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

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Report for the period Wednesday, July 30, 2008 through Monday, August 3, 2008.

Wednesday

07-30-08¹ CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-Bred race for three year olds and older, claiming price \$7,000 to \$8,000, going six furlongs, failed to fill.

07-30-08² DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS

4 th race:	#8 MINIMUMS MINIMUMS (Tr. Armando Lage)	injured	
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND:	\$36,312.02
7 th race:	#6 NAKISKA (Tr. Dennis Patterson)	sick	
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND:	\$ 994.40
8 th race:	#1 EASTERN BEAUTY (Tr. Phil Oviedo)	sick	
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND:	\$ 91.00
	#8 SWIFTETTE (Tr. Gloria Buckridge)	sick	
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND:	\$ 104.50
9 th race:	#7 DR. EINSTEIN (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	unsound	
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND:	\$43,748.41

10th race: #5 SOTTOVOCE (Tr. Genaro Vallejo) no other rider available
 Jockey Jorge Ayarza – injured; Stewards REFUND: \$ 1,187.95

07-30-08³ **NO PROBLEMS**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without incident.

07-30-08⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	3,251	\$ 271,838.30
NCOT	2,510	\$ 927,182.70
SCOT		\$ 488,227.40
Out of State		\$ 973,460.16
TOTAL	5,761	\$2,660,708.56

Thursday

07-31-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for three year olds, claiming price \$6,250 going one mile, failed to fill.

07-31-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1st race: #3 RTR LOST IN THE FOG (Tr. Jamey Thomas) injured in starting gate
 Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$ 8,524.00

7th race: #10 COMIC REVIEW (Tr. Greg James) sick
 Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 2,327.20

9th race: #8 SAINTLY SHADOW (Tr. Harley Kowalsky) unsound
 Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$12,540.96

07-31-08³ **HEARING CANCELLED** (08GG076)

The financial complaint filed against owner **MARSHA HONDA**, alleging an overdue training bill (\$3,620.00) was dismissed as the complainant, trainer **MANUEL CALVARIO**, failed to appear.

07-31-08⁴ **JOCKEY JORGE AYARZA** (Refer: 07-30-08²)

Jockey **JORGE AYARZA** met with the stewards to explain the nature of the injury that caused him to take off his mount (SOTTOVOCE) in yesterday's tenth race. Unfortunately, no other rider would pick up the mount and the horse was declared.

Mr. Ayarza was accompanied by assistant clerk of scales Danny Winick and valet Joe Hernandez.

Mr. Ayarza does have an open wound on the inside of his right calf that was further aggravated by his mount in the fifth race and requested to be excused following that event.

07-31-08⁵ **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – Eighth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race in order to review an accident at the start.

The film shows #7 DONE GONE QUACKERS (Jockey Pedro Flores) stumbles and unseats his rider leaving the gate. No other horse or rider involved. An accident report is attached to these minutes.

07-31-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	3,585	\$ 341,180.00
NCOT	2,855	\$1,045,821.80
SCOT		\$ 520,683.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 960,029.03</u>
TOTAL	6,440	\$2,867,714.03

FRIDAY

08-01-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for three year olds, claiming price \$10,500 - \$12,500, six furlongs, failed to fill.

08-01-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#2 STEALING ELECTRICITY (Tr. Ray Thomas) Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	injured REFUND: \$ 120.30
3 rd race:	#6 RAE SHELL (Tr. John Piches) Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	sore REFUND: \$5,356.09
5 th race:	#4 BRITT'S JULES (Tr. William E. Morey) Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	sick REFUND: \$ 405.00
10 th race:	#1 MISSILE TONE (Tr. Doug Utley) Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	sick REFUND: \$ 132.00
	#10 CROUCHING DRAGON (Tr. Steve Miyadi) Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	sick REFUND: \$ 118.00

08-01-08³ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Eighth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race in order to review the start.

The tapes show #8 FLUTTER GIRL (Elliott Demesme) refused to leave the starting gate when the stall doors opened.

The starting gate functioned properly and FLUTTER GIRL was declared a starter. This four-year-old filly will be placed on the steward's list and starter's list.

08-01-08⁴ **CHRB VISITORS**

Executive Director **Kirk Breed** and Assistant Executive Director **Richard 'Bon' Smith** joined the stewards in the judges' stand for a few races.

Regulatory matters were discussed as was the state budget impasse.

Later in the day, Chief Investigator **Rad Coulter**, accompanied by Supervising Investigator Anne Glasscock, met with stewards and viewed a race.

