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

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Report for the period Tuesday, July 24, 2012 through Sunday, July 29, 2012.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Fifteen Days – Wednesday, July 25 through Sunday, August 12, 2012.
(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: 1:15 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, Will Meyers, Vic Stauffer
Wayne Oke, Safety Steward

Track Officials: Tawny Tesconi, Fair Manager
Richard Lewis, Director of Racing
Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary
Linda Anderson, Assistant Racing Secretary

Bryan Wayte, Mutuel Manager
 Michael Wrona, Race Announcer
 Michael Patricks, Morning Line Oddsmaker
 Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
 Randy Malmgren, Stable Superintendent
 Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood), Track Superintendent
 Pegasus Communications, Video Production
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials:

Greg Brent, Placing Judge
 Cheryl White, Placing Judge & Film Analyst
 Dan Winick, Paddock Judge
 Ella Robinson, Patrol Judge
 Myra Troske, Patrol Judge
 Ken Sjordal, Clerk of Scales
 Matt Nichols, Assistant Clerk of Scales
 Darrell Sparks, 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:

Don Dooley, DVM - CHRB Veterinarian
 Sara Sporer, DVM - Fitness/Track/Race Veterinarian

Tuesday

07-24-12¹

PRE MEET HAPPENINGS

Steward Grant Baker was here today to check on backside (Stewards' office) and frontside (Judge's stand) logistics. Sonoma County Fair Director of Racing Richard Lewis and California Authority of Racing Fairs Chief Operating Officer Larry Swartzlander have helped the stewards by providing a clean and functional work environment. Steward Baker met with Santa Rosa Mutuel Manager Bryan Wayte who spoke of his staffing (mutuel clerks) concerns for the busy weekend cards here. The jockey's room was examined and appeared clean and functional. Frank Matthews (Pegasus Communications) and his crew were upstairs in the judge's stand setting up high quality TV monitors to provide camera shots from the pan, 3/8, 7/8, 1/4, and head on robo-cam (turf) locations. This provides the stewards with a total of five (5) different cameras for the main track (dirt) and turf course.

Wednesday

07-25-12¹

C.H.R.B. and TRACK VETS MEETING

CHRB veterinarian Don Dooley and track veterinarian Sara Sporer met with the stewards today in their office. Both of these veterinarians last worked at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. This is Dr. Sporer's first Sonoma County Fair meeting as she replaces longtime Northern California track veterinarian Robert Connolly.

07-25-12²

OBJECTION – First Race - NO CHANGE

Following the running of the first race jockey **Louis Lira**, aboard fourth place finisher #2 OBEDIENTLY, lodged a claim of foul against second place finisher #3 FIRST DASH FOR BUX (Juan Arriaga) for alleged interference at this race's midway point.

Film review showed #2 OBEDIENTLY and jockey Lira check slightly after #3 FIRST DASH FOR BUX and jockey Arriaga veered slightly into his path at mid stretch brushing that rival.

The stewards unanimously voted to make 'no change' in the order of finish. Jockey Juan Arriaga was ordered to film review with the stewards.

07-25-12³ **INQUIRY – Seventh Race - NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing second place finisher #1 SISTERMARYELEPHANT (Shyann Garcia) drift out into the path of third place finisher #7 TESLAR (Frank Alvarado) approaching the 1/16th pole. The stewards unanimously felt that the interference did not cost #7 TESLAR an opportunity at a better placing but jockey Frank Alvarado was forced to steady before being outrun by her second place finishing rival. After patrol judge and jockey input the stewards unanimously voted to make 'no change' in the order of finish. Apprentice jockey Shyann Garcia was ordered to film review with the stewards.

07-25-12⁴ **INQUIRY – Eighth Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the 3/16 marker as the horses entered the stretch in this one (1) mile turn event. Entering the stretch fifth place finisher #2 BLUEGRASS CHAPP (Apprentice Juan Sanchez) drifts inward and places sixth place finisher #1 PALISADES BREEZE (David Lopez) in very tight quarters along the rail forcing that rival to steady sharply. An inquiry for fifth and sixth place would normally take place after a race would be declared official. However, in the last race here at Santa Rosa there will be a designated \$1 Super High 5 wager; therefore we obviously deliberated before going official.

