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WINE COUNTRY RACING
Sonoma 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 Wednesday, July 28, 2010 through Sunday, August 1, 2010.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Fifteen Days – Wednesday, July 28, 2010 through Sunday, August 15, 2010.
(Dark Mondays and Tuesdays)

Entries: Seventy-two to one hundred twenty hours in advance

Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. two to four days before the race

Post Time: 12:45 p.m. daily

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race

Exotic Wagering: All races - \$1 Exacta – Trifecta – Quinella – Rolling Triple
\$2 Rolling Daily Double
\$1 Superfecta where applicable

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board –
Grant Baker, John B. Herbuveaux, Darrel McHargue

Track Officials: Tawny Tesconi, Fair Manager
Richard Lewis, Director of Racing
Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary
Linda Anderson, Assistant Racing Secretary
Kay Webb, Director of Simulcasting
Bryan Wayte, Mutuel Manager
Michael Wrona, Track Announcer
Michael Patricks, Morning Line Oddsmaker
Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
Jamie Martin, Stewards' Aide

Randy Malmgren, Stable Superintendent
Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood), Track Superintendent
Pegasus Communications, Video Production
Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials:

Greg Brent, Placing Judge
Ella Robinson, Placing Judge
Joe Gibson, Paddock Judge
Danny Winick, Patrol Judge & Film Analyst
Myra Truitt, Patrol Judge
Cheryl White, Clerk of Scales
Matt Nichols, Assistant Clerk of Scales
Patrick Kealy, Horse Identifier
Todd Stephens, Starter
Tina Walker-Bryant, Clerk of the Course, Thoroughbreds
Dolores Collins, Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breeds
Jack Hammonds, Horseshoe Inspector
Melody Truitt, Clocker / Timer

Veterinarians:

Sidney W. Gustafson, DVM - CHRB Veterinarian
Robert Connolly, DVM - Fitness/Track/Race Veterinarian

Wednesday07-28-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$9,500. For California bred or California sired three year olds, claiming price \$5,000 at one mile. Two horses were entered in the race and the race was called off.

07-28-10² **PRE-MEET INSPECTION**

Steward Darrel McHargue was in attendance on Tuesday (7-27-10) to do a pre-meet inspection. All departments were ready for the beginning of the meet or were in the final stages of being ready to go. All departments reported the process went smoothly and did not foresee any problems.

07-28-10³ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#3 DEFEND LIBERTY	(Tr. John Martin)	injured
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 304.00
6 th race:	#1 SEAFIRE	(Tr. Elmer January)	flipped in starting gate
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$37,011.90

07-28-10⁴ **TOTALIZATOR SYSTEM ISSUES**

Prior to the start of the fourth race the totalizator system froze and stopped disseminating wagering information. It was reported the problem was statewide and caused by a data process request that stopped the system. Wagering for the races was unaffected, as far as accepting wagers, and the system was cleared and brought back on line by a Scientific Games engineer well before the start of the fifth race. After the problem was corrected the system performed smoothly without further incident.

07-28-10⁵ **INQUIRY – Second Race (Mule) – ACCIDENT**

Following the running of the second race the inquiry sign was posted for a review of observed interference near the 1/16 pole involving #4 JJS HOTDIXIECHICK (1st, James Wooten, Jr.) and #1 MY ALLOWANCE (2nd, Gregorio Arriaga).

After reviewing the recorded views #4 was disqualified from first to second. The recordings show #4 swerve in and impede #1, costing that rival a chance of a better placing.

#4 veered sharply to the left after the wire and into the rear quarters of #1 dislodging jockey James Wooten, Jr. Mr. Wooten quickly regained his feet and appeared uninjured. Neither mule was injured. #4 was captured by the outriders without further incident.