08-01-08⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	4,469	\$ 389,611.40
NCOT	3,382	\$1,204,348.40
SCOT		\$ 543,618.40
Out of State		\$1,093,748.13
TOTAL	7,851	\$3,231,326.33

Saturday08-02-08¹ **CAL BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for three year olds and older, claiming price \$9,000 - \$10,000, failed to fill.

08-02-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#2 BLUE TORPEDO (Tr. Gloria Haley)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$1,021.45
9 th race:	#5 EAGER PHARISIEN (Tr. Cliff Delima)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$ 44.00
11 th race:	#2 DANGEROUSLY DUNN (Tr. Efrain Miranda)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$ 39.10

08-02-08³ **RULING NO. 6 – ARREOLA**

Jockey **ABRAHAM ARREOLA**, who was scheduled to ride MYRNAS JAZZ in the first race on Friday, August 1, 2008 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa), is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Arreola met with the stewards and apologized for not fulfilling his obligation.

08-02-08⁴ **JUAN JOSE ROMO, JR. HEARING** (08GG089)

A formal hearing was held for trainer **Juan Jose Romo, Jr.**, who has been charged with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1878 (Workouts), #1894 (Duties of Trainer), #1588 (j) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race), #1592 (Ineligible Horse to be Disqualified) and #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations).

Present for the hearing, in addition to Mr. Romo and the stewards, were CHRB Special Investigator Charles Smith and Christine Niccoli, C.S.R., who recorded the proceedings.

The stewards heard testimony from clocker **Melody Truitt**, owner **Guillermina Mena**, exercise rider **Raul Mariscal**, owner **Luis Mariscal**, as well as Mr. Romo.

The California Horse Racing Board alleges that Mr. Romo attempted to misidentify a horse for an official workout and brought the Quarter horse **CINCO DE MONGOOSE** to the track (Pleasanton) from his ranch on the day the horse was scheduled to run.

-- Decision forthcoming --

08-02-08⁵ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – First Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry following the first race to review observed interference in the stretch.

The tapes show the mule IMA TOP GUN (#1a) drifts in soon after the start, causing interference and then ducks out sharply, bumping and impeding the eventual winner.

The stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #1a IMA TOP GUN from third to last.

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

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

08-02-08⁶ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Tenth Race**

The inquiry light was lit for a review of the start of the tenth race.

The tapes show #7 MORAL DILEMMA (Pablo Castillo), who ran last, raced erratically causing interference both inside and outside. As the three year old filly ran last, no disqualification was necessary.

08-02-08⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	6,229	\$ 586,321.60
NCOT	5,008	\$2,066,884.60
SCOT		\$ 937,847.70
Out of State		\$1,200,534.49
TOTAL	11,237	\$4,791,588.39

Sunday08-03-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for three year olds and older, claiming price \$10,500 - \$12,500, six furlongs, failed to fill.

08-03-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#5 THE SAM MAN	(Tr. Helen Shelley)	injured in starting gate
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$12,639.00
9 th race:	#6 WARD BROOKS	(Tr. Bret Layne)	unsound
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 644.70
10 th race:	#4 PERFECT RHYME	(Tr. Steve Sherman)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 613.00
	#5 LOCKITUP	(Tr. Dennis Hopkins)	unsound
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 1,452.40

08-03-08³ **NO SHOW or PLACE WAGERING**

CHRB approved Sonoma County Fair's request to have "win wagering only" for today's second race. The amount of refund for show and place totaled \$411.20.

08-03-08⁴ **RULING NO. 7 – ROMO, JR.** (08GG089)

Owner/Trainer **JUAN JOSE ROMO, JR.** having now appeared is hereby restored to good standing and ruling no. 2, issued at the Sonoma County Fair on July 25, 2008, is set aside.

Further, JUAN JOSE ROMO, JR. is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1894 (Duties of Trainer for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1588 (j) (Horse Ineligible to Start) resulting in the disqualification of CINCO OF MONGOOSE from the second race on June 25, 2008 in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1592 (Ineligible Horse to be Disqualified).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the stewards considered all the testimony and evidence presented at the formal hearing held on August 2, 2008. The stewards further determined there was insufficient evidence to the charge of intentional misidentification of a horse for an official workout.

08-03-08⁵ **RULING NO. 8 – CINCO DE MONGOOSE** (08GG089)

It is ordered that the horse **CINCO DE MONGOOSE**, who finished first in the second race June 25, 2008 at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton), be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1592 (Ineligible Horse to Be Disqualified) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1588 (j) (Horse Ineligible to Start) for failure to have CINCO DE MONGOOSE on the grounds of the Alameda County Fair twenty-four (24) hours prior to time race is run.

