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**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD****OAK TREE AT PLEASANTON**

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**Report of the Board of Stewards**To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor  
Honorable Chuck Winner, Chairman  
Honorable Madeline Auerbach, Vice Chairman  
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Honorable Alex Solis, Member  
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Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director  
John McDonough, Chief Counsel  
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for the period Monday, September 18, 2017 through Sunday, September 24, 2017.

**GENERAL DATA:**

- Dates: Thursday, September 21 through Sunday, September 24, 2017 and Friday, September 29 through Sunday, October 01, 2017. (Dark Days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).
- Entries: Forty-eight to ninety-six hours in advance.
- Scratch Time: 9:30 a.m. next entry day.
- Post Time: 1:45 p.m. daily, 2:15 Fridays.
- Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race.
- Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta  
\$1 Trifecta (with 4 betting interests)  
\$1 Superfecta (with 6 betting interests)  
\$2 Rolling Daily Double  
\$1 Rolling Pick 3  
\$1 Early & Late Pick 4 (50-cent minimum)  
\$1 Pick 5 (50-cent minimum)  
\$0.20 Gold Rush Pick 6  
\$0.20 Gold Strike Super High 5 (50-cent minimum with 8 betting interests)
- Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:  
- John Herbuveaux  
- Will Meyers  
- Dennis Nevin  
- Richard Lewis (Safety Steward)
- Track Officials: Jerome Hoban - Chief Executive Officer

Randy Magee - Chief Financial Officer  
 Jeanne Wasserman - Director of Racing  
 Larry Swartzlander - Director of Racing Oak Tree Racing Association  
 Doug Gooby - Mutuel Manager  
 Chris Griffith - Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker  
 Trackmasters Inc. (Steve Wood) - Track Superintendent  
 Kevin Ingram - Stable Superintendent  
 Pegasus Communications - Video Production  
 William Vassar - Track Photographer  
 Plusmic Corp, Inc. - Photo Finish

Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich - Racing Secretary  
 Linda Anderson - Assistant Racing Secretary  
 Tina Walker-Bryant - Clerk of Course, Thoroughbred  
 Dee Collins - Clerk of Course, Emerging Breeds  
 Victoria Layne - Paymaster  
 John Leon - Patrol Judge  
 Steve Martinelli - Placing Judge  
 Kenneth Sjoldal - Clerk of Scales  
 Kenny Fowler - Assistant Clerk of Scales/Film Analyst  
 Danny Winick - Paddock Judge/Patrol Judge  
 Myra Troske - Placing Judge  
 Lisa Wilkerson - Steward's Aide  
 Todd Stephens - Starter  
 Gary Greiner - Horse Identifier  
 Augustine Rayas - Horseshoe Inspector  
 Melody Truitt - Clocker/Timer

Veterinarians: Forrest Franklin, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian  
 Sara Sporer, DVM, Track/Fitness Veterinarian

**MONDAY 9/18 THROUGH WEDNESDAY 9/20**

**ENTRY DAYS**

Stewards Dennis Nevin and Will Meyers shared responsibilities for the three entry/scratch days prior to Thursday's opening day. Mr. Nevin was present on Monday and Wednesday while Mr. Meyers was in attendance on Tuesday.

**THURSDAY**

09-21-17<sup>1</sup> **OPENING DAY CHECKLIST**

The stewards met with various department heads and racing officials in advance of the expected throng of patrons to finalize preparations for first race post time.

09-21-17<sup>2</sup> **PLANS PAID OFF**

The hard work put in by the staff and management at the Alameda County Fairgrounds, Oak Tree Racing and CARF paid dividends today as the seven race card was completed without a hitch.

09-21-17<sup>3</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	577	\$	95,414.90
NCOT	1,064	\$	341,534.20
SCOT		\$	82,252.50
Out of State		\$	193,097.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>712,298.83</b>

**FRIDAY**

09-22-17<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> race: #2 FINISH WEALTHY (Tr. S. Paldanius)  
 Sick - DVM Sporer  
 6<sup>th</sup> race: #7 SATIN RULER (Tr. V. Trujillo)

REFUND: \$ 38.00

	Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 77.40
7 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 GOOD STUFF (Tr. A. Herbertson)	
	Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: SEE BELOW
	#8 BOLEO (Tr. C. Delima)	
	Sick – DVM Sporer	REFUND: \$ 150.40

9-22-17<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 01 – LUIS GODOY**

Jockey Luis Godoy is hereby fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for failure to report his proper weight on Thursday, September 21, 2017; a violation of CHRB rule #1682 (weighing out).

The above ruling was issued after Godoy appeared and admitted he reported a weight to the Clerk of the Scales that was based more on optimism than in fact. Godoy thought he could pull more weight between mounts than he actually did and a late overweight had to be announced.

