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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**

**Del Mar Thoroughbred Club**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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For the period: Opening day, Wednesday, July 18, 2007 through Monday, July 23, 2007

**GENERAL DATA:**

Mailing address of association:  
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**DATES:** July 18, 2007 - September 5, 2007 total number of days or  
nights of racing per week: 6 Wednesday through Monday.

**POST TIME:** Post time for the first race 2:00 p.m. with the exception of Fridays,  
first post will be 4:00 p.m. with the exception of August 24 & August 31,  
first post will be 3:30 p.m.

**SCRATCH TIME:** 10:00 a.m. day prior to race.

OFFICIALS: GRANT W. BAKER, Steward  
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GARY BECK, D.V.M., Official Veterinarian  
TIM CONNER, D.V.M., Track Veterinarian  
JEFF TUFTS, Morning Line Maker  
DANE NELSON, Timer

**SUNDAY**  
**07/ 15 /07**

**1 DOUBLE DRAW**

The backside racing office was open today accepting entries for opening day Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Del Mar entry schedule will be unique this year in that 'Double Draws' will be conducted on Sundays, a single draw Monday, double draw Wednesday and a single draw on Thursday. No entries will be taken on Friday or Saturday.

Nine (9) races will be contested for opening day with eighty-four (84) horses scheduled to start. 'The Oceanside Stakes', which has been run in two (2) divisions for eighteen (18) straight years will run in three (3) divisions this year for the first time. Eight (8) races filled for Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-six (76) horses are scheduled to be dispatched by Starter Gary Brinson.

Director of Racing/Racing Secretary Tom Robbins will serve his 27<sup>th</sup> season in the racing office. Assistant Racing Secretary Rick Hammerle is back for his 7<sup>th</sup> season at the seaside oval. Stakes Coordinator Zachary Soto is back for his 17<sup>th</sup> season.

**MONDAY**  
**07/16/07**

**1 ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY JULY 20TH**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Eight (8) races filled for the Friday twilight card. First post will be 4:00 pm. Seventy (70) horses are slated to compete. A full field of twelve (12) starters are scheduled to start in the 54<sup>th</sup> Running of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association Stakes with a purse of \$125,000 added.

**TUESDAY**  
**7/17/07**

**1 OPENING DAY SCRATCH TIME**

Scratch time was held at 10:00 am in the backside racing office for the opening day (July 18) card. Assistant Clerk of Scales Charlie McCaul handled the clipboard. One (1) scratch was activated at the 10:00 am deadline.

**2 OFFICE SETUP**

Stewards Secretary Rose Marie Stephens (5<sup>th</sup> season) continued to coordinate the functional use of a steward's office today. Video/DVD monitors were installed in their usual location. Meet parking credentials were issued, computers & printers were hooked up and phone directories, notepads, clipboards etc. were addressed in order to assist the stewards having a smooth opening day office operation. Veteran Stewards' Aide Lucille Vaillancourt was here yesterday to set up her desk in the lobby of the very comfortable Del Mar steward's office.

**3 PRE MEET PROCEDURAL MEETING**

Several officials and key personal gathered at 2:00pm today at the 'Surfside Simulcast Pavilion' for the 2007 Del Mar pre-meet procedural meeting. The following people were present at the round table meeting:

1. Ingrid Fermin—CHRB Executive Director
2. Richard 'Bon' Smith—CHRB Asst. Executive Director
3. Eileen Capotosto—CHRB Executive Secretary
4. Rick Arthur DVM—CHRB Equine Medical Director
5. Grant Baker—Steward
6. Scott Chaney—Steward
7. Albert Christiansen—Steward
8. Joe Harper—DMTC President/General Manager

9. Craig Fravel—DMTC Executive Vice President
10. Tom Robbins—DMTC Vice President/Racing Secretary
11. Rick Hammerle-DMTC Assistant Racing Secretary
12. Luis Jauregui-Assistant Steward
13. Bill Westerman-CHRB Supervising Investigator/ Southern Division
14. Amy Nevens DVM— CHRB TCO2/Out of Competition Testing
15. Bill Sullivan—DMTC Security Chief
16. Sam Templeton—Stable Manager
17. Jim Young—Stable Security
18. Tim Conner DVM—Track Veterinarian
19. RoseMarie Stephens—Stewards Secretary
20. Gary Beck DVM—CHRB Veterinarian

Topics discussed at the meeting included but were not limited to:

1. Installation and maintenance of Polytrack synthetic racetrack surface
2. New Trakus electronic tracking system (sensors in saddle towels)
3. Importance of accurate ‘gelding’ information in race program
4. New racing office entry schedule (Double draws & 72/96 hour entries)
5. Pre & Post Race Horse Exams
6. Injured Horse Reports
7. TCO2 Testing
8. Detention Barn Trainers
9. Surveillance—Extra security for 31 [races@ \\$100,000](#) purses or greater
10. Assistant Steward duties
11. Lasix issues
12. Shock Wave Therapy
13. Introduction of Track Veterinarian—Dr. Tim Conner

A healthy roundtable discussion was had by all. This was a good opportunity for all ‘key personnel’ to put names with faces and discuss responsibilities and potential problems before tomorrow’s opening day card.

