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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



HUMBOLDT 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 Monday, August 17, 2015 through Sunday, August 23, 2015.

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates: Six Days – Friday, August 21, 2015 through Sunday, August 23, 2015 and Friday August 28, 2015 through Sunday, August 30, 2015 (Dark Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).
- Entries: Seventy-two to ninety-six hours in advance.
- Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. next entry day.
- Post Time: 2:07 p.m. daily, 3:07 p.m. Fridays
- Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race.
- Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta
\$1 Trifecta (with 4 betting interests)
\$1 Superfecta (with 6 betting interests)
\$2 Rolling Daily Double
\$1 Rolling Pick 3
\$1 Early & Late Pick 4 (50-cent minimum)
\$1 Pick 5 (50-cent minimum)
\$0.20 Gold Rush Pick 6
\$0.20 Gold Strike Super High 5 (with 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
 - Grant Baker
 - Will Meyers
 - David Nuesch
 - Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: Richard Conway, General Manager/Director of Racing
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 Dominic DiPrinzio, Mutuel Manager
 Chris Griffin, Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker
 Ellis Davis, Racing Publicist
 Kevin Ingram, Stable Superintendent
 Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood) Track Superintendent
 Pegasus Communications, Video Production
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer
 Plusmic Corp, Inc. - Photo Finish

Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich - Racing Secretary
 Lisa Jones - Assistant Racing Secretary & Patrol Judge
 Myra Troske - Clerk of Course
 Kenneth Fowler - Steward's Aide/Patrol Judge
 Victoria Layne - Paymaster
 Cheryl White - Clerk of Scales
 Gary Greiner – Paddock Judge & Horse Identifier
 Robert Mooneyhan - Starter
 Jackie Payton - Horseshoe Inspector
 Melody Truitt - Clocker/Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian
 Robert Connelly DVM, Track/Fitness Veterinarian

Monday

08-17-15¹

PRE-MEET DAY

The backside steward's office and judge's stand were set up and/or checked on today at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds. Racing Secretary Tom Doutrich, Assistant Racing Secretary Lisa Jones and Stable Superintendent/Pre-Meet Clocker Kevin Ingram were on hand and reported a healthy pre-meet horse population. Track Superintendent Steve Wood (Trackmasters Inc.) has been in Ferndale for the last three (3) weeks ripping, renovating, watering and harrowing the ½ mile oval. It appears to be in excellent shape.

A new four (4) foot high white wood slat shadow fence has been constructed along the outside rail down the backstretch. Many volunteers helped with labor and materials to get this major improvement accomplished. The fence is attractive in appearance and should contribute to added safety. Receiving Barn personnel were on hand today getting their supplies situated in their historic confines located behind the steward's office.

Tuesday

08-18-15¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, August 21. A very healthy eight (8) race card was filled for the Humboldt County Fair opener. There will be two (2) mule races and six (6) Thoroughbred races. Fifty two (52) horses/mules are scheduled to go postward.

Wednesday

08-19-15¹

SCRATCH / ENTRY DAY

Scratches and changes for opening day Friday, August 21st were taken today in the racing office. There was one (1) scratch, two (2) equipment changes, two (2) jockey changes

and a weight correction. All changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries for Saturday, August 22nd were taken this morning in the racing office. Nine (9) races filled. Two (2) mule, one (1) Arabian and six (6) Thoroughbred races are scheduled to start. Fifty seven (57) horses/mules are schedule to start.

08-19-15² **MUTUEL MANAGER MEETING**

Humboldt County Fair Mutuel Manager Dominic DiPrinzio stopped by the racing office to go over details of the upcoming meeting. DiPrinzio spoke of a possible mid-card post time adjustment the second week of this meet. This would potentially assist with the coordination of an increasingly popular hat contest that will enjoy its third year here at Ferndale. The contest is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th.

Thursday

08-20-15¹ **ENTRY / SCRATCH DAY**

Scratches and changes for Saturday August 22nd were taken today in the racing office. Two (2) jockey changes and two (2) scratches were made in the racing office. All changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries for Sunday August 23rd were taken this morning in the racing office. Nine (9) racing events were filled. Two (2) mule races and seven (7) Thoroughbred events make up the card. Fifty three (53) horses/mules make up the card.

