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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 25, 2025 through Monday, September 1, 2025.

TUESDAY PACIFIC CLASSIC DRAW

08/26/25¹

Steward GRANT BAKER attended and oversaw the Pacific Classic Race draw at the Brigantine restaurant on Tuesday afternoon. The Pacific Classic race had seven (7) runners. The rest of the card will be drawn tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY ENTRIES

08/27/25¹

Steward GRANT BAKER was in the office on Wednesday morning to oversee the rest of Saturday's card. The racing office carded eleven (11) races for Saturday.

THURSDAY FILM REVIEW

08/28/25¹

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was in our office to review Sunday's sixth race in which he could have possibly violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the race several times, it was determined that Mr. Aguilar went over the permitted six (6) strikes, he used his crop eleven (11) times in the race. Mr. Aguilar stated that he did not agree with some of the strikes. To add to the issue, this is his third offense in the last one-hundred eighty days, one that is under appeal.

We notified the CHRB Investigator of the possible disqualification matter, investigators will schedule the hearing. The following ruling was issued

DMTD Ruling #29

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties - Class 2 - second offense) Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR who rode FAST SERVICE in the sixth race (Purse \$26,000) at Del Mar Race Track on August 24, 2025, is suspended for SIX (6) days (September 13, 14,

19, 20, 21 and 26, 2025) and fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for five (5) strikes over the limit.

08/28/25²

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card went with no major issues to report other than the shoe repair in the 4th race, the #6 High King. The repair delayed the race about four (4) minutes.

08//28/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Brother Tony- Claimed by F. Rodriguez, trainer
#6 Big Juanito- R. B. Hess Jr., trainer. Refund \$480.04

2nd Race #1 Lady Rider- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick
Refund \$1,150.30

3rd Race #7 Rosie Ann Rules- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
#12 Oscar Night- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#13 Diamond Daze- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#14 Thea- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,679.04

4th Race No changes. Refund \$266.96

5th Race #7 Salty Sally- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
#12 Not Happy- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#13 Smokin Hot Chick- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
Refund \$1,227.25

6th Race #10 The Wild Grazer (IRE)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#11 Lovin' On the Run- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, injured
#12 Invincible Molly (GB)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
Refund \$1,741.48

7th Race #2 In Suspense- VOIDED claim, returns to R. Hanson barn
#8 Stan From Malibu- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured
#12 Where's the Loot- Claimed by F. Rodriguez, trainer
Refund \$427.54

8th Race Refund \$1,219.63

08/28/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,631	717,250.16
SCOTWINC	2,201	2,807,138.32
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,064,164.21
TOTAL	7,832	8,588,552.69

FRIDAY
08/29/25¹

MORA HEARING (case #25-HI-099)

A hearing was held this morning when the CHRB filed a complaint against Groom MARIA MORA for violation of HISA rule #2230(e), (g) & (f)(Possession of Hypodermic, Syringe). The incident occurred on 3/25/2025 at Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton California. Present in the office was CHRB Investigator Jennifer Tolman (Microsoft-Via Teams presenting), CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. (observer), CHRB Investigator Tom Gandaria (observer), Stable worker Cayetana Cano (observer) and translator Leonor Preciado. On 3/25/25 Safety Steward Eddie Rich received an anonymous tip that Ms. Mora had in her possession two packages of "Tribedoce Compuesto" with syringes and in her tack room. After the Investigator searched her living quarters he then found the packages. Ms. Mora

stated that she purchased the packages to help her with her knees. She also stated she never knew that it was prohibited, if she knew she would have never got them. After hearing all the testimony and entering the all the exhibits, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

08/29/25²

BAROCIO RULING

The following ruling was issued after Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO brought his horse "Miracle Ball" in yesterday's sixth race to the receiving barn with toe grabs for a turf race. Mr. Barocio acknowledged his mistake and accepted the penalty.

DMTD Ruling #30

Trainer LIBRADO BAAROCIO, who started the horse, MIRACLE BALL in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 28, 2025 is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

08/29/25³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION/OBJECTION

After the running of the third race, we posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in the stretch involving the second-place horse #6 Magnificat (M. Demuro) and the third-place horse #2 Helga Brant (IRE) (A. Fresu) After reviewing the race several times and speaking to all riders, in a unanimous opinion we voted to disqualify the #6 and place him third behind the #2 for interference. We felt the #6 came out into the path of the #2, causing him to steady, costing #2 the opportunity of a better placing.

We also reviewed the start after the jockey #5 (T. Baze) lodged a claim of foul. Mr. Baze stated that he did not know who caused the issue. After reviewing the video, no blame could be placed on any of the participants. Therefore, no change was made.

