

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the period July 25, 2007 through July 30, 2007.

Wednesday

07/25/07

1 MINUTES

Albert Christiansen will be responsible for this week's minutes.

2 CAL-BRED REPORT

Two races went Cal-Bred for today's program. The fifth race on the card was for Maidens, fillies two years old, claiming price \$40,000 - \$35,000, going five and one-half furlongs, was contested with nine entries. The eighth race on the card for Maidens, fillies and mares and three years old and upward, going six and one-half furlongs, had eleven entries.

3 REQUEST FOR MEETING

Trainers Barry Abrams and Roger Stein appeared and requested a meeting with the Stewards. At issue was a discussion regarding the paddock judge instructing Mr. Abrams to school a horse. With the paddock judge (Dawn Jackson) present, all arguments were heard and considered. At the conclusion a compromise was reached.

4 RULING #15

Trainer Mag Perez 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 4, 2007, at Hollywood Park.

The above ruling was issued after trainer Perez pled guilty to being late to the receiving barn.

5 STEWARDS INQUIRY - NO CHANGE

After the finish of the seventh race (Five and One-Half Furlongs) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the head of the stretch. Involved were the winner #8 Georgie Boy (jockey Mike Smith), the fifth place horse #10 Bear Creek (jockey Martin Pedroza), the seventh place finisher #1 Deputy Bertrando (jockey Victor Espinoza) and the eleventh place colt #1a Run Brother Ron (jockey Roberto Gonzalez).

After talking with the patrol judges, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show #1a angle out at the top of the stretch and force both #1 and #10 out into #8. Although #8 comes in slightly as the inside horses come out, most of the interference is caused by #1a. As #1a finishes behind the others a disqualification is not warranted.

6 LATE DECLARATIONS

4th Race - #5 Sakato (Tr. Gus Headley) ran off, Dr. Connor.

2nd Race – No Changes - Refund: \$4.00

3rd Race – No Changes – Refund: \$230.00

4th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$24,284.94

5th Race - #1 Seattle Avenue (Tr. Jorge Periban) injured, Dr. Connor.

#4 Lady Flasheart (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick, Dr. Connor.

Refund: \$42,308.02

6th Race - #4 Melo Jazz (Tr. Joe Herrick) unsound, Dr. Nevens.

Refund: \$3,041.10

8th Race - #7 Cole Dancer (Tr. Silverio Martinez) injured, Dr. Connor.

Refund: \$32,931.02

7 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$102,799.08	Del Mar on Track 11,186	Off Track	\$3,241,432.50
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u> 7,349	Out of State	\$4,941,633.42
	Total Attendance 18,535	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$1,652,651.60</u>
		Total	\$9,835,717.52

Thursday
07-26-07

1 CAL-BRED REPORT

There were two Cal-Bred races on today's program. The second and fourth races on the card were the split of a maiden two years old, claiming price \$40,000 - \$35,000, going five and one-half furlongs, with nine entries in each race.

2 FINANCIAL PAID

Hubbard Transportation reported that owner David Birch had paid his bill in full. C.H.R.B. financial complaint case#07HP083 is dismissed.

3 RULING #16

Trainer Bruce Headley, is hereby fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse "Alpine Nugget" that ran in the fourth race at Hollywood Park on June 15, 2007, which is a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1965 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

The above ruling was issued after trainer Headley pled guilty to failing to report the gelding of the horse " Alpine Nugget."

4 RULING #17

This ruling was agreed upon after jockey Octavio Vergara representing Roberto Gonzalez, appeared to review the seventh race from yesterday with the Stewards. The Stewards were of the opinion that jockey Gonzalez could have prevented the interference with a better effort to maintain a straight course.

RULING #17

Jockey Roberto Gonzalez, who rode "Run Brother Ron" in the seventh race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 is suspended for three (3) racing days (August 2, 3, and 4, 2007) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference 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 BILL PAID

The financial complaint filed against owner Peter Gargano for \$400 owed to Hubbard Transportation was paid in full.

6 JOCKEYS FILM REVIEW

The Stewards conducted a lively film evaluation in the jockey’s room today. The session was attended by Jockeys Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire, ex-jockey Joe Steiner and 8-10 jockeys. Numerous replays were gone over and varying opinions were offered. The discussion was lively and valuable to all who attended.

7 STEWARDS INQUIRY - NO CHANGE

After the finish of the second race (Five and One-Half Furlongs) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident approaching the quarter pole. Involved was #2 Richly Endowed (jockey Michael Baze) who abruptly took up. After talking with jockey Baze and reviewing the replays the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays cannot establish blame for #2's problem.

