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

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Report for Monday July 27, 2026, through Sunday, August 2, 2026.

MONDAY 07/27/26¹

BORELL FORMAL HEARING (case #25SA0124)

Trainer MARIA BORELL accompanied by her Attorney Karen Murphy appeared via Microsoft Teams to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violations of CHRB rules #1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License for License) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). Present in the hearing were, Supervisor Deputy Attorney General Katherine Tremblay who was present in the office representing the CHRB in this matter. Also participating in the hearing as witnesses were CHRB Staff Counsel Jackie Loyd, (Via Microsoft Teams), CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama and recording the proceedings was Court Reporter Tara Ocana. The complaint was filed after the CHRB (They received a letter from the Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming Corporation dated August 13, 2025, notifying the California Horse Racing Board that Trainer Maria Borell license was being denied (ruling #25-001) in Kentucky. Ms. Borell applied and received a trainer's license here in California. Ms. Borell's attorney argued that the matter in Kentucky was appealed and they were successful through a Hearing Officer, and were waiting to see if Kentucky Horse Racing Commission would appeal the hearing officer's decision. We heard all their arguments and left the record open to see the outcome of August 11th Kentucky hearing. A follow up hearing has been set on September 22, 2026, to finalize this matter.

WEDNESDAY 07/29/26¹

ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES

On Wednesday morning Steward Grant Baker was in the office to monitor Sunday's (August 2nd) entries. The office carded ten (10) races for Sunday's card.

THURSDAY 07/30/26¹

CARPENTER CASE (case #26SA01310)

The financial case against Owner CHRIS CARPENTER has been withdrawn after receiving notice that the debt has been paid in full (\$440.40) to Bob Hubbard Horse Transportation for vanning services. The complaint was signed off, case closed.

07/30/26²

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card went very well with no major issues to report other than the late changes listed below.

07/30/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#6 Lease Instead- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured Refund \$2,865.44
2 nd Race	#1 Stay In Line- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer #2 Smile Baby Smile- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, sick #6 Clubhouse Bride- Claimed by A. Mathis, trainer #8 Tequilaandtherapy- VOIDED claim, returns to H. Palma Refund \$1,918.12
3 rd Race	No changes. Refund \$45.50
4 th Race	#2 Kahuna Magic- Claimed by A. Garcia, trainer #8 Zombo Bombo- Claimed by A. Aquino, trainer Refund \$86.00
5 th Race	#8 Lil's Coffee- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured Refund \$1,662.62
6 th Race	#5 Rhythem On Stage- Claimed by V. Garcia, trainer #7 Mio Bambino- Claimed by D. Pederson, trainer Refund \$159.00
7 th Race	No changes. Refund \$65.00
8 th Race	#6 Astronomically (IRE)- Claimed by P. D'Amato, trainer #11 Zuraya (GB)- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #12 Greys Over Bays- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #13 Tohakitty- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,649.48

07/30/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,389	\$786,751.56
SCOTWINC	1,880	\$1,790,574.52
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,878,336.44
TOTAL	9,269	\$9,455,662.52

FRIDAY

07/31/26¹

CARPENTER HEARING (case #26SR0015)

Owner CHRIS CARPENTER agreed to enter into a financial agreement with Veterinarian Steven Matuszak for unpaid veterinarian services in the amount of \$8,069.84 dollars. A quick Microsoft meeting with Dr. Matuszak to formalize the agreement. Investigator Victor Ibarra- Corda presented the complaint and will have both parties sign the agreement via email.

07/31/26²

MONROY RULING

After receiving notice that Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY has reached an agreement with HISA of the appeal of case #2026-16957 dated July 05, 2026, at Los Alamitos, the following ruling was issued.

HISA Ruling

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 FRANCISCO MONROY, who rode VIOLENCES OHR in the eighth race (Purse \$29,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 5, 2026 is suspended for one (1) day (July 31, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for TWO (2) strikes over the limit.

