

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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Report for the Week of Wednesday, July 22, 2020 through Monday, July 27, 2020

WEDNESDAY07/22/20¹**DISQUALIFICATION HEARING (case #19SA0184)**

We held a formal hearing this morning to hear case #19SA0184 in which the horse "SNEEM" trained by JOHN SADLER who tested positive for the Prohibited Drug Substance "Clenbuterol" in the post-race test on May 10, 2020 who finished first in the second race at Golden Gate Fields. The CHRFB filed a complaint against Trainer JOHN SADLER, Owner HRONIS RACING LLC, PETE HRONIS, KOSTA HRONIS and Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ for rule violation of CHRFB #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). Present in the hearing were the Board of Stewards, CHRFB Investigator MIKE BARKER and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Michell Derieg. None of the respondents were present at the hearing. After reading the complaint into the record and entering the exhibits the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

07/22/20²**PARKS HEARING (case #20SA0141)**

The CHRFB filed a complaint against Exercise Rider NICHOLAS PARKS for rule violation #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) who was seen on the surveillance video arguing with Exercise Rider MADILYN P. KERKER in their barn at Santa Anita Park on April 14, 2020. Mr. Parks stated that Ms. Kerker was constantly verbally harassing him and she got quite frustrated when Mr. Parks used an inappropriate hand gesture towards her. The video shows that Ms. Kerker pushes Mr. Parks in the face and slaps him, causing a small abrasion. Parks walked away from Ms. Kerker after the altercation. He was issued a warning to stay away from her and refrain from any contact with her.

07/22/20³**KERKER HEARING (case #20SA0142)**

Exercise Rider MADILYN P. KERKER was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) when she slapped Exercise Rider NICHOLAS PARKS twice on April 14, 2020 at Santa Anita Park. Present in the hearing was the BOS, Investigator Mike Barker, Respondent Ms. Kerker and her witness Jockey Austin Solis. Kerker stated that her frustration was building up and she shouldn't have slapped him. We made it clear to her that you can't put your hands on someone else. Decision to follow.

THURSDAY

07/23/20¹

ENTRIES/ SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer came into the office to monitor entries for Sunday and to monitor Friday's program changes.

FRIDAY

07/24/20¹

STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward Dave Nuesch will replace Steward Jauregui, in the stand, for the remainder of this extended four-day race-week.

07/24/20²

DISQUALIFICATION RULING (Ref.07/22/20¹)

After hearing all the facts of case #19SA0184 on Wednesday, the following ruling was issued today.

DMTD RULING #018

Acting upon a report from the University of California at Davis, Maddy Laboratories, the official testing laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post – race urine sample # GG32459 taken from the horse “ Sneem” the first place finisher in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on May 10, 2019, contained the prohibited drug substance Clenbuterol (class 3), it is hereby ordered that “ Sneem “ be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$18,000.00) earned or awarded Owner Hronis Racing LLC, (\$1,800.00) Trainer John Sadler and (\$1,800.00) Jockey Juan Hernandez to be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Del Mar Race Track on or before August 24, 2020, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld). The revised order of finish is as follows:

1 st True Regards	2 nd Mercy Rule	3 rd Way Gone
4 th Dansbirthdayboy	5 th Dynamic Duo	6 th Deckload
7 th Persuasive Cat		

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule # 1956 (Race Declared Official), this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

07/24/20³

KERKER RULING (Ref. 07/22/20³)

After the Stewards deliberated all the facts heard from case #20SA0142, in a majority decision, the Stewards issued the following ruling. Steward Kim Sawyer was the dissenting vote, feeling the penalty should be \$200.00.

DMTD RULING #019

Exercise Rider Madilyn Kerker is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – fighting), on April 14, 2020 at Santa Anita Park.

07/24/20⁴

CARAVA HEARING

We held a formal hearing this morning to hear case #20SA0075 in which the horse "HARPER'S GALLOP" Trained by Jack Carava who tested positive for the prohibited drug substance "Cetirizine" in a post-work test on January 23, 2020. Present in the hearing were the Board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Kevin Kitashima and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Michell Derieg. Equine Medical Director Dr. Rick Arthur was available by telephone, as an expert witness, to provide his input on the matter. After reading the complaint into the record and entering the exhibits into evidence, the hearing came to a close. Decision to follow.