## **WEDNESDAY**

**07/18/07**

### **1 OPENING DAY**

The steward’s office was very busy today as many new licensees stopped by to get a steward’s signature for various license approvals. This 68<sup>th</sup> Del Mar meeting gets underway with the First division of ‘The Oceanside Stakes’ at 2 :00pm.

### **2 SYNTHETIC SURFACE DEBUT**

Del Mar opens today after spending \$8.5 million on their new Polytrack racing surface. This expenditure includes the equipment needed to maintain the surface. Del Mar is the fifth track to install the Polytrack surface in North America. Polytrack is a mixture of sand, fibers, rubber and wax

that has a reputation for being a kinder and more consistent surface. Del Mar has brought in Keenland Track Superintendent Mike Young to assist DMTC Track Superintendent Steve Wood. Today's five (5) Polytrack races went very well from a safety standpoint. Early 'feedback' from trainers and jockeys was favorable by days end.

### **3 NEW TRACKING SYSTEM**

Del Mar has installed 'Trakus', a system that electronically follows horses in a race and presents their progress on the infield tote board and closed-circuit television, as well as supplying the exact distances each horse runs in a race.

### **4 LATE SCRATCH—'OCEANSIDE STAKES'**

About 9:30 am today Assistant Steward Luis Jauregui telephoned the stewards to notify them of 'a situation' at trainer Ron McAnally's barn. Trainer McAnally's horse "Men's Magazine" was under surveillance by DMTC backside security. Security Guard Luis Morales appeared in the steward's office to give his version of events. Mr. Morales stated that 9:10 am he observed the groom for "Men's Magazine" put green pills and hot water put into a dose syringe and administered to the horse.

The stewards contacted Assistant Trainer Danny Landers and Trainer Ron McAnally separately by telephone for their version of events. They stated the substance administered was the ulcer medication 'Tagamet'. All parties agreed this was a medication administered in violation of CHRB Rule 1843.5. The stewards informed Trainer McAnally "Men's Magazine" would be scratched from the first race (Oceanside Stakes). More to follow.

### **5 RECORD DAY**

For the second year in a row, Del Mar yesterday drew the largest Opening Day crowd in track history and the second largest all-time. Attendance was 42,842 topping 42,005 for opening day in 2006 and second only to the 1996 Pacific Classic which had 44,181 came out to see "Cigar" run. The total handle, on track and off, was \$15,297,608, compared with \$14,950,200 in 2006.

### **6 FOURTH RACE OBJECTION**

Jockey G.F. Almeida lodged a jockey's claim of foul following this race. Jockey Almeida rode seventh place finisher #8 "Star Inside" and 'claimed foul' against fourth place finisher #10 "Frank the Barber" (David Cohen). Jockey Almeida alleged interference in mid-stretch. The stewards observed #10 "Frank the Barber" drift out under left handed urging. Jockey Almeida steadied slightly at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole.

The stewards understood Almeidas' reasons for the objection. However, after patrol judge input, film review and speaking with both riders involved 'no change' was made in the order of finish. The stewards felt this incident did not rise to the level of a disqualification. Jockey David Cohen was placed 'on the board' for stewards film review.

**7 EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry and Jockey Corey Nakatani lodged an objection following this race. Jockey Nakatani finished fourth aboard #8 “Warren’s Secret”. He ‘claimed foul’ against fourth place finisher #9 “Six Pack Abs” (Apprentice Joseph Talamo) for interference in mid-stretch.

Race replays show #9 “Six Pack Abs” drift out, without sufficient clearance, in front of #8 “Warren’s Secret” forcing that rival to steady sharply. #8 “Warren’s Secret” was beaten ‘a neck’ for fourth position. The stewards unanimously felt this incident cost #8 an opportunity for a better placing. After patrol judge input and speaking with both riders #9 “Six Pack Abs” was disqualified and placed fifth. Apprentice Talamo was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish 5-6-2-9-8-7-3-4-1

Official order of finish 5-6-2-8-9-7-3-4-1

**8 PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration: #5 “Men’s Exclusive” vet-medicated, Gary Beck DVM  
#8 “Karazi” vet-sick, Timothy Conner DVM  
Refund: \$14,777.55

