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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday, July 29 through Sunday, August 4, 2024.

TUESDAY7/30/24¹**DARK DAY SCRATCHES**

Steward Grant Baker was on duty to approve declarations for Thursday (8 races) and to oversee any other issues that might arise.

WEDNESDAY7/31/24¹**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Saturday (11 races) and approve changes to Friday's program.

THURSDAY8/01/24¹**AGUILAR HEARING**

Present before the BOS to address an issued citation were, Senior V.P., Operations/ Administration Ann Hall and jockey Armando Aguilar, witness, DMTD Security Officer Pete Shepard was unavailable. The topic being, on the morning of July 26, 2024 in the Del Mar stable area, Mr. Aguilar approached Ms. Hall using profane and disrespectful language. He also refused to show his license when asked to do so by Security Officer Pete Shepard. Mr. Aguilar testified he was upset when Ms. Hall was in the process of having parked vehicles owned by backside workers towed. Every year backside employees of trainers are given a week to unpack their personal belongings from their cars and then remove the cars to the lot across the street. They are always warned to remove their cars from the stable area before they are towed. This has been the procedure at Del Mar for years. If they choose to not move their vehicles, the cars are towed without a fee. Decision to follow.

8/01/24²**SADLER RECORDED HEARING CASE 24SA0101**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer John Sadler for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1866 (Veterinarian's List). The complaint which was formulated by CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. and reads as follows:

On June 17, 2024, the horse, "Heywood's Beach," had an unauthorized workout at Santa Anita Park. The horse was on the veterinarian's list as of June 12, 2024 for unsoundness to the left hind.

Present for the hearing before the BOS were, trainer John Sadler, his assistant Juan Leyva and CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. Mr. Sadler testified Mr. Leyva scheduled the workout as he was out of town. Mr. Leyva stated he miscounted the seven-day time frame that would allow the horses to work without being on a list. Decision to follow.

8/01/24³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Antonio Fresu met with the Stewards to discuss his ride in the ninth race Sunday. The issue, standing up before the wire which possibly cost his mount a better placing. After much dialog and a review of the available video, he left the office with a warning as the incident was close to the wire and it would be hard to prove it effected the placing of his mount.

8/01/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIMS

After a physical examination of #5 Low Expectations (Tr. A. Garcia) in the second race by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. Also, #8 Tribal (Tr. J. Sadler) in the sixth race after an examination was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided both claims and the horses returned to the stable of their original trainers.

8/01/24⁵

SMOOTH SAILING

The eight-race card was performed without a ripple except for the changes listed below.

8/01/24⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes. Refund: \$4,018.79
2 nd Race	#1 Joint Venture (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Cassidy #3 American Farmer (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed by Tr. S. Wilenskey #5 Low Expectations (Tr. A. Garcia) claimed by Tr. A. Kitchingman - VOID #7 Bright Leaf (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. S. Williams. Refund: \$804.30
3 rd Race	No Changes. Refund: \$175.70
4 th Race	#3 Irresistible Force (Tr. J. Nehf) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$1,748.73
5 th Race	#3 Sing a Happy Song (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill. Refund: \$141.40
6 th Race	#5 Pioneer Prince (Tr. R. Mandell) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill #8 Tribal (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. H. Palma – VOID. Refund: \$2,806.52
7 th Race	#7 Stein's Girl (Tr. F. Rodriguez) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund: \$525.00
8 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$25.60

8/01/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,572	\$838,330.35
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$2,095,905.08
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$6,372,349.47
TOTAL	9,908	\$9,306,584.90

FRIDAY
8/02/24¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Jeremy Laprida met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the sixth race yesterday. After a review of the video, it was hard to confirm he violated the rule. Warning.

8/02/24²

AGUILAR RULING (ref 08-01-24(1))

Mr. Aguilar’s penalty is listed in the following ruling after the BOS agreed on a decision post hearing.

DMTD RULING #14

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Vulgar Language) and Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – Refused to show CHRB license) on July 26, 2024 at Del Mar Race Track.

8/02/24³

GOOD RACING

The 4:00 pm post time card was conducted without notable incident. Changes for the day are listed below.

8/02/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes. Refund: \$141.50
2 nd Race	No Changes. Refund: \$101.50
3 rd Race	No Changes. Refund: \$656.50
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$573.10
5 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$17.50
6 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$213.60
7 th Race	#5 Chrome Dessert (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-injured paddock- Dr. Cassidy Refund: \$10,183.47
8 th Race	#1 Betty Pack (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cassidy #11 Moonlight Tryst (Tr. D. Pederson) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou Refund: \$2,542.80

8/02/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,018	\$1,075,367.38
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$2,878,402.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$8,804,960.49
TOTAL	10,175	\$12,758730.47

SATURDAY

8/03/24¹

HARDGROVE FORMAL HEARING CASE 24SA0095

The CHRB filed an alleged financial complaint (1876) for trainer Reed Saldana against Veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove. The complaint was formulated by CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. indicating Dr. Hardgrove owed Mr. Saldana training fees and reads as follows. *Nicole Hardgrove is indebted to the Trainer Reed Saldana in the amount of \$49,510 for services rendered in the last 12 months.*

Present for the formal hearing before the BOS were, Investigator Vergara, Jr., respondent, Nicola Hardgrove, her counsel Roger Licht and as an observer Attorney Judd Grutman and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg recorded the proceedings. The hearing was scheduled to be heard at 11:30 am and all were in attendance except Reed Saldana. Chairing the hearing, Grant Baker opened the record at 11:48, firstly stating, Mr. Saldana was not in attendance, Investigator Vergara placed a call to Saldana that went directly to voicemail. At 9:55 am the case was declared dismissed with prejudice.

