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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Del Mar Fall Meet
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Del Mar, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, November 24, 2021, Through Sunday, November 28, 2021

WEDNESDAY11/24/21¹**ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

Steward Luis Jauregui was on duty today representing the California Horse Racing Board in all racing matters. DMTC Racing Secretary David Jerkens and his staff were on hand taking entries for racing on the penultimate day of the meet, which is Saturday November 27, 2021. Eighty-two (82) horses are scheduled to start., Three (3) graded stake races are scheduled for the nine (9) race card. The final race on the card will be the Grade 1 Hollywood Derby (Purse \$400,000). Stakes Coordinator Ed Reese has brought together fourteen (14) contestants for the 1 1/8th mile turf event.

Scratch time for tomorrows eight (8) race Thanksgiving Day card was conducted in the backside racing office. All changes were activated after the 10:00 a.m. deadline.

THURSDAY11/25/21¹**EARLY POST TIME**

Today's Thanksgiving Day card has an early post time of 11:00 a.m. Today's eighth and final race has a scheduled post time of 2:35 p.m.

11/25/21²**PARKING VIOLATIONS**

Michael Gibbons (DMTC-Backside Investigator) gave the Stewards four (4) citations that have been issued by DMTC Backside Security. Each of these rulings below involve violations of the parking regulations here in in the Del Mar stable area. The Stewards issued the following rulings.

DFTD Ruling #18

Groom JOSE RANGEL is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – PARKING VIOLATION).

DFTD Ruling #19

Groom FELIPE PULIDO is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – PARKING VIOLATION).

DFTD Ruling #20

Groom DAVE SCRANTON is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – PARKING VIOLATION).

DFTD Ruling #21

Exercise Rider OSCAR GONZALEZ is fined TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – PARKING VIOLATION).

11/25/21³

BRAYAN PENA RULING

Jockey Brayan Pena made the trip down from Golden Gate Fields to ride today at Del Mar. Jockey Pena rode #1 Kennebec to a second-place finish in the second race Sunday, November 21. The Stewards observed Jockey Pena use his riding crop seven (7) times in the stretch drive of this in the stretch drive of this one (1) mile turf race. Later in the afternoon Jockey Pena called the stewards and waived his right to a hearing accepting the penalty listed below.

DFTD Ruling #22

Jockey BRAYAN PENA is fined SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – second offense within the past sixty days) during the second race at Del Mar Race Track on November 21, 2021.

11/25/21⁴

CAMERA LOCATIONS

High Santa Ana winds forced Del Mar to stop providing us with some camera angels today. We currently have camera operators on two (2) Scissor Lifts at the 3/8ths turf and ¼ pole main track locations. Due to safety concerns operators were not allowed on those lifts today. The DMTC drone camera, which has been helpful to the Stewards this meet, was also grounded for the day.

11/25/21⁵

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race Thanksgiving Day card went well, as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

11/25/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1 st Race	#5 Hennys Crazy Train (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
3 rd Race	#3 Herd Immunity (Tr. P. Aguirre) claimed, R. Baltas, trainer #4 Sea to Success (Tr. R. Gonzalez) claimed, D. Azcarate trainer
7 th Race	#2 King Apollo (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed, B. Spawr, trainer #3 The Key Is Unity (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, B. Spawr, trainer #4 Katonah (Tr. K. Desormeaux) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
8 th Race	#1 K P All Systems Go (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, Jeff Metz, trainer #9 Never Seen Before (IRE) (Tr. E. Harty) Sick-Dana Stead DVM

REFUND: \$677.21
#11First Premio (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed, J. Metz, trainer

11/25/21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	2,499	\$349,448.86
SCOTWinc	2,490	\$2,180,760.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$5,613,420.44
Total	4,989	\$8,143,629.94

FRIDAY
11/26/21¹

JOHN SADLER RULING

DFTD Ruling #23

After receiving notice that Trainer JOHN SADLER has entered into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board is fined FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1867.1(b) (Use of Bisphosphonates Prohibited [Clodronic Acid] - licensee knowingly brought a horse into CHRB enclosure that had been administered bisphosphonates within previous six months).