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration: #1 “Maimonides” vet-sick, Amy Nevens DVM  
Refund: \$557.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes, Refund: \$2,071.95

5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes, Refund: \$107.40

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #8 “Lucid” vet-unsound, Timothy Conner DVM  
Refund: \$ 534.50

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #9 “Swift Demand” Stewards-Stake  
Refund: \$1,384.20

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #4 “Burst of Light” vet-unsound on track, Timothy Connor DVM  
Refund: \$45,705.80

**9 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

Total Refund: \$65,138.40	Del Mar on Track	42,842	Off Track	\$3,551,421.40
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u>	<u>8,132</u>	Out of State	\$7,068,369.54
	Total Attendance	50,974	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$4,677,817.50</u>
			Total	\$15,297,608.44

**THURSDAY**  
**07/19/07**

**1 DAVID COHEN FILM REVIEW**

Jockey David Cohen appeared in the steward's office for film review of his ride aboard #10 "Frank the Barber" from yesterday's (July 18) 4<sup>th</sup> race. Jockey Cohen survived a jockeys claim of foul in this race for alleged interference in mid-stretch.

"Frank the Barber" drifted out under Jockey Cohen's' left-handed whip in this race, at which time the rider aboard #8 "Star Inside" (G.F. Almeida) steadied slightly. The margin of clearance and rider negligence at the point of drifting, were discussed and weighed at this informal hearing. In a majority vote (Steward Chaney dissenting-3 day suspension), Jockey Cohen was issued a warning in this matter.

**2 JOSEPH TALAMO FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey Joseph Talamo appeared in the steward's office for film review of his ride aboard #9 "Six Pack Abs" from yesterday's (July 18) 8<sup>th</sup> race. #9 "Six Pack Abs" finished fourth in this race and was subsequently disqualified and placed fifth for mid-stretch interference.

In this race "Six Pack Abs" ducked out 'under left handed whip' without warning. Rider Talamo 'took hold' of his left rein immediately and switched his whip to the right hand to whip with that hand. The stewards felt Talamo's reflexes were excellent but reminded him horses are kept in a straight course with the use of both reins as opposed to the whip. Talamo understood. Warning issued.

**3 MARTIN PEDROZA RULING #1**

The ruling below was issued by Del Mar stewards after Jockey Martin Pedroza reported 'late to the paddock' on closing day (July 15) at Hollywood Park.

**RULING #1**

Jockey Martin Pedroza is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations- reporting late to the walking ring) on July 15, 2007, at Hollywood Park.

**4 SACRAMENTO VISITORS**

CHRB Licensing Manager Jackie Wagner and Audit Manager Roberto Zavala paid a visit to the Del Mar judges' stand on the sixth floor (roof) of the grandstand. Ms. Wagner and Mr. Zavala were at the shore oval for CHRB Board, Pari-Mutuel, and Security meetings today and tomorrow at the Surfside Satellite Pavilion. Their visit was appreciated by the often lonely Del Mar stewards.

## **5 FIRST RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately after viewing second place finisher #1 “Neon Princess” (Victor Espinoza) duck in sharply and unexpectedly at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole on the Polytrack surface. This incident forced third place finisher #4 “Sarah’s Hart” (Tyler Baze) to steady sharply and quickly ‘off of heels’ at the point of interference. #4 “Sarah’s Hart” was beaten 1/2 length for second position.

After patrol judge input, speaking with both riders involved and film review the stewards made a placing. #1 “Neon Princess” was disqualified and placed third for stretch interference. Jockey Victor Espinoza was held blameless by the stewards. The stewards felt the actions of “Neon Princess” were unexpected and that Jockey Espinoza reacted as swiftly as possible in this race.

Original Order of Finish 7-1-4-3-2-6-5  
Official Order of Finish 7-4-1-3-2-6-5

## **6 SECOND RACE INQUIRY**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this race after viewing third place finisher #3 “Midnighter” (Joseph Talamo) duck out under left handed whipping at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole on the Polytrack surface. At the point of this occurrence fourth place finisher #5 “Fantastic Meeting” (Aaron Gryder) steadied off the heels of #3 “Midnighter”.

The placing judges informed the stewards that 2 ½ lengths was the margin at the finish line between these two (2) rivals. The stewards felt this incident did not cost #5 “Fantastic Meeting” that distance. After communication with the patrol judges, film review and speaking with both jockeys involved, the stewards unanimously ruled to let the results stand as posted. Apprentice Jockey Joseph Talamo was ordered to film review with the stewards tomorrow.

## **7 EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this race in order to review an incident with about one hundred (100) yards before the finish. Fifth place finisher #6 “Tough Contender” (David Cohen) veers inward under a strong hand ride. In this incident sixth place finisher #2 “Beau’s Message” (Isaias Enriquez) was forced to steady very sharply as a result of being ‘shut off’.

