruling #063 (August 21, 2019) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RUBEN FUENTES is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (November 22, 23, 24, 28 & 29, 2019).

11/08/19²

TVG MEETING

Producer Shiva Scanlon, Lead Video Operator Mario Lopez, Back Up Video Operator Scott Chet, Technician Manager Morse Gillies and Del Mar Director of Sponsorship/Production Walker McBride met with the Stewards to discuss the operations of Lyon Video who replaced Pegasus, the previous video replay operator since 2014. The Stewards stated what they expected and this group assured everyone they could provide.

11/08/19³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire met with the BOS to review the second race on Sunday in which Donnie Meche had two different violations of the riding crop rule. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

DFTD RULING #003

Jockey DONNIE MECHE, is suspended three (3) days (November 15,16 & 17, 2019)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(1)(4) (Use of Riding Crop – striking the horse on the head and used his riding crop when he was clearly out of the Race), during the second race at Santa Anita Park on November 3, 2019.

Mr. Haire also represented David Cohen who rode the eighth race on Sunday (Goldikova Stakes Grade I). Mr. Cohen was issued the following ruling after the video review verified; he aggressively overused his crop. The amount of the penalty was a majority decision, Steward Sawyer voted for an increased amount.

DFTD RULING #004

Jockey DAVID COHEN, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* 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 – excessive use), during the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on November 3, 2019.

11/08/19⁴

TRAINER OBJECTION/ NO CHANGE/ SECOND RACE 5/8 turf

After the running of the race a claim of foul was lodged by assistant trainer Leandro Mora (Doug O’Neill) against #6 Restless Rambler (J. Velez 1st) for alleged interference in the stretch to his trainee #3 Wildman Jack (R. Bejarano 2nd). After a review of the videos, conversation with both jockeys and a report from the Patrol Judge, in a unanimous decision there was no change to the original order of finish. The BOS believed the incident did not warrant a disqualification.

Note: There was a delay in a Stewards’ decision due to the availability or lack thereof of replays. The new video company (Lyon) supplied by TVG was having technical difficulties with the replays.

11/08/19⁵

VOIDED CLAIMS

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Barrie Grant of #6 Fire when Ready (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) and #9 Ernie Banks (Tr. J. Wong) who raced in the third race they were both placed on the Veterinarian’s List due to unsoundness. Both claims were voided and the horses were returned to their trainers of record.

11/08/19⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes. Refund: \$266.50
2 nd Race	#6 Restless Rambler (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt Refund: \$110.50
3 rd Race	#4 Kenzou’s Rhythym (Tr. J. Mullins) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead #6 Fire When Ready (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt - VOID #9 Ernie Banka (Tr. J. Wong) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt - VOID Refund: \$1,064.24
4 th Race	#1 Unusual Secret (Tr. A. Barba) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead. Refund: \$323.36
5 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$54.50
6 th Race	#6 Twirling Diamond (Tr. D. Keen) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead

#8 Refine (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) ambulance removed-bled.

Refund: \$547.82

7th Race No Changes. Refund: \$0

8th Race No Changes. Refund: \$10.00

11/08/19⁷ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	5,011	\$617,337.38
SCOTWinc	4,460	\$2,366,531.08
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,474,494.74
Total	9,471	\$8,458,363.20

SATURDAY

11/09/19¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jorge Velez met with the Stewards to review the trainer objection yesterday in the second race. He was reminded even slight movement on the turf course can cause issues. He stated he understood. Warning
Agapito Delgadillo and Ruben Fuentes who rode the third race yesterday met with the Stewards to discuss the use of their crop when clearly out of the race. They were both warned there would be a penalty if this practice continued. They both stated they understood. Warnings.

Evin Roman met with the Stewards to review the seventh race where he drifted inward after the wire and bumped a rival. He was informed it is still important to prevent this action, even after the race. He stated he understood. Warning.

Jockey Guild Representative Darrell Haire met with the Stewards for William Antongeorgi to review the third race yesterday. The issue being whether or not he crossed over without sufficient clearance entering the first turn in the one mile event causing the winner of the race to have to steady. In a majority decision Mr. Antongeorgi was issued a three-day suspension for careless riding as listed in the ruling below. Steward Jauregui voted for no penalty.

DFTD RULING #005

Jockey WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI, who rode ERNIE BANKS in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on November 8, 2019 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 16, 17 & 21, 2019), for crossing over without sufficient clearance in the first turn 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.

11/09/19²

SAADEH HEARING CASE 19SA0215

This financial was filed by owner Steven Cole (dba Cole Ranch, Inc.) against owner George Saadeh in the amount of \$5,820.91. The financial involved a bankruptcy filed on September 9, 2019. The BOS could not help Mr. Cole collect the money owed as he was listed in the bankruptcy up to September 9, 2019. Mr. Cole is burdened with the care of the horses on his ranch that Mr. Saadeh still owns forty five percent of. Mr. Saadeh stated he currently cannot pay the debt owed even after filing. His next court date is in December. It was suggested he find a buyer for his percentage of horses owned. This case was dismissed.

11/09/19³

WALLACE FORMAL HEARING CASE 19SA0190

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Jerry Wallace for alleged violation of CHRB rules 1844 (c)(1) (Authorized Medication), 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of

Horse), 1843 (a)(d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances) and 1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances).

The Wallace runner "Fast Cotton" who finished first in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park was found to contain the class 4 drug dexamethasone at a level of 9 pg/ml in the post-race sample analyzed by U.C. Davis Laboratory.

