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

### **TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for Monday, August 10, 2026 through Sunday, August 16, 2026.**

### **WEDNESDAY**

08/12/26<sup>1</sup>

#### **ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary David Jerkens and his staff were on hand in the backside racing office putting a racing card together for Sunday, August 16. Ten (10) races will be held. Ninety (90) horses are scheduled to face Starter Jay Slender. Steward Grant Baker was on hand overseeing matters for the CHRB.

### **THURSDAY**

08/13/26<sup>1</sup>

#### **GREGORY PAPPAS DECISION (REF: 8/07/26 (1))**

Stewards called Owner Alison Fournogerakis (Complaint) and Owner Gregory Pappas (Respondent) today to give them our decision regarding a recent case. We conducted a hearing involving these two licensees on August 7, 2026. Owner Fournogerakis claimed that Owner Pappas violated CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) by not paying her monies allegedly owed (\$5,719.00) in a horse partnership that they were involved with. We dismissed this case due to lack of evidence. The vote was unanimous.

08/13/26<sup>2</sup>

#### **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards Inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

08/13/26<sup>3</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

|                      |                                                                                                  |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Race | #1 Ghostwritten (Tr. Tim Yakteen) claimed, Christopher Davis, trainer                            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | # 3 Mega Moon (Tr. Ron Ellis) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer                                         |
|                      | #5 Concord Bridge (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed, F. Rodriguez, trainer                                  |
|                      | #6 Tessuto (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, P. Miller, trainer                                    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | Declaration #7 Sparkle Sweetly (Tr. D. Wayne Baker) claimed, M. Glatt, trainer. REFUND: \$996.08 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | Jockey Change #6 Elsa Dutton H. Berrios for K. Desormeaux (Sick)                                 |

08/13/26<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |       |                |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 6,200 | \$662,442.25   |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 1,426 | \$1,893,830.36 |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | n/a   | \$5,876,564.36 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 7,626 | \$8,432,836.97 |

**FRIDAY**

08/14/26<sup>1</sup>

**ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ INFORMAL HEARING**

Morning Outrider Jesus Camacho witnessed Exercise Rider Adolfo Rodriguez using a cell phone prior to a workout on Wednesday, August 26. Exercise Rider Rodriguez was present in our office along with Safety Steward David Nuesch. Mr. Nuesch had a DMTC Violation notice filled out by DMTC Security Officer Janet Nielsen.

Mr. Rodriguez told the Stewards that he answered his cell phone because he thought it was trainer Steve Miyadi calling him prior to the workout. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards issued the following ruling was issued.

08/14/26<sup>2</sup>

**DMTD RULING #13**

Exercise Rider ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – using a cellphone while mounted on a horse) on August 12, 2026 at Del Mar Race Track.

08/14/26<sup>3</sup>

**FOX SPORTS MEETING**

Del Mar Director of Business Development/Production Ryan Frear and Fox Sports Director of Photography Skip Clark stopped by our office today for a quick meeting. Mr. Clark is visiting Del Mar to get some film footage of Del Mar racing prior to the \$1,000,000 Pacific Classic to be run on Saturday, August 22. Due to his knowledge of Del Mar, and horse racing in general, Safety Steward Nuesch was requested to attend our informal meeting to give some helpful information to Mr. Clark with his quick one (1) day trip to Del Mar

08/14/26<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

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

08/14/26<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

|                      |                                                                                                 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Race | #1 Jalisco (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, R. Lucas, trainer                                          |
|                      | #3 Stanford Dropout (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer                                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Race | #2 Circuit Breaker (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) claimed, A. Garcia, trainer                             |
|                      | #4 Redial (Tr. A. Garcia) claimed, I. Kruljac, trainer                                          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | Declaration #6 Mr. Leasure (Tr. S. Knapp) Injured-Laurie Bohannon<br>DVM. REFUND: \$2,618.76    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Race | #2 Double Neat (Tr. P. Miller) claimed, H. Palma, trainer                                       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | Declaration #3 Elusive Con (Tr. C. Davis) Entered Back-Stewards<br>REFUND: \$781.30             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Race | #6 Jetway (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, P. Miller, trainer                                           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Race | Declaration #7 Tamarando Beach (Tr. R. Ellis) Sick-- Nolton Pattio<br>VMD. REFUND: \$906.75     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Race | Declaration #1 Native Empress (Tr. T. McCanna) Injured-Nolton Pattio<br>VMD. REFUND: \$1,094.10 |

08/14/26<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |       |                 |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 6,452 | \$901,364.31    |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 2,582 | \$2,680,337.73  |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | n/a   | \$7,433,975.50  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 9,034 | \$11,015,677.54 |

**SATURDAY**

08/15/26<sup>1</sup>

**OWNER VISITS**

Owner Leonard Miranda paid a visit to the Stewards' Office today. Mr. Miranda wanted to discuss Steward's interpretation of CHRB Rule #1783 (Registration of Stable Names and Stable Name Groups). Owner Miranda mentioned that seven (7) Seven Southern California trainers and four (4) ownership groups may be involved if things potentially go as planned. The Stewards did not solidify decisions as Mr. Miranda stated he was in the beginning stages of his fact finding, regarding owner participation.