Films were quite conclusive and input from patrol judges and both jockeys involved led to a unanimous decision. For interference in the final 1/16<sup>th</sup> #6 “Tough Contender” was disqualified and placed sixth. Jockey David Cohen was ordered to film review tomorrow with the stewards.

Original Order of Finish 10-1-4-7-6-2-5-8-3  
Official Order of Finish 10-1-4-7-2-6-5-3



## **2 HEWLY STABLE HEARING (CASE NO.07HP100)**

Owner Stephen Brown (dba Hewley Stables) was indebted to Rick Arthur & Associates for veterinary services in the amount of \$3,422.50. Owner Brown failed to appear for this hearing and the following ruling was issued:

### **RULING #2**

Owner Stephen P. Brown (dba Hewly Stables, Inc.) having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension, all license and license privileges of are Stephen P. Brown are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or fine) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

## **3 JOESPH TALAMO FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey Joseph Talamo appeared in the stewards office as ordered to review race replays from yesterdays (July 19) 2<sup>nd</sup> race. The stewards posted the Inquiry sign in this race, however there was no disqualification. Talamo rode #3 'Midnighter' who finished third in this race.

Inside the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole, Apprentice Talamo drifted out under left handed whipping. Jockey Aaron Gryder (#5 Fantastic Meeting) steadied off the heels of "Midnighter" but was beaten 2 ½ lengths for a better placing. Apprentice Talamo acknowledged his carelessness when he interfered with Jockey Gryder. This occurrence combined with an opening day warning for Talamo, led to the stewards issuing the following ruling:

### **RULING #3**

Apprentice Jockey Joseph Talamo, who rode "Midnighter" in the second race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Thursday, July 19, 2007 is suspended for three (3) racing days (July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The terms of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

## **4 DAVID COHEN FILM REVIEW**

Jockey David Cohen appeared in the stewards office as ordered to review his ride aboard #6 "Tough Competitor" from yesterdays 8<sup>th</sup> race. Jockey Cohen finished fifth and was disqualified and placed sixth for veering in under a strong hand ride and interfered with #2 "Beau's Image". (Isasis Enriquez)

After lengthy film review Jockey Cohen acknowledged that he rode without allowing sufficient clearance to his aforementioned rival. Combined with a warning from an opening day ride the stewards felt the following ruling was warranted.

## **RULING #4**

Jockey David Cohen, who rode “ Tough Contender” in the eighth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Thursday, July 19, 2007 is suspended for three (3) racing days (July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to sixth position, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The terms of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

### **5 TOTE PROBLEMS**

Lance Ku from Scientific Games tote department came upstairs to the judge’s stand at the steward’s request. Throughout the first three (3) days of this meet the posting of the order of finish has been delayed for a substantial amount of time following the race. When the placing judges are asked to post the Inquiry or Objection sign, delays in the posting of those signs takes place also.

Del Mar track management and the totalizator department (Scientific Games) and are in the process of investigating these problems, which may or may not be linked to the new Trakus system.

### **6 FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately following this race after viewing three (3) horses bothered by interference at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole in this turf race. #1 “Hoist the Sail”(Joseph Talamo) finished fourth in this turf race. At the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole ducked out very sharply and unexpectedly causing #2 “Sound Barrier”(Alex Solis) #4 “Knighthood”(Victor Espinoza) and #7 “Brave Sun”(Aaron Gryder) to scatter/veer off their straight course on the turf.

The stewards received patrol judge input, viewed all camera angles and spoke with the rider involved. Afterwards #1 “Hoist the Sail” was disqualified and placed seventh. Apprentice Talamo was ordered to film review.

Original Order of Finish 3-8-6-1-2-7-4-5

Official Order of Finish 3-8-6-2-7-4-1-5

### **7 FIFTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing fifth place finisher #2 “Sizzling Sarah” (Martin Pedroza) duck out under left handed whip at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole. Fifth place finisher #4 “Stormy Tuesday” (Michael Baze) was bumped and impeded by this incident. He was beaten ‘a neck’ for fifth position.

After viewing all angles, speaking with the riders and patrol judge input the stewards made a disqualification. #2 “Sizzling Sarah” was disqualified and placed sixth. Jockey Martin Pedroza was ordered to film review.

Original Order of Finish 6-5-1-8-2-4-7

Official Order of Finish 6-5-1-8-4-2-7

## **8 SIXTH RACE JOCKEYS OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION**

Jockey Brice Blanc, who rode fifth place finisher #3 “Timias”, lodged an objection in this race for alleged interference at the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole. This race was contested on the turf course at 11/16<sup>th</sup> miles. Jockey Blanc alleged interference against second place finisher #6 “Fire Wood” (Corey Nakatani) for an incident in ‘deep stretch.’

