

California Horse Racing Board

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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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WEEK 3: Thursday, November 21, 2019, through Sunday, November 24, 2019

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WEDNESDAY

11/20/19¹

ENTRY DAY

The backside racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, November 23. Nine (9) races were drawn with seventy-two (72) horses scheduled to start. Grant Baker was on duty in the Stewards' office.

THURSDAY

11/21/19¹

ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY

Entries for Sunday, November 24 were taken today in the backside racing office. Grant Baker was on duty in the Stewards' office. Placing Judge Bob Moreno and Patrol Judge George Bradvica drew the races in the racing office. Nine (9) races will be carded November 24, 2019. Eighty (80) horses are scheduled to start. Scratch time for Friday, November 22 was conducted by Assistant Clerk of Scales Charles McCall in the racing office. Two (2) jockey changes, four (4) scratches and one (1) equipment change were activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline. The track was closed for training on Wednesday, November 20 following inclement weather. This morning the track was open, with jogging allowed only, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

11/21/19²

RACING DAY CANCELATION

On Friday, November 15, 2019 Del Mar management announced that racing for today and Thanksgiving would be cancelled, because of projected rain. Southern California weather forecasters were `spot on' as predicted rain pelted the San Diego area.

FRIDAY

CHRB STAFF VISIT

11/22/19¹ California Horse Racing Board Chief of Licensing and Enforcement Shawn Loehr and Acting Chief of Licensing and Enforcement Robert Ekstrom paid a visit to the Stewards' Office this morning. The three (3) Stewards shared their history of working with CHRB Investigators and made suggestions on how to open the lines of communication with members of the enforcement unit. Mr. Loehr and Mr. Ekstrom were candid with the Stewards and shared some of the dynamics of their enforcement unit.

11/22/19² **GEOVANNI FRANCO FILM REVIEW**
Jockey Geovanni Franco appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride aboard #6 Our Romance who finished fourth in the eighth race on Sunday, November 17. In this one (1) mile turf event Jockey Franco 'punches up' between horses entering the far (3/8ths) turn. This incident led to eventual eighth place finisher #2 Y Not Sizzle (Tyler Baze) getting bumped significantly while racing along the rail. Sixth place finisher # 9 Tizzy (Heriberto Figueroa) also contributed to the incident. Following film review, in a unanimous decision, Jockey Franco was issued a warning.

11/22/19³ **AARON GRYDER MEETING (REF: 10/19/19(1))**
Jockey Aaron Gryder appeared in the Stewards' Office today along with Jockeys' Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire. Jockey Gryder was issued a four (4) day riding suspension by Santa Anita Stewards on October 19, 2019(LATC #019). He was granted a stay of that ruling by the California Horse Racing Board. Jockey Gryder has been in discussion with CHRB headquarters regarding the status of this stayed ruling. The Stewards listened to Jockey Gryder as he read emails that he had previously sent to CHRB headquarters. There will be more to follow on this matter.

11/22/19⁴ **JEFF CATALAN RULING (REF:10/03/19(3) & 11/14/19(1))**
Following a formal hearing (CASE #19DM0020) that was heard in our office on November 14th the Stewards decided on a penalty in this matter. Exercise Rider Jeff Catalan appeared in our office this morning and was informed of our unanimous decision.

DFTD RULING #015

Exercise Rider JEFF CATALAN is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication) and rule #1889 (Entry to Area Assigned by Trainer) on August 1, 2019 at Del Mar Racetrack. Jeff Catalan must adhere to the recommendations of the Winners Foundation and abide by a signed testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so shall result in a suspension of his license.

11/22/19⁵ **SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/NON-STARTER**
The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after noticing an incident at the start of this seven (7) furlong main track event. #6 So Gucci (Evin Roman) was off very slowly before racing on to a seventh (last) place finish. The Stewards reviewed the 'head on' angle of the start. The panoramic camera view of the starting gate is blocked by the roof of the Del Mar Horse Show Arena. This horse reared at the start. The assistant starter that was in the starting gate stall with the horse had a hold of her left ear prior to dispatch. After the gates opened the filly reared and the assistant starter still had a hold of her ear. The Stewards heard from Starter Jay Slender and Jockey Evin Roman regarding this incident. After viewing the 'head on' shot several times the Stewards ruled that #6 So Gucci be declared a non-starter and that full refunds would be ordered. Our decision was unanimous.