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to owner Gullermina Mena (\$2,270.00), trainer Juan Jose Romo, Jr. (\$275.00) and jockey Gregorio Arriaga (\$275.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule 1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

- 1st – SLOW MODUS
- 2nd – SECRET WALK
- 3rd – FAME CHICK
- 4th – NO STOP SIGN
- 5th – NO JOSHIN
- 6th – KINGS RIVER MAN
- 7th – CMB ALL FIRED UP
- 8th – MISS HOT VIONA

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

The above ruling was issued in conjunction with Ruling No. 7 following the formal hearing held on August 2, 2008.

08-03-08⁶ **RULING NO. 9 – CASTILLO**

Jockey **PABLO CASTILLO**, who rode **MORAL DILEMMA** in the tenth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, August 2, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 10, 11 and 13, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course soon after the start and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the stewards and Mr. Castillo reviewed the tapes of the tenth race from August 3, 2008.

Mr. Castillo acknowledged he should have had more control of his mount and accepted the penalty imposed.

08-03-08⁷ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Seventh Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race in order to review an incident near the 3/16 pole involving #6 BOUND TO GET EVEN (Adan Landeros).

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the tapes of the race, the stewards decided in a majority decision (Baker dissenting) that, although there was interference, the incident did not alter the original order of finish.

08-03-08⁸ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Eighth Race**

The stewards conducted an inquiry following the eighth race for a review of an incident in the stretch involving #1 NO NIBBLING (Modesto Linares) second, #8 STORM SAYER (Francisco Duran) fifth, and #9 LOCAL HERO (Saul Arias) fourth.

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the tapes of the race, the stewards decided unanimously that the interference caused by #1 NO NIBBLING did not affect the placing of the horses involved.

08-03-08⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	5,520	\$ 524,569.50
NCOT	5,895	\$2,085,378.60
SCOT		\$ 851,106.40
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,126,160.66</u>
TOTAL	11,415	\$4,587,215.16

Monday

08-04-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, one mile and one-sixteenth, failed to fill.

08-04-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#3 AURORAS RAINBEAU (Tr. Billy Lewis) Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	sick REFUND: \$ 175.00
3 rd race:	#6 FJ'S APPEAL (Tr. John Martin) Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	sick REFUND: \$ 503.00
9 th race:	#7 GAMBLIN EDGE (Tr. Steve Sherman) Horse Identifier Pat Kealy	markings REFUND: \$ 222.70

08-04-08³ **RULING NO. 10 – LINARES**

Jockey **MODESTO LINARES**, who rode **NO NIBBLING** in the eighth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Sunday, August 3, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 13, 14, and 15, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Linares and the stewards reviewed the tapes of the eighth race from August 3, 2008.

Mr. Linares admitted the effort he put forth in keeping a straight course was unacceptable.

08-04-08⁴ **RULING NO. 11 – LANDEROS**

Jockey **ADAN LANDEROS**, who rode **BOUND TO GET EVEN** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Sunday, August 3, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 13, 14, and 15, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Landeros and the stewards reviewed the tapes of the seventh race from August 3, 2008.

Mr. Landeros acknowledged he erred in not making the effort required to prevent interference and accepted the penalty.

08-04-08⁵ **OWNER ALAN HASSAN, M. D.** (Refer: 07-13-08¹; 07-17-08¹)

The stewards have attempted to contact owner **ALAN HASSAN, M.D.**, to remind him to satisfy his financial obligation (\$7,410.00) to trainer **COURTNEY HICKMAN** as determined following the formal hearing held on July 13, 2008 at the Solano County Fair (Vallejo).

Stewards will make additional attempts to reach Dr. Hassan prior to issuing a ruling ordering him to satisfy his financial obligation.

08-04-08⁶ **TRACK VET ILL**

Track Veterinarian **Robert Connolly** became ill just before the first race and will be replaced by **Robert Goodbary, D.V.M.**

Dr. Connolly was transported to Memorial Hospital after being examined by the track E.M.T.'s following some sort of seizure or fainting spell.

08-04-08⁷ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Fifth Race**

The stewards flashed the inquiry sign following the fifth race for a review of the stretch run.

#5 MR. COOL was observed ducking out sharply near the 3/16 pole. Tapes show the three year old gelding ducked from the whip of jockey Frank Alvarado.

