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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar, California
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GENERAL DATA:

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Dates: Friday, July 22, 2023, through Sunday, September 10, 2023, 31 racing days, total number of days. Total number of days or nights racing per week: Friday through Sunday first and last week, with Thursday through Sunday 5 weeks, One 5 day week Thursday through Monday.

Races: Eight races Thursday and Friday, eleven races Saturday, and ten races Sunday unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 4:00 p. m. Friday, 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Scratch time: Scratch time will be 10:00 a.m. 48 hours prior to the races.
The deadline for scratches from a stake race, with exception of overnight stakes races will be no later than one hour before post time the day of the race.

Wagering:

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race;
\$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races;
\$0.50 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick 5
on first 5 races; \$0.50 Pick 5 on last 5 races; \$0.50 Pick 5 on last 5 races; \$0.50 Pick 4 and
race thru 5th; \$0.50 Pick 4 last 4 races; \$2.00 win, place and show parlays 1st thru 9th race. \$2
Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with
first race.

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Report for the Week of Monday, July 17, 2023, through Sunday, July 23, 2023

TUESDAY

07/18/23¹

ENTRIES

Steward Luis Jauregui was in to oversee entries for Friday 07/21/23.

WEDNESDAY

07/19/23¹

SCRATCHES

Steward Luis Jauregui was in to oversee entries for Saturday 7/22/23 and scratches for Friday 07/21/23.

THURSDAY

07/20/23¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Luis Jauregui oversaw entries for Sunday 7/23/23 and scratches for Saturday 07/22/23.

07/20/23²

PRE-MEET MEETING

A pre-race meeting was held at Del Mar to discuss the race meet that starts tomorrow. Questions, answers, and statements hoping to head off any problems that may arise.

FRIDAY

07/21/23¹

H.I.S.A. AND H.I.W.U. IN THE OFFICE

A meeting was held in the Stewards' office with The Board of Stewards, present by phone was Chief Steward Darrel McHargue and in person Lisa Lazarus of H.I.S.A. and Ben Mosier of H.I.W.U. The meeting was to cover the provisional suspension parameters and take recommendations to the upcoming changes to the H.I.S.A. rules and the interpretation of them and the hopeful timing of them.

07/21/23²

POOR PREPARATION FOR THE RACE MEET

Numerous problems arose starting with the first race. The Stewards' views of the video for the races were not ready for prime time. The cameras were working but the proper views were not able to be routed to the Stewards' televisions. By the third race the problem was worked out but left the Stewards at a disadvantage for the first two races. In addition, the replays for the final race were not available to the Stewards because of a system malfunction that caused the television equipment to freeze and not allow access to the replays. This was remedied but not until after the Stewards and given up on any resolution and made the race official. Luckily there were no issues to review.

In addition, around the 4th race the tote board froze up and did not display the proper time of day or post time, with a phone call this was resolved. (See Attached Report)

Tote also had more than its fair share of problems that should have been addressed before the beginning of the meet. Following the first race the order of finish was not able to be sent from the Placing Judges console to the tote board.

Tote was called to try to alleviate the issue and stated that it was not a problem with them but with the television department. The television department was called and asked about the cause malfunction, and they stated it was a problem with the television department. The order of finish was relayed by the Stewards to the television department who after repeating back the incorrect order of finish and being told of the error they were able to post the order of finish to the tote board. The tote department sent a technician to the placing judges stand to check the equipment and observe the problem. After determining the problem was not operator error the problem persisted with the second race. After the second race the tote personal replaced the console in the placing judges stand and stood with their fingers crossed during the third race to see if this fixed the problem. When the placing judges entered the order of finish into the console and pushed the send button, the numbers appeared on the tote board with much rejoicing.

07/21/23³

RULINGS

DMDT Ruling #01

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 CERAPIO FIGUEROA, who rode DIVINE FEMININE in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 9, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 28, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey CERAPIO FIGUEROA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 21, 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. Jockey CERAPIO FIGUEROA has accrued a total of three (3) points.