After speaking to the jockeys involved and patrol judge input the stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #2 BLUEGRASS CHAPP and placed him sixth. Apprentice Sanchez was ordered to film review.

Original Order of finish: 3 – 6 – 4 – 8 – (2) – 1 – 7 – 5

Official Order of finish: 3 – 6 – 4 – 8 – 1 – (2) – 7 – 5

07-25-12⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5 th race:	#4 MISTIC MAN	(Tr. Gloria Buckridge)	sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$364.64
6 th race:	#3 RED DEPUTY	(Tr. Louis San Juan)	sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$738.30

07-25-12⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	1,334	\$ 144,057.90
NCOT	1,592	\$ 539,778.90
SCOT		\$ 215,525.70
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 421,799.45</u>
TOTAL	2,926	\$1,321,161.95

Thursday

07-26-12¹ **BARRINGTON HARVEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Barrington Harvey** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's fourth race. Jockey Harvey was aboard fifth place finisher #4 LA FRAMBUESA who veered in at the 1/8 pole forcing seventh place finisher #1 WICKED TRIP (Pablo Flores) to steady.

Film review shows seventh place finisher #1 WICKED TRIP tiring after steadying and finishing a well beaten seventh last. This ride fell short of issuing a sanction in this matter. However, jockey Harvey's ride in this race was sub-par. He was told another visit to our office in the near future could very likely result in a sanction. There was a unanimous decision in this matter. Safety steward Wayne Oke also attended film review.

07-26-12² **RULING NO. 1 – MALDONADO**

The stewards issued the following ruling after Rodrigo Maldonado missed his mount aboard the Quarterhorse SINGLE AND RISKY in the first race on July 25th.

Jockey **RODRIGO MALDONADO** is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for failure to be present to ride his mount on Wednesday, July 25, 2012; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

07-26-12³ **RONALD RICHARD / ASSISTANT CLERK OF SCALES MEETING**

Apprentice jockey **Ronald Richard** appeared in the stewards' office today as ordered for an informal hearing. Yesterday, assistant clerk of scales Matt Nichols notified the stewards that apprentice Richard was quite disrespectful to Mr. Nichols in a matter of timely and accurately reporting his weight. Nichols also reported another incident at the previous meeting (California State Fair) where apprentice Richard "got into his face" in regards to reporting his weight.

Richard was fined by Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) stewards (Ruling #3, 6-28-12³) for failing to report his proper weight.

The evidence in this matter showed that Richard was not only not reporting his accurate weight on time but he was telling Matt Nichols he would tell clerk of scales Ken Sjoldal and not Nichols his weight at a time suitable to him. In a unanimous vote the stewards issued the following ruling:

Apprentice Jockey **RONALD RICHARD** is hereby fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for disrespect to a racing official (Assistant Clerk of Scales) on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa); a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered).

The stewards notified apprentice Ronald Richard of this fine and anticipate a more respectful attitude toward racing officials in the future.

07-26-12⁴ **SHYANN GARCIA FILM REVIEW - RULING NO. 2** (Ref: 07-25-12³)

Apprentice Jockey **Shyann Garcia** appeared in the stewards' office to review her ride in yesterday's seventh race. Apprentice Garcia was aboard second place finisher, #1 SISTERMARYELEPHANT, who survived a stewards' inquiry in yesterday's race.

Race replays showed Ms. Garcia drift out while whipping right handed, forcing jockey Frank Alvarado who finished a well beaten third aboard #7 TESLAR to steady his mount. Apprentice Garcia's left riding rein in this race was very 'loose lined' as she was drifting out.

Shyann Garcia appeared recently at Cal-Expo to view another incident in which she drifted out in the stretch. In a unanimous vote the following ruling was issued:

Apprentice Jockey **SHYANN GARCIA**, who rode **SISTERMARYELEPHANT** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 2, 3 and 4, 2012) for altering course without sufficient clearance through 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.

