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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Del Mar Fall Meet

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, November 29, 2023, through Sunday, December 3, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

11/29/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Kim Sawyer was present to oversee entries for Saturday December 2nd. She also approved scratches and program changes for Friday's eight-race card.

THURSDAY

11/30/23¹

HEARINGS DAY

The entire Board of Stewards were in attendance to conduct scheduled hearings.

11/30/23²

ARONEY COMPLAINT / CASE 23SA0154

The first hearing scheduled today against owner Theodore Aroney was withdrawn after the Stewards received confirmation that the debt owed to Southern California Equine Foundation (SCEF) was paid in full.

11/30/23³

PSARRAS COMPLAINT / CASE 23SA0155

The second hearing scheduled today was ultimately dismissed, as neither party attended via Microsoft Teams, that was set up by Investigator Yokoyama. Larry Bell of Citrus Feed called the Stewards to apologize for missing the hearing and stated that he had spoken to Mr. Psarras, who said that though he had retired from training, would still work to pay off the remaining balance on his account.

11/30/23⁴

THOMAS COMPLAINT / CASE 23DM0042

The third scheduled hearing was conducted via conference-call in the Del Mar Stewards' office. Mr. Richard Hale of Sunshine Farms produced a court order for the training bill in question, totaling \$5,170.97. Mr. Keron Thomas agreed that he owes the money, and a financial agreement will be generated and signed by both parties soon. Additionally, Mr. Thomas agreed to a payment of \$1,000 to Mr. Hale's Sunshine Farms by 5pm tomorrow.

FRIDAY
12/01/23¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Apprentice jockey Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review his ride in the sixth race last Sunday, where he appeared to violate the HISA crop rule. Mr. Aguilar accepted responsibility for his actions, so the following ruling was issued.

DFTD RULING #09

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode ELEVADO in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 26, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 8, 2023), and was fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 1, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and penalties) – first offense. Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR has accrued a total of three (3) points.

12/01/23²

GOOD RACING

Today's eight-race card was conducted smoothly with no reportable incidents.

12/01/23³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes. Refund: \$7,597.66
2nd Race #7 Fiamina (Tr. P. Miller) Stewards - Injured in receiving barn
Refund: \$5,506.46
3rd Race No Changes Refund: \$72.11
4th Race #11 Capo Sorella (Tr. T. Yakteen) Stewards - Also Eligible
#12 Ellie Moore (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards - Also Eligible
Refund: \$1,066.91
5th Race #1 Thirsty Lov (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. R. Hess Jr.
#4 Just Step On It (Tr. P. Oviedo) claimed by Tr. P. Eurton
#6 Sunset Storm (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. V. Brinkerhoff
Refund: \$70.35
6th Race #13 Arinniti (FR) (Tr. R. Mandella) Stewards - Also Eligible
Refund: \$1,561.03
7th Race #7 De Joria (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Periban
Refund: \$24.00
8th Race #8 Whiskey Rye (Tr. T. Yakteen) Vet - unsound - Dr. Pattio
Refund: \$757.50

12/01/23⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,208	\$ 354,518.08
SCOTWinc	2,808	\$2,315,559.47
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,909,713.43
Total	5,016	\$8,579,790.98

SATURDAY
12/02/23¹

NEW APPRENTICE JOCKEY

This morning the Stewards met with apprentice jockey Jay Mackay. Ms. Mackay arrived from England a few weeks ago and will be riding her first race on American soil later today for trainer George Papaprodromou. After reviewing our riding rules with her and

confirming that she had completed a physical exam (including a baseline concussion test), we issued her an apprentice certificate. She was then sent to the backside licensing office to get her CHRB apprentice jockey license.

12/02/23²

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the second race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the actions of the top two finishers nearing the finish. The unofficial winner, #3 Unkept Secret (Jose Valdivia, Jr.) was on the lead and drifted out, forcing the second-place finisher, #2 Miss Commander (Geovanni Franco) out several paths as the duo approached the finish. In a majority decision, the Stewards disqualified #3 Unkept Secret from first to second, for interfering with #2 Miss Commander, costing that rival an opportunity of a better placing. Steward Jauregui was the dissenting vote, feeling that the incident did not warrant a disqualification. The Stewards summoned jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr. to come into the office tomorrow morning to review his ride.

Original order of finish: 3-2-4-5-6-1

Official order of finish: 2-3-4-5-6-1

12/02/23³

MILESTONE VICTORY

As a result of the aforementioned disqualification, jockey Geovanni Franco notched his 1,000th career victory. A special presentation was made in the winners' circle after the result was made official.

12/02/23⁴

VISIT FROM THE BOSS

Executive Director Scott Chaney visited us in the Stewards' Stand between races this afternoon. We discussed the current Del Mar autumn race meet, as well as the upcoming season, which includes the 2024 Breeders' Cup.

12/02/23⁵

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the actions of the second and third finishers through the home stretch. The two rivals, #5 Tapalo (Joel Rosario) and #6 Imagination (Flavien Prat) raced together entering the home stretch and made contact several times through the lane. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards let the original order of finish stand, as they felt the contact was initiated by #5 Tapalo, and that runner finished behind the rival he offended. The Stewards ordered jockey Joel Rosario to come in tomorrow morning to review his ride.