At about the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole Jockey Blanc, (#3 “Timias”) who was behind a wall of horses, shifts out and makes contact with #6 “Fire Wood” and Jockey Nakatani. Shortly thereafter, in a second incident, Jockey Nakatani appears to steer his horse slightly inward thereby causing Jockey Blanc to ‘steady’ his fifth place mount. The stewards spoke with the patrol judges’ and both jockeys involved. In a majority decision (Steward Baker dissenting-No Change) #6 “Fire Wood” was disqualified and placed fifth. Jockeys Blanc and Nakatani were ordered to film review.

Original Order of Finish 8-6-1-2-3-5-7-4  
Official Order of Finish 8-1-2-3-6-5-7-4

## **9 SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following this race after viewing an incident at the start. “At the break” #6 “Comical Vacation” (Michael Baze) was slammed hard from both sides.

Third place finisher #5 “Livia La Vida Loca” (Isasis Enriquez) broke out and bumped the aforementioned fifth place finisher #6 “Comical Vacation”. Also at the break, fourth place finisher #2 “Billie Bob” (Martin Pedroza) broke in very hard severely impeding #6 “Comical Vacation”. After patrol judge input, film review and speaking to the three jockeys involved the stewards made a rare double disqualification.

For interference at the start #5 “Liva La Vida Loca” was disqualified and placed fourth. #2 “Billie Bob” was disqualified and placed fifth. Both Jockey Martin Pedroza and Isasis Enriquez were held blameless in this incident.

Original Order of Finish 9-10-5-2-6-1-1A-8  
Official Order of Finish 9-10-6-5-2-1-1A-8

## **10 PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes: Refund: \$569.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration: #4 “Warren’s Devonlane” Tr: Jorge Gutierrez, stewards-workouts  
Refund: \$741.40

3<sup>rd</sup> Race Declaration: #7 “Flamingo Princess” Tr: Paul Aguirre, sick-Gary Beck DVM  
Refund: \$2,316.30

4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes: Refund: \$237.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #3 “Sunday Dress”  
Refund: \$1,732.90

Tr: Doug O’Neill, injured-Amy Nevens DVM

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #9 “Headache”  
Refund: \$1,174.80

Tr: Leonard Powell, sick-Tim Conner DVM

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #2B “One Hot wish”  
#3 “Golden Doc A”  
#4 “We Love L.A.”  
Refund: \$1,172.90

Tr: Wesley Ward, stake-stewards  
Tr: Barry Abrams, stake-stewards  
Tr: Sergio Ledezma, stake-stewards

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes: Refund: \$19.90

## 11 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$7,964.20	Del Mar on Track 18,720	Off Track	\$3,505,785.20
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track 7,952</u>	Out of State	\$5,793,032.45
	Total Attendance 26,672	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$2,249,949.90</u>
		Total	\$11,548,767.55

**Saturday**  
**07/21/07**

## 1 ROUNDTABLE ENTRY/ SCRATCH PROCEDURE MEETING

Racing Secretary Tom Robbins organized an informal roundtable meeting in the Del Mar executive offices. The main topic of the meeting was steward’s approval of scratches with the new Del Mar 72/96-hour entry procedure. CHRB Rule#1581.1 (Entries) was addressed by the stewards. Along with the stewards the following people were present at the meeting.

- 1.Ingrid Fermin-CHRB
- 2.Craig Fravel-Del Mar/VP
- 3.Tom Robbins-Del Mar/VP
- 4.Rick Hammerle-Del Mar Asst. Racing Secretary
- 5.Zachary Soto-Del Mar Stakes Coordinator
- 6 Drew Couto-TOC
- 7.Barry Abrams-Trainer

This meeting had a healthy dialogue as the ‘lines of communication’ between all parties were opened on the aforementioned topic.

## 2 MELINDA BLUE DVM HEARING (CASE #07HP064)

CHRB Investigator Frank Fink presented this case that involved a verbal argument between Veterinarian Melinda Blue and Trainer Eric Kruljac. This incident took place in the stable area at Santa Anita June 1, 2007.

According to a report filed by Santa Anita Stable Security this incident involved Trainer Kruljac driving his vehicle in close proximity to Dr. Blue while she was treating a horse in the barn area at Santa Anita. A verbal altercation then ensued as Dr. Blue followed Trainer Kruljac to his barn. Trainer Kruljac brought two (2) witnesses to the hearing. Testimony addressed the tempers of both parties. The stewards issued a Warning to Dr. Melinda Blue in this matter.