DMTD Ruling #02

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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode DR. TROUTMAN in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 9, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 28, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 21, 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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ has accrued a total of six (6) points.

07/21/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Big Buzz (trainer Jesus Nunez) was claimed for new trainer Ron Ellis.
 #7 Universal Payday (trainer Rohan Crichton) was claimed for new trainer George Papaprodromou.
 #8 Next Revolt (trainer George Papaprodromou) was claimed for new trainer Philip D' Amato.
 #10 Settecento (trainer Doug O'Neill) was claimed for new trainer Steve Knapp. Refund: \$3,880.86

2nd Race No Changes. Refund: \$4,252.86

3rd Race No Changes. Refund: \$6,858.39

4th Race #1 Brutto (trainer Adam Kitchingman) was scratched (vet-sick)
 #2 Santos To Wilson (trainer J. Eric Kruljac) was claimed for new trainer Steve Knapp
 #8 Tenth Street Don (trainer Vladimir Cerin) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund: \$10,255.51

5th Race No Changes. Refund: \$12,102.17

6th Race No Changes. Refund: \$12,683.59

7th Race #9 Carpe Bellum (trainer Brian Koriner) was a program scratch. Refund: \$12,771.35

8th Race #11 Panic Alarm (IRE) (trainer John Sadler) was scratched (Stewards-stake scratch) Refund: \$12,102.17

9th Race No Changes. Refund: \$15,113.26

10th Race #3 Lamplighter (trainer Librado Barocio) was a program scratch.
 #11 Yes This Time (trainer Mark Glatt) was claimed for new trainer Peter Miller.
 #12 Tarantino (trainer Ed Moger) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund: \$17,497.72

07/21/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	21,733	\$3,123,817.09
SCOTWinc	3,978	\$15,097,221.55
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,514,036.10
Total	25,711	\$21,735,074.74

SATURDAY

07/22/23¹

JOCKEY TO REVIEW RACE

Jockey Jose Valdivia Jr. was in to review his ride in the 3rd race while piloting #7 My Moon. In the final turn Mr. Valdivia attempted to push out twice then at about the eighth pole Mr. Valdivia forced his way into an opening that did not yet exist, putting the #4 Royale Delta on his heels. The Stewards felt in a majority decision with Steward Jauregui dissenting. A ruling will be issued. He placed part of the blame on the #11.

07/22/23²

A MORE ORGANIZED DAY OF RACING

With the startup hiccups behind them (so far) the day was much more focused as everyone settled into the task at hand.

07/22/23³

RULINGS

DMTD Ruling #03

In the matter of the claim submitted for the Covered Horse FORGIVING SPIRIT:

Having received first notice of a Controlled Substance (Acepromazine) in the post-race test sample, pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule 3060 (a) (Claiming Races and Voidable Claims), the claim submitted for the Horse FORGIVING SPIRIT, in the fourth race on June 11, 2023, at Santa Anita Park is hereby deemed void.

The horse, FORGIVING SPIRIT trained by GEORGE PAPAPRODOROMOU, who was claimed by DAVID A. BERNSSEN, LLC, DAVIS RACING LLC, GORMAN, MARK, LAMBERT, JEFFERY, and ANDREW SCHWINDT shall be returned to owners GEM, INC., and TOM KAGELE, also, GEM, INC. and TOM KAGELE shall return the amount of the claim of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) to the paymaster at Santa Anita Park by August 21, 2023.

DMTD Ruling #04

In the matter of the claim submitted for the Covered Horse FLATTERWITHJEWELS:

Having received first notice of a Prohibited Substance (Diisopropylamine) in the post-race test sample, pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule 3060 (a) (Claiming Races and Voidable Claims), the claim submitted for the Horse FLATTERWITHJEWELS, in the fifth race on June 9, 2023, at Santa Anita Park is hereby deemed void.

The horse, FLATTERWITHJEWELS trained by PHILLIP D' AMATO, who was claimed by FLURRY RACING STABLES LLC; shall be returned to owner MILTON G. PINEDA and MILTON G. PINEDA shall return the amount of the claim of TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$12,500) to the paymaster at Santa Anita Park by August 21, 2023.