07-26-12⁵ **JUAN SANCHEZ FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 3** (Ref: 07-25-12⁴)

Apprentice jockey **Juan Sanchez** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride aboard #2 BLUEGRASS CHAPP who finished fifth in the eighth race opening day, July 25. Apprentice Sanchez was disqualified from fifth to sixth place in this race for interference to #1 PALISADES BREEZE (David Lopez).

During film review Sanchez stated that he whipped his horse at the same moment his horse changed leads causing him to veer inward and cause interference. In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following ruling:

Apprentice Jockey **JUAN E. SANCHEZ**, who rode **BLUEGRASS CHAPP** in the eighth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Wednesday, July 25, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 2, 3 and 4, 2012) for altering course without sufficient clearance at the head of the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to sixth; 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.

07-26-12⁶ **TOTE PROBLEMS**

Prior to today's sixth race the infield tote board went blank at 3:52 p.m. The stewards immediately called mutuel manager Bryan Wayte who is located downstairs in the tote department. The stewards called paddock judge Danny Winick and held the horses in the paddock for an extra seven (7) minutes. Patrons were informed to check TV monitors for current odds. However, even the odds on the TV monitors were frozen for about three (3) minutes before this particular matter was rectified. The tote board returned to full power resulting in a twenty-one (21) minute delay in tote board operation. Track announcer Michael Wrona kept on track patrons informed of current odds. A letter of explanation from Sportech, Inc. (tote operator) has been attached to these minutes.

07-26-12⁷ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's seven (7) race card went well as it was free of stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

07-26-12⁸ **DECLARATION – REFUND**

3 rd race: #2 FIRST EXPLOSION	(Tr. Helen Shelly)	sick
Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$104.40

07-26-12⁹ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

1st race - #4 Pelican Hill – D. Sanchez for M. Ramirez (mule only)
4th race - #1 Global Appeal – D. Sanchez for M. Ramirez (mule only)

07-26-12¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,087	\$ 148,204.00
NCOT	1,975	\$ 678,761.40
SCOT		\$ 224,564.00
Out of State		\$ 537,837.84
TOTAL	4,062	\$1,589,367.24

07-26-12¹¹ **GOOD ADVERTISING / SONOMA CO. FAIR**

The duty steward this week noticed a couple of very favorable publicity items on the way to work. Two (2) very large billboards announcing the Fair are located on US Hwy 101 north and south of the town of Santa Rosa. Also on San Francisco based radio station KGO 810AM (50,000 watts) there was a well done thirty (30) second spot that

was on their early morning news report. Horse racing was the first thing mentioned on the spot even before the entertainment lineup of headliners Martina McBride and Third Eye Blind was referenced. KGO is the flagship station of the San Francisco 49ers and at various times of the day can be heard from the Canada to Mexico borders.

Friday

07-27-12¹

JUAN ARRIAGA FILM REVIEW (Ref: 07-25-12²)

Jockey **Juan Arriaga** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride in the first race on July 25. Jockey Arriaga survived a jockey's claim of foul in the 350 yard Quarterhorse race. Arriaga was aboard second place finisher #3 FIRST DASH FOR BUX who veered in and brushed fourth place finisher #2 OBEDIENTLY (Luis Lira) at this races midway point.

Film review shows jockey Arriaga losing his left iron shortly after the start and losing much control of his horse while using his whip sparingly throughout the rest of the race. The stewards unanimously felt that this ride did not warrant a sanction of any sort.

07-27-12³

PABLO FERNANDEZ FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 4

Jockey **Pablo Fernandez** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's seventh race. Fernandez was aboard seventh place finisher #1 TIZBUDSFORME in this race. Jockey Fernandez recently received his journeyman jockey license at Golden Gate Fields and has now ridden five (5) horses to date. He told us he is employed by trainer Aggie Ordenez.

Jockey Fernandez whipped his horse an excessive number of times throughout the stretch drive of this race. The stewards read the text of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips) to jockey Fernandez. The stewards emphasized using the whip in rhythm with the horse's stride. They also instructed Fernandez to attend film reviews with racing official Cheryl White. In a unanimous vote the following ruling was issued:

Jockey **PABLO FERNANDEZ**, who rode #1 TIZBUDSFORME in the seventh race Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) is hereby fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips).