11/22/19⁶ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUND**
2nd Race Declaration #4 Jamason (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Off Turf - Stewards

Refund: \$327.50
 3rd Race Declaration #5 Go Big Blue Nation (Tr. J. Bonde) Sick - Dana Stead D.V.M. Refund: \$2,041.35
 3rd Race NO SHOW WAGERING
 4th Race Declarations #3 Gorky Park (Tr. K. Desormeaux) Sick - Dana Stead D.V.M.
 #5 GoTime (Tr. P. Miller) Off Turf - Stewards
 #6 Commander (FR) Off Turf – Stewards. Refund Total: \$2,238.20
 4th Race NO SHOW WAGERING
 6th Race Declaration #1 Kookie Gal (Tr. P. Miller) Sick - Dana Stead D.V.M. Refund: \$1,359.75
 7th Race Declarations #5 Whoa Nessie (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Sick - Barrie Grant D.V.M.
 #6 So Gucci (Tr. D. O'Neill) Unfair Start – Declared Non-Starter – Stewards. Refund Total: \$137,173.14
 8th Race Declarations #2 Big Time Grammy (Tr. T. Yakteen) Off Turf - Stewards
 #8 Via Alpina (Tr. C. Dollase) Off Turf-Stewards
 #11 Too Much Smoke (Tr. P. Miller) Off Turf – Stewards.
 Refund Total: \$1,203.61
 8th Race Cancel \$1 Super High 5 Wagering

11/22/19⁷ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,275	\$275,329.10
SCOTWinc	3,931	\$2,317,954.44
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,392,111.27
Total	6,206	\$5,985,394.81

SATURDAY

11/23/19¹

BOB BAFFERT RULING (REF: 11/16/19(2))

The Stewards called Pasadena, CA based attorney Steve Schwartz who represented Trainer Bob Baffert this morning and informed him of the penalty that the Stewards issued below. Our unanimous decision listed below was made following a formal hearing (CASE NO.19DM0022) that was held in our office on November 16, 2019.

DFTD RULING #016

Trainer ROBERT BAFFERT, who started the horse CRUEL INTENTION, third place finisher in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on July 27, 2019, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) pursuant to #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), for violation of #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone (Class 4).

11/23/19²

BOB BAFFERT RULING (REF:11/16/19(2))

Attorney Steve Schwartz was also informed of the penalty issued below. The hearing for this matter (CASE NO.19DM0035) was combined with (CASE NO.19DM0022). This was a majority decision, with Steward Sawyer voting for a \$1,000 fine.

DFTD RULING #017

Trainer ROBERT BAFFERT, who started the horse ECLAIR, fourth place finisher in the first race at Del Mar Race Track on August 3, 2019, is fined ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* pursuant to #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(b)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), for violation of #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Phenylbutazone (Class 4) second offense in 365 days).

11/23/19³

AARON GRYDER RULING (REF:10/19/19(1) &11/22/19(3))

Jockey Aaron Gryder was issued a four (4) day riding suspension by Santa Anita Stewards on October 19, 2019 (REF: LATC Ruling #019). He requested and was granted a stay of that ruling. During the week of November 11, 2019, Jockey Gryder contacted CHRB headquarters requesting to drop that stay. Confusion between headquarters and Jockey Gryder regarding which suspension days he would ultimately serve led to the issuance of this uncommon ultimate enforcement of CHRB rule #1699 (Riding Rules) violation. This retroactive ruling is not precedent setting in our unanimous opinion.

DFTD RULING #018

Jockey Aaron Gryder having dropped his appeal of LATC ruling #019 issued at Santa Anita Park on October 19, 2019, for good cause the following four (4) suspension days (November 16, 17, 21 and 22, 2019) are retroactively issued.

11/23/19⁴

PATROL JUDGE

Patrol Judge George Bradvica remained in the racing office after the noon hour today. We were without a finish line patrol judge for today's first race.

11/23/19⁵

CHAIRMAN VISITS

Newly elected California Horse Racing Board Chairman Gregory Ferraro DVM paid a visit to the judges' stand this afternoon. A good 'back and forth' about current affairs took place.

11/23/19⁶

FOUR WIN DAY

Jockey Flavien Prat had an excellent day winning 50% of the races on today's card. #3 Challah (\$8.20), #3 Del Mar May (\$4.40), #8 Miss Flawless (\$36.80) and #1 Ancient Warrior (\$6.80) got Jockey Prats' 'picture taken' in races, two, four, five and six.