Unofficial order 3-(6)-2-4-5-1-7-8-9

Official order 3-2-(6)-4-5-1-7-8-9

08/29/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUND

1 st Race	#2 Super Ellie- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer #3 Ro Town- Claimed by S. Morfin, trainer #4 Corporal Violette (IRE)- Claimed by M. Rhineford, trainer #6 Drum Roll- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick #7 Empress Ellie- Claimed by L. Campazauno, trainer #10 Dea Matrona (FR)- Claimed by R. Baltas, trainer Refund \$2,046.81
2 nd Race	#2 My Hero- VOIDED claim, returns to R. B. Hess Jr. #5 Unique Power- Claimed by L. Barocio, trainer #6 Divine Wind- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, injured. Refund \$16,005.91
3 rd Race	#10 Judicious- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #11 Surf Song- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #12 Sparrow- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #13 Justivar- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #14 Lady Chic- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$2,233.81
4 th Race	#9 Hard to Figure- Claimed by R. Ellis, trainer. Refund \$146.00
5 th Race	#11 Mo Holland Drive- Stewards' scratch- also eligible

#12 Mojo Mo- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 Refund \$2,161.11
 6th Race No changes. Refund \$197.30
 7th Race #1 Lovin' On the Run- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady,
 injured. Refund \$1,234.13
 8th Race #6 Illhaveanotherkiss- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon,
 sick
 #8 Gray Frost- VOIDED claim, returns to R.B. Hess Jr.
 Refund \$1,185.24

08/29/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,017	896,074.70
SCOTWINC	3,309	3,822,745.90
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	7,121,023.57
TOTAL	8,326	11,839,844.17

SATURDAY FILM REVIEWS

08/30/25¹

Jockey MIRCO DEMURO was in our office to review yesterdays' third race in which he was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry that resulted in a disqualification, for an incident in the stretch. Mr. Demuro stated his horse shied away from the inside horse, causing him to float out. In a unanimous opinion, Mr. Demuro was issued a three-day suspension. We felt he could have corrected faster. Mr. Demuro was very professional and accepted the penalty. Ruling to follow.

DMTD Ruling #31

Jockey MIRCO DEMURO, who rode MAGNIFICAT in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on August 29, 2025 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 13, 14, and 19, 2025) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to third, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

Jockey CRISTOBAL HERRERA was in our office to review his crop use in yesterday's fourth race in which he used his crop when he had reached his maximum placing. Mr. Herrera stated that he was trying hard for his trainer, but promised it would not happen again. The majority felt the incident was worthy of a penalty, Steward Sawyer voted for no penalty.

DMTD Ruling # 32

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (c)(5) (using the Riding crop – after horse has obtained maximum placing) Jockey CRISTOBAL HERRERA, who rode DON'T GET ME WRONG in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 29, 2025, is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)*

08/30/25²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/ACCIDENT

We posted the Inquiry sign to review an incident in stretch in which the #8 General Jackson (A. Fresu) who was injured and unseated the rider. After reviewing video several times, we made no change. We could not place any blame on any other participants. Jockey Fresu was taken to first aid and he was cleared by the track physician to ride his remaining mounts.

08/30/25³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the ninth race (5 furlong) to look at an incident out of the gate involving the winner #12 Reef Runner (P. Lopez) and the second place #10 Motorious (GB) (A. Fresu). After speaking to both riders and looking at all angles, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #12 and place him second behind the #10. The video shows the #12 angle in forcing the #11 into the #10 causing him to steady, who was beaten a nose.

Unofficial order (12)-10-1-2-6-11-4-8-7-5-9-13
Official order 10-(12)-1-2-6-11-4-8-7-5-9-13

08/30/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes. Refund \$0.00

2nd Race #2 Wild Recruit- Claimed by R. B.Hess Jr., trainer
#3 Coach Cronin-Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer
#10 Jaguar Jon- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer
Refund \$0.00

3rd Race #12 Mystic Spirit- Claimed by E. Alvarez, trainer
Refund \$128.11

4th Race No changes. Refund \$378.33

5th Race #1 Nesso's Lasthanrah- Stewards' scratch- stake
#8 Full Serrano (ARG)- Stewards' scratch- stake
Refund \$6,921.22

6th Race No changes. Refund \$48.00

7th Race No changes. Refund \$393.00

8th Race #10 Mustang Knicky- Veterinarian scratch-
Dr. Pattio, injured
#12 Billie Holiday- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
Refund \$2,702.27

9th Race #3 Coppola- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured
#14 Mucho Del Oro- Stewards' scratch- stake/also eligible
#15 Re Armed Jon- Stewards' scratch- stake/also eligible
Refund \$7,751.92

10th Race #4 Nysos- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$40,559.50

11th Race #2 Adios Cole- Stewards' scratch- stake
#3 Nitti (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassady, injured
Refund \$3,624.06

08/30/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	13,432	3,125,800.12
SCOTWINC	6,123	6,965,207.63
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	16,302,579.84
TOTAL	19,555	26,393,587.59

SUNDAY
08/31/25¹

MORA RULING

We issued Groom MARIA MORA the following in regards to Friday's hearing.

DMTD Ruling #33

Stable Worker/Groom Maria Mora is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority rule #2230 (e) (Treatment

Restrictions – possession of hypodermic needles and syringes –personal use/unused) on March 25, 2025 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds

08/31/25²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey PACO LOPEZ was called the office to give his explanation on yesterday's Stewards' inquiry when he was disqualified from first to second place for an incident out of the starting gate (5 furlong turf). Jockeys Guild Manager Darrel Haire came in the office as the representative for Mr. Lopez. Mr. Lopez stated that he felt the #8 horse came out and was to blame for the #10 steading. Our opinion of the incident was that Mr. Lopez came in without clearance forcing the #11 inward, causing the #10 to steady. Therefore, he was issued a three-day suspension for careless riding. Ruling to follow.

