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Sonoma County Fair
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Report of the Board of Stewards
To the California Horse Racing Board
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Honorable John C. Harris, Member
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Report for the period Wednesday, August 3, 2011 through Sunday, August 7, 2011.

Wednesday

08-03-11¹ **RULING NO. 3 – HARVEY**

Jockey **BARRINGTON HARVEY**, who rode **PROUDD PRUF** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 30, 2011, is suspended five (5) racing days (August 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13, 2011) for interference at the start resulting in an accident and disqualification of his mount from fourth to unplaced; 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. Harvey was informed of our decision late on Sunday (July 31) morning. (Refer 07-31-11³)

08-03-11² **STEWARDS' AIDE REPLACEMENT**

Effective Wednesday, August 3, 2011, Kenny Fowler replaced Elizabeth Mellema as Sonoma County Fair's stewards' aide. As a longtime racetracker and association employee we are happy to have him on board.

08-03-11³ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2nd race: #5 INDIAN BOBBY (Tr. Gloria Haley) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$846.90
3rd race: #8 CASHMERE MIST (Tr. John Martin) injured
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$501.20

5th race: #4 CARRIE ROSE (Tr. Steve Miyadi) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$642.00

08-03-11⁴ **LUIS LANGARICA FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 5**

Jockey **Luis Langarica**, disqualified from first to fourth in Sunday's first race after riding #3 FT SPECIAL CARTEL, was in to review films and discuss the incident with the stewards.

Mr. Langarica reluctantly admitted that he could have made a better effort to keep his mount straight.

After review of video tape, discussing the incident and having taken Mr. Langarica's testimony into account, we issued the following ruling:

Jockey **LUIS LANGARICA**, who rode **FT SPECIAL CARTEL** in the first race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Sunday, July 31, 2011, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 10, 11 and 12, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course during the running of the race 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.

08-03-11⁵ **RULING NO. 4 – WOOTEN, JR.** (Refer 07-28-11¹)

Jockey **JAMES WOOTEN, JR.** is hereby suspended indefinitely commencing Monday, August 8, 2011 for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License – Denied licensing/excluded from racing in a competent racing jurisdiction [Oregon]). Refer to Oregon Racing Commission Final Order denying license reinstatement (OAH Case no. 1002093 – Agency Case no. 862 P 500-728).

James Wooten, Jr. is referred to the California Horse Racing Board for any further actions concerning his jockey's license.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **JAMES WOOTEN, JR.** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Jockey James Wooten, Jr. came into the stewards' office as requested and was informed of Sonoma Country Fair ruling no. 4 being issued today. Ruling #4 states that effective August 8, 2011 his license will be suspended indefinitely for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1484.

It was made clear to Mr. Wooten that his suspension wasn't effective until August 8th. This information notwithstanding, Mr. Wooten, in a disappointed manner, announced that he intended to retire from riding effective immediately. We instructed him to consider a cooling off period and also informed him of his right to appeal the ruling.

08-03-11⁶ **WOOTEN MAKES CALL**
Approximately thirty (30) minutes after we informed **James Wooten, Jr.** of his suspension ruling Mr. Wooten called the stewards' office stating he had chosen not to ride the Wednesday card. Given his 'still disappointed' state of mind we agreed to let him take off his one mount. We reminded him that he was still eligible to ride through August 7th if he chooses to do so. Additionally, we reminded him of the appellate process.

08-03-11⁷ **FORMER FAIR MANAGER VISITS**
Former longtime Sonoma County Fair manager and all around good guy Jim Moore stopped by for a visit with the stewards accompanied by his wife Cindy. It was terrific to see him.

08-03-11⁸ **LATE DECLARATION – Fifth Race – REFUND**
At approximately one minute to post track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #3 BELLA BUBBLES, injured in gate, be scratched. She was 16-1. Refund totaled \$30,723.18.

08-03-11⁹ **CHANGE OF DISTANCE – Eighth Race**
The announcer and television crawl informed the racing patrons that the eighth race would be run at a distance of 140 feet less than one and three-eighths miles on the turf course.

08-03-11¹⁰ **INQUIRY – Eighth Race – NO CHANGE**
The inquiry sign was lit following the eighth race concerning an incident involving four horses into the first turn of the approximate 1 3/8 mile turf race. #5 ROGUE RIVER (Giovanni Franco, 8th), #7 BEST VERSE (Frank Alvarado, 1st), #8 MADIERA (Juan Hernandez, 10th) and #9 MR MUNSEY (Kevin Krigger, 5th). #7, #8 and #9 all encountered trouble. #7 checked sharply and bore out into #8 who clipped his heels while #9 was fanned very wide.