11/23/19⁷

RACING CARD

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

11/23/19⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Bird (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed D. Pedersen, trainer
	#6 Royal Insider (Tr. J. Carava) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
5 th Race	#4 Seaside Dancer (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
	#5 Querelle (Tr. J. Cassidy) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
7 th Race	Declaration #5 Hartel (Tr.P. Miller) Unsound - Barrie Grant DVM
	Refund: \$1,000.72
8 th Race	Declaration #1 Leading Score (Tr.B. Baffert) Stake - Stewards
	Refund: \$1,416.00
8 th Race	NO SHOW WAGERING

11/23/19⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,012	\$624,767.45
SCOTWinc	6,590	\$3,988,710.96
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,030,625.20
Total	10,602	\$11,644,103.6

SUNDAY
11/24/19¹

THANKSGIVING RACING CALLED OFF

Racing Secretary David Jerkens informed the Stewards this morning that Del Mar

Management was cancelling racing on Thanksgiving, November 28, 2019. Heavy rains are being forecasted for the Del Mar area.

11/24/19²

JOSE BANUELOS INFORMAL HEARING

Groom Jose Banuelos appeared in the Stewards' office to address a 'security violation notice' issued by Del Mar Security on November 16. On this day security alleged that Mr. Banuelos exited Gate Z which is an 'enter only' gate. Groom Banuelos told us that he turned his vehicle around and immediately complied to orders given by the security staff. DMTC security was not present for the hearing. In a unanimous decision this matter was dismissed with a warning.

11/24/13³

PATROL JUDGE

Patrol Judge George Bradvica remained in the racing office during today's first race to wrap up his duties. There was no patrol judge at the finish line patrol stand for this race only.

11/24/19⁴

SIXTH RACE INQUIRY/JOCKEYS' OBJECTION

Following this six (6) furlong main track event the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign. Larry Gilligan (Quick Official) reported to the Stewards that Jockey Flavien Prat, who rode second place finisher #10 Next Gen, lodged a rider's claim of foul against first place finisher #12 It's Tiz Time (Diego Sanchez) for alleged interference at the start.

The 'head on' view of the starting gate was most important in reaching a conclusion of the incident. The Stewards determined that sixth place finisher #13 Lord Adare (Edwin Maldonado) contributed the most to the interference by veering in without enough clearance at the start. Apart from the winner #12 It's Tiz Time, the other rivals interfered with; #9 Baby Gronk (Tiago Pereira-fourth place) and #10 Next Gen beat the horse that initiated the interference from his outside post position. After a patrol judge report and speaking with jockeys the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, allowed the original placings to stand. No change.

11/24/19⁵

SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign prior to the field approaching the far (3/8ths) turn the second time in this 1 3/8-mile race on the Jimmy Durante Turf Course. Racing in mid-pack approaching the far turn original fifth place finisher #5 Buckstopper Kit (Abel Cedillo) shifts out. While not being clear of his rival #2 Crystal Tribe (IRE) (Drayden Van Dyke-seventh place), this action caused #2 Crystal Tribe (IRE) to clip heels and lose ground.

The Stewards received a patrol judge report, spoke to both jockeys involved and reviewed all replay angles. In a unanimous decision #5 Buckstopper Kit (Abel Cedillo) was disqualified and placed seventh. Jockey Abel Cedillo will appear in the Stewards' office for film review next week.

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

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

11/24/19⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

2nd Race #7 Fratelli (Tr. J. Periban) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer
4th Race Declaration #2 Too Much Heaven (Tr. E. Kruljac) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
Refund: \$356.33
6th Race Declaration #1 After You (Tr. N. Drysdale) Unsound-Barrie Grant DVM
Refund: \$385.10
8th Race Declaration #6 Rick's Dream (Tr. R. Saldana) Stake-Stewards. Refund: \$527.95
9th Race Declarations #1 Brimstoned (Tr. T.R. Bell II) Sick-Barrie Grant DVM
#5 No Name Fred (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) Unsound-Barrie Grant DVM
Refund Total: \$4,499.94

11/24/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,223	\$575,478.74
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SCOTWinc	6,382	\$3,450,430.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,333,676.03
Total	10,605	\$11,359,585.2

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 11/18/19 TO 11/24/19

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	6
Deceased	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	0

SUMMARY

	Thurs 11/21 Cancelled Racing	Fri 11/22	Sat 11/23	Sun 11/ 24	Week	Meet
Accidents		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races		2	0	1	3	14
Claims		1	4	1	6	17
Disqualifications		0	0	1	1	2
Inquiries		1	0	1	2	5
Refunds		12	2	4	18	68
Rulings		1	3	0	4	18
Voided Claims		0	0	0	0	6

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