08/15/26<sup>2</sup>

**SECOND RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the stretch. In this one (1) mile turf event second place finisher #5 Automatic Press (Hector Berrios) drifts out and contacts fourth place finisher #7 Clear and Present (Antonio Fresu) twice inside the 1/8th pole. #7 Clear and Present was beaten a 'nose' margin for a better placing.

The Stewards received a Patrol Judge report, spoke to both jockeys involved and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision #5 Automatic Press was disqualified and placed fourth. Hector I. Berrios was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-5-4-7-6-2-8

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-4-7-5-6-2-8

08/15/26<sup>3</sup>

**SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the opening furlong of this 5 1/2-furlong main track event. In this races' early stages fifth place finisher #3 Absolution (Kazushi Kimura) drifts in and puts pressure on sixth place finisher #2 Articulation (Ricardo Gonzalez) forcing that rival to steady and contact the horse to his inside, fourth place finisher #1 Emancipate (Juan Hernandez).

#2 Articulation finished a 'neck' margin behind #3 Absolution. The Stewards spoke to the three (3) jockeys involved, received a Patrol Judge report and reviewed all available camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision #3 Absolution was disqualified and placed sixth. Jockey Kazushi Kimura was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-4-8-1-3-2-7-6

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-4-8-1-2-3-7-6

08/15/26<sup>4</sup>

**NINTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

First place finisher #1 Captain Gabe was claimed out of this race for \$16,000. Following the 'cooling out' period in the receiving barn CHRB Veterinarian determined that this horse was unsound. The Stewards voided this claim and the horse returns to the barn of original trainer Peter Miller.

08/15/26<sup>5</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #3 Whiskey Bridge (Tr. D. O'Neill) Injured-Laurie Bohannon DVM. REFUND: \$1,782.99

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Vancougar (Tr. J. Bonde) claimed, F. Rodriguez, trainer

4<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #3 Sir Dagonet (Tr. D. Dunham) Jockey refused to ride—Stewards  
#9 A Oh Gee (Tr. P. Miller) Unsound—Laurie Bohannon DVM  
REFUND TOTAL: \$78,409.43

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #4 Miss Hellfire (Tr. M. Puype) Flipped in Paddock - Ashton Cloniger DVM. REFUND: \$115,895.08

6<sup>th</sup> Race Declarations #1 Stop Digging (Tr. S. Callaghan) Stake—Stewards  
#4 Liberation (Tr. L. Sadler) Stake-Stewards  
#5 Take Another (Tr. S. Callaghan) Stake-Stewards  
#10 Orange Thunder (Tr. C. Lewis) Stake-Stewards  
#11 Miso Phansy (Tr. L. Powell) Stake-Stewards  
REFUND TOTAL: \$9,744.62

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #11 Four Amigos (Tr. A. Marquez) Didn't want to run-Stewards

9<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Cimarron Strip (Tr. A. Garcia) claimed, T. Mc Canna, trainer  
#9 My Box of Light (Tr. J. Herrick) claimed F. Rodriguez, trainer  
REFUND: \$457.30

10<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #11 Catch the Breeze (Tr. M. McCarthy) Sick- Laurie Bohannon DVM. REFUND: \$2,915.01

10<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Beyond Stoked (Tr. B. Lynch) claimed, G. Papaprodromou, trainer

08/15/26<sup>6</sup>

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |        |                 |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 11,595 | \$1,575,525.26  |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 4,818  | \$5,277,581.69  |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | n/a    | \$10,506,936.74 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 16,413 | \$17,360,043.69 |

### **SUNDAY**

08/16/26<sup>1</sup>

#### **ALFREDO MARQUEZ RULING**

Trainer Alfredo Marquez scratched his trainee #11 Four Amigos from yesterday's (August 15) ninth race. Trainer Marquez had no satisfactory reason to scratch as this declaration reduced this race to nine (9) starters. Stewards issued the following ruling.

#### **DMTD RULING #14**

Trainer ALFREDO MARQUEZ, who was scheduled to start FOUR AMIGOS in the ninth race on August 15, 2026, at Del Mar Race Track, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – didn't want to run).

08/16/26<sup>2</sup>

#### **KAZUSHI KIMURA FILM REVIEW (REF:08/15/26 (3))**

Jockey Kazushi Kimura appeared in our office to review his ride in yesterday's seventh race. Jockey Kimura was aboard #3 Absolution who finished fifth but was disqualified and placed sixth for interference in opening furlong of this race. After the start of this 5 ½ furlong race #3 Absolution puts pressure on sixth place finisher #2 Articulation (Ricardo Gonzalez), who then contacts fourth place finisher #1 Emancipate (Juan Hernandez).

The majority voted for a warning for Jockey Kimura's actions. Steward Baker voted for a 3- day suspension for careless riding.