After reviewing the video and speaking with jockeys Alvarado and Krigger, it was our unanimous decision to allow the original order of finish to stand. The stewards determined that #5 came out and initiated the chain reaction and was to blame for the trouble encountered by his three outside rivals. #5 finished eighth. Giovanni Franco has been ordered to film review with the stewards on Thursday morning.

08-03-11¹¹ **JOCKEY CHANGES**
4th race - Juan Hernandez replaced James Wooten (personal reasons)
on #4 TIZANNETTE
5th race - Hector Romero replaced Kayla Stra (riding at Del Mar)
on #8 DEMANDING DIVA
6th race - Giovanni Franco replaced April Boag (Trainer's decision)
on #7 STORM FLEUR

08-03-11¹² **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,739	\$ 229,929.90
NCOT	1,982	\$ 673,906.10
SCOT		\$ 377,153.50
Out of State		\$1,031,208.79
TOTAL	4,721	\$2,312,198.29

Thursday

08-04-11¹

FRANCO FILM REVIEW (Refer 08-03-11¹⁰)

Jockey **GIOVANNI FRANCO**, along with his agent Ramon Silva, met with the stewards to review yesterday's (August 3rd) eighth race. We felt Mr. Franco could have made a better effort controlling his mount into the first turn of the approximate mile and three-eighths turf race. #7 BEST VERSE's overreaction to tight quarters also exacerbated the situation. Contributing to this incident was what we felt was possibly too short of a run into the first turn. Mr. Franco was issued a warning.

08-04-11²

EARLY DECLARATION – REFUND

5th race: #4 LION IN HEAVEN (Tr. Paul Treasure) injured
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$237.00

08-04-11³

RULING NO. 6 – SILVERSTEIN

Jockey Agent **RICHARD SILVERSTEIN** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to conduct his business in the proper manner on Saturday, July 30, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after speaking with Silverstein telephonically. Mr. Silverstein had named his rider on a horse in the south and north; however, failed to notify the racing office and stewards that he was taking off the horse at Santa Rosa.

08-04-11⁴

RULING NO. 7 – SANCHEZ

Jockey **DIEGO SANCHEZ** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after Sanchez met with the stewards and failed to offer a valid excuse for his tardiness for Wednesday's program.

08-04-11⁵

RULING NO. 8 – ANTONGEORGI, III

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI, III** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after Antongeorgi called the stewards' office and failed to offer a valid excuse for his tardiness for Wednesday's program.

08-04-11⁶

LATE SCRATCH – Third Race – REFUND

Approximately two (2) minutes to post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #3 FLIP THE PENNY, (off right front) be scratched. He was 2-1. Refund totaled \$15,484.58.

08-04-11⁷

LATE SCRATCH – Fifth Race – REFUND

Approximately thirteen (13) minutes before post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #1 JANUARY GOLD be scratched after falling in the paddock. He was 16-1. Refund totaled to \$1,697.92.

08-04-11⁸ **LATE SCRATCH – Eighth Race – REFUND**
Approximately one (1) minute before post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #6 DEPUTY J DUB be scratched after being injured in the gate. He was 16-1. REFUND: \$40,356.70.

08-04-11⁹ **JOCKEY CHANGES**
3rd race - Aaron Gryder replaced Kevin Krigger (sick)
on #5 WARSIIDE ATTRACTION
7th race - Kyle Frey for Kevin Krigger (sick) on #8 A PINT FOR MARY

08-04-11¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,352	\$ 190,432.10
NCOT	2,432	\$ 800,063.40
SCOT		\$ 294,367.80
Out of State		\$ 658,845.69
TOTAL	4,784	\$1,943,708.99

Friday

08-05-11¹ **RULING NO. 9 – RUSSELL**
Jockey **CHRIS RUSSELL** is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) on Wednesday, August 3, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after Russell met with the stewards' and offered no valid excuse for his tardiness. Chris has had repeated late arrivals during this fair season. (Refer: Ruling #2 - 07/16/11; Ruling #13 – 07/24/11)

08-05-11² **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5 th race:	#8 MISS SANDRA SUE	(Tr. Frank Lucarelli)	sick
		Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$570.20
8 th race:	#5 EAGER PHARISIEN	(Tr. Cliff Delima)	injured
		Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$433.00

08-05-11³ **WOOTEN STAY DENIED**
The stewards received an order issued by the California Horse Racing Board denying jockey **JAMES WOOTEN, JR's** request of a stay of Sonoma County Fair Ruling No. 4. Mr. Wooten's suspension will begin Monday, August 8th.

