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**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD****HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR**

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

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Report for the period Monday, August 24, 2015 through Sunday, August 30, 2015.

**Monday****08-24-15<sup>1</sup> RAMIREZ STAY GRANTED**

Jockey Marcial Ramirez was granted a partial stay of Ruling #18 issued at Santa Rosa. The ruling was a five day suspension and the stay was granted for three of those days. Specifically August 28, 29 and 30.

**08-24-15<sup>2</sup> ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY**

A total of 45 horses are scheduled to race in Fridays eight races. Five six horse fields and three five horse fields make up the card. No Cal-bred races were used.

**Tuesday****08-25-15<sup>1</sup> DARK DAY****Wednesday****08-26-15<sup>1</sup> SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY**

No changes were reported for Friday's card.

**08-26-15<sup>2</sup> ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

58 horses are divided into 9 races for Saturday. No Cal-bred races were carded.

**Thursday****08-27-15<sup>1</sup> SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY**

Two rider changes were made at scratch time.

**08-27-15<sup>2</sup> ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY**

Ferndale is set to close with a bang. Eleven races are on tap including the Ferndale Arabian Stake, The Cream City Mule Handicap and the C.J. Hindley Humboldt County

Marathon at the traditional mile and five eighths. 74 horses plus two also eligibles were drawn for Sunday.

**Friday****08-28-15<sup>1</sup> SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY**

Two jockey changes and one scratch were taken for Sunday's races. The scratch allowed one of two horses on the also eligibles to draw in for the ninth race keeping the race at the maximum 8 horse field.

**08-28-15<sup>2</sup> RULING NO. 4 – RAMIREZ RULING (REF: 08-24-15<sup>1</sup>)**

Acting upon an Order Granting Stay from the California Horse Racing Board and having already served suspension days August 21 and August 22, 2015 in accordance with Sonoma County Fair Racing Association Ruling #18 dated August 15, 2015, jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ** shall now be suspended for three (3) racing days (September 4, 5 and 6, 2015) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – Fifth Offense) in the second race on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa).

The above ruling was issued to follow through on the stay order.

**08-28-15<sup>3</sup> RULING NO. 5 – AUBRIE GREEN RULING**

Apprentice Jockey **AUBRIE GREEN** who rode **JACQ'S CAT** in the third race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on August 16, 2015 is hereby fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense).

The above ruling was issued after young Ms. Green appeared and reviewed the race in question. She admitted to her error and accepted the penalty.

**08-28-15<sup>4</sup> JOCKEYS IN (REF: 08-23-15<sup>7</sup>)**

Veteran jockeys Chris Russell and Barrington Harvey were in to review last Sunday's ninth race in which they were both involved in an inquiry. Both riders were candid in accepting responsibility for their part in the race. Jockey Russell said he should have stayed farther off the rail to give Harvey and his mount some room and Harvey accepted that he was not all the way up inside at the point of the turn.

**08-28-15<sup>5</sup> NO SHOW WAGERING**

A scratch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race reduced the field to four mules and two scratches in the 5<sup>th</sup> race reduced the field to four horses. Show wagering was cancelled in accordance with CHRB rule 1954 (Pari-Mutuel Pools) in those two races.

**08-28-15<sup>6</sup> RACE #2 – STEWARD'S REVIEW**

#2 CALI MCGEE II rears at the start. The view of the start was shown to the public and since #2 created its own problem no inquiry was posted.

**08-28-15<sup>7</sup> RACE #7 – DOUBLE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review two incidents in yesterday's seventh race. The first incident occurred as the horses went into the far turn the first time. #2 LAST CHIEF STANDING "propped" according to jockey Luis Godoy who was unseated at that time. Neither horse nor rider were injured. Jockey Godoy was cleared to ride the last race by Dr. Locke and he won.

The second incident occurred turning for home and in the stretch concerning #4 PAX TECUM (Carlos Madeira, 1<sup>st</sup>) and #6 MATT'S SONIC (Barrington Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup>). After review

no change was made. The stewards unanimously felt both horses contributed. First #6 races wide out of the turn forcing #4 wide. Second #4 comes in bumping #6 in mid-stretch.

08-28-15<sup>8</sup>**PROGRAM CHANGES**

2 <sup>nd</sup> race:	#4 PENELOPE	(Tr. M. Gramlich)	Injured	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$	16.00
5 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 SOUTHERN OWAH	(Tr. G. Greiner)	Unsound	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$	12.00
	#6 WETHERBEE LAKE	(Tr. R. Lucas)	Unsound	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$	44.00
6 <sup>th</sup> race:	#6 LUCKY POINT	(Tr. J. Homer)	Injured	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$	12.00

08-28-15<sup>9</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	2,920	\$	70,220.40
NCOT	1,627	\$	67,391.30
SCOT		\$	83,308.10
Out of State		\$	124,257.44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>345,177.24</b>

**Saturday**08-29-15<sup>1</sup>**RULING NO. 6 – CRISPIN RULING**

Jockey **JOE CRISPIN** who rode **STARBUCK'S BABY** in the first race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on August 28, 2015 is hereby fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense).