08/16/26<sup>3</sup>

**HECTOR BERRIOS FILM REVIEW (REF: 08/15/26 (2))**

Jockey Hector Berrios appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's (August 15) second race. Jockey Berrios was aboard second place finisher #5 Automatic Press, who finished second in this one (1) mile turf race. #5 Automatic Press was disqualified and placed fourth for interference inside the 1/8th pole to original fourth place finisher #7 Clear and Present (Antonio Fresu).

Today's film review shows #5 Automatic Press drift out and contact #7 Clear and Present after Jockey Berrios employed his riding crop (left-handed). The majority voted for a warning for Jockey Berrios' actions. Steward Baker voted for a 3-day suspension.

08/16/26<sup>4</sup>

**FOURTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

#8 Hacking It Up (Tr. P. Miller) was claimed out of the fourth race for \$20,000. Following the cooling out period in the Receiving Barn, Stewards received a phone call. State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio determined this horse was unsound. Stewards voided the claim and this horse now has returned to original trainer Peter Miller.

08/16/26<sup>5</sup>

**SIXTH RACE ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

Stewards' posted the Inquiry sign after an accident took place at the 15/16-mile marker. Of particular focus were the actions of first place finisher #7 Whynotanotherone (Armando Ayuso) and #5 Texas Wildcat (Ali Husain\*\*) who did not finish.

In the opening stages of this race #7 Whynotanotherone was being hustled away from the starting gate, while angling in towards the rail. # 6 Texas Wildcat was racing to the inside of #7 Whynotanotherone, who was never clear of that rival before this incident took place. Apprentice Husain lacked room was crowded and steadied after being forced down into rivals to his inside. While steadying #6 Texas Wildcat clips the heels of #7 Whynotanotherone, thereby stumbling and causes Apprentice Husain to become unseated. Second place finisher #5 My Man Joe Roldan, who was trailing at the time, narrowly missed the fallen rider.

Stewards' received a Patrol Judge report, spoke to Jockey Ayuso and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision #7 Whynotanotherone was disqualified and placed unplaced. Eighth place finisher #3 King of Success (Tiago Pereira) also steadied when crowded. Jockey Armando Ayuso was ordered to film review with the Stewards. Apprentice Jockey Ali Husain was attended to by track paramedics. He was cleared to ride his lone remaining mount of the day by the Del Mar First Aide department.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 7-5-2-9-12-10-4-3-8-11-6 DNF

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-2-9-12-10-4-3-8-11-6 DNF- 7 PLACED UNPLACED

08/16/26<sup>6</sup>

**FOURTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

#8 Hacking It Up was claimed out of the fourth race for \$20,000. Following the cooling out period in the Receiving Barn, Stewards received a phone call. State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio determined this horse was unsound. Stewards' voided the claim and this horse returns to original trainer Peter Miller.

08/16/26<sup>7</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race Jockey Change #4 Bull Shoals U. Rispoli for J. Morelos—Rode in Florida

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Pretty Cecy (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed, R. Thomas, trainer  
#7 Jasmina (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer

4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 It's a Cinch (Tr. L. Mendez) claimed, O.J. Jauregui, trainer

5<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 Sweet Gal of Mine (Tr. R. Batas) Stake-Stewards  
REFUND: \$2,269.00

6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 War Artist (Tr. J. Hernandez Jr.) claimed, A. Garcia, trainer

8<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #1 Mongolian Max (Tr. S. Miyadi) Late on track-Ashton  
Cloniger DVM. REFUND: \$146,673.95

8<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Cowboy Mike (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed, F. Rodriguez, trainer  
#9 Leyas Candy (Tr. A. Harris) claimed, J. Uranga, trainer

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #4 DI Mar Jerry (Tr. S. Miyadi) Entered Back-Stewards  
REFUND: \$2,546.79

9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Dhitjari (GB) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

08/16/26<sup>8</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                           |        |                 |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| <b>ON TRACK</b>           | 7,613  | \$1,060,329.11  |
| <b>SCOTWINC</b>           | 3,937  | \$3,966,468.93  |
| <b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b> | n/a    | \$10,076,508.53 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | 11,550 | \$15,103,306.57 |

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/10/26 TO 08/16/26**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Horses on Vet List  | 18 |
| Horses off Vet List | 13 |
| Shock Wave Therapy  | 4  |
| Fatalities          | 0  |
| Medication          | 0  |
| Claims Voided       | 2  |

**SUMMARY**

|                          | Thu<br>08/13 | Fri<br>08/14 | Sat<br>08/15 | Sun<br>08/16 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | 0            | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1    | 2    |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | 3            | 2            | 2            | 4            | 11   | 53   |
| <b>Claims</b>            | 5            | 6            | 4            | 7            | 22   | 97   |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | 0            | 0            | 2            | 1            | 3    | 4    |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         | 0            | 0            | 2            | 1            | 3    | 10   |
| <b>Refunds</b>           | 1            | 5            | 10           | 3            | 19   | 134  |
| <b>Rulings</b>           | 0            | 1            | 0            | 1            | 2    | 14   |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>     | 0            | 0            | 1            | 1            | 2    | 9    |

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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