08-05-11⁴ **FORMAL HEARING**
A formal hearing was held this morning in the stewards' office involving five licensees charged with various rule violations. (Case No's 11SW0041, 11SW0042, 11SW0043, 11SW0044, 11SW0045) The following respondents and their alleged violations are as follows: **Ramon S. Pulido** - #1902 (c) and #1652 (a) (c) (d); **Miguel Gonzalez** - #1902 (c) and #1652 (a) (b) (c) (d); **Francisco Hernandez** - #1902 (c); **Mario Portillo** - #1902 (c); **Maria Corina Rodriguez** - #1902 (c). California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and rule #1652 (Prohibited Actions with Respect to Claims).

Present today in addition to the Board of Stewards were all five licensees, interpreter Francisco Gonzalez and Investigator Carol Nolan who presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board. The proceedings were

recorded by Jennifer L. Furia of Certified Shorthand Reporters. Sacramento (Cal Expo) horse ambulance driver George Hanford was called as a witness.

The Board is accusing Pulido, Gonzalez, Hernandez, Rodriguez and Portillo of participating in the claiming of the horse PLATINUM TIME from Race 2 on July 20th at Sacramento under false pretenses. It is alleged that trainer Pulido claimed the filly knowing that he would not be either her owner or eventual trainer. It's further alleged that both Ms. Rodriguez and Mr. Hernandez approached Mr. Pulido and ask him to do a 'favor' for them. Mr. Hernandez gave Mr. Pulido \$2,800 for the claim and taxes and later Ms. Rodriguez gave Mr. Pulido an additional \$200 as a thank you for his help. It is also alleged that during a horse ambulance ride back to the barns that Mr. Hernandez boasted to van driver Hanford that he had just made a 'protection' claim. Mr. Hernandez also allegedly was calling the shots as to when and where to take PLATINUM TIME while only being licensed as a groom.

Not long after Investigator Nolan began the presentation of the Board's case, and based on initial testimony, Ms. Nolan requested all charges against **Mario Portillo** be dropped. The stewards so stipulated and there were no objections.

The complaint package was entered into evidence, testimony was heard from all parties and the hearing was adjourned. Decision to follow.

08-05-11⁵ **LATE SCRATCH – Sixth Race – REFUND**

At approximately one minute before post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #1 DR. JJ, injured in gate, be scratched. He was 14-1. The refund totaled \$25,313.02.

08-05-11⁶ **LATE SCRATCH – Eighth Race – REFUND**

At approximately six minutes before post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #4 GUMMY RUNNER, fell twice on the track, be scratched. He was 6-1. The refund totaled \$6,043.82. Jockey James Wooten, Jr. fell on the track. See accident report.

08-05-11⁷ **BREED and MILLER VISIT**

Just before the eighth race, CHRB Executive Director Kirk Breed and CHRB General Counsel Robert Miller stopped by the stand for a visit. Veteran stewards Baker and Meyers were very pleased to see these fine gentlemen. Steward Stauffer, in the midst of his 8th day on the job, while also happy to see them, was mortified.

08-05-11⁸ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

3rd race – Inoel Beato for William Antongeorgi, III (sick)
on #1 CHATTEL HOUSE

08-05-11⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,780	\$	235,890.70
NCOT	2,808	\$	890,931.90
SCOT		\$	218,125.40
Out of State		\$	518,828.62
TOTAL	5,588	\$	1,863,776.62

Saturday

08-06-11¹

VALLEJO HEARING

Trainer **GENARO VALLEJO** appeared in the stewards' office to respond to Case No. 11GG0179 alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse). Attending the informal hearing were investigators Carol Nolan and Rodney Ciganovich. Testimony was heard.

Mr. Vallejo showed remorse while taking responsibility for the infraction. He promised to be more diligent in the future. Ruling to follow.

08-06-11²

EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS

8th race: #7 UNLIMITED SPENDING (Tr. John Martin) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$295.94

9th race: #7 SILVER CASE (Tr. Miguel Silva) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$584.00

08-06-11³

INOEL BEATO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Inoel Beato** was in to discuss what we feel has become an all too often problem of not maintaining a straight course at the start of races. While we feel Mr. Beato is a talented young rider his performance in these instances has been sub-par. He was instructed he must do better or face sanctions. Mr. Beato agreed and promised to make it a point of emphasis to improve.