12/02/23⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Margot's Boy (Tr. A. Garcia) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt. Refund: \$122.23
2 nd Race	No Changes Refund: \$55.00
3 rd Race	#5 Ah Jeez (Tr. D. O'Neill) Stewards – Stake. Refund: \$1,892.05
4 th Race	No Changes Refund: \$57.00
5 th Race	#10 Feisty Mitole (Tr. P. Miller) Stewards – Stake. Refund: \$1,075.96
6 th Race	No Changes Refund: \$307.74
7 th Race	#2 Maltese Falcon (IRE) (Tr. L. Powell) Stewards - Stake #9 Seal Team (GB) (Tr. R. Mandella) Stewards – Stake. Refund: \$11,130.81
8 th Race	#1 Mr. Suds (Tr. S. Knapp) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio. Refund: \$732.28
9 th Race	#13 Affair (Tr. R. Mandella) Stewards - Also Eligible #14 Air Force Thunder (Tr. J. Shirreffs) Stewards - Also Eligible Refund: \$1,124.05

12/02/23⁷

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,485	\$694,430.88
SCOTWinc	4,960	\$3,894,336.66
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,145,427.30
Total	9,445	\$13,734,194.84

SUNDAY

12/03/23¹

THOMAS RULING (Ref: 11/30/23⁴)

After failing to comply with the terms agreed upon during Thursday's hearing, the following ruling was issued, suspending owner Keron Thomas.

DFTD RULING #10

Owner KERON THOMAS is suspended after failing to comply with the terms agreed to in the hearing for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – Sunshine Farms [Boarding cost] \$5,170.97). Suspension commences on December 16, 2023.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of KERON THOMAS are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/03/23²

VALDIVIA RACE REVIEW (Ref: 12/02/23²)

Jockey Jose Valdivia, Jr. came into the Stewards' office this morning to review his ride in yesterday's second race, where his mount was disqualified from first to second position. Though his mount appeared to be bearing out through the stretch, Mr. Valdivia was advised to make a better effort in the future. Warning.

12/03/23³

ROSARIO RACE REVIEW (Ref: 12/02/23⁴)

Additionally, jockey Joel Rosario came into the office to review his ride in yesterday's sixth race, where his mount made contact with the horse to his outside. Since the Stewards felt that the other horse involved contributed to the initial contact, Mr. Rosario was only given a warning. However, he was cautioned that a better effort will be expected of him going forward.

12/03/23⁴

CROP RULING

As a result of violating the HISA crop rule in yesterday's seventh race, jockey Tyler Gaffalione was issued the following ruling.

DFTD RULING #11

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey TYLER GAFFALIONE, who rode WEBSLINGER in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on December 2, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 10, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$277.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey TYLER GAFFALIONE is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 3, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and penalties) – second offense. Jockey TYLER GAFFALIONE accrued a total of six (6) points.

12/03/23⁵**FRESU RULING (Ref: 11/26/23¹)**

After competing in two designated races on today's card, the following ruling was issued, adding one additional day to the suspension issued last Sunday.

DFTD RULING #12

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU is suspended for ONE (1) additional RACING DAY (December 10, 2023) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (f) (Designated Races – participated in more than one designated race on December 3, 2023).

12/03/23⁶**SMOOTH DAY OF RACING**

The closing day nine-race card, that featured the Grade I Matriarch Stakes, was conducted with no reportable issues or incidents.

12/03/23⁷**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #4 Island Cruiser (Tr. J. Sadler) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio
Refund: \$7,511.31

2nd Race No Changes Refund: \$0.00

3rd Race No Changes Refund: \$0.00

4th Race No Changes Refund: \$0.00

5th Race No Changes Refund: \$0.00

6th Race #6 Sharpazano (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. P. Miller

7th Race No Changes Refund: \$252.78

8th Race #6 Screaming Virginia (Tr. L. Mendez) jockey change to A. Ayuso
Refund: \$93.00

9th Race #13 Living Life (Tr. R. Ellis) Stewards - Also Eligible
#14 Cali Bay (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Stewards - Also Eligible
Refund: \$2,105.27

12/03/23⁸**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	3,709	\$643,396.29
SCOTWinc	4,227	\$3,050,454.35
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,059,264.29
Total	7,936	\$13,753,114.93

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 11//27 TO 12/03/23

Horses on Vet List	11	Horses off Vet List	20
Shock Wave Therapy	1	Fatalities	-0-
Medication	-0-	Claims Voided	-0-

SUMMARY

	No Racing	No Racing	Fri 12/01	Sat 12/02	Sun 12/03	Week	Meet
Accidents			0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races			2	1	0	3	23
Claims			4	1	1	6	27
Disqualifications			0	1	0	1	3
Inquiries			0	2	0	2	7
Refunds			8	9	4	21	78
Rulings			1	0	3	4	12
Voided Claims			0	0	0	0	1