07-28-10 ⁶	ATTENDANCE & HANDLE		
	SCF	2,408	\$ 210,864.60
	NCOT	2,012	\$ 650,506.10
	SCOT		\$ 302,860.90
	<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 729,531.34</u>
	TOTAL	4,420	\$1,893,762.94

Thursday07-29-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$9,500. For California bred or California sired fillies, three years old, claiming price \$5,000 at a distance of one mile. The race was called off with five entries.

07-29-10² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5 th race:	#2 SUPER SOPHIE	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 341.00
	#6 I CAN YODEL TOO	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 61.00
	#7 WARM HANDS	(Tr. Dean Pederson)	injured
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 236.30
6 th race:	#5 CARRY THE FLAME	(Tr. Clifford Delima)	lame
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$5,748.16

07-29-10³ **JOCKEY HECTOR ROMERO OFF MOUNTS**

Jockey **HECTOR ROMERO**, who is riding on a conditional license, was taken off his mounts today and for the foreseeable future after his agent called and reported he was not allowed to leave the premises of the program in which he is attending...more to follow.

07-29-10⁴ **INQUIRY – Fourth Race – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was lit following the running of the fourth race for a review of observed contact between #3 OHANASPIRIT (1st, Chad Schvaneveldt) and #2 MRSHORTYTOYOU (4th, Juan Hernandez) through the stretch.

After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the various recorded angles, the numbers posted were made official.

The recordings show two separate incidents of contact, the first at the 3/16 pole and the second at the 1/8 pole, with both horses contributing to the contact.

07-29-10 ⁵	ATTENDANCE & HANDLE		
	SCF	2,237	\$ 179,517.40
	NCOT	2,267	\$ 641,963.90
	SCOT		\$ 247,713.10
	<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 553,490.39</u>
	TOTAL	4,504	\$1,622,684.79

Friday07-30-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$9,500. For California bred or California sired fillies three years old, claiming price \$5,000 at a distance of six furlongs. Only four entries were submitted for the race and the race was called off.

07-30-10² **RULING NO. 1 – COUTON**

Jockey **JULIEN COUTON**, who was scheduled to ride **ALPINE SPORT** in the fourth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, July 29, 2010, 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) causing a late rider change.

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Couton appeared before the stewards and failed to provide a valid reason for being late; he overslept.

07-30-10³ **INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – Second Race**

The inquiry sign was posted for a review of an accident on the three-eighths turn. The recordings show #1 KASPER VCR, ridden by jockey Jorge Ayarza, trip and fall after lugging out over #3 PS DONNAS PRINCESS' heels. #5 SKY'S THE LIMITE (Pablo Flores) also fell over the fallen horse and rider. The rider of #6 NO SPEED LIMITE (Gustavo Ortiz) took evasive action and was able to avoid the downed and fallen horses and riders.

The tapes clearly show #1 caused its own problems with no other horses at fault. Jockey Jorge Ayarza was taken to Santa Rosa Memorial for x-rays and further examination. It was reported later that Mr. Ayarza sustained a broken left wrist.

Jockey Pablo Flores was examined by the track physician and cleared to ride. Both horses escaped with minor scrapes and bruises.

07-30-10⁴ **INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – Seventh Race**

The inquiry sign was posted for a review of an accident approaching the 5 ½ pole involving #6 PROUD ILLUSION, ridden by jockey Catalino Martinez.

After reviewing the recorded views, the numbers posted on the tote board were made official.

The recording shows #6 PROUD ILLUSION lose its action and stumble badly which resulted in jockey Martinez falling off. The recording also shows no other horses were involved.

Both rider and horse appeared to be uninjured.

07-30-10⁵ **LATE DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#2 DANCEFORTHEGOLD	(Tr. Helen Shelley)	injured in starting gate
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$11,730.14
6 th race:	#5 PUERTO NUEVO	(Tr. Lloyd C. Mason)	injured in starting gate
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$22,159.04

07-30-10⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,101	\$ 260,022.00
NCOT	2,855	\$ 970,925.90
SCOT		\$ 273,461.50
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 540,967.88</u>
TOTAL	5,956	\$2,045,377.28

Saturday

07-31-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$21,500. For California bred or California sired fillies, three years old, claiming price \$25,000 at six furlongs. This race was called off with only one entry.