08-06-11⁴

INQUIRY – Second Race – DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the second race involving #5 FIRST REGAL CHOICE (2nd, Luis Lira) and #6 SHABLAZIN (4th, Leonardo Gonzalez). Video tapes showed #5 drifted twice into the path of #6, once about 75 yards into the race and again during the final 75 yards, costing #6 an opportunity at a better placing. #5 was disqualified from second and placed fourth. Luis Lira was ordered to morning film review.

08-06-11⁵

NO SHOW WAGERING - Third Race

Show wagering was cancelled in anticipation of #4 CITY ROUTE closing as a prohibitive favorite. She left the gate as the 1 to 5 favorite and finished fourth of five.

08-06-11⁶

LATE SCRATCH – Sixth Race – REFUND

At approximately one minute to post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #3 MISSKYLEEANN, injured in gate, be scratched. She was 20-1. The refund totaled \$34,799.38.

08-06-11⁷

LATE SCRATCH – Seventh Race – REFUND

At approximately two minutes to post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #7 IVORY AND EBONY, off left front, be scratched. She was 13-1. The refund totaled \$15,924.04.

08-06-11⁸

LOVE PETALS VANNED OFF – Seventh Race

After the running of the seventh race, #3 LOVE PETALS pulled up at the 7/8th pole. Jockey Pedro Flores dismounted and track veterinarian Robert Connolly called for the equine ambulance. LOVE PETALS was transported off the track.

08-06-11⁹

INQUIRY – Tenth Race – DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted concerning two incidents in the stretch. The first incident involved #2 GOGGLES McCOY (2nd, Abel Cedillo) and #6 STARBOARDLIGHTS (3rd, Aaron Gryder) at the top of the stretch. The second incident involved #3 AINT NO OTHER (1st, Juan Hernandez) and #6 STARBOARDLIGHTS (3rd, Aaron Gryder).

Video review of the first incident showed that slight contact was incidental and did not warrant any change.

After video review of the second incident and speaking to Mr. Gryder and Mr. Hernandez, the latter through an interpreter, our finding was that #3 ducked out sharply in deep stretch, forcing #6 to check sharply and lose forward momentum. At the time of the incident #6 was on even terms with #2 in what promised to be a very close battle for second. #3 was disqualified and placed third for costing #6 an opportunity at a better placing. Mr. Hernandez has been ordered to morning film review.

08-06-11¹⁰ **SIERRA SPIRIT VANNED OFF – Tenth Race**

After the running of the tenth race #4 SIERRA SPIRIT was pulled up approximately 100 yards past the finish line. Jockey Frank Alvarado dismounted. Track veterinarian Robert Connolly called for the equine ambulance. SIERRA SPIRIT was transported off the track.

08-06-11¹¹ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

5th race - David Essman for James Wooten, Jr. (sore shoulder)
on #10 WHITE MARK
7th race - Kyle Frey for James Wooten, Jr. (sore shoulder)
on #5 SKEP N SCORE
11th race – Billy Lewis for James Wooten, Jr. (sore shoulder)
on #1 GARY'S GOT RYTHM

08-06-11¹² **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	4,433	\$ 485,629.40
NCOT	3,990	\$1,434,225.80
SCOT		\$ 582,723.30
Out of State		\$ 849,569.82
TOTAL	8,423	\$3,352,148.32

Sunday

08-07-11¹ **FILM REVIEW – ABEL CEDILLO**

Jockey **Abel Cedillo** attended film review regarding his ride on #2 CAPITAL MISS, winner of the fourth race on August 6, 2011.

CAPITAL MISS bore out putting #5 DISTANT DELTA in tight quarters in deep stretch. Although very marginally clear, we felt this incident was too close for comfort. Mr. Cedillo, along with his agent Roger Olguin, agreed. Mr. Cedillo promised to make a better effort in the future. Warning Issued.

08-07-11² **FILM REVIEW – JUAN HERNANDEZ**

Jockey **Juan Hernandez** and his agent Ramon Silva attended film review regarding Mr. Hernandez's ride on #3 AINT NO OTHER, disqualified from first to third in the tenth race on August 6, 2011. (Ref: 08-06-11⁹)

#3 ducked out sharply impeding #6 STARBOARDLIGHTS resulting in the disqualification. Mr. Hernandez stated that despite his best efforts, #3 ducked outward abruptly. He went on to say that he tried to correct his mount as soon as possible. We ruled that the horse was in fact responsible but also that Mr. Hernandez could have reacted quicker. Warning issued. Steward Baker dissented feeling that a three (3) day suspension was warranted.

