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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 17, 2026 through Sunday, August 23, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

08/19/26¹

ENTRIES

Steward LUIS JAUREGUI was in the office on Wednesday morning to oversee entries for Sunday's race. The racing office carded nine (9) races.

THURSDAY

08/20/26¹

DESIMONE RULING (case #26SA0056)

The following ruling was issued after receiving notice that the debt (\$5,123.00) had been paid in full to Bonnie Acres Ranch for unpaid ranch services. Therefore, Owner FRED DESIMONE was reinstated to good standing.

DMTD RULING #15

Owner FRED DESIMONE, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$5,123.00 to BONNIE ACRES RANCH), is restored to good standing. Ruling DMTC #5, issued at Del Mar Race Track on July 31, 2026, is set aside.

08/20/26²

MENDEZ RULING

Trainer, LUIS MENDEZ, was issued the following ruling after he failed to register his horse "Arkadelphia" prior to entry time as a Non-Lasix user for Sunday's fourth race. Mr. Mendez accepted the penalty.

DMTD RULING #16

Trainer LUIS MENDEZ, who started the horse ARKADELPHIA in the fourth race on August 16, 2026, at Del Mar Race Track is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

08/20/26³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO who was accompanied by his Agent Mike Ciani came in our office to review Sunday's sixth race in which he was involved in an inquiry that caused an accident going into the first turn (1 mile). Mr. Ayuso stated that the young apprentice jockey who clipped his heels was partially to blame, and took some of the responsibility for the incident. We felt the accident could have been worse, luckily the horse and rider weren't injured, but the incident rose to a seven (7) day suspension. After explaining our opinion, Agent Ciani was very argumentative and upset with our decision. The following ruling was issued.

DMTD RULING #17

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO, who rode WHYNOTANOTHERONE in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 16, 2026, is suspended for SEVEN (7) racing days (September 3,4,5,6,7,11, & 12, 2026), for crossing over without sufficient clearance entering the first turn, causing interference and an accident resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to unplaced. This constitutes a violation of California horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding rules – Careless Riding).

08/20/26⁴

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card went very smooth without any major issues to report other than the late changes and scratches listed below.

08/20/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund: \$994.50
2 nd Race	#1 Smokem Hot Girl- A. Husian replace A. Bautista, sick #2 Dancing With Shari- LATE Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured #4 Big Whoosh- Stewards' scratch- enter back #12 Just Mendelssohn- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #13 Nico Dijo- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #14 Sophia Mija- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund: \$92,165.64
3 rd Race	#8 Tuddy- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, sick #11 Rapid Thirsty- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$876.68
4 th Race	#3 Come Out Fighting- Claimed by J. Farias, trainer #7 Des Doigts- Claimed by R. Thomas, trainer #8 Morello- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Grant, unsound #9 Mandela Effect- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, sick Refund: \$866.18
5 th Race	#1 Duke of Orleans- VOIDED claim, returns to F. Rodriguez #12 Foregoneconclusion- C. Herrera replaces F. Monroy, personal #13 I B Salty- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #14 Four Amigos- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$556.33
6 th Race	#1 East Witton- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, injured #7 Shemakesmemad- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, sick Refund: \$3,531.
7 th Race	#3 Rodrigoknows- VOIDED claim, returns to A. Mathis. Refund: \$770.04
8 th Race	#3 Saariselka (GB)- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick #4 Tavolara- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Pattio, sick #5 Green Zone- Claimed by C. Dollace, trainer #6 Suntory Time- Claimed by I. Tamayo, trainer #9 Ziggity Zag- VOIDED claim, returns to B. Lynch. Refund: \$6,359.23

08/20/26⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	6,256	\$766,425.58
SCOTWINC	1,705	\$2,516,912.04
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,961,145.28
TOTAL	7,961	\$9,244,482.90

FRIDAY08/21/26¹**WOLFENDALE MEETING**

Fox Sports Broadcaster MAGGIE WOLFENDALE was in our office this morning to discuss this weekend's Pacific Classic as she will be on a pony interviewing the winning jockey after the race. Ms. Wolfendale had a few questions for us and we gave her our policies. The meeting was a good working relationship.

08/21/26²**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION/ACCIDENT**

After the running of the fifth race, we posted the inquiry sign to review an accident involving the #7 Mi Flecha (A. Aguilar) who unseated the rider and the #8 Ardente (J. Rosario 7th). After reviewing the race several times and speaking to the rider involved, we (unanimous) disqualified the #8 and placed him unplaced behind the #7 (DNF). The video shows the #8 stepped in bumping the #7 unseating that rider. The rider was transported to Scripps Memorial for further evaluation.

Unofficial order 2-9-6-3-5-4-(**8**)-7

Official order 2-9-6-3-5-4-7-(**8**)

08/21/26³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
2 nd Race	No changes. Refund: \$0.00
3 rd Race	No changes. Refund: \$275.5016
4 th Race	#4 La Silenciosa- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund: \$16,437.79
5 th Race	#1 Autumn Leaves- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured #10 First Or Last- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #11 Street Swindler- Stewards' scratch- also eligible #12 Eighties Music- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund: \$4,096.28
6 th Race	#1 Central Dispatch- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer #2 Thirty Two Chunk- Claimed by J. Crotts (NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund: \$708.00
7 th Race	#1 Canto Delia Terra (IRE) LATE Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Cloninger, injured #2 Tahini- Stewards' scratch- Didn't want to run Refund: \$225,267.38
8 th Race	#10 Catfish Cory- C. Herrera replaces A. Aguilar, injured

08/21/26⁴**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	6,014	\$785,526.88
SCOTWINC	2,537	\$3,499,017.87
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,873,294.56
TOTAL	8,551	\$11,157,839.31

SATURDAY08/22/26¹**PAPRODROMOU RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU and his owner elected not to run their horse in yesterday's seventh race. Mr. Papaprodromou accepted the following penalty.

