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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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**Report for the Week of Monday, July 24, 2023, through Sunday, July 30, 2023.**

**TUESDAY**

07/25/23<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Rich Williams was available to resolve any issues pertaining to scratches for Thursday (8 races) and approve program changes.

**WEDNESDAY**

07/26/23<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Williams was present to oversee entries for Saturday (11 races) and approve scratches and program changes for Friday (8 races).

07/26/23<sup>2</sup>

**SANCHEZ HEARING CASE 23SR0028**

The CHRB filed a financial complaint on behalf of then trainer Kimberly Schaffer-Marrs against owner Christine Sanchez in the amount of \$4,444.00. Present for the hearing via Microsoft Teams before the BOS was, trainer Ms. Schaffer-Marrs, respondent Ms. Sanchez appeared in person. A CHRB financial agreement was finalized, and the complaint was signed off.

07/26/23<sup>3</sup>

**BACCARI CASE 23SA0006**

The CHRB filed a complaint on behalf of practicing veterinarian Melinda Blue against owner Dino Baccari for violation of CHRB 1876 (Financial Responsibility) in the amount of \$335.45. With confirmation from CHRB Investigator Jeanne Garrido who was notified

by Dr. Blue's bookkeeper, Melanie Hermetet that the debt owed was satisfied prior to the hearing date. The complaint was withdrawn.

07/26/23<sup>4</sup>

**MANNO HEARING CASE 23SR0024**

The CHRB filed a complaint against practicing veterinarian Michael Manno for alleged violation of HISA rule 2272 (Shockwave Therapy) Present before the BOS, were CHRB Investigator Ryan Russell and respondent Dr. Manno. Subsequent to testimony given, in a unanimous decision the complaint was dismissed. It was evident to all, that glitches in the Equi-TAPS reporting system were the reason for the missing information.

07/26/23<sup>5</sup>

**BRIONES CITATION HEARING SAN LUIS REY TRAINING CENTER**

A violation notice was issued by Safety Steward George Yniguez against exercise rider Marco Briones for using the crop during morning workouts at San Luis Rey Training Center. The respondent and Mr. Yniguez were available by Microsoft Teams. There was also a video available of the workout. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

07/26/23<sup>6</sup>

**REEVE III HEARING CASE 23SA0111**

The CHRB filed a complaint on behalf of practicing veterinarian Melinda Blue against owner Thomas Varney Reeve III in the amount of \$486.34. Dr. Blue appeared before the BOS and waited the standard time of fifteen minutes for Mr. Reeve to appear, he did not. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

**THURSDAY**

07/27/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Mario Gutierrez met with the Stewards along with his agent, Matt Nakatani to review two different races on Sunday. The first incident occurred in the third race coming off of the last turn, while trying to hold a horse to his inside, angled inward too far. After much discussion and incorrect opinions from Mr. Nakatani he (Gutierrez) was issued a warning.

The second incident involved an inquiry and a disqualification of his mount in the fourth race for an inward drift in the stretch making contact with a horse to his inside. In a review, his horse was bearing inward and after the contact he corrected promptly. Warning.

Jose Valdivia, Jr. was summoned to the Stewards' office to review the start of the fourth race Sunday in which his mount veered out sharply for three strides without an effort to correct until contact was made with the horse to his outside. He was warned he needs to react sooner to correct this movement.

07/27/23<sup>2</sup>

**CARROLL RULING ref 03-03-2023<sup>2</sup>**

The following ruling was issued after it was confirmed the debt was paid.

DMTD Ruling #09

Owner ED CARROLL (DBA: CARROLL BOYS RACING) having satisfied a financial complaint filed by Veterinarian Melinda Blue for \$491.76, is restored to good standing and California Horse Racing Board Ruling LATS Ruling #03 dated March 3, 2020, is set aside.

07/27/23<sup>3</sup>

**REEVE III RULING ref 07-26-23<sup>6</sup>**

The following ruling was issued after owner Thomas Reeves failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

DMTD Ruling #10

Owner THOMAS VARNEY REEVE III, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Del Mar Race Track on July 26, 2023, 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 \$486.34 to Veterinarian Belinda Blue). Suspension to commence August 3, 2023.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of THOMAS VARNEY REEVE III are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

07/27/23<sup>4</sup>

**BRIONES RULING ref 07-26-23<sup>5</sup>**

The following ruling was issued following the hearing held yesterday.