The above ruling was issued after Crispin appeared and pled guilty to whipping four times in succession.

08-29-15<sup>2</sup>**RACE #2 – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the reason that fourth place finisher #3 RAINEING SAND was steadied in the stretch by jockey Chris Russell. After review and talking to Russell it was determined that #3 was pointed to a hole that didn't open up as Russell had anticipated and as a result he had to steady his mount. No change.

08-29-15<sup>3</sup>**RACE #8 – LATE GATE SCRATCH**

#3 BELLA ANGELINA (Marcial Ramirez) flipped in the gate causing a late declaration and a delay of five minutes. Jockey Ramirez was unhurt and the status of the horse is unknown as of this writing.

08-29-15<sup>4</sup>**RACE #9 – LATE SCRATCH POST PARADE**

#3 COOL ICE unseated jockey Chris Russell in the post parade. Jockey Russell refused to ride and apprentice jockey Aubrie Green was named as a replacement. As Green was legged up #3 reared and the stewards immediately ordered the horse scratched as unmanageable.

08-29-15<sup>5</sup>**RACE #9 – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review a shift involving #2 OUI MAN (Marcial Ramirez, 2<sup>nd</sup>) and #4 DIABLO DE MAYO (Barrington Harvey, 5<sup>th</sup>) approaching the first turn. After review no change was ordered. Tapes show #2 race wide causing #4 to shift out approaching the first turn. #4 was a little rank exaggerating the problem and also beaten well off for a placing.

08-29-15 <sup>6</sup>	<b><u>PROGRAM CHANGES</u></b>		
8 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 BELLA ANGELINA	(Tr. S. Naranjo)	Flipped Gate
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 14,903.85
9 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 COOL ICE	(Tr. G. Preciado)	Runaway Post Parade
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 6,311.15
	#7 MOON ZOOM	(Tr. J. Homer)	Sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 15.50

08-29-15 <sup>7</sup>	<b><u>ATTENDANCE &amp; HANDLE</u></b>		
	FER	3,565	\$ 132,809.10
	NCOT	3,137	\$ 90,495.70
	SCOT		\$ 94,101.20
	Out of State		\$ 124,257.44
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,702</b>	<b>\$ 472,169.50</b>

**Sunday**

08-30-15<sup>1</sup> **RULING NO. 7 – MADEIRA RULING**  
 Jockey **CARLOS MADEIRA** who rode **AIMEE OAKLEY PW** in the second race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on August 29, 2015 is hereby fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense).

The above ruling was issued following a review of the start of yesterday's second race in which the crop was used four consecutive times. Mr. Madeira agreed to our assessment and apologized.

08-30-15<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 8 – JAMES RULING**  
 Jockey **JARELL JAMES** is hereby fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – Late to Jockey's Room) on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale).

The above ruling was issued after James appeared and accepted the penalty. He stated he was stuck in traffic.

08-30-15<sup>3</sup> **RAMIREZ WARNING (REF: 8-29-15<sup>5</sup>)**  
 Jockey Marcial Ramirez was show films and warned to keep a straighter course after surviving an inquiry in yesterday's ninth race.

08-30-15<sup>4</sup> **RACE #1 – ARABIAN STAKE – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**  
 The inquiry sign was posted to review the stretch/finish of the first race involving #1 TRUE GRIT SA (Carlos Madeira, 1<sup>st</sup>) and #3 TWICE RICH (Chris Russell, 4<sup>th</sup>). Tapes show #1 come out under left handed whipping nearing the finish causing jockey Russell to check #3 sharply while racing in 2<sup>nd</sup> position. #1 was disqualified from 1<sup>st</sup> and placed 4<sup>th</sup> for interference.

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

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

08-30-15<sup>5</sup> **RACE #2 – STEWARD'S REVIEW – MULE STAKE**  
 8-5 favorite #5 BAR JF HOT TICKET bolted in this 660 yard event eventually finishing last. A steward's review showed the public that #5 caused its own problem.

08-30-15<sup>6</sup> **RULING NO. 9 – MADEIRA RULING (REF: 08-30-15<sup>4</sup>)**  
 Jockey **CARLOS MADEIRA** who rode **TRUE GRIT SA** in the first race on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at the Humboldt County Fair

(Ferndale) is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (September 11, 12 & 13, 2015) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – altered course without sufficient clearance in the stretch) resulting in a disqualification from first to fourth.