8 LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race- #3 Happy Celyna (Tr. Richard Baltas) unsound, Dr. Connor.
Refund: \$38,447.72

4th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$102.00

5th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$260.10

6th Race- #7 Itschelseagirl (Tr. Bill Spawr) sick, Dr. Beck
Refund: \$2,015.90

7th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$37.80

8th Race- #8 Mojitoville (Tr. Herbert Bacorn) sick, Dr. Connor.
Refund: \$386.50

9 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$41,250.02	Del Mar on Track	11,081	Off Track	\$3,284,208.80
No Minus Pool	Off Track	<u>7,209</u>	Out of State	\$5,327,825.78
	Total Attendance	18,290	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$1,687,508.40</u>
			Total	\$10,299,542.98

Friday
07-27-07

1 SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY

Three scratches, five rider changes and two blinker changes completed scratch time at 10 a.m.

2 CAL-BRED REPORT

The fourth race on the card was for Cal-Bred Allowance/ Claiming \$25,000 fillies and mares three years old and upward, going One Mile and One Sixteenth, with eight entries.

3 OWNER AND TRAINER APPEAR

Trainer Peter Miller and owner Gary Barber appeared to review last Wednesday's seventh race with the Stewards. After thorough examination and every person present offering their opinion, the Stewards and the trainer/owner combination agreed to disagree.

4 STEWARDS INQUIRY - ACCIDENT - NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fourth race (One Mile and One-Sixteenth) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an accident at the start. Replays clearly show #2 Lupita'sluckyangel stumble badly at the start unseating jockey G.F. Almeida. Jockey Almeida was transported to the hospital with unspecified injuries. The horse was caught by the outrider in the stretch and sustained a cut quarter.

5 STEWARDS INQUIRY - NO CHANGE

Following the finish of the seventh race (One Mile on the Turf) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review two incidents in the stretch. Involved were the second place finisher #6 Zann (jockey Michael Baze), the fifth horse #1 Quasimodo (jockey Martin Pedroza) and the seventh place finisher #5 Quest Venture (jockey Joseph Talamo). After talking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judge's report and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays show the first incident, at the head of the stretch, to be minor and did not cost the #1 horse a better placing. The second incident, inside the sixteenth pole, shows #6 drift into the path of #5, however the incident did not cost the latter a better placing.

6 LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race – No Changes – Refund: \$1,526.00

2nd Race - #3 Slam My Heart (Tr. Dale Romans) sick, Dr. Nevens.
Refund: \$2,563.00

3rd Race - #4 Forever Irish (Tr. Ruben Cardenas) injured, Dr. Connor.
#11 Yo Fuzzy (Tr. Tony Locke) unsound, Dr. Connor.
#13 Cal Caper (Tr. Santiago Medina) I.D., Stewards.
Refund: \$83,662.05

5th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$99.00

6th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$574.40

7th Race - #2 Unrivaled Song (Tr. Neil Drysdale) sick Dr. Connor.
Refund: \$1,639.00

8th Race – No Changes – Refund \$439.30

7 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$90,502.75	Del Mar on Track 16,267	Off Track	\$3,558.540.20
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u> 7,455	Out of State	\$5,575.847.20
	Total Attendance 23,722	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$2,263,501.80</u>
		Total	\$11,397,889.20

Saturday
07/28/07

1 SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

Three scratches and numerous rider changes completed scratch time at 10 a.m.

2 MEETING WITH THE STARTER

At the request of the Jockey's Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire a meeting with starter Gary Brinson was held today. At the gathering were Darrell Haire, jockey David Flores, Gary Brinson and the Board of Stewards. Jockey Flores, speaking for several riders, thought in certain cases some assistant starters are too aggressive. After further discussion starter Brinson said he would have a talk with his assistants concerning the problem.

3 RULING #18

This ruling was agreed upon after jockey Michael Baze reviewed yesterday's seventh race with the Stewards. The rider offered little in his defense and the Stewards felt the rider was slow in straightening his mount.

RULING#18

Jockey Michael Baze, who rode “Zann” in the seventh race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Friday, July 27, 2007 is suspended for three (3) racing days (August 4, 5, and 6, 2007) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference 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.

4 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

ARCI members from various states and Canada visited with the Stewards the last two days. Subjects of mutual interest were discussed, some in depth.

5 GOOD RACING

Ten races were completed without a reportable incident.

6 LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race – No Changes – Refund: \$367.00

2nd Race – No Changes – Refund: \$269.00

3rd Race -#6 Icanmakeitrain (Tr. Peter Miller) sick, Dr. Connor.
Refund: \$1,533.40

4th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$103.40

5th Race - #9 Doctor Smartz (Tr. Frank Cazares) unsound, Dr. Nevens.
Refund: \$305.90

6th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$102.00

7th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$34.00

8th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$119.00

9th Race - #12 Honnete (Tr. Neil Drysdale) Stake, Stewards.
Refund: \$403.2

10th Race - #4 Ask Sam (Tr. Doug O'Neil) sick, Dr. Beck.
Refund: \$1,681.10

7 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$4,918.00	Del Mar on Track	24,873	Off Track	\$6,518,356.00
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track</u>	<u>12,606</u>	Out of State	\$8,794,270.36
	Total Attendance	37,479	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$3,759,074.20</u>
			Total	\$19,071,700.56

Sunday
07/29/07

1 SCRATCHES AND DOUBLE DRAW

Three rider changes and four weight corrections completed scratch time at 10 a.m. Two days, Wednesday and Thursday, were drawn today with eight races each day.