The ruling above was issued after the Stewards were contacted by CHRB employee Sidney Villareal (Administrative Hearings/Public Records Coordinator). We received a five (5) page Settlement Agreement (Case #SA0236) that was signed by Respondent/Trainer John Sadler, Attorney Darrell Vienna, CHRB Chairman Greg Ferraro, DVM and CHRB Executive Director C. Scott Chaney.

The Sadler trained 'Flagstaff' tested positive in a post-race sample after finishing second in the eighth race on September 27, 2020 (Santa Anita Sprint Championship) at Santa Anita Park. Stewards at Santa Anita disqualified 'Flagstaff' (REF: SA Minutes 6/18/21 (1)). Following a formal hearing on June 18, 2021, Ruling LATS #105 revising the order of finish in the race was issued. In the Settlement Agreement signed with the CHRB Trainer John Sadler stipulates and admits to violation of CHRB Rule #1867.1 (b)

11/26/21²

VICTOR ESPINOZA RULING

Jockey Victor Espinoza rode #1 England's Rose to a fourth- place finish in today's sixth race. (Red Carpet Handicap \$100,000 (Grade III)). The Stewards viewed Jockey Espinoza use his riding crop a total of seven (7) times from around the ¼ pole to the finish. Later in the afternoon, during yesterday's card, Jockey Espinoza called the Stewards after watching race replays of the sixth race. He waived his right to a hearing and accepted the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #24

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty days) during the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 25, 2021.

11/26/21³

PETER MILLER STABLE AGENT

Trainer Peter Miller came into our office this morning for approval of a Stable Agent license. He wants to be involved, in an advisory role, with the new stable of Ruben Alvarado his current assistant. Mr. Alvarado will take over the training of the Peter Miller stable on Monday November 29. The Stewards asked Mr. Miller today, and Mr. Alvarado last week, several questions regarding the transfer of about ninety (90) horses.

Trainer Miller told the Stewards today that he will cancel his worker's compensation insurance after this current meet is over on November 28. He said that his current assistant trainer Alvarado will take over the billing of current Miller owners and that he will transfer their registration papers over into Mr. Alvarado's file.

11/26/21⁴

PATROL JUDGE SWITCH

Racing Official Jakob Wipfli is filling in as the finish line patrol judge today. Stakes Coordinator/Patrol Judge Ed Reese is off this afternoon for personal reasons.

11/26/21⁵

SAFETY STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Safety Steward David Nuesch is off sick today. Safety Steward George Iniguez, who was already on duty at San Luis Rey Downs, dropped everything, took 'the 76' to 'the 5' and immediately checked in with us here at Del Mar. Thirty-two (32) miles separate these locations.

11/26/21⁶

TIMING ISSUE

CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue contacted us this afternoon and asked us about the running time for today's fifth race, which was contested at five (5) furlongs on the turf. The posted final fractions for this race were 23.11, 46.21 and a final time 57.36. We spoke with Del Mar Timer John Lies regarding this race. He told us he hand times every race that's run here as a backup. The times that Timer Lies provided for us were 22.65, 45.20 and a final time of 56.58. We contacted Del Mar management about this matter. They told us that Del Mar uses the GMax timing system along with a 'beam timer'. When there are significant discrepancies between the Del Mar timing system (original GMax time) and Mr. Lies stopwatch, a committee of DMTC upper management persons decide whether to have the official time of the race analyzed by GMax.