DMTD RULING #18

Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU, who was scheduled to start TAHINI in the seventh race on August 21, 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).

08/22/26²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO was in our office to review yesterday's fifth race in which he was disqualified for an incident approaching the 5/16th (5 fur, turf). Mr. Rosario was riding a two-year-old first-time starter who appeared to duck in the turn. Rosario stated that his horse tried to prop, in which it ducked inward when trying to correct his horse. After reviewing the video several times, we placed the blame on the horse and not on Mr. Rosario. Therefore, no penalty was issued.

08/22/26³**JOCKEY'S OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA who was aboard the third-place horse #11 Cardiff Crack lodged a claim of foul against the second-place horse #7 Felling Lucky (M. Husband) for an incident in the stretch. After reviewing the video several times, we unanimously voted make no change the order of the finish. In our opinion, #7 does shift outward, but the incident did not cost the #11 the opportunity of a better placing.

08/22/26⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	No changes. Refund: \$74.26
2 nd Race	#2 Church Lady (IRE)- T. Pereira replaces A. Aguilar, injured #9 Shady Stripes- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer. Refund: \$261.35
3 rd Race	#13 Hothead- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$1,775.23
4 th Race	#3 Babe's Empire- Stewards' scratch- works #5 Motga- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Cloninger, sick. Refund: \$7,309.59
5 th Race	#1 Monster- Stewards' scratch- stake #10 Saratoga Special (IRE)- stake. Refund: \$5,296.00
6 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$449.88
7 th Race	#5 American Hope- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick #14 Packs a Wahlop- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$6,184.68
8 th Race	#1 Charlie Foxtrot- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick #4 Native Land- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick #6 Frosty Indulgence- Vet scratch- Dr. Cloninger, sick Refund \$5,092.97
9 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$269.00
10 th Race	No changes. Refund: \$85.00
11 th Race	#10 Flyover-Stewards' scratch-Stake. Refund: \$2,110.72

08/22/26⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	15,187	\$3,085,096.79
SCOTWINC	5,477	\$6,522,792.04
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$19,730,451.40
TOTAL	20,664	\$29,338,340.23

SUNDAY08/23/26¹**STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

Safety Steward David Nuesch replaced Steward Luis Jauregui as he was out of town for the day. Safety Steward Eddie Rich covered Mr. Nuesch duties for the day.

08/23/26²**FILM REVIEW (Ref: 08/22/26³)**

Jockey MICAH HUSBANDS was summoned to the Stewards' office this morning to review yesterday's third race in which he was involved in a jockey objection. Mr. Husbands was represented by Jockeys' Guild officer Darrell Haire, as Mr. Husbands traveled back to the East Coast yesterday. Mr. Haire relayed that the horse Feeling Lucky was a bit difficult to handle throughout the race. After reviewing the race from all angles, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Husbands would not receive a penalty, as he did initially correct his mount entering the stretch. However, he will be expected to make more of an effort if he rides here in the future. Warning.

08/23/26³**ELEVEN CLAIMS**

Stewards' aide Lucy Vaillancourt was busy monitoring the claim box, as eleven horses changed hands today. All horses passed Dr. Pattio's post-race examinations and are listed below.

08/23/26⁴**GOOD RACING**

Sunday's nine-race card went smoothly with no notable incidents.

08/23/26⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1 st Race	#2 Southern Anton- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer. Refund: \$4,118.90
2 nd Race	#7 Baytown Butterfly- Claimed by R. Hanson, trainer. Refund: \$14.00
3 rd Race	#3 Mighty Kat- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
	#6 Joint Venture- Claimed by S. Sherman, trainer
	#7 Hard to Figure- Claimed by R. Ellis, trainer. Refund: \$131.00
4 th Race	#8 Bo Diddley- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer
	#10 Johnny B- Claimed by I. Kruljac, trainer
	#11 Extraordinaire- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
	#12 Simple Majority- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$958.90
5 th Race	#13 Sacred Bound- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
	#14 First Light- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$1,662.22
6 th Race	#1 Sterling Sea- Claimed by V. Garcia, trainer
	#4 Bako Country- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer
	#5 Day Man- Veterinarian scratch. Dr. Bohannan, injured
	#8 Hondo Crouch- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer. Refund: \$1,314.50
7 th Race	No changes. Refund \$4,150.21
8 th Race	#6 Anti Slapp- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer
	#7 Darlin Duchess- Stewards' scratch- starting gate.
	Refund: \$174,055.97
9 th Race	#13 Dorie Miller- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
	#14 Kool Mariah- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund: \$588.70

08/23/26⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	7,606	\$1,141,580.71
SCOTWINC	3,902	\$3,934,306.49
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$9,693,968.39
TOTAL	11,508	\$14,769,855.59

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/17/26 TO 08/23/26

Horses on Vet List	25
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	3

SUMMARY

	Thu 08/20	Fri 08/21	Sat 08/22	Sun 08/23	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	1	0	5	58
Claims	4	2	1	11	18	115
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	5
Inquiries	0	1	1	0	2	12
Refunds	8	5	11	9	33	167
Rulings	3	0	1	0	4	18
Voided Claims	3	0	0	0	3	12

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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