DMTD Ruling #05

Trainer LIBRADO CAROCIO, who started the horse, EL ORO (FR) in the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on July 21, 2023, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required- Improperly Shod).

DMTD Ruling #06

Trainer THOMAS F. PROCTOR, who started the horse, OAK STREET BEACH in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on July 21, 2023, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

DMTD Ruling #07

Jockey JOSE VALDIVIA, JR. who rode MY MOON in the third race at Del Mar Race Track on July 21, 2023, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 29, 30 and August 3, 2023) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

07/22/23⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

A claim was submitted for 1st race #2 Strike That (trainer Steve Knapp). Upon advice of the Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, the Stewards ordered the claim void.

07/22/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Self Taught (trainer Robert Hess Jr.) was claimed for new trainer S. Hernandez Jr.
#4 Tetsu (trainer Robertino Diodoro) was claimed for new trainer Kristin Mulhall.
#5 Wyfire (trainer Mark Glatt) was claimed for new trainer Keith Craigmyle.
Refund: \$870.50
- 2nd Race #1 Spiritist (trainer Steve Knapp) was claimed for new trainer Jerry Wallace.
#2 Sir Flatter (trainer Martin Valenzuela Jr.) was a program scratch.
#4 Missed Call (trainer Joe Herrick) was claimed for new trainer Kristin Mulhall.
#5 Jam Session (trainer Michael McCarthy) was claimed for new trainer S. Hernandez Jr.
#6 Soul Of Midnight (trainer Dean Patterson) was claimed for new trainer Jesus Uranga. Refund: \$1,281.50
- 3rd Race #7 Finding Love (trainer Dan Blacker) was scratched (vet-injured).
Refund: \$ 4,209.52
- 4th Race No Changes. Refund: \$4,424.02
- 5th Race No Changes. Refund \$6,075.88
- 6th Race No Changes. Refund: \$6,167.88
- 7th Race #5 Paris Peacock (IRE) (trainer Thomas Proctor). Refund: \$7,601.18
- 8th Race #4 Petite Ange (trainer Victor Garcia) was scratched (Stewards- loose during post parade).
#5 Wicked Desire (trainer Jay Nehf) was scratched (vet-injured).
Refund: \$23,326.82
- 9th Race #7 Infinite Diamond (trainer Patrick Biancone) was a program scratch.
Refund: \$24,919.76.
- 10th Race No Changes. Refund: \$27,399.88
- 11th Race No Changes. Refund: \$28,476.30

07/22/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	14,037	\$2,388,156.76
SCOTWinc	5,150	\$5,201,106.01
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$14,370,242.09
Total	19,187	\$21,959,504.86

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INQUIRY/OBJECTION

In the 4th race the Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be illuminated for an incident leaving the gate and an incident before the 1/8th pole. Leaving the gate, the #6 horse Silver N Black, jockey Kent Desormeaux, broke sharply in colliding with the #5 Get The Gold, causing him to fall unseating his jockey, Abel Cedillo. The Stewards in a unanimous decision felt the blame was placed on Silver N Black and he was disqualified and unplaced.

Before the 1/8th pole the #4 Dont Fight The Fed, jockey Mario Gutierrez, changed course and made contact with the #1 Cowboy Mike, jockey Juan Hernandez. In a unanimous decision the Stewards felt that #1 Cowboy Mike was denied an opportunity for a better placing. #4 Dont Fight The Fed. Finished 1st and was placed 2nd.

Original order of finish 4,1,2,6,9,7,8,3, and the #5 did not finish. After the first placing the new order of finish was 4,1,2,9,7,8,3, the #6 disqualified unplaced and the #5 did not finish. After the second placing the final order of finish was 1,4,2,9,7,8,3 #6 was disqualified and unplaced and the #5 did not finish.