9-22-17<sup>3</sup> **QUESTIONABLE GOLF**

The stewards met with Jeanne Wasserman Director of Racing here at Pleasanton concerning the infield golf course and its hours of operation: the course has been open during morning training hours and closed during the afternoon's races. The fact that the course is open during training hours appears to be in violation of CHRB rule #1475 (Golf Course in the Infield of Racetrack). Wasserman stated she believes the fairgrounds obtained a waiver for such from the CHRB and would research the matter.

9-22-17<sup>4</sup> **PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon's seven race program was completed without noteworthy incident.

9-22-17<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	736	\$	119,846.60
NCOT	1,436	\$	471,501.10
SCOT		\$	97,741.30
Out of State		\$	205,330.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>894,419.86</b>

**SATURDAY**

9-23-17<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATION**

7<sup>th</sup> race: #8 SHE'S AN EAGLE (Tr. E. Moger)  
Sick, DVM Sporer REFUND: \$ 170.80

9-23-17<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 02 – HUGO HERRERA**

Jockey HUGO HERRERA who rode STARBUCK'S BABY in the first race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Friday, September 22, 2017, is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three consecutive times without giving the mule a chance to respond).

The above ruling was published after Hugo contacted the stewards by phone and pled guilty to using the crop more times than permitted by the regulations.

9-23-17<sup>3</sup> **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Irving Orozco appeared to review yesterday's fifth race as it appeared he was a little too aggressive with the crop. Tapes showed he applied the stick one time too many and the following ruling was issued:

**RULING NO. 03 – IRVING OROZCO**

Jockey IRVING OROZCO who rode OMDURMAN in the fifth race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton on Friday, September 22, 2017, is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of

California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three consecutive times without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense in sixty days).

9-23-17<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS INQUIRY – SECOND RACE – NO CHANCE**

The stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate two incidents in this 350 yard Quarter Horse event. The first involved #1 Paint A Candy Storm (1st Edgar Velasco) and #2 Jess Enjoy Me (4th, Shawn Spikes) at the start. The second cause for concern centered on #4 One More Fire (3rd, Luis Godoy), #5 High On A Secret (6th, Joe Crispin) and #6 Volcano (5th, Jesus Arriaga) after the three were observed in close quarters shortly after leaving the starting gate. The tapes showed that the first incident between Paint A Candy Storm and Jess Enjoy Me was a case of mutual contact. At the break the two horses met in the middle between their respective stalls. Jess Enjoy Me broke a bit tardy and when the two horses met Jess Enjoy Me tipped Paint A Candy Storm in the hind quarters which caused the latter to turn outward. Since each horse was culpable for the interference no action was taken. The second matter happened about one hundred yards out of the gate and saw #4 One More Fire drift out while #6 Volcano came in with #5 High On A Secret between the two. The contact that resulted was minor and, in the steward's unanimous opinion, had no bearing on the outcome of the race.

9-23-17<sup>5</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

OTP	3,048	\$	257,515.70
NCOT	2,181	\$	856,322.80
SCOT		\$	177,927.90
Out of State		\$	326,113.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,229</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,617,879.67</b>

**SUNDAY**9-24-17<sup>1</sup>**RULING NO. 04 – CRISPIN RULING**

Jockey JOE CRISPIN who rode LORETTA JONES in the first race at Oak Tree at Pleasanton Fall on Saturday, September 23, 2017, is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the mule a chance to respond – second offense in the past sixty days).

The above ruling was issued after Crispin contacted the stewards by phone and admitted to the violation.

9-24-17<sup>2</sup>**RULING NO. 05 – EBOW RULING**

Expired Licensee Jockey WARREN J. EBOW having now paid all fines imposed in 2016, is hereby eligible for relicensing and California State Fair & Exposition ruling #8, dated July 21, 2016, suspending Mr. Ebow for violation of CHRB rule #1532 (Payment of Fines) is set side.

The above ruling was issued after the stewards received written notification from the Southern California investigator's office that Ebow had paid \$1100.00 in fines levied at the Pleasanton and Sacramento Fairs last year for crop violations.

9-24-17<sup>3</sup>**GOLF COURSE OPERATION UPDATE (REFER 9-22-17<sup>3</sup>)**

Alameda County Fair Chief Executive Officer Jerome Hoban and Director of Racing Jeanne Wasserman met with the stewards this morning concerning the infield golf course which is still operating during training hours. Also present was Safety Steward Richard Lewis and CHRB Investigator Joe Mulligan. Hoban and Wasserman stated they firmly believe this facility had obtained a waiver from the CHRB when netting was erected in the infield and under the inside rail years ago. They have not found any documentary evidence to support their contention but said they would contact Board head-quarters in Sacramento on



	21 – Sept.	22 – Sept.	23 – Sept.	24 – Sept.	<b>WEEK</b>	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<i>0</i>
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<i>0</i>
CLAIMS	2	4	2	2	<b>10</b>	<i>10</i>
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	<i>0</i>
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>	<i>1</i>
REFUNDS	0	4	1	0	<b>5</b>	<i>5</i>
RULINGS	0	1	2	2	<b>5</b>	<i>5</i>

Respectfully submitted,

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**John Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**