**3 MC ANALLY RULING**

**RULING #5**

Trainer Ronald McAnally, is hereby fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration), for medicating “Men’s Magazine”, necessitating the late declaration from the first race on Wednesday July 18, 2007, at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

The stewards issued the ruling above after Trainer McAnally’s horse was scratched from the first division of the Oceanside Stakes. “Men Magazine” was observed by DMTC security being treated on ‘race day’ with an ulcer medication (Tagamet).

**4 ROBERT FRANKEL HEARING (CASE #HP100)**

CHRB Veterinarian Gary Beck filed a complaint against trainer Robert Frankel for the horse “Temecula Creek” being late to the receiving barn at Hollywood Park on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Assistant Trainer Humberto Ascanio appeared in the steward’s office on Trainer Frankel’s behalf. He did not argue the complaint. The following ruling was issued:

**RULING # 6**

Trainer Robert Frankel is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn - Late) and #1894 (Duties of a Trainer) for the first race on July 15, 2007, at Hollywood Park.

**5 JOHN SADLER COMPLAINTS (CASE #'S 07HP099&07HP103)**

CHRB Veterinarian Gary Beck filed separate complaints against Trainer John Sadler for two (2) horses being ‘late to the receiving barn’ at the recently concluded Hollywood Park meeting. The stewards spoke to Trainer John Sadler by telephone and both parties agreed to combine the complaints and the following ruling was issued.

**RULING # 7**

Trainer John Sadler is hereby fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn - Late) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer) for the eighth race on July 5, 2007, and the second race on July 8, 2007 at Hollywood Park.

## **6 MARTIN PEDROZA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Martin Pedroza appeared as ordered to review his ride aboard #2 “Sizzling Sarah” in yesterday's fifth race. In this race Jockey Pedroza was disqualified from fifth place and placed sixth. Jockey Pedroza agreed with the steward's assessment that he was overly aggressive with his left handed whipping in this race. His actions led to his mount coming out and bumping rival #4”Stormy Tuesday”(Michael Baze). The stewards unanimously agreed a sanction was deserved in this matter. The following ruling was issued.

### **RULING # 8**

Jockey Martin Pedroza, who rode “ Sizzling Sarah” in the fifth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Friday, July 20, 2007 is suspended for three (3) racing days (July 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to sixth position, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding). The terms of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

## **7 VICTOR ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Victor Espinoza appeared in the steward's office to review his ride aboard #1 “Awesome Broad” from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Race yesterday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Jockey Espinoza finished second in this race and brushed the winner #8 “Forest Miss” in deep stretch.

This early meet incident was relatively minor in nature however the steward's want to make sure incidents such as these does not escalate in nature. Jockey Espinoza agreed. Warning issued.

## **8 JOSEPH TALAMO FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey Joseph Talamo appeared in the steward's office as ordered to review his ride aboard #1 “Hoist the Sail” from yesterday's (July 20) fourth race. Apprentice Talamo ducked out very sharply in this incident eliminating the chances of three (3) rivals. Race replays show Apprentice Talamo reacts swiftly as his horse unexpectedly ducks out in this turf race. The stewards in this incident held apprentice Talamo blameless.

## **9 FIRST RACE JOCKEYS OBJECTION**

Following this race Jockey William Antongeorgi (#2 “Princess Integrity”) lodged a ‘claim of foul’ against the first place finisher #7 “Asian Eyes” (Martin Pedroza)

Jockey Antongeorgi, who finished sixth, steadied in tight quarters at the 5/16ths pole with Jockey Pedroza along his outside

The stewards received patrol judge input and spoke to both riders involved. Film review took place and the stewards were unable to place any blame on Jockey Pedroza, who appeared to keep a straight course in this race. No change.

**10 NINTH RACE INQUIRY/SAN DIEGO HANDICAP**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this race in order to review an incident in mid-stretch. In this race fifth place finisher #8 "Heatseeker"(Joseph Talamo) lugged in and bumped ninth place finisher #6 "C'Mon Tiger" (Victor Espinoza). At the point of this occurrence eighth place finisher #5 "Buzzards Bay"(Jose Valdivia) was forced to steady along the rail at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole.

The stewards spoke with the patrol judges; spoke to the three (3) riders involved and reviewed numerous camera angles. The stewards unanimously agreed both horses were tiring significantly at the point of the foul and 'no change' was made in the order of finish.

