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

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Report for Monday, August 24, 2026 through Sunday, August 30, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

08/26/26¹

ACTING STEWARD

Steward Grant Baker was available to supervise entries for Sunday (10 races), address any issues that may arise, put out fires and approve changes to Friday's program (8 races).

THURSDAY

08/27/26¹

PERRY FORMAL HEARING CASE 26DM0003

Present in person for the hearing before the BOS were CHRB Staff Counsel Jacquelyn Loyd, CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. Present via Microsoft Teams were, respondent Sean Perry, his counsel in Nebraska, Barry Lake, Nebraska Commissioner Executive Assistant Neicha Rife, Nebraska private Counsels Jack R. Dresslar and Ryan M. Kunhart. This complaint involved CHRB rule 1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License).

The complaint read as follows:

The Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission informed the CHRB about a ruling that was issued in Nebraska involving CHRB licensee Sean Perry. Ruling 2026-FON-18 (ATTACHED) declares Sean Perry to be suspended and ineligible for licensure with the Nebraska Racing and Gaming Commission for two hundred forty six (246) days beginning Wednesday April 29, 2026, and continuing through Thursday December 31, 2026. Perry shows evidence of unfitness for licensure in California.

The complaint was introduced into the record, Ms. Loyd delivered an opening statement, Mr. Lake stated he is not licensed in California and is only present to

testify on Mr. Perry's behalf. Upon verification that a De Novo hearing will be held on October 5, 2026 in Nebraska, this hearing will be continued until a decision from that jurisdiction is distributed. Mr. Perry will remain suspended in Nebraska and California until then.

08/27/26²

SMOOTH SAILING

The eight race card was achieved without a ripple, changes made are verified below.

08/27/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes. Refund \$302.23
2nd Race No Changes. Refund \$71.50
3rd Race No Changes. Refund \$2,762.18
4th Race #2 Wall Street (Tr. V. Cerin) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#4 Fionello (Tr. S. Knapp) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Jenkins
#5 Liam Smith (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. P. Miller.
Refund \$1,565.14
5th Race No Changes. Refund \$41.50
6th Race #1 The Big Cheeseola (Tr. J. Uranga) claimed by Tr. S. Williams
#2 Ya'll Come (Tr. I. Kruljac) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis
#6 Gypsy Tears (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) claimed by Tr. G. Vallejo
Refund \$215.00
7th Race #9 Rehearsal (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Jenkins
Refund \$1,062.17
8th Race #6 Mio Bambino (Tr. D. Pederson) claimed by Tr. B. Koriner
#7 Southern Melodee (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins
Refund \$614.64

08/27/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,024	\$586,055.49
SCOTWINC	1,486	\$2,094,730.65
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,306,980.97
TOTAL	6,510	\$7,987,767.11

FRIDAY

08/28/26¹

SHERMAN HEARING CASE 26DM0005

The CHRB filed a complaint on behalf of Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio against trainer Steve Sherman for a possible violation of CHRB rule 1852-Reporting to the Receiving Barn on July 26. Present for the hearing before the BOS were CHRB Investigators Thomas Gandara, Octavio Vergara, Jr. (observer) and telephonically, Steve Sherman.

The complaint read as follows:

CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse "LORD BULLINGTON" who was entered in the 4th race at Del Mar on July 24, 2026, was 12 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. "LORD BULLINGTON" was trained by Steve Sherman.

Sherman currently holds two licenses, an Owner License 242977 and Trainer license 060454, both expiring 01/2028.

Mr. Sherman stated he believes this is a one-time incident and he has taken safeguards to rectify the issue in the future. Decision to follow.

08/28/26²

BAROCIO NOTIFICATION

After notification of the issuance of the HISA forty-five-day suspension of trainer Librado Barocio that commences on August 30, 2026, the Stewards notified him to discuss the parameters of his signed order with HISA. He stated his attorney has guided him through the restrictions, at this juncture his attorney, John Tyre was contacted. After conversation with Mr. Tyre it was believed the boundaries were understood.

08/28/26³

STEWARDS' REVIEW /INQUIRY /NO CHANGE SECOND RACE-5/8 turf

Following the running of the race the Stewards' Review was announced concerning the start of the race. Involved were, #1 Empress Matilda (GB) (A. Escobedo 3rd), #2 Falabella (C. Herrera 2nd), #3 Little Tinker Elle (E. Payeras 7th) and #4 Oveta's Hobby (E. Jaramillo 6th). After a short review of the video, the incident was upgraded to a Stewards' inquiry. As the field was dispatched, #1 broke out that applied pressure to #2 and #3, #4 broke inward and the contact with #3 jostled jockey Jaramillo's balance. In a unanimous opinion Jockey Jaramillo's action contributed to the incident. The original order of finish was made official.