07-27-12⁴

JIMMIE HILL COMPLAINT (Case # 125W053)

Trainer **Jimmie Hill** appeared in the stewards' office to answer a charge of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). Groom **Douglas Fields** filed this complaint against trainer Hill for alleged unpaid wages in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). This work took place at the recently completed California State Fair (Sacramento). Hill's owner Denise Gero and safety steward Wayne Oke were also present at today's hearing.

Testimony was heard and documents were examined. In a majority decision (Steward Meyers dissent) Jimmie Hill was ordered to pay the entire one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00). At the end of the hearing a check for the entire amount was written and given to groom Douglas Fields.

07-27-12⁵

JOCKEY OBJECTION – Eighth Race – NO CHANGE

Following the running of the eighth race jockey **Abel Cedillo**, aboard #4 INEXPLICABLY, lodged a jockey claim of foul against second place finisher #2 JENNY'S FIRST GEAR (David Essman) for an alleged foul at the 3/8 turn in this five (5) furlong turf race. These horses were racing in the rear of this ten (10) horse field. At the point of the turn jockey Cedillo steadies sharply. Race replays were inconclusive if #2 JENNY'S FIRST GEAR stepped in to cause this incident. However, the stewards felt jockey Cedillo was racing in a 1/2 in – 1/2 out position appearing to place himself in a

bad spot. The stewards spoke to both jockeys involved and received patrol judge input. In a unanimous vote no change was made in the order of finish.

07-27-12⁶**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#2 GO MOJAVE GO	(Tr. Steve Specht)	injured
		Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$143.95
3 rd race:	#8 UNCOMMON SENSE	(Tr. Roger Stein)	sick
		Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 82.78
4 th race:	#2 ALMOST FOOLISH	(Tr. Tim Bellasis)	sick
		Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 42.00
	#5 BEAUDASHES	(Tr. Duane Offield)	sick
		Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 26.61
5 th race:	#1 SUMMER SUNTAN	(Tr. Ellen Jackson)	sick
		Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 26.00
	#3 FU PEG HE RAT	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
		Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$392.25

7-27-12⁷**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,365	\$ 485,357.40
NCOT	2,460	\$ 784,906.60
SCOT		\$ 171,945.80
Out of State		\$ 470,080.32
TOTAL	4,825	\$1,620,028.22

Saturday07-28-12¹**WARREN BYRNE COMPLAINT** (Case No. 12GG112)

Veterinarian Ken Allison appeared in the stewards' office today representing San Francisco Equine, Inc. in order to address a complaint filed against owner **Warren Byrne**. This complaint alleges that owner Byrne has violated California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and is indebted to San Francisco Equine, Inc. for unpaid veterinary services in the amount of one thousand eight hundred forty five (\$1,845) dollars. These services involved the horse CHOW MEIN that was trained by Dennis Patterson. Owner Byrne failed to appear at today's scheduled hearing. More to follow.

07-28-12²**PRIAMOS YENNARIS COMPLAINT** (Case No. 12GG116)

Trainer Angelo Tekos appeared in the stewards' office today in order to participate in an informal hearing regarding a former owner of his, **Priamos Yennaris**. Trainer Tekos filed the complaint against Yennaris requesting an amount of \$4,810.00 for training services past due. Yennaris, who races under the stable name of Cam Racing Farm LLC allegedly owes the aforementioned amount for training of the horse ENUFF BULL. He failed to appear for today's scheduled hearing. More to follow.