**11 PROGRAM CHANGES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration: #6"Kicken Caper" TR:A.C. Avila  
Refund: \$22,478.40 lame on track-Tim Conner DVM

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes: Refund: \$36.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes: Refund \$667.70

5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes: Refund \$867.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #9"British Medium" TR: Richard Mandella  
Refund: \$2,614.50 sick-Gary Beck DVM

7<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration: #8"Arm Candy" TR: Ben Cecil  
Refund: \$6,296.80 sick-Tim Connor DVM

8<sup>th</sup> Race No changes: Refund: \$225.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes: Refund: \$254.00

10<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$3,778.80

**12 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE**

Total Refund: \$37,218.20	Del Mar on Track 20,677	Off Track	\$6,215,616.90
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u> 12,321	Out of State	\$8,946,206.07
	Total Attendance 32,998	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$3,670,761.40</u>
		Total	\$18,832,584.37

**Sunday**  
**07/22/07**

**1     COREY NAKATANI FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Corey Nakatani appeared in the steward's office as ordered to review his ride from the 6<sup>th</sup> Race on Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Jockey Nakatani was disqualified in this race for his ride aboard second place finisher #6 "Fire Wood". Jockey Nakatani was the recipient of a bump in this race by fifth place finisher #3 "Timias" (Brice Blanc). After the initial contact Jockey Nakatani's mount veered inward causing Jockey Blanc to steady.

The stewards felt this particular ride fell short of issuing a suspension. However the stewards cautioned Jockey Nakatani that intimidating riding would not be allowed at this meeting. Warning issued.

**2     JOSEPH TALAMO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Joseph Talamo appeared in the steward's office as ordered to review his ride from yesterday's (July 21) San Diego Handicap. Jockey Talamo rode fifth place finisher #8 "Heatseeker". Two (2) horses were interfered with in this race by #8 "Heatseeker". Jockey Talamo survived a steward's inquiry in this race.

The stewards placed all the blame in this race on 'the horse'. #8 "Heatseeker" was lugging in badly at the 1/8<sup>th</sup> pole. Race replays show Jockey Talamo making a sufficient effort in this race and no sanction were issued by the stewards.

**3     DOMINIC FAMA COMPLAINT (CASE#07HP090)**

CHRB Investigator Jim Hamilton prepared a complaint packet on the non-reporting of a first time gelding. The race entry card on the horse "Famaraptor" did not designate that this horse was a first time gelding. Trainer Fama acknowledged over the telephone that he did not note the gelding change. The following ruling was issued.

**RULING #9**

Trainer Dominic Fama, is hereby fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00)\* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "Famaraptor" that ran in the second race at Hollywood Park on July 1, 2007, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1965 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

**4     RALPH HAWKINS COMPLAINTS (CASE#'S 07HP086&06HP147)**

Two (2) separate complaints were filed by the CHRB against Owner Ralph (Rusty) Hawkins. The first complaint involves a past due bill in the amount of \$921.73 owed to Southern California Equine Foundation for nuclear scanning services. After appearing in the stewards office Mr. Hawkins 'made good' on this bill at the nearby horsemen's bookkeeper office.

The second complaint involved a 'failure to appear' case at Santa Anita on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Mr. Hawkins has entered into a court ordered drug diversion program as a result of a January 2007 drug related arrest. The following ruling was issued.

### **RULING #10**

Owner Ralph Hawkins, having participated in a fitness for license hearing is reinstated and eligible for licensing. Conditions of reinstatement are that Mr. Hawkins is required to abide by the terms of a drug testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Furthermore, Mr. Hawkins' license will be considered probationary for its term.

### **5 FIRST RACE INQUIRY/JOCKEYS OBJECTION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately following this race to review the start. Also Jockey Victor Espinoza, who finished eighth aboard #4 "Two Tone Roan", lodged an objection against first place finisher #5 "Demon Inside" (Michael Baze).

#5 "Demon Inside" broke in sharply and bumped #4 "Two Tone Roan" at the break. Also at the start, fourth place finisher #2 "Buck Basolo"(Joseph Talamo) broke outward contributing to problems for outside rivals #3 "Victory Joe"(Alex Solis) and the aforementioned #4 "Two Tone Roan". The stewards felt that Jockey Michael Baze reacted quickly by straightening his mount. The stewards also felt the actions of #2 "Buck Basolo" significantly contributed to this very poor start. After speaking to the riders involved, a patrol judge report and viewing all cameras angles the stewards unanimously voted to let the results stand. No Change.

The stewards also reviewed a 'minor' incident in the stretch involving #1 "Crimson Cowboy" (Aaron Gryder) that also resulted in 'no change'.

### **6 FIFTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the Inquiry sign immediately after this race after viewing an incident about thirty (30) yards before the finish. Fifth place finisher #5 "Aretrue" (Michael Baze) was 'off' very slowly at the start. In the homestretch #5 "Aretrue" was closing very strongly in the final 1/16<sup>th</sup> of a mile. While closing from between horses Jockey Baze steadied very sharply when third place finisher #5 "Aretrue" (Richard Migliore) drifted in continuously under right handed urging.