2 CAL-BRED REPORT

The second race in the book for maidens, two year olds, going six furlongs, failed to fill.

3 APPRENTICE REVIEWS REPLAYS

Apprentice jockey Alonso Quinonez appeared to go over several races with the Stewards. The rider was cautioned to have better control of his mounts.

4 STEWARDS INQUIRY - ACCIDENT - NO CHANGE

After the finish of the first race (One Mile and One-Sixteenth on the Turf) the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review two separate incidents. The first happened going into the first turn, when #2 Mohawk broke down while racing in the clear. Jockey Brice Blanc was able to pull up the mare, who reportedly suffered a possible fracture of her right front leg. The second incident occurred nearing the wire, when #4 Lyrical Sound (jockey Michael Baze), the fifth place finisher, suddenly broke down, veered in and shortly after crossing the finish line unseated the rider. Although, #7 Spy Aly (jockey Jon Court) was interfered with by #4, the incident happened so close to the wire that it did not cost #7 a better placing. Jockey Baze was taken to the hospital as a precaution, but returned later to ride his last three mounts. Lyrical Sound suffered a compound fracture of her left front leg and was euthanized.

5 JOCKEY OBJECTION - NO CHANGE

After the finish of the fifth race (One Mile) the Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of jockey Victor Espinoza aboard the fifth place finisher #2 Hit and Hope. The rider alleged interference in mid-stretch by #1 El Manuel (jockey David Flores), who finished in a dead heat for second place. After talking with the riders involved, receiving the patrol judge's reports and reviewing the replays, the Stewards unanimously agreed to make no change in the order of finish. Replays fail to substantiate jockey Espinoza's allegations; rather, it appears he never has a clear opening.

6 LATE DECLARATIONS

4th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$163.00

5th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$595.00

6th Race - #1 Divine Legacy (Tr. Bill Currin) injured, Dr. Nevens.
Refund: \$2,133.20

7th Race - #7 Illuminate (Tr. Neil Drysdale) sick, Dr.Beck.
Refund: \$9,797.50

8th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$153.00

9th Race - #5 Slew N Yodel (Tr. Dean Greenman) enter back, Stewards.
Refunds: \$1,443.80

7 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$14,285.50	Del Mar on Track	16,998	Off Track	\$5,576,505.50
No Minus Pool	Off Track	<u>11,745</u>	Out of State	\$7,629,455.04
	Total Attendance	28,743	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$2,999,790.00</u>
			Total	\$16,205,750.54

Monday
07/30/07

1 SCRATCHES AND THE DRAW

One scratch completed scratch time for Wednesday's program at 10 a.m. Eight races were drawn for Friday's card.

2 JOCKEY REVIEWS RACE

Jockey Richard Migliore appeared to review last Friday's sixth race with the Stewards. The rider explained his horse was hard to handle earlier in the race that and he overrode the horse when he made contact with the horse outside of him. The rider was cautioned to have more control of his mount.

3 TRAINER APPEARS

Trainer Mike Mitchell asked for an informal meeting with the Stewards this morning. Yesterday the trainer had a horse break down in the first race. Mr. Mitchell was upset that the horse was put in the horse ambulance with a broken leg. The trainer asked why a screen wasn't put up and the horse euthanized immediately. More to follow.

4 RULING #19

This ruling was issued after jockey Alferez did not show up to ride two mounts at the end of Hollywood Park. The rider had been on the jock's room board for over two weeks with no response.

RULING#19

Jockey Jose Alferez is fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement) on July 15, 2007, at Hollywood Park.

5 CAL-BRED REPORT

There were three Cal-Bred races today.

6 LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race – No Changes – Refund: \$626.00

2nd Race - #2 Yodelfest (Tr. Mike Harrington) ran off in post parade, Dr. Conner.
#6 Catinthepinkhat (Tr. Alfredo Marquez) sick, Dr. Nevens.
Refund: \$76,731.23

3rd Race – No Changes – Refund: \$51.00

5th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$8.20

6th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$32.10

7th Race – No Changes – Refund: \$47.00

7 GOOD RACING

Eight races were completed without a reportable incident.

8 ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

Total Refund: \$77,495.53	Del Mar on Track 8,327	Off Track	\$3,364,519.20
No Minus Pool	<u>Off Track 7,231</u>	Out of State	\$4,968,677.73
	Total Attendance 15,558	<u>Del Mar Total</u>	<u>\$1,539,085.50</u>
		Total	\$9,872,282.43

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SUMMARY

	Wed 7- 25	Thurs 7- 26	Fri 7- 27	Sat 7- 28	Sun 7- 29	Mon 7- 30	Week Total	Meet Total
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	1	0	1	3	10	19
Claims	0	15	5	10	2	9	41	93
Inquiries	1	1	2	0	1	0	5	15
Objections	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Refunds	5	3	5	4	4	2	23	49
Rulings	1	2	0	1	0	1	5	19

Respectfully submitted,

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C. Scott Chaney (Steward)

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