DMTD Ruling #11

Exercise Rider MARCO BRIONES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop – use of crop during a. m. training) at San Luis Rey Training Center on July 15, 2023.

07/27/23<sup>5</sup>

**SMOOTH SAIING**

The eight race card was performed without a ripple, changes made are listed below.

07/27/23<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Sittin On Go (Tr. S. Naranjo) claimed by Tr. J. Metz  
 #4 Man On the Moon (Tr. R.B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. S. Stevens  
 Refund: \$249.48

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Bebop Boop (Tr. Q. Howey) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio  
 #6 Empty Chairs (Tr. R. Hanson) Veterinarian-unsound post parade-Dr. Stead. Refund: \$29,421.11

3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$0

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Aloha Kitten (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp. Refund: \$0

5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$58.30

6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$518.02

7<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Tom's Regret (Tr. S. Miyadi) Stewards-stake. Refund: \$2,884.43

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$945.46

07/27/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,929	\$979,134.21
SCOTWinc	1,993	\$1,709,599.64
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,798,965.13
Total	11,922	\$9,487,698.98

**FRIDAY**

07/28/23<sup>1</sup>

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR THE ASSISTANT STARTERS/CLOCKERS/OUTRIDERS**

Steward Luis Jauregui and Safety Steward David Nuesch attended a safety meeting presented by DMTC. It was reported that a good discussion was held, and topics of concern were shared.

07/28/23<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /SEVENTH RACE-5/8 turf**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident that occurred inside the 3/16 marker. Involved were #1 Twilight Gleaming (IRE) (M. Smith 7<sup>th</sup>) and #7 Wide West (IRE) (J. Hernandez 6<sup>th</sup>). Coming off the turn #7 drifted off of the rail creating room for #1 to enter a hole, soon after #6 drifted inward into the path of #1 putting it on heels, having to check hard. After a report from the Patrol Judge, a review of the videos and conversation with both riders involved it was a unanimous decision to disqualify #7 from sixth position and be placed seventh behind #1.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-8-9-3-4-(7)-1-6-10  
 OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-8-9-3-4-1-(7)-6-10

07/28/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$2,808.40  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$18.50  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Everlys Girl (S. Narajano) Claimed by Tr. G. Stute  
 #4 Wishtheyallcouldbe (Tr. M. Puype) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill  
 Refund: \$74.00  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$944.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Practical Cat (CHI) Stewards-not eligible. Refund: \$1,487.23  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$2,326.50  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Mi Cabo Express (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 Refund: \$1,741.23

07/28/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	7,519	\$1,165,655.94
SCOTWinc	3,194	\$2,941,922.58
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$9,594,363.68
Total	10,713	\$13,701,942.20

**SATURDAY**

07/29/23<sup>1</sup>

**CHOLLIMA RULING**

After the BOS received confirmation from HIWU of the medication violation of the claimed horse Chollima, the following ruling was issued to convey the horse must be returned to the previous owners. Also, the amount of the claim money listed in the ruling must be returned.

DMTD Ruling #12

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

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 CHOLLIMA, in the third race on June 23, 2023, at Los Alamitos Race Course is hereby deemed void.

The horse, CHOLLIMA trained by LORENZO CAMPUZANO, who was claimed by LORENZO CAMPUZANO and FILABERTO G. TALAMANTES shall be returned to owners BELICO RACING LLC (ALBERT E. GONZAZ) and LIZBETH MEDINA, also, BELICO RACING LLC (ALBERT E. GONZAZ) and LIZBETH MEDINA shall return the amount of the claim of EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,000) to the paymaster at Los Alamitos Race Course by August 29, 2023. The horse must be returned by August 5, 2023.

07/29/23<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW ref 07-28-23<sup>2</sup>**

Juan Hernandez met with the Stewards to review the seventh race yesterday (Daisycutter Handicap) wherein he was involved in a disqualification of his mount. The hearing had to be continued as the DVD was illegible. After two attempts to secure a DVD that was readable, an hour and a half later a usable DVD was obtained, and Mr. Hernandez returned to the Stewards' office. After a review in a unanimous decision, he was penalized in the following ruling for careless riding.

**DMTD Ruling #13**

Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ, who rode WIDE WEST (IRE) in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on July 28, 2023, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (August 5, 6, and 10, 2023) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from sixth to seventh; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

07/29/23<sup>3</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

Following a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #3 Talkative Gal in the fourth race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Rubin Gomez.

07/29/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$148.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Castle Leoch (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Stewards-gelding. Refund: \$10,324.59  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Episode Five (Tr. L. Mendez) DNF. Refund: \$768.00  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Talkative Gal (Tr. R. Gomez) claimed by Tr. E. Truman VOID  
 #4 Bandeena (Tr. E. Moger, Jr.) claimed by Tr. S. Miyadi  
 #5 Awesome Taylor (Tr. L. Barocio) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill  
 Refund: \$534.40  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$125.50  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Like No Other (Tr.A. Mathis) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
 #8 Sugar Sugar (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin  
 #12 Major Pryce (Tr. H. Wilensky) Stewards-entered back. Refund: \$1,076.86  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$1,904.36  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$152.02  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$1,058.84  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$167.00  
 11<sup>th</sup> Race Refund: \$109,538.93

07/29/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	12,892	\$2,698,517.67
SCOTWinc	5,258	\$4,894,765.87
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$16,608,229.18
Total	18,150	\$24,201,512.72

**SUNDAY**

07/30/23<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Joe Bravo met with the Stewards as directed regarding a telephone conversation yesterday during the races. Mr. Bravo had issues to vent which the Stewards respectively heard. Before he left the Stewards' office, he offered an apology which was accepted.

07/30/23<sup>2</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

Subsequent to a physical examination by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio of #7 Baladi in the third race, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Hector Palma.

07/30/23<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY /DISQUALIFICATION /ELEVENTH RACE 1 1/8 turf**

Following the running of the race the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in the stretch run. Involved were, #2 Russells Hustle (M. Gutierrez 3<sup>rd</sup>), #3 Son of Thunder (E. Maldonado 6<sup>th</sup>), #7 St Ignacio (K. Desormeaux 4<sup>th</sup>). Inside the 1/8 marker, #7 drifted out several paths into the lane of #3 who steadied and shifted out into #8 and #2 causing them to check and alter course. After a review of the video, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with all jockeys involved, in a unanimous decision #7 was disqualified from fourth position and placed ninth behind #8 for causing interference.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-6-2-(7)-5-3-9-1-8-11  
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 4-6-2-5-3-9-1-8-(7)-11

07/30/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #7 Burton Way (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro  
Refund: \$2,200.84
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Tees Touch (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead  
#5 Tribat (Tr. R. Mandella) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
Refund: \$6,862.92
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Mister Bold (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro  
#3 Cyberviking (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou  
#6 Colt Friction (P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. S. Callaghan  
#7 Baladi (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. C. Dollase VOID  
Refund: \$189.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Princess Magic (Tr. R. Ellis) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio  
#2 Tenacious Lady (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro  
#6 Slam Diego (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. D. Pedersen  
#7 Rosy Edge (Tr. L. Powell) claimed by Tr. R. Diodoro  
Refund: \$1,199.80
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Crimson Rose (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. P. Eurton  
#7 Dolly May (IRE) (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed by Tr. O. J. Jauregui  
#10 Quaria Thunder (P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. P. Eurton  
#11 Jibber Jabber (IRE) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Pattio  
Refund: \$2,950.45
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Why Behave (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. K. Mulhall  
Refund: \$40.50
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$141.00
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Acoustic Melody (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr. Stead  
Refund: \$49,344.25
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes. Refund: \$177.00
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Classical Romance (Tr. J. Nehf) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
#10 Breakfast Ride (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
Refund: \$973.02
- 11<sup>th</sup> Race #10 Nak Nak Bolt (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead  
Refund: \$1,975.74

07/30/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	9,627	\$1,945,101.40
SCOTWinc	4,737	\$4,041,364.21
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$15,197,849.27
Total	14,364	\$21,184,314.88

**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.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 7/24/23 TO 7/30/23**

Horses on Vet List 18  
Horses off Vet List 8  
Shock Wave Therapy 1  
Fatalities 2  
Medication -0-  
Claims Voided 2

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 7/27	Fri 7/28	Sat 7/29	Sun 7/30	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	2	2	1	1	6	12
<b>Claims</b>	3	2	4	12	21	43
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	1	0	1	2	3
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	1	0	1	2	3
<b>Refunds</b>	6	7	11	11	35	52
<b>Rulings</b>	3	0	2	0	5	13
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	1	1	2	3

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Sawyer, Steward  
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Luis Jauregui, Steward  
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Rich Williams, Steward

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