07-28-12³**INQUIRY – First Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of this three hundred and fifty (350) yard mule race the stewards posted the inquiry sign. #6 BABY SISTER (Francisco Maldonado) finished this race in a dead heat for second position. Race replays show #6 BABY SISTER veer in one hundred (100) yards before the finish forcing fifth place finisher #5 LORETTA JONES (Anthony Ayala) to steady sharply. The stewards spoke to the jockeys involved and reviewed all the available angles of the incident. In a unanimous vote the stewards disqualified #6 BABY SISTER and placed him fifth. Jockey Francisco Maldonado was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: 4 – 1DH – (6DH) – 2 – 5 – 3

Official order of finish: 4 – 1 – 2 – 5 – (6) – 3

07-28-12⁴ **TODAY'S STAKE RACE**

Today's eighth race, the *Jack Demeo Horseman of the Year Stakes* (\$50,000 Added) was won by #3 SHE SPIRIT DI SU (Ire) who was ridden by Julien Couton and trained by Edward Freeman.

Today's feature race was named after prominent long time lawyer and horse owner Jack Demeo. The Sonoma County based, and much respected, Demeo has owned thoroughbreds for several decades and has also been involved professionally in several horse racing matters. Demeo utilizes the training services of current Santa Rosa leading trainer Steve Specht.

07-28-12⁵ **NINTH RACE DELAY**

There was a seventeen (17) minute delay prior to the start of the ninth race. Post time for this race was 5:30 p.m. Horses came on the at 5:40 p.m. The race itself went off at 5:47 p.m.

While the horses were in the paddock for the ninth race a track outrider radioed for medical attention to attend to a person that was down just outside of the paddock along the outside rail in the restricted area of the stable area. This person should have been attended to by members of the Sonoma County Fairgrounds ambulance crew that is located on the Fairgrounds proper. More to follow.

07-28-12⁶ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#3 JP SECRET CASH	(Tr. Miguel Gonzalez)	sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian	Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$119.16
5 th race:	#6 ERIC THE RAM	(Tr. Ken Nettles)	injured
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian	Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 66.50

07-28-12⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,527	\$ 338,713.10
NCOT	3,467	\$1,332,915.70
SCOT		\$ 496,226.70
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 644,142.01</u>
TOTAL	6,994	\$2,811,997.51

Sunday07-29-12¹ **RULING NO. 6 – BYRNE** (Ref: 07-28-12¹)

Owner **WARREN BYRNE**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at the Sonoma County Fair on or before July 28, 2012, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

The ruling above was issued after owner Warren Byrne failed to appear to address a complaint filed against him by San Francisco Equine, Inc. for alleged past due bills in the amount of one thousand eight hundred forty five (\$1,845) dollars.

07-29-12² **RULING NO. 7 – YENNARIS** (Ref: 07-28-12²)

Owner **PRIAMOS YENNARIS**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at the Sonoma County Fair on or before July 28, 2012, is hereby suspended for violation of California

Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

The ruling above was issued after owner Priamos Yennaris failed to appear to address a complaint filed against him by trainer Angelo Tekos for alleged past due bills in the amount of four thousand eight hundred ten (\$4,810) dollars.

07-29-12³

ELMER JANUARY COMPLAINT (Case No. 12GG107)

EDGAR PULIDO COMPLAINT (Case No. 12GG110)

DOUGLAS FIELDS COMPLAINT (Case No. 12GG108)

The stewards held a combined hearing today in a licensing matter that was presented to the stewards by CHRB investigator Gabe Palomar. Douglas Fields appeared in our office about two (2) hours later, at 12 noon. He was two (2) hours late.

Our 10:00 a.m. hearing was attended by trainer Elmer January, owner Edgar Pulido and Pulido's father Ramon Pulido. On June 24, 2012 at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) Douglas Fields paddocked a horse for trainer January without a CHRB license. Prior to Field's taking this horse to the paddock owner Pulido was preparing the horse to race and working out of his license category as a groom. Trainer January was very candid with the stewards stating he was claiming two (2) horses in the aforementioned date and assumed Fields had a license and that Pulido was properly licensed.

When Fields finally appeared for his informal hearing he offered no excuse. His failure to have a license was reported to investigators by CHRB veterinarian Don Dooley. In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following two (2) rulings: The Fields' ruling was issued later in the morning.

RULING NO. 8

Trainer **ELMER G. JANUARY** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for employing an unlicensed person at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on June 24, 2012; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person) and #1895 (Trainer's Duty to Insure Licensed Participation).