08/28/26⁴

STEWARDS' INQUIRY / NO CHANGE /EIGHTH RACE-1 mile turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were #3 Big Blast (A. Fresu 1st) and #10 Nyce Shot (U. Rispoli 4th). Near the sixteenth marker, while behind horses #3 shifted outward making contact with #10. After conversation with the Patrol Judge, both jockeys and a review of the available videos in a unanimous finding, the incident did not warrant a change in the order of finish.

08/28/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	NO SHOW WAGER #3 Smokin Hot Stuff (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande. Refund \$6,737.83
2 nd Race	No Changes. Refund \$128.37
3 rd Race	#4 Magic World (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$765.00
4 th Race	#1 Bee Eye Gee (Tr. B. Koriner) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #3 Knowhere (Tr. C. DeAlba) claimed by Tr. B. Wright #4 Sand Bagger (Tr. P. Miller) claimed by Tr. S. McCarthy #6 Non Domicile (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. M. Glatt Refund \$3,691.48
5 th Race	#9 Diva Delmar (Tr. I. Kruljac) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Jenkins Refund \$727.89
6 th Race	#1 Golden Bee (Tr. D. Blacker) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$2,982.40
7 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$100.00
8 th Race	No Changes. Refund \$2,196.56

08/28/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,886	\$758,710.43
SCOTWINC	2,589	\$3,229,791.73
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,969,346.72
TOTAL	7,475	\$10,957,848.88

SATURDAY

08/29/26¹

MILLER MEETING

Trainer Peter Miller met with the Stewards as directed by the BOS after a significant delay during the saddling process in the sixth race yesterday. By the time Mr. Miller had concluded saddling his second runner (#6) in the race, another delay of his other runner (#1) needed tape on the bandages of the hind legs as this is mandatory to race. The horses then left the paddock, the bugle blew at seven minutes to post and the field made the post parade with six minutes to spare. Mr. Miller conveyed several reasons for his tardiness and stated California is the only state that is concerned when he delays the departure from the saddling paddock to the race track. He did state he would employ his assistant (Jehobany Catalan) to actually assist with saddling when there are multiple runners in a race. In a majority vote he received a warning, Steward Baker opined a fine was warranted.

08/29/26²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Tyler Baze met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the fifth race yesterday. Mr. Baze readily admitted he violated the rule and the following HISA ruling is listed below.

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 - second offense), Jockey TYLER BAZE who rode GLORY'Z CLUBHOUSE in the fifth race (Purse \$40,000) Del Mar Race Track on August 28, 2026 is suspended for TWO (2) days (September 12 and September 13, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

08/29/26³

Antonio Fresu met with the Stewards to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday (Ref 08/28/26⁴). After a review of all angles of the incident, in a unanimous decision Mr. Fresu was held accountable for his actions when he cleared his path to obtain a victory. He apologized for the ride. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

DMTD RULING #19

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode BIG BLAST in the eighth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 28, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September, 12, 13 and 18, 2026) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules -Careless Riding).

08/29/26⁴

WRIGHT HEARING CASE DM0012

The CHRB filed a complaint on behalf of Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio against trainer Blaine Wright for a possible violation of CHRB rule 1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn). Present for the hearing before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon and respondent Blaine Wright.

The complaint read as follows:

CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse "SUNSET GRAZEN", who was entered in the 2nd race at Del Mar on August 8, 2026, was 11 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. "SUNSET GRAZEN" was trained by Blaine Wright.

Mr. Wright explained the crossover path in the 7/8 chute was closed, this added distance to their travels. Decision to follow.

08/29/26⁵

VOIDED CLAIM

After a physical examination of Cozy Curlin Kitten, who performed in the third race by Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, the horse was placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim and the horse returned to the stable of trainer Doug O'Neill.