No other horses were involved and no change in the order of finish was warranted.

08-04-08⁸ **CLAIM VOIDED**

The stewards voided a claim submitted by trainer **JOHN MARTIN**, as authorized agent, on behalf of **Stewball Stable** (Jeff Finkel) for the five year old mare **ATSASHANARAY**, who ran in today's seventh race.

Although John Martin submitted the claim, the claim slip indicated **VAL RHODEN** as trainer with Mr. Martin as authorized agent.

Stewards' aide **Matt Nichols** brought the issue to the stewards' attention when he opened the claims two minutes prior to the race.

A quick check of California Horse Racing Board computer files indicated that Mr. Martin was not an authorized agent for owner Jeff Finkel (Stewball Stable).

08-04-08⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	2,835	\$	285,255.80
NCOT	2,384	\$	844,477.70
SCOT		\$	475,408.30
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>878,109.43</u>
TOTAL	5,219	\$	\$2,483,251.23

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.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
30-Jul	4	8	MINIMUMS MINIMUMS	Lage	injured	Connolly	\$36,312.02
	7	6	NAKISKA	Patterson	sick	Dooley	\$994.40
	8	1	EASTER BEAUTY	Oviedo	sick	Dooley	\$91.00
	8	8	SWIFTETTE	Buckridge	sick	Dooley	\$104.50
	9	7	DR. EINSTEIN	Hollendorfer	unsound	Connolly	\$43,748.41
31-Jul	1	3	RTR LOST IN THE FOG	Thomas	injured in gate	Connolly	\$8,524.00
	7	10	COMIC REVIEW	James	sick	Dooley	\$2,327.20
	9	8	SAINTLY SHADOW	Kowalsky	unsound	Connolly	\$12,540.96
1-Aug	1	2	STEALING ELECTRICITY	Thomas	injured	Dooley	\$120.30
	3	6	RAE SHELL	Piches	sore	Connolly	\$5,356.09
	5	4	BRITT'S JULES	Morey	sick	Dooley	\$405.00
	10	1	MISSILE TONE	Utley	sick	Dooley	\$132.00
	10	10	CROUCHING DRAGON	Miyadi	sick	Dooley	\$118.00
2-Aug	3	2	BLUE TORPEDO	Haley	sick	Dooley	\$1,021.45
	9	5	EAGER PHARISIEN	Delima	sick	Dooley	\$44.00
	11	2	DANGEROUSLY DUNN	Miranda	sick	Dooley	\$39.10
3-Aug	1	5	THE SAM MAN	Shelley	injured in gate	Connolly	\$12,639.00
	9	6	WARD BROOKS	Layne	unsound	Dooley	\$644.70
	10	4	PERFECT RHYME	Sherman	sick	Dooley	\$613.00
	5	5	LOCKITUP	Hopkins	unsound	Dooley	\$1,452.40
4-Aug	2	3	AUROAS RAINBEAU	Lewis	sick	Dooley	\$175.00
	3	6	FJ'S APPEAL	Martin	sick	Dooley	\$503.00

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

08-01-08 Yieldnomore (Tr. Mike Lenzini) bilateral sesamoid fracture right front – dirt, racing
 08-03-08 Call Home Sox (Tr. Bill Delia) neurological, progressive right side cranial nerves,
 Horner's syndrome

Injuries

No reports submitted.

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-seven (27) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 14
 Injured: 5
 Unsound: 7
 Bled: 1

There were twenty-four (24) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 12
 Injured: 4
 Unsound: 8
 Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	162	\$57,563.20
Bakersfield	491	\$162,517.10
Bay Meadows	5632	\$2,020,304.70
Eureka	88	\$33,072.60
Fresno	434	\$221,068.50
Fresno Club One	130	\$62,244.00
Golden Gate	4611	\$1,774,011.40
Monterey	448	\$191,979.00
Pleasanton	2363	\$867,316.80
Sacramento	1920	\$748,799.00
San Jose	2166	\$864,425.90
Stockton	1433	\$445,656.00
Tulare	362	\$109,820.50
Turlock	667	\$232,971.30
Vallejo	1127	\$380,343.80
So. California		\$3,816,891.40
Out of State		\$6,232,696.90

	30- Jul	31- Jul	1- Aug	2- Aug	3- Aug	4- Aug	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	3	5	2	2	0	2	14	19
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	1	2	2	1	7	14
REFUNDS	6	3	5	3	4	3	24	36
RULINGS	0	0	0	1	3	2	6	11

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward