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## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



**SONOMA COUNTY FAIR**  
 1350 Bennett Valley Road  
 Santa Rosa, California

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

Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor  
 Honorable Charles Winner, Chairman  
 Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, Vice Chair  
 Honorable Madeline Auerbach, Member  
 Honorable Steve Beneto, Member  
 Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
 Honorable George Krikorian, Member  
 Honorable Alex Solis, Member  
 Rick Baedeker, Executive Director  
 Jacqueline Wagner, Assistant Executive Director  
 Robert B. Miller, Chief Counsel CHRB

Report for the period Wednesday, July 27, 2016 through Sunday, July 31, 2016

**GENERAL DATA:**

Dates: Eleven Days – Thursday, July 28, 2016 through Sunday, August 14, 2016.  
 (Dark Mondays: August 1, August 8; Tuesdays: August 2, August 9;  
 Wednesdays: August 3, August 12; and Thursday: August 10)

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

Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. the next entry day

Post Time: 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays  
 3:15 p.m. Fridays

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race

Exotic Wagering: All races - \$1 Exacta – Trifecta – Rolling Pick 3  
 \$2 Rolling Double – Pick 6  
 .10 cent Superfecta  
 .50 cent Pick 4 (first 4 & last 4) – Pick 5 – Super High 5

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board – John Herbuveaux, Will Meyers, Dennis Nevin

Track Officials: Rebecca Bartling – Fair CEO  
 Stacey Lapham - Director of Racing  
 Robert Moreno - Racing Secretary  
 Linda Anderson - Assistant Racing Secretary  
 Paul Porter - Director of Simulcasting  
 Doug Gooby - Mutuel Manager

Michael Wrona - Race Announcer  
 Victoria Layne - Paymaster  
 Michael Patricks - Morning Line Maker  
 Randy Malmgren - Stable Superintendent  
 Juan Meza - Track Superintendent  
 Pegasus Communications - Video Production  
 Vassar Photography - Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Steve Martinelli - Placing Judge  
 Jon Leon - Placing Judge  
 Danny Winick - Paddock Judge  
 Cheryl White - Patrol Judge & Film Analyst  
 Myra Troske - Patrol Judge  
 Kenny Sjordal - Clerk of Scales  
 Chris Lapham - Assistant Clerk of Scales  
 Gary Greiner - Horse Identifier  
 Todd Stephens - Starter  
 Tina Walker-Bryant - Clerk of the Course, Thoroughbreds  
 Dolores Collins: Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breeds  
 Jackie Payton - Horseshoe Inspector  
 Melody Truitt - Clocker / Timer

Veterinarians: Sarah Sporer, DVM - Fitness / Race Veterinarian  
 Don Dooley, DVM - CHRB Veterinarian

**Monday**07-25-16<sup>1</sup>**OPENING DAY ENTRIES**

Steward Dennis Nevin was on hand for opening day entries and setting up the office. Eight races with mostly full fields are scheduled. (1) Mule, (1) Arabian and (6) Thoroughbred races are on tap. No Cal-Bred races were used.

**Tuesday**07-26-16<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY – SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY**

No scratches were submitted for Thursday. Another strong (8) race card is on tap for Friday with (1) Arabian and (7) Thoroughbred races scheduled. Steward Nevin was the Duty Steward again.

**Wednesday**07-27-16<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY – SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY**

Steward John Herbuveaux was on duty for Friday's scratches and Saturday's draw. Two Jockey changes and the scratching of the also eligibles were Friday's scratch time events. Ten races are scheduled for Saturday with (1) Mule, (1) Arabian and (8) Thoroughbred races.

**Thursday**07-28-16<sup>1</sup>**DIAZ FAMILY VISITS**

The wife and brother of trainer A.L. "Tony" Diaz were in to discuss Tony's inability to perform the duties of trainer due to a severe illness. Mrs. Diaz wants to dissolve the stable name and any partnerships with owner Andreas Psarras. A meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> to try and resolve the issues.

07-28-16<sup>2</sup>**HERNANDEZ RULING****RULING #1**

Jockey **JUAN HERNANDEZ** who rode **GUYFROMTHESKYFIVE** in the fifth race at the Sacramento State Fair on Sunday, July 24, 2016 is suspended three (3) racing days (August 4, 5 and 6, 2016) for failure to make a proper effort

to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference, resulting in a disqualification of his mount from first to second, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after Hernandez and his agent Ramon Silva viewed films of the race in question. Hernandez agreed he should have not used the crop with his left hand a second time when the horse showed a tendency to get out.

07-28-16<sup>3</sup> **1<sup>st</sup> RACE MULE – STEWARDS VIEW**

The Stewards reviewed the start of #4 Okie Mouse (Juan Arriaga) in this 350 yard dash for the public’s benefit. #4 Rears as the starter dispatches the field causing his own problems. No reason for an inquiry.

07-28-16<sup>4</sup> **CLAIM VOID 8<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

A claim for #5 Monsajem Accrete was voided when it was discovered the date of claim was not completed.

07-28-16<sup>5</sup> **PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

5<sup>th</sup> race: #1 AMP AND ADRENALIN (Tr. Blaine Wright)  
Re-Enter - Stewards

REFUND: \$ 77.60

07-28-16<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	2,254	\$ 212,869.50
NCOT	1,428	\$ 467,541.50
SCOT		\$ 150,253.20
Out of State		\$ 397,240.22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,227,904.42</b>

**Friday**

07-29-16<sup>1</sup> **MONROY RULING**

**RULING #2**

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who rode **STEWBALL** in the first race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, July 28, 2016 is hereby fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – third offense).

The above ruling was issued after Monroy contacted the stewards and admitted to once again forgetting the rule in the heat of the battle.

07-29-16<sup>2</sup> **MIKE LENZINI RULING – CASE 16SW0020**

**RULING #3**

Trainer **ALBERT ‘MIKE’ LENZINI**, who started the horse **JERSEY CHASER**, winner of the third race at The Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on June 23, 2016, is fined the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: More

than one approved substance – Flunixin (6.8 ng/ml) and Phenylbutazone (1.12 ng/ml)) [Second Offense]

The above ruling was issued after Lenzini contacted the Stewards and accepted the penalty. Mr. Lenzini's theory is that he used compounded Banamine (Flunixin) paste which stayed in the system and caused the double test. Mr. Lenzini had a \$500 fine for a high Banamine in May of this year. Thus the fine was more severe.

07-29-16<sup>3</sup> **FIRST RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review a slight bump near the wire involving the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers #7 RAINEING SAND (Hugo Herrera) and #5 ZELLS BELLS (Pedro Terrero). The bump was judged 50-50 as to culpability so no change was the unanimous decision.

07-29-16<sup>4</sup> **SIXTH RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review contact in the stretch between first place finisher #8 TIZA TIGRESS (Juan Hernandez) and third place finisher #4 ONE PUTT PAR (Julien Couton). #4 is lugging out and #8 steps in near the 1/16 pole and they bump slightly. The incident was minor in nature according to film review and the jockeys comments. No change was the unanimous decision.

07-29-16<sup>5</sup> **BLINKERS QUESTION**

As the horses were approaching the starting gate for the 8<sup>th</sup> and final race, the stewards received a call from Equibase representative Darryl Hove stating that the #2 TRIPLE DRAMA in the 7<sup>th</sup> race ran without blinkers with no change noted on the program. The matter will be investigated further tomorrow.

07-29-16<sup>6</sup> **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3 <sup>RD</sup> race: #6 LONDON LEGACY (Tr. Ed Moger, Jr.)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 289.00
7 <sup>th</sup> race: #4 NINNAVEE (Tr. Clifford Delima)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 292.20
8 <sup>th</sup> race: #5 WARRENS GOLDNUGGET (Tr. Victor Trujillo)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 551.10

07-29-16<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	2,265	\$ 226,466.00
NCOT	1,814	\$ 687,665.90
SCOT		\$ 259,125.40
Out of State		\$ 579,171.36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,752,428.66</b>

**Saturday**

07-30-16<sup>1</sup> **HESS SR. AND WINICK RULINGS (REF: 7-29-16<sup>5</sup>)**

**RULING #5**

Trainer **R.B. HESS, SR.**, is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for an unauthorized change of equipment (blinkers) on the horse **TRIPLE DRAMA** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Friday, July 29, 2016; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer).

**RULING #6**

Paddock Judge **DANNY WINICK**, is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for allowing an unauthorized change of equipment

(blinkers) on the horse **TRIPLE DRAMA** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Friday, July 29, 2016; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1553 (Duties of the Paddock Judge).

The above rulings were issued after an investigation into the failure of #2 TRIPLE DRAMA to wear blinkers in yesterday's 7<sup>th</sup> race. Paddock Judge Danny Winick failed to notice that #2 was not wearing blinkers. R.B. Hess relied on information from his assistant trainer that the horse did not wear blinkers and sent the horse out without them.

07-30-16<sup>2</sup>

**TENTH RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race involving #1 DON'T KEEP TIME (Irving Orozco) who finished second and #2 RECOLTE DE ROI (Julien Couton) who finished sixth. After review and talking to the riders involved it was unanimously decided the outcome was not compromised. #1 breaks outward at a sharp angle, bumping #2 who was off slowly. #2 actually races in front of #1 until the stretch drive and then fades to sixth. Jockey Couton felt his chances were not affected by the bump at the start. No change was ordered but Jockey Orozco will be in to explain his effort to straighten his mount.

07-30-16<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>ST</sup> race: Jockey Francisco Maldonado for Francisco Monroy – No show wagering  
 6<sup>th</sup> race: #4 SENNA (Tr. Armando Lage) injured  
 Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$ 153.30  
 8<sup>th</sup> race: #1 TIZ A LUCKY ONE (Tr. Sergio Perez) injured (euthanized)  
 Examining Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ see below  
 #4 TIZ'S ALL STAR (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick  
 Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$ 412.00

07-30-16<sup>4</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	4,448	\$ 499,404.40
NCOT	2,993	\$1,230,353.10
SCOT		\$ 263,230.30
Out of State		\$ 431,214.12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,424,201.92</b>

**Sunday**

07-31-16<sup>1</sup>

**MONROY RULING**

RULING #7

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who was scheduled to ride **BIZMO** in the third race on Saturday, July 30, 2016 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 above ruling was issued after Monroy appeared and stated that he told trainer Miranda Gramlich that he was sick and that she would tell the Stewards. That didn't happen.

RULING #8

Jockey **BARRINGTON HARVEY** who rode **SPECIAL P** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 30, 2016 is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense).

RULING #9

Jockey **JUAN HERNANDEZ** who rode **LEXI'S RUN** in the eighth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 30, 2016 is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense).

The above rulings were issued after both riders came to the Stewards office and accepted that they used the crop four consecutive times in the stretch.

07-31-16<sup>3</sup> **OROZCO RULING (REF 7-30-16<sup>2</sup>)**

RULING #10

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** who rode **DON'T KEEP TIME** in the tenth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 30, 2016 is suspended three (3) racing days (August 7, 12 and 13, 2016) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Orozco came in and viewed the start of the 10<sup>th</sup> race. Mr. Orozco was very late in straightening his mount that broke outward causing a bump at the start

07-31-16<sup>4</sup> **DIAZ DISBANDING CONTINUED (REF 7-28-16<sup>1</sup>)**

Juvenal Diaz, brother to Trainer A.L. 'Tony' Diaz who is incapacitated, came in to negotiate the sale and or transfer of four horses owned in partnership with Andy Psarras and Diaz Racing (A.L. and Marta Diaz). Juvenal has power of attorney for the transactions. Unfortunately the parties were far apart in negotiations. Fortunately attorney/trainer Brian Pitnick offered to mediate between the parties as a favor to Mr. Diaz. After a long discussion before the Stewards and many trips back and forth by Mr. Pitnick to both parties outside of the office an agreement was reached. Three horses were given to Mr. Psarras. One horse named ELROND who was seventy-five percent owned by Diaz Racing was bought wholly by Psarras for \$12,000 on a payment plan signed by both parties and witnessed by the Stewards and Pitnick.

We feel sorry for the Diaz family and wish them well in this trying time. Our thanks go out to Mr. Pitnick for his time consuming efforts in resolving what could have ended up in a bitter court battle.



There were twelve (16) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 12  
 Injured: 2  
 Unsound: 2

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were zero (0) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	5	2	3	2	12	12
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	2	1	0	3	3
REFUNDS	1	3	3	2	9	9
RULINGS	1	2	2	4	9	9
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Anderson	91	\$20,933.10
Bankers Casino	90	\$27,277.40
Ferndale	0	\$0.00
Fresno	296	\$89,777.10
Fresno Club One	79	\$71,929.70
Monterey	212	\$830,148.30
Pleasanton	1,223	\$85,701.80
Sacramento	940	\$563,295.30
San Jose	1,472	\$321,852.20
San Mateo	2,045	\$475,086.90
Santa Rosa	2,045	\$917,831.40
Stockton	697	\$222,711.80
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	217	\$71,558.50
Vallejo	457	\$154,098.10
So. California	0	\$974,706.50
Out of State	0	\$1,972,751.37

Respectfully submitted,

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**John Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Richard Lewis, Safety Steward**