08-07-11³ **FILM REVIEW – LUIS LIRA**

Jockey **Luis Lira** and trainer Ramon Pulido, helping as an interpreter, attended film review regarding Mr. Lira's ride on #5 FIRST REGAL CHOICE, disqualified from second to fourth in the second race on August 6, 2011. (Ref: 08-06-11⁴)

Mr. Lira stated that his filly bore out throughout because she has only one eye making her unmanageable. We disagreed, feeling that Mr. Lira made no effort to straighten his mount at any point in the running. Ruling to follow.

Additionally, Mr. Lira was ordered to meet with Ferndale stewards Vic Stauffer and Paul Nicolo on Wednesday (8-10-11) at Santa Rosa to discuss his fitness to ride after his suspension concludes. He was told to 'practice' in the form of morning workouts during his suspension. Frankly, Mr. Lira's riding has been sub-par even in races where no inquiries were involved. We have concerns about his ability to ride safely in Ferndale where, because of the sharp turns and narrow width of the track, even the most accomplished riders must use all their skill to promote safety. More to follow.

08-07-11⁴ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2nd race: #5 BAR JF HOT TICKET (Tr. Ray Thomas) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$603.80
9th race: #5 HONOUR THE DEPUTY (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$ 835.40

08-07-11⁵ **OUTRIDER / CLOCKER CONCERNS**

Outrider Nancy Barney and clocker Melody Truitt came by the office with concerns about the behavior of the W. R. Whitehouse trained GUMMY RUNNER. (Refer 08-05-11⁶)

Both observed GUMMY RUNNER fall multiple times while ponying on Sunday morning, August 7th. It's their opinion that this horse is very dangerous and should be monitored closely.

08-07-11⁵ **RULING NO. 10 - VALLEJO**

Trainer **GENARO VALLEJO** is fined the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse G R HEART which started in the ninth race on July 2, 2011 at the Alameda County Fair; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

The foregoing ruling was issued after a hearing was held for Mr. Vallejo on August 6, 2011. (Refer: 08-06-11¹)

08-07-11⁶ **RULING NO. 11 – RODRIGUEZ**

RULING NO. 12 – PULIDO
RULING NO. 13 – HERNANDEZ

Owner **MARIA CORINA RODRIGUEZ**, who participated in the claiming of the horse PLATINUM TIME out of the second race, July 20, 2011 at the California State Fair (Sacramento), is hereby fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (c) (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – Prohibited claiming action).

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Trainer **RAMON PULIDO**, who claimed the horse PLATINUM TIME out of the second race, July 20, 2011 at the California State Fair (Sacramento), is hereby fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (c) (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – Prohibited claiming action).

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Groom **FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ**, who participated in the claiming of the horse PLATINUM TIME out of the second race, July 20, 2011 at the California State Fair (Sacramento), is hereby fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1902 (c) (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing – Prohibited claiming action).

The preceding rulings were issued after deliberation of all evidence and testimony presented at the formal hearing held on August 5, 2011. (Refer 08-05-11⁴) Trainer Miguel Gonzalez was exonerated of any wrong doing.

08-07-11⁷ **RULING NO. 14 – LIRA**

Apprentice Jockey **LUIS LIRA**, who rode **FIRST REGAL CHOICE** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, August 6, 2011, is suspended five (5) racing days (August 14, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second 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 above ruling was issued after Mr. Lira met with the stewards and reviewed films of Saturday's second race. (Refer: 08-07-11³)

08-07-11⁸ **NO SHOW WAGERING – Second Race**

Show wagering was cancelled in anticipation of #5 BAR JF HOT TICKET closing as a prohibitive favorite. As fate would have it, this cancellation was not necessary as she was a late scratch. Her family members carried the day in the actual running though as full brother BAR JF LUCKY TICKET won the 440 yard dash and full sister BAR JF RED TICKET finished second.

08-07-11⁹ **CHAMPION MULE 'BLACK RUBY' HONORED**

Racing fans were thrilled to see mule racing legend BLACK RUBY paraded to the Winners Circle prior to the running of the second race. A three time champion, BLACK RUBY won seventy (70) races in her career, amassing earnings in excess of \$260,000. Now a sprightly 19 years old, she looked radiant.