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SMOOTH CARD

Today's nine races went well, free of Stewards' inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

11/26/21⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

1st Race Declarations #1 Whooping Jay (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, G. Papaprodromou), trainer
 #4 Media Blitz (Tr. A. Dollase) claimed, M. Maker, trainer

4th Race Declaration #4 Secret Touch (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) Sick-Nolton Pattio DVM
 REFUND: \$1,018.52

6th Race Declarations #2 Honor Among Men (Tr. M. Maker) Unsound- Dana Stead DVM
 #6 Gerlach's (Tr. D. O'Neill) Injured- Dana Stead DVM
 REFUND TOTAL: \$3,248.24

9th Race Declaration #12 Golden Journey (Tr. R. Baltas) Does not want to run-
 Stewards
 Jockey Change #6 Allison's Surprise T. Pereira for J. Valdivia Jr.-
 Suspended- Stewards REFUND: \$647.90

11/26/21⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,035	\$611,820.83
SCOTWinc	3,832	\$3,229,507.31
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$7,093,803.57
Total	7,867	\$10,935,131.71

SATURDAY

11/27/21¹

RICHARD BALTAS RULING

Trainer Richard Baltas called the Stewards yesterday and told us Stewards that his owner (GGG Stables) did not want to race their horse #12 Golden Journey in

yesterday's second race which was contested at one (1) mile on the turf course. We scratched 'Golden Journey' and issued the following ruling.

DMTD Ruling #25

Trainer RICHARD BALTAS, who was scheduled to start GOLDEN JOURNEY in the ninth race on November 26, 2021, at Del Mar Race Track, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – didn't want to run).

11/27/21²

WALTER GORZELA COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 21DM0012)

Southern California Equine Foundation filed a complaint against Owner Walter Gorzela for services rendered in the amount of \$700.00. This hearing was scheduled for yesterday November 26, 2021. Mr. Gorzela did not appear at that hearing. The following ruling suspends his license privileges for failing to appear.

DMTD Ruling #26

Owner WALTER GORZELA, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Del Mar Race Track on November 26, 2021, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility- Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. - \$700.00). Suspension to commence on December 4, 2021.

11/27/21³

KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the fifth race which was contested at five (5) furlongs on the Jimmy Durante turf course. Jockey Frey was aboard #3 Jamming Eddy who finished sixth. Today's film review shows Jockey Frey drift out in the final furlong of this race. Two (2) rivals were bothered by this action. They were seventh place finisher #5 Rookie Mistake (Mario Gutierrez) who steadied from between horses. Also bothered was fifth place finisher #8 Elusive Treat (GB) (Tyler Baze) who was to the outside of his rivals. It appeared Jockey Frey was trying too hard on a tiring horse and failed in his responsibility to stay straight. The panoramic camera shot of this incident made it hard to discern the amount of clearance Jockey Frey gave to his two (2) rivals to the outside. In a very close call Jockey Frey was given a warning as opposed to a suspension for this ride. The decision was unanimous.

11/27/21⁴

RICKY GONZALEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey Ricky Gonzalez appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's seventh race which was the \$250,000 Guaranteed (Grade 1) Hollywood Turf Cup. Jockey Gonzalez was aboard second place finisher #6 Acclimate and the purpose of today's informal hearing was to review his use of the riding crop. Jockey Gonzalez used his riding crop properly in the final furlong of this one (1) mile turf race. However, it appeared entering the stretch, he had his hand off the horse's shoulder while using his crop. Films were inconclusive and Jockey Gonzalez was issued a warning for this ride.

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SAFETY STEWARD CHANGE

Safety Steward David Nuesch is off sick today. Safety Steward George Iniguez will replace him.

11/27/21⁶

THIRD RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing two incidents in this one (1) mile turf race.

INCIDENT #1-Second place finisher #3 Sterling Crest (IRE) breaks out sharply. Replays show fourth place finisher #5 Duvet Day (IRE) (Jose Ortiz) break very slowly. Ninth place finisher #4 Rock the Bourbon (Brice Blanc) was not cost a better placing.

INCIDENT #2- Seventh place finisher #9 Isola Mia (Kent Desormeaux) and tenth place finisher #11 Very Scary (Juan Hernandez) both steadied sharply at the ¼ pole location. Race replays were inconclusive as to the reasons for the incident. Numerous horses racing in tight quarters appeared to be a key factor.