08/29/26⁶

NINTH RACE /DELAY

A shoe repair for #6 Iron Man Cal trained by Philip D'Amato caused approximately an eight-minute delay before the field left the paddock. Ironically this horse was the winner of the Pat O'Brien Stakes, (Grade II) Breeder's Cup "Win and You're in Dirt Mile"

08/29/26⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	NO SHOW WAGERING #4 Gallant Jack (Tr. J. Sadler) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bohannon Refund: \$2,625.72
2 nd Race	#4 Seaver Way (Tr. D. W. Baker) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Jenkins Refund: \$1,827.68
3 rd Race	#4 Harmonique (Tr. N. Drysdale) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Pattio Refund: \$948.30
4 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$91.00
5 th Race	#2 He's Proof of Joy (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Jenkins. Refund: \$967.70
6 th Race	#6 Petite Marie (Tr. P. Capestro) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon Refund: \$2,999.93
7 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$87.50
8 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$720.56
9 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$0.00
10 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$0.00

08/29/26⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	10,735	\$1,684,243.21
SCOTWINC	5,559	\$7,362,738.93
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,273,396.14
TOTAL	16,294	\$19,320,378.28

SUNDAY

08/30/26¹

These rulings were issued following two different hearings. (Ref-08-28-26¹ & 08-29-26⁴)

DMTD RULING #20

Trainer STEVE SHERMAN, is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) at Del Mar Race Track on July 24, 2026.

DMTD RULING #21

Trainer BLAINE WRIGHT, is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn) at Del Mar Race Track on August 8, 2026.

08/30/26²

VEGA HEARING CASE 26SA0142

Present for the recorded hearing before the BOS were respondent Angel Vega and CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr.

The complaint read as follows:

On August 2, 2025, the horse UNCROWNED KING, trained by Angel Vega, ran in the 7th race at Del Mar. The horse was injured and pulled up near the 3/8 pole. The horse was diagnosed with a scapular fracture and a saucer fracture of the cannon bone via ultrasound and radiographs. The horse was humanely euthanized by Dr. Sarah Jones. The horse had returned from an 8-month layoff without undergoing the required primary and secondary regulatory veterinary examinations before resuming training as required by CHRB Rule 1846.2- training soundness exam. UNCROWNED KING had its first recorded workout on May 17, 2025, but did not receive the pre workout examination as required by CHRB Rule 1878- workouts.

No other licenses held.

Testimony was given and documents were entered into evidence. Decision to follow.

08/30/26³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

A return visit from Tyler Baze to review sixth race yesterday. Again he admitted he violated the crop and the following HISA ruling is listed.

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey TYLER BAZE from HISA Ruling Case #2026-19751 (08/30/2026) has been modified, and by the order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

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), Jockey TYLER BAZE, who rode MANEE in the sixth race (Purse \$80,000) at Del Mar Race Track on August 29, 2026, is suspended two (2) days (September 19 & 20, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

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GOOD RACING

The ten-race program was performed without notable incident. Changes made are listed below.

08/30/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes. Refund: \$484.38
2 nd Race	#9 Angels Revenge (A. Vega) Veterinarian-ineligible-Dr. Pattio Refund: \$1,564.12
3 rd Race	#1 Chasing Kat (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. G. Stute #2 Danzing Flyer (Tr. P. Aguirre) claimed by Tr. S. Williams #4 Harney Lane (Tr. A. Garcia) claimed by Tr. A. Mathis
4 th Race	#7 Struck By Her (IRE) (Tr. P. D'Amato) J. Rosario replaced J. Bravo (injured). Refund: \$0.00
5 th Race	No Changes. Refund: \$20.10
6 th Race	#2 Harcyn (Tr. G. Vallejo) H. I. Berrios replaced J. Bravo (injured) #5 Otto the Conqueror (Tr. V. Cerin) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp #7 Gazon (GB) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. V. Brinkerhoff

#9 Code Duello (Tr. R. B. Hess, Jr.) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga
Refund: \$18.00

7th Race No Changes. Refund: \$56.00

8th Race #1 First Light (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Bohannon
#2 Clubhouse Deb (Tr. P. D'Amato) D. Van Dyke replaced J. Bravo
(injured). Refund: \$1,146.30

9th Race No Changes. Refund: \$21.00

10th Race #5 Beyond Stoked (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) E. Maldonado replaced J.
Bravo (injured). Refund: \$310.40

08/30/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,688	\$1,048,952.82
SCOTWINC	4,142	\$5,520,891.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,275,946.83
TOTAL	1,830	\$16,845,791.45

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/24/26 TO 08/30/26

Horses on Vet List	19
Horses off Vet List	22
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	1

SUMMARY

	Thu 08/27	Fri 08/28	Sat 08/29	Sun 08/30	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	2	3	8	66
Claims	6	3	6	7	22	137
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	0	2	1	0	3	13
Refunds	8	8	8	8	32	199
Rulings	0	0	1	3	4	22
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	13

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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