07/31/26³

DESIMONE RULING (case #26SA0056)

The following ruling was issued suspending Owner FRED DESIMONE in reference to (7/25/2026¹) the financial hearing last Saturday morning. Mr. Desimone failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

DMTD RULING #05

Owner FRED DESIMONE, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$5,123.00 to Bonnie Acres Ranch), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on August 14, 2026.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of FRED DESIMONE are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to suspend or fine), FRED DESIMONE is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

07/31/26⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

After the running of the third race, we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident entering the stretch involving the winner #9 Vanta (U. Rispoli), #3 Candy Cole (A. Ayuso 5th) and the #8 Persian Princess (F. Monroy 7th). After reviewing the video several times and speaking to the jockeys involved, we made no change to the order. In a unanimous opinion, we believe the #3 and #8 were fouled slightly when the #9 shifted out in the stretch making contact, but the foul did not cost them a better placing. Mr. Rispoli was ordered to see us in the morning.

07/31/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 I'm Otter Here- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured #6 Vancouger- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Grant, sick Refund \$4,273.12
2 nd Race	#5 Jasmina- Claimed by V. Garcia, trainer #7 My Kat- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
3 rd Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
4 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
5 th Race	No changes. Refund \$1.60
6 th Race	#1 Sand Bagger- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer #5 Nineteenth Hole- Claimed by J. Raudales, trainer #7 Sogno Di Vino- J. Bravo replaces H. Berrios, sick #9 Kokosan- Claimed by J. Hernandez Jr., trainer
7 th Race	#4 Lit- M. Smith replaces H. Berrios
8 th Race	#4 Blame the Track- U. Rispoli replaced H. Berrios, late scratch- Dr. Cloninger, unsound. Refund \$143,826.19

07/31/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,644	\$929,625.80
SCOTWINC	2,882	\$4,075,045.86
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$9,598,392.18
TOTAL	9,526	\$14,603,063.84

SATURDAY

08/01/26¹

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI was in our office this morning to review yesterday's third race in which he was involved in a Stewards' inquiry. Mr. Rispoli's opinion of the incident is that he had a lot of horse and he couldn't control his horse therefore he acted out of safety. If he didn't push out from behind the slower horse in front of him, he would have clipped heels and he would have dropped himself. We agreed with him; therefore, no penalty was issued.

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU was in to review his riding crop use in yesterday's eighth race. After reviewing it, it was confirmed that Mr. Fresu used his crop seven (7) times in the stretch, one over the permitted amount. Fresu stated that he miscounted. This was Mr. Fresu's second offense in the last 180 days. The following ruling was issued.

HISA Ruling

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 3-second offense), Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode Grazeninthegrass in the eighth race (Purse \$80,000) at Del Mar Race Track on July 31, 2026 is suspended for two (2) days (August 15 and August 16, 2026) and fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

08/01/26²

HAWKINS HEARING (case #26SR0016)

A hearing was scheduled this morning in regard to the CHRB's filed financial complaint on behalf of Veterinarian Michael Manno (San Dieguito Equine Group) against Owner DEON V. HAWKINS for unpaid veterinarian service in the amount of \$433.13. After Mr. Hawkins failed to appear, a ruling will be issued tomorrow morning.

08/01/26³

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE (3rd Race 5 fur. turf)

We posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in the turn (1/4 turf) involving the last place horse #3 Brockster (E. Maldonado) and the next to last place horse #7 High Ambition (E. Jaramillo) in the stretch. After a reviewing the video and speaking to the jockeys involved, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion the #3 bolted in the turn who forced the #7 out a few paths, and since the #7 beat the #3, no change was needed.

08/01/26⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/ NO CHANGE (11th Race 1 1/16th turf)

We conducted an inquiry to review the start of the #10 Timayyyy (J. Hernandez) in which he stumbled leaving the starting gate, almost unseating his rider. After reviewing the video, it was clear that no other horses were to blame and received a fair start, therefore, no change was made.