DMTD Ruling #34

Jockey PACO LOPEZ, who rode REEF RUNNER in the ninth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 30, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 14, 19, and 20, 2025) for crossing over without sufficient clearance soon after the start, causing interference, resulting in a disqualification from first to second place; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding – careless riding).

08/31/25³

GOOD RACING

The Sunday afternoon race card went very well with no major issues to report, other than the changes and declaration listed below.

08/31/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 Tariff- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer. Refund \$880.37
2 nd Race	#1 Privman- Stewards' scratch- stake #2 Brother Brother- Stewards' scratch- stake (NO PLACE OR SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$2,181.28
3 rd Race	#6 Kiki Ride- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassidy, injured #12 Petrakos- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund \$74,502.84
4 th Race	#2 Gunnin for Gold- Claimed by S. Rivera, trainer #3 Heber- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Jenkins, injured #9 Zombo Bombo- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer Refund \$282.51
5 th Race	#3 Twirling Light- Claimed by L. Powell, trainer #13 Perfect Smile- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund \$518.70
6 th Race	No changes. Refund \$9.00
7 th Race	No changes. Refund \$157.50
8 th Race	#3 Royal Dusty- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cassidy, injured #13 West Fresno- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund \$7,621.62
9 th Race	#4 Iron Man Cal- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$6,230.88
10 th Race	Refund \$245.00
11 th Race	#10 True Patriot- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick #14 Summer Lake- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund \$1,323.70

08/31/25⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	11,558	1,495,144.10
SCOTWINC	4,669	5,955,649.06
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	9,891,590.03
TOTAL	16,227	17,342,383.19

MONDAY
09/01/25¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was called in to review his riding crop usage from yesterday's ninth race (Del Mar Derby \$300,000). Mr. Rispoli stated he only used his crop three (3) times in the uncocked position, and the shoulder taps should not count as strikes. The majority felt he went one strike over the legal limit (6 times). Steward Jauregui dissented.

DMTD Ruling #35

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 UMBERTO RISPOLI who rode THE PADRE (IRE) in the ninth race (Purse \$300,000) at Del Mar Race Track on August 31, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 19, 2025) and fined ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS (\$1,752.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

09/01/25²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/ACCIDENT (2nd race)

We posted the inquiry sign to review an accident at the 3/8's involving the #2 IL Bellator (C. Herrera) who lost his rider. The other participant in the incident was #3 Two Rivers Over (E. Maldonado 4th). After reviewing the race several times and speaking with Mr. Maldonado, the majority voted for no change, placed no blame on the #3, steward Sawyer voted to disqualify the #3 with the belief he was responsible for the incident. The majority felt the #2 ran into a tight spot, compounding to the incident the #2 was lugging out. Therefore, no change was made. Jockey Cristobal Herrera was taken to first aid to be examine by the Track Physician; he was cleared to ride his remaining mounts.

09/01/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Tiger to You- LATE Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cassady, injured in gate. Refund \$49,839.51

2nd Race #5 Ghazaaly- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Bohannon, sick Refund \$916.42

3rd Race #8 Chasing Kat- VOIDED claim returns to C. Dollase Refund \$421.50.

4th Race #8 The Great G- A. Bautista replaces A. Escobedo
 #11 Violets Song- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #12 Mo Holland Drive- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #13 Still Bulletproof- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #14 Throwthefirstpunch- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 Refund \$2,633.96

5th Race #3 Austonian- M. Demuro replaces K. Desormeaux, sick
 #4 Nameless- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer
 Refund \$350.60

6th Race #7 Travail- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cassady, sick
 Refund \$2,102.71

7th Race No changes. Refund \$126.00

8th Race #6 Tahini- Stewards' scratch- stake
#7 Sakura Blossom- Stewards' scratch- stake
Refund \$1,051.12
9th Race No changes. Refund \$389.86
10th Race #7 Cara Rose- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$2,328.05
11th Race #2 Cagey Burgler- Stewards' scratch- enter back
#8 Phoenix Flying- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cassady, injured
#12 Oakley's Smile- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cassady, sick
Refund \$3,013.59

09/01/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,589	1,074,458.97
SCOTWINC	4,401	4,626,908.18
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	11,714,137.29
TOTAL	8,990	17,415,504.44

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/25/25 TO 08/31/25

Horses on Vet List 27
Horses off Vet List 28
Shock Wave Therapy 1
Fatalities 0
Medication 3

SUMMARY

	Thu 08/28	Fri 08/29	Sat 08/30	Sun 08/31	Mon 09/01	Week
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	2	1	2	3	3	11
Claims	4	7	4	4	1	20
Disqualifications	0	1	1	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	1	2	0	1	4
Refunds	8	8	9	11	11	47
Rulings	1	1	2	2	1	7
Voided Claims	1	2	0	0	1	4

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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