RULING NO. 9

Owner **EDGAR R. PULIDO** is hereby fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for working in an unauthorized category at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on June 24, 2012; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (14) (c) (Occupational Licenses and Fees – failure to secure a groom's license).

07-29-12⁴

FRANCISCO MALDONADO FILM REVIEW (Ref: 07-28-12³) **RULING NO. 10**

Jockey Francisco Maldonado appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's first race (350 yards – mules). Maldonado rode #6 BABY SISTER who finished in a dead heat for second. Film review with the stewards today show jockey Maldonado veers inward off his straight course and cause interference in this race. His correction efforts were minimal. In a unanimous vote the stewards issued the following ruling:

Jockey **FRANCISCO MALDONADO**, who rode **BABY SISTER** in the

first race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 28, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 5, 8 and 9, 2012) for causing interference in the stretch resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second (DH) to fifth; 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.

07-29-12⁵ **CRISTOBAL HERRERA FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 11**

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** appeared in the stewards' office to review two incidents in the ninth race yesterday (July 28). Valet Joe Hernandez served as an interpreter and safety steward Wayne Oke also attended.

Herrera reviewed an incident of primary concern at the five (5) furlong pole where Herrera, #2 TWIST MY KAZOO, ducks out and bumps ninth (last) place finisher #6 LITTLEMAN JOHN (Keenan Steward). In a second incident #2 TWIST MY KAZOO drifts out on fifth place finisher #5 BENNY'S BENCHMARK (Diego Sanchez). He beat this rival 3 ½ lengths for fourth position. The stewards felt Herrera made a sub-par effort in both incidents to correct his mount's wayward path. In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following ruling:

Jockey **CRISTOBAL HERRERA**, who rode **TWIST MY KAZOO** in the ninth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 28, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 5, 8 and 9, 2012) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course down the back stretch and into the stretch; 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.

07-29-12⁶ **VICTOR CARRERO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Victor Carrero appeared in the stewards' office at our request in order to view the seventh race from Friday, July 27. In this race Carrero was aboard fifth place finisher #5 GIVEN EPISODE who was involved in a photo finish with #4 GRASP (Ronald Richard) for fourth place. The stewards felt that jockey Carrero relaxed in this race and did not 'stay down' on his mount in this race's final yards. The stewards could not be certain if these actions cost Carrero's mount a better placing. The stewards reminded Carrero of the public's interest in Superfecta and Super High 5 wagers. In a unanimous decision no penalty was issued today. Carrero was cautioned that a similar occurrence would likely result in less leniency by the stewards.

07-29-12⁷ **DIRECTOR OF RACING MEETING** (Ref: 07-28-12⁵)

Sonoma County Fair Director of Racing Richard Lewis stopped by the stewards' office to follow up on a situation that occurred yesterday, July 28. Safety steward Wayne Oke was also present today. Lewis has issued a notice to medical personnel here at Santa Rosa. The ambulance company here at Santa Rosa is American Medical Response (AMR) Sonoma Life Support. The memorandum tells ambulance personnel to NOT respond to off track medical calls. The first aid department will respond and arrange transport for off track incidents that require medical attention.

07-29-12⁸ **RULING NO. 12 – FIELDS** (Ref: 07-29-12³)

Groom **DOUGLAS J. FIELDS** is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for working without a license; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (14) (c) (Occupational Licenses and Fees – unlicensed).

Groom Doug Fields, who was unlicensed while working on June 24, 2012, was informed of the ruling above in our stewards' office today. He was two (2) hours late for his scheduled hearing with us.

07-29-12⁹ **JOCKEY OBJECTION – First Race – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of this four hundred (400) yard mule race jockey Jesus Arriaga, aboard second place finisher #6 JANI NELSON, lodged a claim of foul against first place finisher #4 DASHN BOBI MCGEE and jockey Anthony Ayala. With eighty (80) yards to race, race replays show #4 DASHN BOBI MCGEE drift out in deep stretch brushing #6 JANI NELSON. The stewards felt this incident was minor and in a unanimous decision 'no change' was made in the order of finish.