07/24/20⁵

VOIDED CLAIM – SECOND RACE

Following a post-race examination by the Official Veterinarian, the claim on C DUB (tr. M. Glatt) was voided and the runner returned to the George Papaprodromou stable.

07/24/20⁶

JOCKEY OBJECTION

Shortly after the conclusion of the eleventh race, jockey Tiago Pereira (aboard #5 Storm the Bastille) lodged an objection against jockey Geovanni Franco (aboard #11 Colosi), sighting interference in mid-stretch. After reviewing the incident, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #11 Colosi from fifth position and placed him tenth.

Original order of finish: 1-8-6-7-11-4-10-2-12-5-9-3

Official order of finish: 1-8-6-7-4-10-2-12-5-11-9-3

07/24/20⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #2 Horse Greedy (tr. J. Sadler) – claimed by P. Miller. Refund: \$ 85.00
- 2nd Race #1 Papa Turf (tr. J. Mullins) – claimed by P. Miller
- #5 C Dub (tr. G. Papaprodromou) – claimed by M. Glatt, claim voided
Refund: \$161.50
- 3rd Race #1 The Stiff (tr. M. McCarthy) – sick – Dr. Stead. Refund: \$606.10
- 4th Race Refund: \$514.10
- 5th Race Refund: \$ 34.00
- 6th Race Refund: \$101.00
- 7th Race Refund: \$603.30
- 8th Race Refund: \$ 20.50
- 9th Race Refund: \$166.00
- 10th Race Refund: \$581.20
- 11th Race Refund: \$496.90

07/24/20⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	N/A	\$61,778.88
SCOTWinc	961	\$2,512,490.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,831,778.70
Total	961	\$13,406,047.78

SATURDAY

07/25/20¹

FILM REVIEW

Both Jorge Velez and Umberto Rispoli came into our office to review minor incidents that occurred on yesterday's card. The Stewards unanimously agreed that neither incident warranted any disciplinary action, however, both riders received warnings to be a bit more careful, out on the track.

07/25/20²

GEOVANNI RULING (Ref. 7-24-20⁶)

Jockey Geovanni Franco came into the Stewards' office to review the eleventh race from yesterday, where his mount was disqualified. Mr. Franco agreed that his actions, changing lanes without sufficient clearance, warranted a suspension, so the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #020

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO who rode COLOSI in the eleventh race at Del Mar Race Track on Friday, July 24, 2020 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 1, 2 & 7, 2020) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to tenth; 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.

07/25/20³

GARCIA HEARING/RULING

We held a formal hearing this morning to hear case #20SA0078 in which the horse "CANDY FURY" trained by Victor Garcia who tested positive for Phenylbutazone in post-race testing on February 2, 2020. Present in the hearing were the Board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Greg Icaman and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Michell Derieg. After reading the complaint into the record and entering the exhibits, the hearing came to a close. The Stewards deliberated the facts of the case and issued the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #021

Trainer VICTOR GARCIA, who started the horse CANDY FURY, second place finisher in the first race at Santa Anita Park on February 2, 2020, 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).

07/25/20⁴

RICHARD BALTAS HEARING/RULING

Our second formal hearing this morning was to hear case #20SA0178, a disorderly conduct complaint involving trainer Richard Baltas. Present in the hearing were the Board of Stewards, CHRB Investigator Greg Icaman and once again, recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Michell Derieg. Assistant Racing Secretary Zachary Soto was available by telephone, to provide his testimony on the matter. After reading the complaint into the record and entering the exhibits, the hearing came to a close. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #022

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – aggressive behavior) at Santa Anita Park on June 1, 2020.

07/25/20⁵

STEWARDS' REVIEW

The Stewards conducted a review into the start of today's tenth race, focusing on #4 Combatant. Video review found that Combatant started to "lift" just as the starting gate doors opened. The Stewards ruled that the runner caused his own problem, so no further action was taken.