08-07-11¹⁰ **LATE DECLARATIONS – Sixth Race – REFUNDS**

At approximately fourteen minutes to post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #3 EAST SKY, fell in paddock, be scratched. He was 18-1. The refund amounted to \$1,118.60.

At approximately four minutes to post, track veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended #2 PERFECT ENVOY, off left front, be scratched. He was 21-1. The refund was \$5,521.43.

08-07-11¹¹ **SHOE REPAIR – DELAY – Tenth Race**

At approximately two minutes to post, #9 FAR FLUNG was returned to the receiving barn area to have a rear shoe re-set. Post time was delayed by ten minutes.

08-07-11¹² **PROGRAM CHANGES**

1st race - Luis Langarica for Luis Lira (sick) on #5 COLT FURY FIVE

2nd race - Anthony Ayala for Luis Lira (sick) on #1 BABY SISTER
Carlos Villalobos for James Wooten, Jr. (sore shoulder)
on #4 JET FUEL

5th race - Owner: Robert Strauss / Trainer: Bobby Grayson /
#4 COUNTY MY SILVER
Chris Russell for Aaron Gryder (personal reasons)
on #5 CEE CEE SEATTLE

8th race - Diego Sanchez for David Lopez (sick) on #6 HUMBOLDT NATIVE

08-07-11¹⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,936	\$ 385,026.00
NCOT	3,779	\$1,308,260.10
SCOT		\$ 520,000.10
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 764,314.55</u>
TOTAL	7,715	\$2,977,600.75

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
3-Aug	2	5	INDIAN BOBBY	Haley	sick	Connolly	\$ 846.90
	3	8	CASHMERE MIST	Martin	injured	Connolly	\$ 501.20
	5	3	BELLA BUBBLES	McKaughan	injured in gate	Connolly	\$ 30,723.18
4-Aug		4	CARRIE ROSE	Miyadi	sick	Connolly	\$ 642.00
	3	3	FLIP THE PENNY	Lenzini	unsound	Connolly	\$ 15,484.58
	5	1	JANUARY GOLD	January	fell in paddock	Connolly	\$ 1,697.92
		4	LION IN HEAVEN	Treasure	injured	Connolly	\$ 237.00
5-Aug	8	6	DEPUTY J DUB	Thomas	injured in gate	Connolly	\$ 40,356.70
	5	8	MISS SANDRA SUE	Lucarelli	sick	Connolly	\$ 570.20
	6	1	DR. JJ	Godinez	injured in gate	Connolly	\$ 25,313.02
	8	4	GUMMY RUNNER	Whitehouse	injured	Connolly	\$ 6,043.82
6-Aug		5	EAGER PHARISIEN	Delima	injured	Connolly	\$ 433.00
	6	3	MISSKYLEEANN	Talbot	injured in gate	Connolly	\$ 34,799.38
	7	7	IVORY AND EBONY	Loving	unsound	Connolly	\$ 15,924.04
	8	7	UNLIMITED SPENDING	Martin	sick	Connolly	\$ 295.94
	9	7	SILVER CASE	Silva	sick	Connolly	\$ 584.00
7-Aug	2	5	BAR JF HOT TICKET	Thomas	sick	Connolly	\$ 683.80
	6	2	PERFECT ENVOY	Eickerman	unsound	Connolly	\$ 5,521.43
		3	EAST SKY	January	fell in paddock	Connolly	\$ 1,118.60
	9	5	HONOUR THE DEPUTY	Hollendorfer	sick	Connolly	\$ 835.40

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died None reported during this period

Veterinarian's List There were twenty (20) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 6 Injured: 7 Unsound: 7

There were seventeen (17) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 11 Injured: 5 Unsound: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	89	\$27,404.50
Bakersfield	433	\$87,878.20
Fresno	340	\$85,682.60
Fresno Club One	101	\$66,176.20
Golden Gate	3361	\$1,118,317.20
Monterey	378	\$136,985.90
Pleasanton	1702	\$600,102.30
Sacramento	1161	\$417,252.80
San Jose	1915	\$592,654.50
San Mateo	3405	\$1,306,016.40
Stockton	910	\$273,135.20
Tulare	210	\$56,671.50
Turlock	396	\$140,914.40
Vallejo	590	\$198,195.60
So. California		\$1,992,370.10
Out of State		\$3,822,767.47

	8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	2	0	0	4	0	6	11
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	0	0	2	0	3	10
REFUNDS	4	4	4	4	4	20	36
RULINGS	2	3	1	0	6	12	14

Respectfully submitted,

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