07-29-12¹⁰ **INQUIRY – Sixth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing #5 HEY LOOK ME OVER (Juan Sanchez) lose its rider at the start. Replays show jockey Sanchez lose his seat when his mount bobbles and then ducks quickly after the break. No other horses were involved in this incident. In a unanimous vote 'no change' was made in the order of finish. Neither horse nor rider was hurt. Accident report attached.

07-29-12¹¹ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#1 THUNDERCLAP NEWMAN (Tr. Gary Greiner)	flipped in post parade
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$2,112.32
4 th race:	#8 GREELEY'S AGENDA (Tr. Terri Eaton)	sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 64.78
8 th race:	#1 SMARTY CORN (Tr. R. B. Hess)	sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 196.20
10 th race:	#4 SAMMY CHOI (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 519.89

07-29-12¹² **JOCKEY CHANGE**

7th race – #9 – Diego Sanchez for Juan Sanchez (hurt shoulder)

07-29-12¹³ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,717	\$ 350,439.10
NCOT	3,162	\$1,280,830.80
SCOT		\$ 468,865.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 742,412.40</u>
TOTAL	6,879	\$2,842,547.30

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 Grant Baker was in to set up the office and conduct facility inspection.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
25-Jul	5	4	MISTIC MAN	Buckridge	sick	Sporer	\$ 364.64
	6	3	RED DEPUTY	San Juan	sick	Sporer	\$ 738.30
26-Jul	3	2	FIRST EXPLOSION	Shelly	sick	Sporer	\$ 104.40
27-Jul	2	2	GO MOJAVE GO	Specht	injured	Sporer	\$ 143.95
	3	8	UNCOMMON SENSE	Stein	sick	Sporer	\$ 82.78
	4	2	ALMOST FOOLISH	Bellasis	sick	Sporer	\$ 42.00
		5	BEAUDASHES	Offield	sick	Sporer	\$ 26.00
	5	1	SUMMER SUNTAN	Jackson	sick	Sporer	\$ 26.00

		3	FU PEG HE RAT	Hollendorfer	sick	Sporer	\$	392.25
28-Jul	2	3	JP SECRET CASH	Gonzalez	sick	Sporer	\$	119.16
	5	6	ERIC THE RAM	Nettles	injured	Sporer	\$	66.50
29-Jul	3	1	THUNDERCLAP NEWMAN	Greiner	injured	Sporer	\$	2,112.32
	4	8	GREELEY'S AGENDA	Eaton	sick	Sporer	\$	64.78
	8	1	SMARTY CORN	Hess	sick	Sporer	\$	196.20
	10	4	SAMMY CHOI	Hollendorfer	sick	Sporer	\$	519.89

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

07-26-12 Mr. Mastermind (Tr. J. Bonde) bilateral sesamoid fracture left front;
Training – dirt (PLEASANTON)

Veterinarian's List

There were eighteen (18) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 12

Injured: 3

Unsound: 3

There were nineteen (19) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 10

Injured: 4

Unsound: 1

Medication: 3

Exhaustion: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	89	\$	27,597.20
Bakersfield	354	\$	100,466.40
Fresno	290	\$	72,720.70
Fresno One Club	66	\$	48,990.40
Golden Gate	2805	\$	1,114,709.80
Monterey	260	\$	98,780.70
Pleasanton	1557	\$	548,035.80
Sacramento	530	\$	314,918.70
San Jose	1895	\$	581,540.10
San Mateo	2793	\$	1,048,630.90
Stockton	774	\$	231,644.50
Tulare	171	\$	51,876.90
Turlock	326	\$	128,952.80
Vallejo	746	\$	248,328.50
So. California		\$	1,577,127.20
Out of State		\$	2,816,272.02
On Track		\$	1,174,509.60

	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul	29-Jul	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	3	2	1	5	12	12
DISQUALIFICATIONS	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	3	0	1	0	2	6	6
REFUNDS	2	1	6	2	4	15	15
RULINGS	0	3	1	1	7	12	12

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Vic Stauffer, Steward

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