07-31-10² **PONY RIDER ADAN CHAVEZ REQUEST DENIAL** (Ref: CSF 07-24-10²)

Suspended licensee **ADAN CHAVEZ**, accompanied by Jennifer Lee, who acted as his interpreter, met with this Board and requested the opportunity to be allowed to work until his scheduled hearing on August 28, 2010 at Golden Gate Fields. Mr. Chavez was cited for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1902.5 (Animal Welfare) for failing to provide proper care for his ponies at Golden Gate Fields.

Mr. Chavez was suspended and referred to the Board on July 25, 2010 by the Board of Stewards at Sacramento due to the time constraints with the meet coming to an end. This matter has since been remanded to this Board of Stewards. By a majority vote the request was denied. Steward Darrel McHargue cast the dissent vote.

07-31-10³ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race: #2 HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	identification
Stewards	REFUND: \$ 322.58
6 th race: #6 BLANCA (Tr. Daniel Franko)	flipped in paddock
Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$1,241.69
8 th race: #10 HEXBREAKER (Tr. Lloyd Mason)	sick
Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$ 320.90
10 th race: #9 SUMMER COMET (Tr. Harley Kowalsky)	flipped in starting gate
Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$13,649.82
11 th race: #5 ADANCE FOR ADELE (Tr. Patrick Gleason)	sick
Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$ 30.50

07-31-10⁴ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – First Race**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the first race. The mules involved were #5 COCO NELSON (1st, Jesus Arriaga) and #1 ICEMAN (4th, James Wooten, Jr.). After talking to the riders involved, the patrol judge and reviewing the recorded views, #5 was disqualified from first and placed fourth.

The recordings show #5 drift inward under right hand whip, cross into the path of #1, forcing the rider of #1 to alter course, check and lose an opportunity of a better placing.

07-31-10⁵ **JOCKEY KAYLA STRA**

Jockey Kayla Stra was placed on the race review list with the stewards following the third race after it was observed she stopped riding her mount #5 KEEPIN IT DEEP (4th place) several strides before the wire...more to follow.

07-31-10⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	4,890	\$ 482,909.00
NCOT	4,063	\$1,564,895.80
SCOT		\$ 708,897.10
Out of State		\$ 902,657.68
TOTAL	8,953	\$3,659,359.58

Sunday08-01-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$19,000. For California bred or California sired three year olds, claiming price \$20,000 at six furlongs. The race failed to fill and was called off.

08-01-10² **RULING NO. 2 – HOLLENDORFER**

Trainer **JERRY HOLLENDORFER**, who was scheduled to start **HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD** in the fourth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 31, 2010, is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of CHRB rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Hollendorfer was contacted by the stewards and begrudgingly accepted responsibility for bringing the wrong horse for the race due to misidentification.

08-01-10³ **RULING NO. 3 – ARRIAGA**

Jockey **JESUS ARRIAGA**, who rode **COCO NELSON** in the first race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 31, 2010, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 8, 11 and 12, 2010) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth; 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 preceding ruling was issued after trainer **Diana Skinner** came in to review the race with the stewards while representing jockey Jesus Arriaga. Ms. Skinner agreed with the stewards' analysis of the race and agreed Mr. Arriaga could and should have made more of an effort to keep his mount straight.

08-01-10⁴ **RULING NO. 4 – STRA**

Jockey **KAYLA T. STRA**, who rode KEEPIN IT DEEP in the third race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 31, 2010, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 8, 11 and 12, 2010) for failing to ride her mount out until the finish line is passed; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey).

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

The foregoing ruling was issued after Ms. Stra met with the stewards and candidly admitted guilt. She stated she mistook a timing pole for the finish line.