08/01/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes. Refund \$109.50
2nd Race #2 Oveta's Hobby- Claimed by J. D'Angelo, trainer
#5 Miz Clubcali- Claimed by E. Kruljac, trainer
#7 Pop Rox- Claimed by J Uranga, trainer. Refund \$10.71
3rd Race #6 Champagne Nova- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured. Refund \$866.09
4th Race #7 Keepsmesane- Claimed by G. Headley, trainer
Refund \$97.00
5th Race #4 Bull Shoals- Stewards' scratch- stake
Refund \$2,159.50
6th Race #5 Big Reflections- Claimed by I. Tamayo, trainer
#8 Millbo Baggins- Claimed by J. Raudales, trainer
Refund \$92.00
7th Race No changes. Refund \$333.50
8th Race #1 San Saba- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick
Refund \$2,540.80
9th Race #12 Jetovator- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#13 I'm a Bad Boy- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
#14 It's a Cinch- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
Refund \$2,440.40
10th Race No changes. Refund \$135.00
11th Race #10 Timayyyy- Claimed by G. Papaprodromou, trainer
#12 War Artist- E. Payaras replaces F. Monroy, trainers error
#13 Mighty Toro- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
Refund \$1,183.70

08/01/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	12,514	\$1,869,559.51
SCOTWINC	5,385	\$6,854,982.06
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$14,687,534.80
TOTAL	17,899	\$23,412,076.37

SUNDAY

08/02/26¹

HAWKINS RULING

The following ruling was issued suspending Owner DEON V. HAWKINS for failing to appear from yesterday's financial hearing.

DMTD RULING #07

Owner DEON V. HAWKINS, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$433.13 to San Dieguito Equine Group), is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on August 16, 2026.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of DEON V. HAWKINS are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to suspend or fine), DEON V. HAWKINS is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

08/02/26²

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISIT

CHRB Executive Director Scott Chaney was in the office for a visit this morning to discuss some current issues and to check in with us with any concerns we might have. The meeting was very informative and we always appreciate visiting with him.

08/02/26³

TAMAYO HEARING (case #26SA0138)

Trainer ISIDRO TAMAYO was in to respond to a financial complaint filed by his former Stable Worker Alvaro Perez in the amount of \$14,000 dollars for unpaid wages. Both parties worked out a financial agreement prior to the hearing.

08/02/26⁴

HOWEY RULING (case #24GG0047)

The following ruling was issued in regards to the hearing (ref 07/19/26²) allowing Trainer QUINN HOWEY to be eligible to be relicensed. Mr. Howey provided documentation (Chapter 7) in which it gives him financial relief from his debtors.

DMTD RULING #08

Owner/Trainer Quinn Howey, having now appeared at a hearing to address alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$13,630.14 to Dr. Ken Allison of San Francisco Equine Inc.) Pacific Association Ruling #93. (June 7, 2024) is now set aside. Owner/Trainer Quinn Howey is eligible to apply for relicensing. The debt owed has been discharged.

Quinn Howey has provided the Stewards with an Order of Bankruptcy Discharge (Case; 24-31985-jal) Chapter 7 – United States Bankruptcy Court – Western District of Kentucky.

08/02/26⁵

GOOD RACING

Sunday's race card went very well with no major issues to report.

08/02/26⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund \$98.50
2 nd Race	No changes. Refund \$64.00
3 rd Race	#7 Midnight Cowgirl- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Benson, sick Refund \$1,091.74
4 th Race	No changes. Refund \$292.00
5 th Race	#1 Dirty Words- Claimed by R. Thomas #6 One Smokin Dude- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Benson, sick #9 Geezer- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer #10 Clever Clover- LATE Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured #13 Duran- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$134,118.30
6 th Race	#1 Camila Catalina- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick #9 Zolene- Stewards' scratch- transportation. Refund \$1,631.23
7 th Race	#7 Mystic Moses- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$1,755.48
8 th Race	#2 Joejoe Go- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Benson, injured #4 Henry Adams (IRE)- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund \$3,713.83
9 th Race	#7 On Broadway- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$966.80
10 th Race	#3 Miss Meagher (IRE)- Claimed by C. Kelly, trainer #8 Going Deep- VOIDED claim, returns to S. Miyadi #10 Sakura (IRE)- Claimed by I. Kruljac, trainer

08/02/26⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,520	\$1,113,628.51
SCOTWINC	4,547	\$4,689,349.35
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,519,455.40
TOTAL	13,067	\$16,322,433.26

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 07/27/26 TO 08/02/26

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	17
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	2

SUMMARY

	Thur 07/30	Fri 07/31	Sat 08/01	Sun 08/02	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	3	2	10	30
Claims	7	5	7	6	25	60
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	2	0	2	6
Refunds	8	3	11	9	31	81
Rulings	0	1	0	2	3	7
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	2	5

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