07/25/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	Refund: \$154.04
2 nd Race	#1 Annie's Boy (tr. J. Hernandez Jr.) – scratched – sick – Dr. Stead -Show wagering cancelled- Refund: \$660.00
3 rd Race	Refund: \$ 92.30
4 th Race	Refund: \$ 0.00
5 th Race	Refund: \$ 97.00
6 th Race	#3 Wedding Groom (tr. S. Gonzalez) -late scratch on the track-

7th Race -Stewards scratch, on the advice of the track veterinarian- Refund: \$158,541.15
 #10 Colossal Storm (tr. K. Desormeaux) – scratched – sick – Dr. Stead
 Refund: \$1,900.50

8th Race #5 Agamemnon (tr. R. McAnally) – scratched – sick – Dr. Stead
 #7 Antithetical (tr. S. Miyadi) – scratched – injured – Dr. Stead
 #10 Zimbabwe Warrior (tr. K. Desormeaux) – claimed by C. Dollase.
 Refund: \$3,676.00

9th Race Refund: \$ 596.66

10th Race #3 Sharp Samurai (tr. M. Glatt) – scratched – stake – Stewards.
 Refund: \$4,140.12

11th Race #2 Nice Ice (tr. B. Koriner) – claimed by D. O’Neill. Refund: \$302.80

07/25/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	N/A	\$63,358.40
SCOTWinc	1,299	\$3,913,072.39
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$13,697,585.98
Total	1,299	\$17,674,016.77

SUNDAY
 07/26/20¹

DUBAELE RULING

Thomas Dubaele came into the Stewards’ office to address a citation issued to him for exercising horses on an expired license. This situation came to light earlier in the week, but even after being told to renew his license, Mr. Dubaele still could not find the time to make it into the license office, until being cited. Therefore, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #023

Trainer/Exercise Rider THOMAS DUBAELE is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (a) (Occupational Licenses and Fees - galloping horses with an expired license).

07/26/20²

VAN DYKE RULING

Jockey Drayden Van Dyke was asked to come into our office to review his actions in yesterday’s eighth race. The Steward determined that Mr. Van Dyke was not using his crop in compliance with rule 1688 (b)(1), so the following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #024

Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop – misuse), during the eighth race at Del Mar Racetrack on July 25, 2020.

07/26/20³

FUENTES RULING

Jockey Ruben Fuentes also came into our office this morning, to review the ninth race from yesterday. Film review showed that Mr. Fuentes shifted out sharply, shortly after the start, impeding rivals to his outside. The Stewards explained to Mr. Fuentes that not only did he impede the other rivals, but his actions also put some of his fellow riders in danger. In the end, Mr. Fuentes agreed with the Stewards and understood that the following ruling had to be issued.

DMTD RULING #025

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES who rode LITTLE BIRD (IRE) in the ninth race at Del Mar Race Track on Saturday, July 25, 2020 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 2, 7 & 8, 2020) for altering course without sufficient clearance shortly after the start and causing interference, 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.

07/26/20⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY

As the field entered the home stretch of the California Dreamin' Stakes, #1 Camino Del Paraiso clipped heels, unseating jockey Drayden Van Dyke. The Stewards instantly posted the inquiry sign and began to review the incident where #1 Camino Del Paraiso was attempting to move between horses, while racing in very tight quarters. After closely scrutinizing all the angles, the Stewards made no change to the original order of finish, sighting there were several contributing factors, none of which warranted a disqualification.

07/26/20⁵

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the conclusion of the eleventh race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident down the backstretch, where multiple runners had to steady. Following a review of all the camera angles, the Stewards ruled that #10 It's a Riddle (Jose Valdivia Jr.) shifted in sharply, impeding two rivals, costing them the opportunity at a better placing. The Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #10 It's a Riddle from fifth to eighth position.

Original order finish: 11-4-3-7-**10**-1-5-6-8-2-9-12

Official order of finish: 11-4-3-7-1-5-6-**10**-8-2-9-12

07/26/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	Refund: \$ 0.00
2 nd Race	#7 Vodka Twist (tr. N. Drysdale) – claimed by S. Knapp #8 Bodega (tr. R. Amescua) – claimed by P. D'Amato. Refund: \$ 29.00
3 rd Race	#11 Kittyhawk Lass (tr. M. Puype) – claimed by H. Palma. Refund: \$ 32.00
4 th Race	#7 Big Cheddar (tr. D. O'Neill) – claimed by A. Garcia #10 Hudson River Park (tr. C. Sise) – claimed by D. O'Neill. Refund: \$ 359.20
5 th Race	#1 First Empress (tr. P. Eurton) – claimed by D. Pederson #7 Manresa (tr. T.R. Bell) – claimed by G. Stute #9 Pasito (tr. E. Kruljac) – claimed by S. Knapp. Refund: \$ 465.00
6 th Race	#5 Bella Vita (tr. S. Callaghan) – scratched – injured – Dr. Stead. Refund: \$ 3,681.70
7 th Race	#9 Lionite (tr. R. Hess Jr.) – claimed by J. Sadler. Refund: \$ 85.50
8 th Race	Refund: \$ 346.70
9 th Race	#4 A. P. Pharoah (tr. B. Wright) – DNF – walked off. Refund: \$ 2,322.20
10 th Race	Refund: \$ 54.00
11 th Race	Refund: \$ 649.25