The stewards conferred with the patrol judges and also the two (2) jockeys involved. After lengthy film review the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #5 "Aretrue" and placed him fifth. Jockey Migliore ordered to film review with the stewards

Original Order of Finish 1A-8-5-10-4-9-6-7-2-3

Official Order of Finish 1A-8-10-4-5-9-6-7-2-3

**7 PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Declaration: #6 “Dr. Skimming”  
Refund: \$3,913.80

Tr: Carla Gaines  
sick-Gary Beck DVM

4<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$3.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$9.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$68.60

7<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$91.00

8<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$16.00

9<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$125.90

Total Refund: \$4,227.30	Del Mar on Track	20,520	Off Track	\$5,309,552.70
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u>	<u>11,834</u>	Out of State	\$7,768,721.50
	Total Attendance	32,354	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$2,656,704.70</u>
			Total	\$15,734,978.90

**Monday**  
**07/23/07**

**1 DANNY JOHNSON HEARING (COMPLAINT #07HP089)**

Trainer Danny Smith Johnson had a hearing scheduled today at 10:00 am to a past due bill in the amount of \$766.89 for services performed by Southern California Equine Medical Foundation. Mr. Johnson failed to appear for today’s scheduled hearing and the stewards issued the following ruling.

**RULING #11**

Trainer Danny Smith Johnson having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension, all license and license privileges of Danny S. Johnson are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or fine) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

**2 KATHY WALSH (COMPAINT #07HP097)**

The stewards handled this complaint over the telephone with Trainer Kathy Walsh. Trainer Walsh acknowledged her horse was late to the receiving barn for its race at Hollywood Park (July 7, 2007). CHRB Veterinarian Gary Beck filed this complaint. The stewards issued the following ruling:

### **RULING #12**

Trainer Kathy Walsh is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn - Late) and #1894 (Duties of a Trainer) on July 7, 2007, at Hollywood Park.

### **3 DARRELL VIENNA (COMPAINT#07HP087)**

Trainer Darrell Vienna waived his right to a hearing and this matter was handled today in the steward's office. The following ruling was issued.

### **RULING #13**

Trainer Darrell Vienna, who started the horse "Scandalous", the second place finisher in the seventh race at Hollywood Park on June 14, 2007, is fined four hundred dollars (\$400.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule # 1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs, and Other Substances – Phenylbutazone in excess of permitted level).

### **4 RICHARD MIGLIORE FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Richard Migliore appeared as ordered this morning to review his ride aboard #5 "Areuttrue" from yesterdays (July 22) fifth race. "Areuttrue" finished third in this race.

#5 "Areuttrue" drifted in steadied in the final eighty (80) yards of this race under right handed whip. Fifth place finisher #4 "Idid'tdoanything"(Michael Baze) was closing very strongly in the final stages when Jockey Baze was forced to steady off the heels of the drifting inward #5 "Areyoutrue".

Jockey Migliore was professional and candid saying he was 'taken by surprise' by the fast closing rival. Unfortunately for Jockey Migliore the stewards unanimously felt the following ruling was warranted in the best interests of safe riding.

### **RULING #14**

Jockey Richard Migliore, who rode "Areuttrue" in the fifth race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Sunday, July 22, 2007 is suspended for three (3) racing days (July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007) for altering course without sufficient clearance, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from third to fifth position, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The terms of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

**5      PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #3 "Queen of the I.E"  
Refund: \$5,405.00

TR: R.B. Hess Jr.  
sick-Gary Beck DVM

3<sup>rd</sup> Race: No Changes Refund: \$7.00

4<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes Refund: \$7.00

5<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$147.60

6<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$12.00

7<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$8.20

8<sup>th</sup> Race: No Changes: Refund: \$55.50

Total Refund: \$5,642.30      Del Mar on Track 10,880  
No Minus Pool              Off Track              6,676  
Total Attendance 17,556

Off Track              \$3,119,511.20  
Out of State              \$5,401,114.40  
Del Mar Total      \$1,640,791.40  
Total                      \$10,161,417.33

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

**SUMMARY**

	Wed 7-18	Thurs 7- 19	Fri 7- 20	Sat 7- 21	Sun 7- 22	Mon 7- 23	Week Total	Meet Total
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	1	1	3	2	9	9
Claims	4	10	6	12	14	6	52	52
Inquiries	1	3	3	1	2	0	10	10
Objections	2	0	1	1	1	0	5	5
Disqualifications	1	2	5	0	1	0	9	9
Refunds	5	9	7	3	1	1	26	26
Rulings	0	1	3	4	2	4	14	14

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant W. Baker (Steward)

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C. Scott Chaney (Steward)

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Albert Christiansen (Steward)