After viewing all replay angles and receiving a patrol judge report, the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, voted to make no change in either incident.

11/27/21⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES and REFUNDS

4th Race #3 Big Stretch (Tr. P.D’Amato) claimed, V. Brinkerhoff, trainer
 8th Race Declaration #1 Next Revolt (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) Sick-Dana Stead DVM
 #3 California Street (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, T. Yakteen, trainer
 REFUND: \$1,347.92

11/27/21⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	4,031	\$889,237.26
SCOTWinc	4,791	\$4,206,458.02
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$10,550,113.41
Total	8,822	\$15,645,808.69

SUNDAY

11/28/21¹

SAFETY STEWARD

Safety Steward David Nuesch is off sick today, George Iniguez, who has been working some at San Luis Rey Downs, will get the call from the bullpen.

11/28/21²

IRAD ORTIZ JR. FILM REVIEW

Jockey Jose Ortiz appeared in the Stewards’ office representing his brother Jockey Irad Ortiz Jr, who rode #2 Awesome Taylor to a second-place finish in the sixth race yesterday November 27. The Stewards viewed Irad Ortiz Jr. using his riding crop seven (7) times in the stretch drive of this race. His brother Jose told us that Irad watched a replay of said race and acknowledged that he did violate CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). In a unanimous decision we issued the following ruling.

DFTD Ruling #27

Jockey IRAD ORTIZ, JR. is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty days) during the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 27, 2021.

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TYLER BAZE FILM REVIEW

Jockey Tyler Baze appeared in the Stewards’ Office to review his ride aboard #5 Heartfullofstars who finished eighth in yesterday’s (November 27) eighth race. Jockey Baze used his riding crop three (3) times while being out of contention. Jockey Baze, who has always been respectful to this panel, understood the reasoning behind our enforcement of this portion of CHRB Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). The following ruling was issued.

DFTD Ruling #28

Jockey TYLER BAZE. is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(5) (Use of Riding Crop – horse obtained maximum placing – first offense within the past sixty days) during the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 27, 2021.

11/28/21⁴

GOOD RACING

Today's closing day nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquires and/or Jockey objections. Trainer Chad Brown prepared #6 Regal Glory (Jose Ortiz) who won the Grade 1 \$400,000 Guaranteed Matriarch Stakes.

11/28/21⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Jockey Change #4 Hot On the Trail T. Baze for T. Pereria--Sick
 2nd Race Declaration #1 Star Sailor (Tr. J. Sadler) Injured-Nolton Pattio DVM
 REFUND: \$923.51
 6th Race Jockey Change #7 Holden the Lute A. Cedillo for T. Pereria--Sick
 8th Race Declarations #2 Eye Candy Randy (Tr. E. Moger Jr.) Unsound-Nolton
 Pattio DVM
 #7 Blessed Brother (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
 REFUND TOTAL: \$2,965.63
 Jockey Change #3 Mr Bug Z A. Cedillo for T. Pereira--Sick
 9th Race Jockey Change #12 Jimmysmokedcarrot D. Herrera for T. Pereira--Sick

11/28/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	3,063	\$592,806.76
SCOTWinc	4,670	\$3,563,536.27
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$12,444,897.27
Total	7,733	\$16,601,240.93

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 11/22/21 TO 11/28/21

Horses on Vet List 12
 Horses off Vet List 13
 Shock Wave Therapy 2
 Fatalities -0-
 Medication -0-
 Claims Voided 1

SUMMARY

	No Racing	Thurs 11/25	Fri 11/26	Sat 11/27	Sun 11/28	Week	Meet
Accidents		0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races		0	1	0	2	3	25
Claims		7	7	2	0	16	50
Disqualifications		0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries		0	0	1	0	1	3

Refunds		1	4	1	3	9	68
Rulings		5	2	2	2	11	28
Voided Claims		1	0	0	0	1	6

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward

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