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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR**

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Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Monday, August 20, 2012 through Sunday, August 26, 2012.

Monday08-20-12¹**DARK DAY**

Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke will record this week's minutes.

08-20-12²**ANNUAL FISH FRY**

Once again, the Humboldt County Fair hosted its annual fish fry for racing employees, horsemen and backstretch workers. This popular event, held in front of the paddock, was very well attended. As usual, all participants had a very enjoyable evening and greatly appreciated the event.

Tuesday08-21-12¹**DARK DAY****ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The highly anticipated Humboldt County Fair Annual Golf Tournament was conducted in near perfect weather. The tournament provides a great opportunity for horsemen and members of the local community to meet and interact in a relaxed environment. The popularity of the event was demonstrated with "all-time record participation."

Wednesday08-22-12¹**SCRATCH TIME FOR FRIDAY 8/24/12**

At scratch time for Friday's six (6) race card, there was one (1) jockey change and no other changes.

08-22-12² **JOE CRISPIN / RULING NO. 4 (REF 08-19-12³)**

Veteran jockey Joe Crispin attended film review as requested, in order to review his ride on Sunday, August 19, 2012 in the sixth race aboard #6 Finish Rich. After reviewing the film and discussing the ride with jockey Crispin, the Board of Stewards issued the following unanimous ruling:

Jockey **JOE CRISPIN** who rode **FINISH RICH** in the sixth race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on Sunday, August 19, 2012 is suspended three (3) racing days (August 30, 31 and September 1, 2012) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (D) and (F) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

Per his instruction, Jockey Crispin was notified of the decision through his agent.

08-22-12³ **DRAW FOR SATURDAY 8-25-2012**

At the draw for Saturday's nine (9) race card, there were two (2) Mule races with twelve (12) participants, one (1) Arabian race with six (6) programmed starters and six (6) Thoroughbred races with thirty-seven (37) head scheduled to go to post. Scratch time for the card is Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

08-22-12⁴ **RACE #2 – SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED**

Due to the late "vet" scratch of #1 BLIND OPTIMISM (Megan Fadlovich), show wagering was cancelled per CHRB rule #1954.

08-22-12⁵ **CLEAN CARD**

Today's six (6) race card was conducted with no notable occurrences, the single exception being apprentice jockey SHYANN GARCIA ordered to film review relative to her ride on #5 WILLYCAN (6-5) in race #5.

08-22-12⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	1,469	\$	59,569.20
NCOT	1,680	\$	555,986.90
SCOT		\$	91,892.90
Out of State		\$	141,199.16
TOTAL	3,149	\$	848,648.16

THURSDAY

08-23-12¹ **DARK DAY**

SCRATCH TIME FOR SATURDAY 8-25-2012

At scratch time for Saturday's card there was one (1) jockey change and two (2) equipment changes.

08-23-12² **DRAW FOR SUNDAY 8-26-2012**

A draw was conducted for Sunday's closing day card resulting in one (1) Mule race "Cream City Mule Handicap" with six (6) participants and one (1) Arabian race "Ferndale Arabian Stake" with seven (7) scheduled to start. The remainder of the card consisted of seven (7) Thoroughbred races with fifty-six (56) head scheduled to go to post, with the last of these being the featured race of the meet, the C.J. Hindley Humboldt County Marathon with eight (8) entrants and a purse of \$30,000 guaranteed.

Today's draw was supervised by Steward Vic Stauffer. Scratch time is scheduled tomorrow, August 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

08-23-12³ **TRAINER TEST – LUIS RUIZ**

Prospective trainer Luis Ruiz took the "Trainer's Exam" today. This exam was proctored by Steward Wayne Oke.

Friday08-24-12¹**RALPH GARCIA / RULING NO. 5**

RUBY THOMAS, represented by her husband RAY THOMAS, approached the Board of Stewards with concerns relative to the "Jockey Commitments" in the 6th race on Sunday, August 26, 2012.

Ray Thomas maintained that RALPH GARCIA (agent for jockey Barrington Harvey) had given Ruby Thomas, the trainer of #4 COIN PIPER, "first call" in the race and ultimately reneged on his commitment.