07/26/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	N/A	\$53,462.64
SCOTWinc	1099	\$3,041,914.85
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$13,443,194.59
Total	1099	\$16,538,572.08

MONDAY

07/27/20¹

FILM REVIEW (Ref. 07/26/20⁵)

Two jockeys (Jose Valdivia Jr. and Mario Gutierrez), were asked to come into our office today to review yesterday's eleventh race. Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr's. mount (#10 It's a Riddle) impeded two rivals to his inside, forcing them to check sharply. Though Mr. Valdivia claimed to have nearly lost his outside stirrup, none of the video angles could substantiate his claim. Additionally, the Stewards wanted to show Mr. Gutierrez how his actions played into the incident. Though his mount (#11 Canadian Ginger) was not part of the initial contact made with the runners to the inside, the Stewards felt that he could have relieved the pressure as the

incident unfolded. In the end, Mr. Gutierrez received a warning from the Stewards and Mr. Valdivia was issued a suspension, outlined in the ruling below.

DMTD RULING #026

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA JR. who rode IT'S A RIDDLE in the eleventh race at Del Mar Race Track on Sunday, July 26, 2020 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 7, 8 & 9, 2020) for altering course without sufficient clearance shortly after the start and causing interference resulting in a disqualification of his mount from fifth to eighth, 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.

07/27/20²

LATE SCRATCH

During the loading process of today's third race, two horses (#7 Midnight Garden and #10 Thunder Woman) broke thru the front doors of the starting gate. After both runners were checked out by Racing Veterinarian Dr. Dana Stead, the Stewards scratched, #7 Midnight Garden, on his recommendation.

07/27/20³

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

As the third race field was dispatched by Starter Jay Slender, #9 Boolicious refused and remained standing in the starting gate. The Stewards instantly posted the inquiry sign and conducted a review after the remaining runners crossed the finish. After reviewing the start, the Stewards determined that Boolicious was awarded a fair start and would be considered a starter, no further action was taken.

07/27/20⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

Following a post-race examination by the Official Veterinarian, the claim on South Beach Gal (tr. W. Spawr) was voided after the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's list and the runner returned to the Peter Miller barn.

07/27/20⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race Refund \$ 0.00
 2nd Race Refund \$ 102.70
 3rd Race #7 Midnight Garden (tr. C. Sise Jr.) -late scratch on the track-
 -Stewards scratch, on the advice of the track veterinarian- Refund \$ 192,938.23
 4th Race Refund \$ 2,724.76
 5th Race #6 South Beach Gal (tr. P. Miller) – claim voided. Refund \$ 7.50
 6th Race #3 Hootie (tr. M. McCarthy) – claimed by D. O'Neill
 #6 Never Easy (tr. A. Lerner) – claimed by S. Knapp. Refund \$ 64.80
 7th Race #2 Drink to That (tr. S. Ruis) – claimed by S. Gonzalez
 #3 Hapi Hapi (tr. C. Lewis) – claimed by P. Eurton
 #8 Most Sandisfactory (tr. P. Miller) – claimed by D. O'Neill. Refund \$ 272.90
 8th Race Refund \$25.50
 9th Race #2 Give Me A Hint (tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) – claimed by P. Miller. Refund \$ 4.00
 10th Race Refund \$ 163.40

07/27/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	N/A	\$38,155.92
SCOTWinc	661	\$1,096,159.28
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,475,141.68
Total	661	\$11,609,456.88

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/20/20 TO 7/26/20

Horses on Vet List	10
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	1

SUMMARY

	No Racing	Fri 7/24	Sat 7/25	Sun 7/26	Mon 7/27	Week	Meet
Accidents		0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races		3	1	2	3	9	19
Claims		2	2	9	6	19	32
Disqualifications		1	0	1	0	2	3
Inquiries		1	0	2	1	4	7
Refunds		11	10	10	9	40	61
Rulings		2	3	3	1	9	26
Voided Claims		1	0	0	1	2	2

Respectfully submitted,

David Nuesch, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward