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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB Del Mar, California

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Report for Monday, August 4, 2025 through Sunday, August 10, 2025.

WEDNESDAY

08/06/25¹

CARMEN FINANCIAL's (case #25SA0087 & #25SA0091)

Bookkeeper, SOFIA TUREN MENDEZ, was in our office representing Farrier, Dean Balut, who provided his farrier services (\$95.00) for the horse "Queen Kimbe" in which Owner, CHRISTOPHER CARMEN owes a small portion of the horse. After receiving notice by Ms. Turen Mendez that the debt has been paid in full, the case was dismissed.

Ms. TUREN MENDEZ also represented Farrier Wes Champagne, who filed a financial complaint against Owner, CHRISTOPHER CARMEN, in the amount of \$49.00 dollars for unpaid farrier services. This matter was also dismissed when Bookkeeper, Ms. Turen Mendez alerted us that the debt has been paid in full.

08/06/25²

McPHERSON FINANACIAL (case #25SA0110)

Owner, MCKINLEY MCPHERSON, failed to appear for a financial hearing filed by Trainer, Gustavo Headley, in the amount \$15,540.00 for unpaid training fees. Mr. Headley participated via telephone from Los Angeles. The matter is moot since Ms. McPherson is already suspended (DMTD ruling #15) for another financial case. The matter will be noted on her record with the CHRB.

THURSDAY

08/07/25¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey, ARMANDO AYUSO, was in alongside his Agent, Mike Ciani and Jockey Umberto Ayuso to review Sunday's tenth race in which he was disqualified from first to fourth place for an incident out of the starting gate. Mr. Ayuso (#5) broke outward and the #7 broke inward, pinching the #6, who clipped heels. The three of them stated that Ayuso grabbed his horse and that the outside horse contributed to the incident. We agree the outside horse did break inward and he quickly corrected, but

Mr. Ayuso just needs to be a little faster. We unanimously voted to issue him a warning. Mr. Ayuso thanked us and left the office.

Apprentice jockey, DEYBIS CHAVEZ, was in our office to review his ride in Sunday's sixth race in which he drove into a tight spot at the ¼ pole. We called him to caution him to make better choices when entering a tight opening during a race. The young rider agreed and stated that he will be more patient in the future and that he is learning. He took the advice and left our office.

08/07/25²

GONZALEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued after deliberating all the facts of Sundays' gelding hearing. Trainer, FELIX GONZALEZ, was issued a fine after he acknowledged his mistake and accepted the penalty.

DMTD Ruling #17

Trainer FELIX GONZALEZ, who started the horse APOLINAR GRAYDAR, in the second race on July 5, 2025, at Los Alamitos Race Course is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865(e) (Altering Sex of Horse - true sex not identified).

08/07/25³

JOCKEYS' OBJECTION/NO CHANGE (3rd race)

After the running of the race, the jockey of the #3 Ivory Moon (R. Silvera 3rd) lodged an objection against the winner #2 Twilight Empire (Kyle Frey 1st) for an incident leaving the starting gate. After reviewing the race several times and speaking to both riders, we made no change. The video shows that the #3 stumbled on his own, at no fault of the #2.

08/07/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund: \$782.19
2 nd Race	#9 Avocado Lake- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #10 Magic Club- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #11 Donde Esta Jefe- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #12 Final Table Lady- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$1,322.50
3 rd Race	#1 Hollywood Mistress—Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Jenkins, injured #4 Rhonda's Cooki- C. Herrera replaces D. Mussad, management. Refund: \$1,301.36
4 th Race	#8 Curvino- Claimed by S. Williams, trainer. Refund: \$139.70
5 th Race	#5 Foreroyal- LATE Stewards' scratch- lost rider Refund: \$12,213.12
6 th Race	#1 Promissio- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$1,720.16
7 th Race	#3 Sharp Ride- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Jenkins, injured Refund: \$1,253.06
8 th Race	#4 Hey Demps- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer #7 Lady of Power- Claimed by M. Puype, trainer

08/07/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,206	804,176,51
SCOTWINC	2,185	2,487,092.14
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	4,805,744.93
TOTAL	9,391	8,097,013.58

FRIDAY

08/08/25¹

JUAREZ FORMAL HEARING (case #25SA0120)

Stable Worker/Groom, MAYRA JUAREZ was in our office to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB alleging HISA rule violation of #2230(e) (Possession of Hypodermic Needles) that occurred on May 16, 2025. Present in the office was CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon. Trainer Steve Miyadi “via Telephone” and recording the proceedings is Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. During a barn inspection at Santa Anita Park barn area the investigators discovered in Ms. Juarez’s living quarters an unopened package of “Tribedoce Compuesto” intended for humans, in which it contained hypodermic needles in the package. Ms. Juarez stated that she received the “vitamins” from her family for personal use. After hearing all the facts, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

08/08/25²

BARILLAS FORMAL HEARING (case #25SA0121)

Stable Worker/Groom, YORIAN BARILLAS, was also in for a formal hearing during the same barn inspection of Trainer Steve Miyadi. The investigators discovered an unopened package with vials and syringes of “Bedoyecta Tri” in her living quarters on May 16, 2025 at Santa Anita Park barn area. Presenting the case was CHRB Investigators Anne Dillon, Court Reporter Michelle Derieg and trainer Steve Miyadi who made it into our office to help translate. Ms. Barillas stated she received the package from her family and she never opened it, they sent to her for personal use. She also mentioned that the Santa Anita health clinic treated her for health issues. Therefore, she never used the medication. We cautioned her that if she needs to bring syringes to the barn area, that she needs a prescription from her physician and request permission from the Stewards to bring them in the barn area. Decision to follow.

08/08/25³

STEWARDS’ REVIEW (7th race)

We conducted a Stewards’ review to look at the start of the #6 Hero Or Zero (U. Rispoli) who stumbled leaving the starting gate. After reviewing the video, we determined that the #6 stumbled on his own, therefore, no inquiry was conducted.

08/08/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#1 Ghazaaly- Claimed by D. O’Neill, trainer Refund: \$109.50
2 nd Race	#9 Gigi’s Girl- Stewards’ scratch- also eligible Refund: \$281.75
3 rd Race	#5 Miracle Ball- Claimed by L. Barocio, trainer Refund: \$439.61
4 th Race	#9 Eye of the Smiley- Stewards’ scratch- also eligible #10 Jalisco- Stewards’ scratch- also eligible #11 Mystic Moses- Stewards’ scratch- also eligible #12 Still Bulletproof- Stewards’ scratch- also eligible Refund: \$4,392.37
5 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$16.00
6 th Race	#10 Makutu- D. Herrera replaces A. Lezcano- rider didn’t want to ride. Refund: \$30.00
7 th Race	#2 Desert Dawg- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, injured Refund: \$236.70
8 th Race	No changes

08/08/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,289	948,210.31
SCOTWINC	3,147	3,841,538.85
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	6,772,644.03
TOTAL	10,436	11,562,393.19

SATURDAY

08/09/25¹

NO SHOW WAGERING MEETING

President, JOSH RUBINSTEIN, was in our office to alert us that No-Show wagering was open for a few hours this morning, for today’s fourth race “Best Pal Stakes”. Del Mar did receive permission by the CHRB for No-Show wagering. Mr. Rubinstein was going to reach out to the CHRB for guidance on what to do regarding the money that was already wagered. He did state that he will have his Director of Mutuels Bill Navarro forward us a letter of explanation. See the attach letter.

08/09/25²

GOOD RACING

The ten (10) race card went very smooth with no major issues to report other than the No-Show wagering in the 4th race and the changes listed below.

08/09/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund: \$149.50
2 nd Race	No changes. Refund: \$47.50
3 rd Race	#4 Pavel’s Etoile- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund: \$1,346.30
4 th Race	(NO-SHOW WAGERING). Refund: \$287.00
5 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$146.50
6 th Race	#7 Brazenly- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured Refund: \$981.44
7 th Race	No changes
8 th Race	#11 Broadway Unions- Claimed by H. Palma, trainer Refund: \$3,218.92
9 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$49.00
10 th Race	#6 Sexy Blue- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound Refund: \$618.94

08/09/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	13,805	1,932,890.55
SCOTWINC	5,222	5,586,591.86
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	10,780,586.77
TOTAL	19,027	18,300,069.18

SUNDAY

08/10/25¹

MUNOZ RULING (case #24SA0092)

We issued the following ruling after receiving notice by the Winners Foundation that Groom JUAN ALBERTO MUNOZ has not been abiding by the conditions they set forth in ruling LATS #112 on June 13, 2024.

DMTD Ruling #18

Groom JUAN ALBERTO MUNOZ is hereby suspended for having failed to comply with the provisions of Ruling LATS #112 dated June 13, 2024, (failure to abide by the

recommendations of the Winners Foundation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Methamphetamine, Amphetamine and THC [Marijuana]).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JUAN ALBERTO MUNOZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine) JUAN ALBERTO MUNOZ is denied access to all premises under the jurisdiction of the California Horse Racing Board.

08/10/25²

ESCOBEDO IN

Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO was called in our office this morning to explain why he was late to the paddock for the eighth race. Mr. Escobedo finally mounted on his horse while the rest of the field was entering the track. He apologized for being so late and stated that he was stomach issues. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

DMTD Ruling #19

Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – late to paddock) for the eighth race on August 9, 2025 at Del Mar Race Track.

*Rule # 1532. Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

08/10/25³

GOOD RACING

The nine race had no major issues to report other than the changes and declarations listed below.

08/10/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund: \$564.00
2 nd Race	#3 Got Soul- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured #4 Muscled- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, injured (NO SHOW WAGERING) Refund: \$1,711.15
3 rd Race	No changes. Refund: \$20.50
4 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$224.50
5 th Race	#1 Can You Dream- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick #12 Lady K Westfall- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #13 Big Coin- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$1,953.33
6 th Race	#2 Zombo Bombo- Claimed by J. Hernandez, Jr. #8 Toughness- Stewards' scratch- not eligible #11 Western Avenue- Claimed by S. Williams, trainer Refund: \$3,779.09
7 th Race	#1 Silent Law- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund: \$2,634.89
8 th Race	#9 Devil Among Us- Claimed by A. Garcia, trainer #13 Last Call London- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$27,328.61
9 th Race	#2 Aleramo (IRE)-Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured in receiving barn #9 Lanilla- Claimed by V. Cerin, trainer

#11 Makenarita- D. Herrera replaces E. Herrera, ?
 #12 Thea- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #13 Rehearsal (IRE)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #14 Icons Only- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 Refund: \$28,746.21

08/10/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,087	1,292,740.50
SCOTWINC	4,085	4,448,797.31
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	8,322,213.24
TOTAL	12,172	14,063,751.05

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/04/25 TO 08/10/25

Horses on Vet List	17
Horses off Vet List	19
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Thu 08/07	Fri 08/08	Sat 08/09	Sun 08/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	2	2	7	32
Claims	3	2	1	4	10	66
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	4
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	12
Refunds	7	7	10	9	33	119
Rulings	1	0	0	2	3	19
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	7

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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