Jockey Carlos Madeira accepted the above ruling rather than face a hearing at a later date. Madeira acknowledged he should have kept a straight course.

08-30-15<sup>7</sup> **RACE #4 – STEWARD’S REVIEW**

#2 Tudor Blue (Hugo Herrera) reared just as starter Robert Mooneyhan dispatched the field. The public had a good opportunity to view the start several times showing #2 created its own problem.

08-30-15<sup>8</sup> **RACE #5 – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the first turn in which #2 ROYAL ALEXEI (Aubrie Green, 4<sup>th</sup>) and #7 TUPELO CUSH (Chris Russell, 7<sup>th</sup>) raced wide into the turn. The majority felt #2 carried the #7 out and therefore #7 was cost a chance at a better placing. Steward Meyers felt the actions of #2 did not account for #7’s poor racing.

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

08-30-15<sup>9</sup> **RACE #8 – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the 8<sup>th</sup> race. Tapes show the winner #1 EDDIE COULD GO (Chris Russell) break outward at the start bumping #3 KALIHI SUN (Jake Samuels, 8<sup>th</sup>) and #4 IN ABSOLUTE AWE (Marcial Ramirez, 6<sup>th</sup>). Neither #3 nor #4 showed any run in the race and it was unanimous that the bump did not cost placings.

08-30-15<sup>10</sup> **RACE #10 – OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

Jockey Joe Crispin lodged a claim of foul on behalf of his mount #2 GUZZLINGIN who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to #5 FASTER CAT (Jake Samuels) alleging interference on the final turn. Although #2 bobbles around the turn it is impossible to blame #5 for interference from the films. No change.

08-30-15<sup>11</sup> **PROGRAM CHANGES**

7 <sup>th</sup> race:	#6 SOUND OF MONEY	(Tr. D. Raymond)	Unsound Post Parade
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 3,777.60
9 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 GO ANGELINA GO	(Tr. K. McReynolds)	Unsound
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 2.90

08-30-15<sup>12</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	1,921	\$	138,017.30
NCOT	2,210	\$	144,532.80
SCOT		\$	115,491.30
Out of State		\$	284,306.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,131</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>682,347.80</b>

**M E E T 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.

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
28-Aug	2	4	PENELOPE	M. Gramlich	Injured	Connolly	\$ 16.00
28-Aug	5	3	SOUTHERN OWAH	G. Greiner	Unsound	Connolly	\$ 12.00
28-Aug	5	6	WETHERBEE LAKE	R. Lucas	Unsound	Connolly	\$ 44.00
28-Aug	6	6	LUCKY POINT	J. Homer	Injured	Connolly	\$ 12.00
29-Aug	8	3	BELLA ANGELINA	S. Naranjo	Flipped Gate	Connolly	\$ 14,903.85
29-Aug	9	3	COOL ICE	G. Preciado	Runaway	Connolly	\$ 6,311.15
29-Aug	9	7	MOON ZOOM	J. Homer	Sick	Connolly	\$ 15.50
30-Aug	7	6	SOUND OF MONEY	D. Raymond	Unsound	Connolly	\$ 3,777.60
30-Aug	9	3	GO ANGELINA GO	McReynolds	Unsound	Connolly	\$ 2.90

**VETERINARY REPORT**

**Euthanized / Died – 1**

08-30-15 MICHELLE NEOLLE (Tr. Jonathan Wong) Compound fracture of the FR sesamoids; Ferndale during race at the 7/16 marker (dirt).

**Veterinarian's List**

There were (8) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 1 Injured: 3 Unsound: 4

There was (1) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 1

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Anderson	\$ 6,350.10
Banker's Casino	\$ 9,207.30
Fresno	\$ 25,962.60
Fresno Club One	\$ 21,220.10
Golden Gate	\$ 251,469.50
Monterey	\$ 19,482.60
Pleasanton	\$ 121,802.70
Sacramento	\$ 105,733.80
San Jose	\$ 153,152.50
San Mateo	\$ 264,190.50
Santa Rosa	\$ 37,665.00
Stockton	\$ 66,749.60
Turlock	\$ 20,679.10
Vallejo	\$ 73,053.60
So. California	\$ 292,900.60
Out of State	\$ 563,327.34

	28-Aug.	29-Aug.	30-Aug.	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	1	1	2	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	0	2	3	5	8
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	2	2	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	2	2	4	8	12
REFUNDS	4	3	2	9	15
RULINGS	2	1	3	6	9

Respectfully submitted,

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Grant Baker, Steward**

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**David Nuesch, Steward**