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TOTE PROBLEMS CONTINUE

Between the 5th and 6th races the tote board froze again, not displaying the proper minutes to post. In the Stewards opinion the change in the tote boards this season have exposed a

possible problem. The entire information for the tote board now comes from television department, with no direct information from tote. This would allow a horse to be scratched in the tote system and the information not available on tote board. This means if tote makes a mistake the Stewards may not be aware of the problem.

07/23/23⁹

Ruling

DMTD Ruling #08

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 JOE BRAVO, who rode MRS. ASTOR in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on July 22, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (July 30, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey JOE BRAVO is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on January 23, 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. Jockey JOE BRAVO has accrued a total of three (3) points.

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SAFETY AND RESPONSE CONCERNS TO ACCIDENT

In the 4th race an incident occurred with a rider unseated in a mile race on the main track. With the rider lying motionless on the track and the field of horses having to cross where he was lying, Steward Luis Jauregui used the radio to ask paramedics if they were going to be able to move him because a decision needed to be made on whether to stop the field and call off the race or continue, no response was given. A second radio call was made with the same request with no response. By this time the field of horses had passed the $\frac{3}{4}$ pole. The paramedics were observed by the Stewards opening the back doors to their vehicle and had not made contact with the rider and were not moving toward him. Steward Jauregui made a third radio call stating that the Stewards needed to know if the paramedics were able to move him or not with no response. By this time the field of horses had reached the half mile pole. That was the last communication by the Stewards during the race. The Stewards made the decision amongst themselves that if the field of horses reached the 3 1/2 pole the race would be stopped and the horses ordered to pull up. At this point the Stewards witnessed the rider being moved to the outside of the track. No mention, directive, or suggestion for this to happen was given by the Stewards. With no further obstructions in the track the Stewards had no reason to stop the race and it was allowed to continue.

07/23/23¹¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 She's Resilient (trainer George Papaprodromou) was claimed for new trainer Steve Knapp
	#6 Anybody's Choice (trainer Adam Kitchingman) was claimed for new trainer Philip D' Amato. Refund: \$417.52
2 nd Race	#1 Midnight Lightning (trainer Steve Knapp) was scratched (vet-injured).
	#2 Straighten Up (trainer Mike Puype) was claimed for new trainer Doug O'Neil.
	#6 Too Much Info (trainer Robertino Diodoro) was claimed for new trainer.
	#7 President Z (trainer E. G. Harty) was claimed for new trainer Dan Blacker. Refund: \$1,512.44
3 rd Race	No Changes. Refund: \$0.00
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$0.00
5 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$12.00
6 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$23.50
7 th Race	#6 Themainprotagonist (trainer Simon Callaghan) was scratched (vet- injured).

Refund: \$16,046.28
 8th Race #8 Pony Express (trainer John Sadler) was scratched (vet-injured)
 Refund: \$135,567.00
 9th Race #3 Whatmakessammyrun (trainer Mark Glatt) was a program scratch.
 Refund: \$26.20
 10th Race #4 Miss Obey (trainer Sam Scolamieri) was scratched (vet- loose in post parade)
 Refund: \$65,208.53
 11th Race #4 Nero Tulip (trainer Peter Eurton) was claimed for new trainer Paul Aguire.
 #5 Neptune's Storm (trainer Adan Farias) was scratched (vet-unsound)
 #7 Comradery (trainer Steve Knapp) was claimed for new trainer Hector Palma.
 #12 Vanzzy (trainer Dan Blackard) was claimed for new trainer Mark Glatt.
 Refund; \$648.87

07/23/23¹²

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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SCOTWinc	5,150	\$5,201,106.01
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ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 7/21	Sat 7/22	Sun 7/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	2	2	6	6
Claims	0	0	7	7	8	22	22
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Refunds	0	0	6	5	6	17	17
Rulings	0	0	2	5	1	8	8
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/17/22 TO 7/23/22

Horses on Vet List	15	Horses off Vet List	12
Shock Wave Therapy	5	Fatalities	0
Medication	0	Claims Voided	1

Respectfully submitted,

 Rich Williams, Steward

 Luis Jauregui, Steward

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

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