Present before the BOS were Jerry Wallace, Investigator Greg Icamen, observer Jennifer Metz and court reporter Michele Derieg documented the proceedings.

Mr. Wallace testified he had been issued a throat spray from veterinarian Rick Overly which after the positive was discovered to have dexamethasone (lab tested) in the spray. After testimony was given and documents were entered into evidence the record was closed. Decision to Follow.

11/09/19⁴

JOCKEY OBJECTION/ NO CHANGE FIRST RACE 1 mile-dirt

Following the running of the race jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr. aboard #5 Mongolian Hero (4th) lodged a claim of foul against #1 Street Class (R. Fuentes 3rd) for a possible infraction near the quarter pole. After a review of the available videos and conversation with both jockeys in a unanimous decision the original order of finish was made official. What little movement there was at the quarter pole did not warrant a disqualification.

11/09/19⁵

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION/SEVENTH RACE ¾-dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch involving #3 Union Ride (E. Flores 1st), #5 Seven Scents (J. Velez 2nd) and #6 Posterize (R. Fuentes 3rd). Inside the eight pole in a three horse spread, #6 on the rail, #3 in the middle and #7 third out, #7 drifted inward making contact with #3 causing it to step in and tip #6 who had to take back to stay off of heels. After a report from the patrol judge and conversation with all jockeys involved, a unanimous decision #7 was disqualified from third position and placed last behind #6.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 3-5-(7)-4-1-6

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 3-5-4-1-6-(7)

11/09/19⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Jefe (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Grant.
Refund: \$4,038.16

2nd Race No Changes. Refund: \$0

3rd Race #1 Invasion Looming (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. B. Spawr - **VOID**
#3 Fast Cotton (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. J. Wallace - **VOID**
Refund: \$9.50

4th Race No Changes. Refund: \$30.50

5th Race #1 He'salittlewildcat (Tr. J. Nunez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grant
Refund: \$667.16

6th Race No Changes. Refund: \$241.00

7th Race #2 Principe Carlo (Tr. M. Polanco) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grant
Refund: \$840.92

8th Race #6 Carnivorous (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grant
Refund: \$1,005.92

9th Race No Changes. Refund: \$0

11/09/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	8,920	\$940,677.43
SCOTWinc	6,909	\$3,628,960.81
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,375,750.04
Total	15,829	\$10,945,388.2

SUNDAY

11/10/19¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Victor Espinosa met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the sixth race yesterday. He was told when a horse is not gaining ground, to refrain from the use of his crop. He stated he understood. Warning.

11/10/19²

Yesterday Drayden VanDyke and Heriberto Figueroa chose to not meet with the Stewards today and stated they would accept any penalty issued. They both admitted they overused their crop, (VanDyke 7 times) (Figueroa 5 times) without giving their mounts a chance to respond in the eighth race yesterday. The BOS reviewed the videos today and issued the following rulings.

DFTD RULING #006

Jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 – excessive), during the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 9, 2019.

DFTD RULING #007

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 – excessive), during the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 9, 2019.

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Ruben Fuentes met with the Stewards to review the disqualification of his mount in the seventh race yesterday (ref-11-09-19⁵). Jennifer Metz sat in as an observer with permission from Mr. Fuentes. Mr. Fuentes stated the incident was instigated by him trying to get his horse to change leads. The BOS felt this did not preclude him from receiving the suspension days listed in the following ruling. The days issued were on the tail of seven days he will be serving after he dropped two previous appeals (ref 11-08-19¹). Steward Baker voted for a five day suspension feeling the incident was dangerous.

DFTD RULING #008

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES, who rode MAYAN WARRIOR in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on November 9, 2019 is suspended for THREE (3) days (December 1, 6, and 7, 2019), for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to sixth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c)(e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding). The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

11/10/19⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Barrie Grant of #2 Empress of Lov who raced in the second race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List due to unsoundness. The claim was voided and the horse was returned to the stable of trainer Edward Freeman.

11/10/19⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#5 Octopus (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. J. Sadler. Refund: \$0
2 nd Race	#2 Empress of Lov (Tr. E. Freeman) claimed by Tr. K. Castaneda - VOID
	#3 Princess Dorian (Tr. A. Lerner) DNF
	#4 Big Base (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) claimed by Tr. P. Miller. Refund: \$3.50
3 rd Race	#3 Ghost Street (Patrick Gallagher) DNF. Refund: \$7.00
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$131.10
5 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$0
6 th Race	#1 Midnight Special (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed by Tr. V. Garcia

7th Race #3 Prayer Warrior (Tr. J. Metz) DNF. Refund: \$0
 8th Race #3 Murad Khan (FR) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. P. Miller. Refund: \$21.50
 9th Race No Changes. Refund: \$2.00
 #7 Don V. (Tr. D. Hofmans) Veterinarian-post parade-Dr. Stead
 Refund: \$22,672.63

11/10/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,682	\$811,286.11
SCOTWinc	6,250	\$3,160,689.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,082,304.65
Total	10,932	\$10,054,279.8

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 11/4/19 TO 11/10/19

Horses on Vet List	18	Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	9	Deceased	2
Medication	0	Claims Voided	5

SUMMARY

	Fri 11/8/19	Sat 11/9/19	Sun 11/10/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	0	1	3	3
Claims	1	0	4	5	5
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	1	2	0	3	3
Refunds	7	7	6	20	20
Rulings	4	1	3	8	8
Voided Claims	2	2	1	5	5

Respectfully submitted,

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Grant Baker, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward

 Ron Church, Safety Steward