8/03/24²

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /FIFTH RACE-5/8 turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident soon after the start. Involved were, #3 Harry’s Onthefly (K. Kimura 5th), #4 Zoffarelli (IRE) (E. Maldonado 6th), #5 Standing (A. Fresu 10th), #6 Lovesick Blues (K. Frey 9th), #7 Mubtadaa (K. Desormeaux 4th), #8

Cane Creek Road (M. Smith 7th) and #9 Agency (A. Cedillo 3rd). After conversation with the Patrol Judge and jockeys in a unanimous decision there was no change to the order of finish as no one perpetrator could be blamed.

8/03/24³

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio #3 Left Hand Turn in the fourth race was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Mark Glatt.

8/03/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes. Refund: \$282.50
 2nd Race #2 Midnight Love (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase
 #3 Demotivate (Tr. M. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. V. Brinkerhoff
 #5 J B Strikes Back (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 #6 Haywood (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) claimed by Tr. S. Sherman. Refund: \$100.50
 3rd Race #1 Known Idea (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-broke through starting gate-trainers request
 #7 Rhino (Tr. D. Blacker) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund: \$434,610.59
 4th Race #3 Left Hand Man (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp - VOID
 #5 Terry's Boy (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
 #6 Red Flag (Tr. J. Shirreffs) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
 #7 Good With People (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt. Refund: \$38.00
 5th Race #4 Zoffarelli (IRE) (J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. P. Miller. Refund: \$1,382.65
 6th Race No Changes. Refund: \$0.00
 7th Race #8 Mogollon Rim (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) claimed by Tr. V. Brinkerhoff
 8th Race #4 Big Hat Willie (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson
 9th Race No Changes. Refund: \$171.50
 10th Race No Changes. Refund: \$141.00
 11th Race #4 Leading (Tr. M. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill
 #5 Mysterious Husband (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill. Refund: \$1,439.50

8/03/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	13,615	\$2,027,357.92
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$4,730,778.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$15,538,707.02
TOTAL	19,119	\$22,296,843.14

SUNDAY

8/04/24¹

BEHRENS dba MYRACEHORSE HEARING CASE 24DM002

The complaint was prepared by CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr. for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) for veterinarian services rendered and reads as follows:

Michael Behrens dba MyRaceHorse is indebted to Dr. Jennifer Finley dba Equine Athletics Veterinarian Services Inc. for services rendered which total \$7,092 from April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

The Stewards were notified the debt was paid in full and the complaint was withdrawn.

8/04/24²

FILM REVIEW

Kyle Frey and Abel Cedillo met with the Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday that involved an inquiry ref 08-03-24². After a thorough review with the riders, both proclaimed they can and will do better. Warnings.

8/04/24³

SADLER RULING ref 08-01-24²

The following ruling was issued after deliberation post hearing. The decision was a majority opinion, Steward Baker supported a \$1,000.00 penalty.

DMTD RULING #15

Trainer JOHN SADLER who worked the horse HEYWOODS BEACH at Santa Anita Park on June 17, 2024 is fined ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1866 (Veterinarian’s List – worked horse while on Veterinarian’s List)

8/04/24⁴

INQUIRY /NON-STARTER /ELEVENTH RACE -1mile turf

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race. Involved was #9 Man Friday whose head was never pointed down the track when the starting gate doors opened, and the horse left its stall late in a tangle. In a unanimous decision the horse was declared a non-starter as it did not receive a fair start, through no fault of its own, per CHRB rule 1696 (b) (The Start).

8/04/24⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Antibes (Tr. K. Bainum) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Cassidy. Refund: \$3,465.70
 2nd Race No Changes. Refund: \$110.50
 3rd Race No Changes. Refund: \$1,772.20
 4th Race #2 Rivoli (Tr. S. Wilensky) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou
 #3 El Diablo Rojo (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed by Tr. S. Williams
 #5 Vicente’s Shadow (Tr. S. Stevens) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 Refund: \$799.40
 5th Race #5 Cathal (IRE) (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-stake. Refund: \$1,475.74
 6th Race #1 Seattle Surf (Tr. K. Headley) Veterinarian-injured starting gate-Dr. Cassidy
 #7 Mendelssohnszapper (Tr. B. Galvin) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cassidy
 Refund: \$74,437.43
 7th Race #11 Special Club (Tr. C. Lewis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio.
 Refund: \$1,463.68
 8th Race No Changes. Refund: \$81.00
 9th Race No Changes. Refund: \$1,486.30
 10th Race No Changes. Refund: \$101.00
 11th Race #1 Mackinnon (Tr. D. O’Neill) claimed by Tr. L. Barocio VOID
 #3 Spirit Maker (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi
 #6 Don’t Swear Dave (Tr. H. Palmer) claimed by Tr. P. Miller VOID
 #9 Man Friday (Tr. V. Cerin) NON-STARTER. Refund: \$252,950.87

8/04/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	9,016	\$1,372,775.20
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$3,820,199.55
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$12,079,369.80
TOTAL	13,519	\$17,272,344.55

SUMMARY

	Thur 8/01	Fri 8/02	Sat 8/03	Sun 8/04	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	3	5	11	22
Claims	4	2	12	3	21	49
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	2	7
Refunds	8	8	8	11	35	80
Rulings	0	1	0	1	2	15
Voided Claims	2	0	1	2	5	10

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/29/24 TO 8/04/24

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	31
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	1
Medication	0
Claimed Voided	5

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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