After due consideration was given to Ms. Stra's request of possibly receiving a fine instead of days, the stewards determined days were in order since her mount was beaten a long neck for third and the wagering public was involved.

08-01-10⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#5 BAR JF JJ	(Tr. Bruce Towell)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 30.90
9 th race:	#7 REGAL MARINO	(Tr. Clifford Delima)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$1,704.19
10 th race:	#5 UNCLE MIM	(Tr. Gloria Haley)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 283.90

08-01-10⁶ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Third Race**

Following the running of the third race the inquiry sign was let for a stewards' review of contact at the start involving #4 A WRANGLER'S CHOICE (7th, April Boag), #3 BONOS EDGE OF TIME (9th, James Wooten, Jr.) and #2 LORD AGUILE (6th, Luis Godoy).

After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the recordings #4 was disqualified from seventh and placed last. The recording shows #4 break sharply to the left and cause severe interference to #3 and #2, costing those rivals a better placing.

08-01-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	4,345	\$ 428,218.30
NCOT	4,249	\$1,546,896.60
SCOT		\$ 655,750.40
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 863,826.37</u>
TOTAL	8,594	\$3,494,691.67

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 office business and the afternoon racing program. Steward McHargue conducted the pre-meet inspection and other office duties on Tuesday, July 27th.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
28-Jul	4	3	DEFEND LIBERTY	Martin	injured	Connolly	\$304.00
	6	1	SEAFIRE	January	flipped in gate	Connolly	\$37,011.90
29-Jul	5	2	SUPER SOPHIE	Miyadi	sick	Connolly	\$341.00
		6	I CAN YODEL TOO	Miyadi	sick	Connolly	\$61.00
		7	WARM HANDS	Pederson	injured	Connolly	\$236.30
	6	5	CARRY THE FLAME	Delima	lame	Connolly	\$2,748.16
30-Jul	2	2	DANCEFORTHEGOLD	Shelley	injured in gate	Connolly	\$11,730.14
	6	5	PUERTO NUEVO	Mason	injured in gate	Connolly	\$22,159.04
31-Jul	6	6	BLANCA	Franko	flipped in paddock	Connolly	\$1,241.69
	8	10	HEXBREAKER	Mason	sick	Connolly	\$320.90
	10	9	SUMMER COMET	Kowalsky	flipped in gate	Connolly	\$13,649.82
	11	5	ADANCE FOR ADELE	Gleason	sick	Connolly	\$30.50
1-Aug	1	5	BAR JF JJ	Towell	sick	Connolly	\$30.90
	9	7	REGAL MARINO	Delima	sick	Connolly	\$1,704.19
	10	5	UNCLE MIM	Haley	sick	Connolly	\$283.90

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

None reported during this reporting period

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-three (23) horses placed on the Vet's List:

Sick: 7

Injured: 10

Unsound: 6

Bled: 0

Medication: 0

There were seventeen (17) horses removed from the Vet's List:

Sick: 9

Injured: 5

Unsound: 2

Bled: 0

Medication: 1

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	112	\$30,349.00
Bakersfield	450	\$119,995.40
Eureka	0	\$0.00
Fresno	383	\$116,310.90
Fresno One Club	112	\$71,000.60
Golden Gate Fields	3527	\$1,120,516.00
Monterey	291	\$97,159.60
Pleasanton	1867	\$702,927.30
Sacramento	893	\$420,598.00
San Mateo	3476	\$1,372,713.60
San Jose	1773	\$563,744.90
Stockton	1010	\$306,214.70
Tulare	242	\$54,691.80
Turlock	467	\$130,173.90
Vallejo	843	\$268,792.60
So. California		\$2,188,683.00
Out of State		\$3,590,473.72

	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31	8/1	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	1	0	1	0	0	2	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	0	6	3	1	0	10	10
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	1	1	2	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	2	1	1	6	6
REFUNDS	2	4	2	5	3	16	16
RULINGS	0	0	1	0	3	4	4

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

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