Agent Garcia was called to the Steward's office and was quite candid in his admission to having committed to ride for Ruby Thomas. Garcia attempted to mitigate his culpability by suggesting the connections of the horse SMOKIN BOMB had acted inappropriately in the sequence of events.

The Board of Stewards, after considering the information at hand, upheld the contentions of Ruby Thomas that jockey Barrington Harvey was committed to ride #4 COIN PIPER. #2 SMOKIN BOMB will be ridden by veteran jockey David Essman.

As a direct result of this situation, jockey agent Ralph Garcia was assessed the following sanction:

Jockey Agent **RALPH GARCIA** is fined the sum one hundred dollars (\$100) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to conduct his business in a proper manner on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

Garcia accepted the sanction with apologies and was cautioned to pay more attention to detail.

08-24-12²**RACE #4 - LATE SCRATCH**

4 th race:	#6 DOC CAN DANCE	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	Sick
Stewards			REFUND: \$254.50

At approximately 10:00 a.m. the Board of Stewards were approached by CHRB Veterinarian Dr. Don Dooley informing them that #6 DOC CAN DANCE, trained by Steve Miyadi, had been scratched telephonically by trainer Miyadi as "sick." Dr. Dooley honored the request, however, it was later discovered that the horse was not on the grounds at Ferndale and had never been. This information was turned over to the CHRB investigative staff for further review.

08-24-12³**SHYANN GARCIA / RULING NO. 6**

Apprentice jockey Shyann Garcia, having been ordered to film review relative to her ride in Wednesday's 5th race, failed to appear.

Thus the following ruling was issued. Ms. Garcia will try again tomorrow.

Jockey **SHYANN GARCIA** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to meet with the film analyst on Friday, August 24, 2012.

08-24-12⁴**RACE #3 - PLACE & SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED / LATE SCRATCHES**

Due to late declarations (approximately 12:00 noon) of #2 DARLING CIANA (Matt Garcia) and #5 HOT SHOT R N (Hugo Herrera) place and show wagering was cancelled per CHRB rule #1954.

Due to the timing of the scratches, trifecta wagering was permitted per CHRB rule #1979 (c). Both horses were scratched due to possible violations of medication rules. Trainer Kenneth E. McReynolds (trainer of both horses) will be interviewed by investigative staff. More to follow.

08-24-12⁵ **RACE #4 - SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED / LATE SCRATCHES**
 Due to late scratches of #6 DOC CAN DANCE (Ryan Barber) trained by Steve Miyadi at 10:00 a.m. and #5 ONE GOOD SHARK (Joe Crispin) trained by Kenneth E. McReynolds at 12:00 noon show wagering was cancelled per CHRB rule #1954.
 Due to the timing of the scratches all trifecta and superfecta wagers were permitted per CHRB rule #1979 (c) and CHRB rule #1979.1 (c).
 The actions of trainers McReynolds and Miyadi are being looked at by CHRB investigative staff.

08-24-12⁶ **RACE #5 - POST RACE INCIDENT**
 The Board of Stewards were contacted by jockey MEGAN FADLOVICH #5 DIVORCE ATTORNEY complaining about the actions of jockey DIONICIO NAVARRO #4 JEWELS OF FIRE as the field was "pulling up." Steward's Aide Matt Nichols also contacted the Board of Stewards, making them aware of a potential problem.

Though the video available to the Stewards was very brief, it did indicate that there could be some merit to Ms. Fadlovich's complaint.
 The Board of Stewards will meet with both jockeys in the morning (8/25).

08-24-12⁷ **RACE #6 – INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**
 The "inquiry" sign was posted in order to review an incident which occurred as the field passed the ½ mile pole.
 At this point in the race #1 GET OFF THE SUGAR (Hugo Herrera), #3 SHAGGY NIUNIU (April Boag) and #5 WARREN'S HOT STUFF (Dionicio Navarro) were in very close quarters and there was some slight contact.
 After reviewing the video the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that #1 "stepped out" slightly and was responsible for his own problems. No change.

08-24-12⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	1,796	\$	54,553.30
NCOT	1,680	\$	45,027.90
SCOT		\$	71,339.30
Out of State		\$	93,332.84
TOTAL	3,476	\$	264,253.34

Saturday

08-25-12¹ **INFORMAL HEARING / KENNETH McREYNOLDS / RULING NO. 7**
(REF 08-24-12³⁻⁴)

Trainer KENNETH McREYNOLDS, having signed a waiver of 10-day notice, appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the late declarations of three (3) horses under his care from the previous day's card.

These declarations caused the cancellation of place and show wagering on the third race and contributed to the cancellation of show wagering on the 4th race.

Trainer McReynolds was quite candid in assuming responsibility for the violation of the medication rules and stated that he would accept any sanction the Stewards felt was appropriate.

After deliberations and discussion of a variety of options, the Stewards issued the following unanimous ruling:

Trainer **KENNETH McREYNOLDS** is fined the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1844 (b) and #1629 (Authorized Medication and Late Declaration) for violation of medication procedures regarding #2 DARLING CIANA and #5 HOT SHOT R N in the 3rd race and #5 ONE GOOD SHARK in the 4th race on Friday, August 24, 2012.

Trainer McReynolds, when informed of the Board's decision, accepted same and promised to be more diligent in the future.

The investigative staff is reviewing the situation in order to access any other possible culpability in the matter.

08-25-12² **RUBY AND RAY THOMAS IN**

RUBY and RAY THOMAS appeared in the Steward's office wishing to discuss the Board of Steward's decision regarding a claim in yesterday's (8/24) 6th race.

At issue was the presence, or not, of an apostrophe in the final letter of the horse's name (DON'T STOP RIDIN') on the claim slip.

While the Ruby and Ray Thomas wished to take issue with the Steward's decision, Ruby Thomas stated quite emphatically "that she did NOT want the horse back."

After a rather lengthy discussion, during which Steward Stauffer explained in detail his reasons for the dissenting vote, Ruby and Ray Thomas remained unconvinced. Conversely, Stewards Moreno and Oke re-affirmed their opinion that the claim was valid. We agreed to disagree.

08-25-12³ **MEGAN FADLOVICH FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MEGAN FADLOVICH appeared in the Steward's office in order to address her concerns relative to the actions between herself and jockey DIONICIO NAVARRO past the finish of Friday's 5th race.

Ms. Fadlovich, who was accompanied by jockey Ryan Barber, viewed video with the Board of Stewards and raised significant issues concerning the incidents on-track and in the Jockey's Room.

08-25-12⁴ **DIONICIO NAVARRO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey DIONICIO NAVARRO appeared in the Steward's office to address his actions after Friday's fifth race.

At issue was Navarro's action toward fellow jockey Megan Fadlovich while "pulling up" post-race and again, possibly more importantly, in the Jock's room. Navarro categorically denied all actions attributed to him both on the race track and in the room.

At that time, Navarro was put on notice that his future actions would be closely monitored, particularly at this venue.

Navarro was also informed that he would be informed when this decision is finalized. More to follow.

08-25-12⁵ **SHYANN GARCIA / RULING NO. 8**

Once again, apprentice jockey Shyann Garcia failed to appear for film review relative to her ride in Wednesday's 5th race. Her excuse is not worth repeating. She was informed and the following ruling was issued:

Jockey **SHYANN GARCIA** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to meet with the film analyst on Saturday, August 25, 2012.

08-25-12⁶ **NAVARRO CONTINUED / RULING NO. 9**

Approximately ninety (90) minutes after the Board of Stewards initial film review and meeting with jockey DIONICIO NAVARRO several first-hand witnesses to the events in question came forward.

In light of these discoveries, the Board of Stewards contacted CHRB Northern Division Supervising Investigator Dan Dailey and turned the matter over to the investigative staff for further review.

Further, as a result of the facts available to the Board of Stewards, the following ruling was issued:

Jockey **DIONICIO NAVARRO** is hereby summarily suspended, from riding only, for possible violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (2), (3), and (4) pending an investigation and formal hearing. Ruling issued under the authority of the Board of Stewards as defined in CHRB rule #1528 with the concurrence of Assistant Executive Director Wagner.

Navarro was informed by Supervising Investigator Dailey, in the company of Inspector Gabe Palomar, of the decision, and subsequent ruling.

08-25-12⁷ **RACE #6 – INQUIRY / HORSE DECLARED A STARTER**

Simultaneously with the gate opening, #6 OREGON DYNASTY (Joe Crispin) reared and unseated jockey JOE CRISPIN. In an amazing display of horsemanship, outrider Mike Angellini caught the loose horse and kept him under control, thus defusing a potentially dangerous situation.

After reviewing the video, the Stewards unanimously concluded that the starting gate functioned properly and #6 was the cause of his own problems. No change.

08-25-12⁸ **RACE #8 – INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident approaching the finish when #3 YOU BETTOR BEWARE (Barrington Harvey) drifted out, appearing to take the path of #7 WICKED KICK (David Essman).

After reviewing the video and speaking to the riders involved, the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that #3 caused #7 to “check” thus costing #7 a chance at a better placing. Beaten a short head for 4th. Jockey Harvey was ordered to film review.

Original Order of Finish: 4 – 3 – 6 – 1 – 7 – 5 – 2

Official Order of Finish: 4 – 6 – 1 – 7 – 3 – 5 – 2

08-25-12⁹ **RACE #9 – RIDER TO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey MEGAN FADLOVICH was ordered to film to review her actions at the break in the 9th race. More to follow.

08-25-12¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	3,369	\$	113,024.60
NCOT	2,906	\$	82,419.10
SCOT		\$	117,019.70
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>204,047.05</u>
TOTAL	6,275	\$	516,510.45

Sunday

08-26-12¹ **FILM REVIEW / BARRINGTON HARVEY (REF 08-25-12⁸)**

Veteran jockey BARRINGTON HARVEY appeared as requested to review his ride in yesterday's 8th race aboard #3 YOU BETTER BEWARE.

At issue was the finish of the event when Harvey's mount drifted out and took the path of #7 WICKED KICK (David Essman).

Harvey, who's mount was disqualified and placed 5th, offered the explanation that he was aboard a tiring mount and was attempting to control his horse while achieving the best possible result.

The Stewards accepted jockey Harvey's explanation with the added caution that any further incidents could result in days. Harvey indicated that he understood.

08-26-12² **FILM REVIEW / MEGAN FADLOVICH (REF 08-25-12⁹)**

Jockey MEGAN FADLOVICH appeared as requested to review her ride in yesterday's 9th and final event.

Up for review was the start of the race when jockey Fadlovich's mount broke sharply inward as the gates opened.

Video clearly indicates jockey Fadlovich's immediate attempt to correct her mount and the Board of Stewards recognized and commended her effort.

08-26-12³ **FINALLY SHYANN GARCIA**

Apprentice jockey SHYANN GARCIA finally appeared in the Steward's Office.

Up for review was Ms. Garcia's ride aboard #5 WILLYCAN in Wednesday's 5th race, in particular the stretch drive.

Ms. Garcia, riding the post-time favorite (6-5) was caught right on the wire by a fast closing #1 BYE BYE SEE YA (Matt Garcia).

Ms. Garcia candidly admitted she was concentrating on the horse to her immediate inside and was caught unaware by the winner.

Ms. Garcia was cautioned to be more aware of her surroundings and we feel she will.

08-26-12⁵ **RACE #1 – INQUIRY / RIDER OBJECTION / DISQUALIFICATION**

The "Inquiry" sign was posted in order to review two (2) separate incidents in this 660 yard race for Mules, both involving the unofficial race winner #2 BAR JF HOT TICKET (Anthony Ayala).

In the first incident, in a three (3) Mule spread, as the mules entered the turn, 2 "steps out" forcing #3 JET FUEL (Jonathan Roman) into #6 BAR JF Red Ticket (Billy Lewis) bumping #6 "off stride." #6, who was narrowly in front at the time, "steadied" and lost momentum, dropping 7-8 lengths behind. #6 then rallied to finish 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths out of the "show" position.

Then #2 carried #3 out past the center of the track and they continued that way through the finish, with the photo finish camera necessary to determine the original order of finish.

After reviewing the video, the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded #2 be disqualified and placed behind #3.

However, with reference to the first incident, the Board of Stewards by majority vote (Steward Moreno dissenting) placed #2 behind #6 for costing #6 an opportunity for a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – 3 – 5 – 6 – 1

Official Order of Finish: 3 – 5 – 6 – 2 – 1

08-26-12⁶ **RACE #6 – INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to allow the Board of Stewards to review the actions of #4 COIN PIPER (Barrington Harvey) at two (2) points in the event.

First, #4 took a bad step as the field left the gate. Video clearly shows #4 put himself in a bad spot and ran up on heels.

Also, as the field entered the 1st turn #4 and #6 KAWANI RUN (Shyann Garcia) were in close quarters. Video was inconclusive as to whether there had actually been any rule violation and, if so, who was responsible. No change.

08-26-12⁷ **RACE #7 – INQUIRY / FATALITY / PRE-RACE**

As the field was warming up, prior to the 7th race, #1 BURSQUEL (Shyann Garcia) tried to "duck under the outside rail" in the area of the 3/8 pole. Preliminary Veterinarian opinion was that she broke her neck and crushed her skull. Either injury would have been fatal.

The remaining jockeys were ordered to dismount until the situation was resolved. Apprentice jockey Shyann Garcia was "badly shaken" but otherwise uninjured. She was excused from her remaining mounts. Accident report attached.

08-26-12⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	2,269	\$	113,655.10
NCOT	2,819	\$	114,513.10
SCOT		\$	162,894.40
Out of State		\$	245,003.65
TOTAL	5,088	\$	636,066.25

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program. Steward Vic Stauffer was in attendance on the non-racing days to handle entries and scratches.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
22-Aug	2	1	BLIND OPTIMISM	Greiner	Sick	Dooley	\$ 274.05
	4	1	BRONWYN'S BREW	Edgerly	Unsound	Dooley	\$ 419.40
	6	1	SARASOTA CITY	Eaton	Unsound	Dooley	\$ 4,828.97
24-Aug	2	4	OUTA IDAHO	Shelley	Injured	Dooley	\$ 843.00
25-Aug	1	2	EYE OF THE HAWK	Shelley	Sick	Dooley	\$ 154.70
	4	1	STRONG DEEDS	Pulido	Injured	Dooley	\$ 295.00
	5	1	SHE SUPER B	Cox	Injured	Dooley	\$ 4,876.20
26-Aug	1	4	IMAGE OF TOMAHAWK	Shelley	Sick	Dooley	\$ 187.70
	5	2	VIRGINIA WAY	Thomas, D.	Sick	Dooley	\$ 425.30
	7	1	BURSQUEL	Martin	Sick	Dooley	\$ 2,707.55

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

08-26-12 BURSQUEL (Tr. John Martin) fractured skull

Veterinarian's List

There were eleven (11) horses placed on the vet's list:

- Sick: 5
- Injured: 3
- Unsound: 3

There were nine (9) horses removed from the vet's list.

- Sick: 5
- Injured: 2
- Unsound: 2

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	105	\$ 8,420.30
Bakersfield	345	\$ 34,602.90
Fresno	266	\$ 21,717.90
Fresno Club One	68	\$ 14,998.50
Golden Gate	678	\$ 290,518.10
Monterey	240	\$ 40,979.00
Pleasanton	1396	\$ 145,249.20
Sacramento	1119	\$ 114,109.30
San Jose	1770	\$ 156,268.40
San Mateo	2824	\$ 323,324.00
Santa Rosa	706	\$ 42,843.40
Stockton	783	\$ 83,959.10
Tulare	201	\$ 13,898.60
Turlock	360	\$ 43,670.30
Vallejo	771	\$ 86,112.40
So. California		\$ 443,146.30
Out of State		\$ 683,361.70

	22-Aug	24-Aug	25-Aug	26-Aug	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	1	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	1	0	1	3	5
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	1	2	3
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	2	3	6	12
REFUNDS	3	5	3	3	14	21
RULINGS	1	2	3	0	6	9

Respectfully submitted,

Ruben Moreno, Steward

Vic Stauffer, Steward

Wayne Oke, Steward

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