Friday

08-21-15¹ **SCRATCH DAY**

Scratches and changes for Sunday August 23rd were taken today in the racing office. One (1) late equipment change was the only activity at the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

08-21-15² **PRE-MEET JOCKEYS MEETING**

The stewards met with the Humboldt County Fair jockey's colony today at Ferndale. The stewards introduced themselves and several others, including: Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly (who formally served in the same capacity at various Northern California tracks), CHRB Safety Steward Tom McCarthy, Track Superintendent Steve Wood, and Assistant Chaplain Rob Cochran.

The stewards spent a lot of time reviewing CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) as several jockeys here have arrived from out of state. The stewards also went over the various nuances of riding on a half (1/2) mile racetrack here at Ferndale. Proper arrival times in the jockey's room, reporting of weight and timely attendance in the paddock were also reviewed.

08-21-15³ **TRACK IMPROVEMENTS (REF: 08-17-15¹)**

The fair has made changes this year which appear to be significant. A roughly four (4) foot high shadow fence, that is painted white, has been constructed along the backstretch. A slightly higher fence has been constructed on the turns. Track Superintendent Steve Wood has raised the banking on the turns to an eight (8) percent grade. The track itself has been worked by Wood and his crew for the three (3) weeks prior to this meet which has been held here at Ferndale since 1896.

08-21-15⁴ **RACE #2 – OBJECTION**

Trainer Dale Raymond's assistant, William Nolan, lodged an objection following the running of the second race. Assistant Nolan's concerns revolved around the #4 HEZ A-OKAY (Hugo Herrera) who finished third in this two hundred and twenty (220) yard mule event.

Race replays showed first place finisher #6 JACKSON'S DREAM drift inward in this race's mid-stretch location. #4 HEZ A-OKAY altered course slightly at this juncture. Following film review, in a unanimous decision, the stewards made no change in the original order of finish.

08-21-15⁵ **JOCKEY'S BIG DAY**
 Jockey Jake Samuels got his meet off to a great start today. The Washington state native arrived in Ferndale this week after a successful Tillamook, Oregon meeting. Samuels booted home four (4) winners on the day's card. The wins were in the third race ATTAYNEZ (\$4.80), fourth race LIVIN' LOVIN' MAN (\$12.60), sixth race MINISTERS OF TRADE (\$5.80) and eighth race WINE AND SONG (\$3.80).

08-21-15⁶ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3 rd race:	#1 ATTAYNEZ	(Tr. Jason Homer)	
	Delete Sub Trainer Eugene Burns – Program Error		
4 th race:	Jockey Jake Samuels for Jesus Velazquez – Sick		
	#6 MIDDAS GOLD TOUCH	(Tr. James R. Craig)	Stewards
	Re-Enter for Saturday, Aug. 22		REFUND: \$ 18.60
5 th race:	#6 AWESOME REQUEST	(Tr. Francisco Flores)	Sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connelly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 12.50
6 th race:	#2 POISON PULPIT	(Tr. Quinn Howey)	Sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connelly, DVM		REFUND: \$ 69.90
7 th race:	#6 DISCOVER ADORABLE	(Tr. Jason Homer)	
	Delete Sub Trainer Eugene Burns – Program Error		
8 th race:	Jockey Jake Samuels for Jesus Velazquez – Sick		

08-21-15⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	1,913	\$	84,860.70
NCOT	1,721	\$	76,168.20
SCOT		\$	80,817.30
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>171,229.26</u>
TOTAL	3,634	\$	413,075.46

Saturday

08-22-15¹ **RACE #2 – 'BRIDGE JUMPER'**
 There was \$39,529 wagered in the show pool in the second race today at Ferndale. Of that amount \$36,781 was wagered on the post time favorite #6 BAR JF RED TICKET (Hugo Herrera) who finished fifth in a very tight place photo following this two hundred twenty (220) yard mule event. Ferndale mutuel manager Dominic DiPrinzio informed the stewards that \$24,707 of the show money wagered on this mule was bet at Del Mar. The extraordinary payoffs for this race were as follows:

#4 SENORITA	12.20	5.80	25.60
#1 JANI NELSON		14.60	70.20
#3 BAR JF HOT TICKET			21.00

08-22-15² **RACE #4 – CLAIM VOIDED**
 The Quinn Howey trained #3 OAKIE BLACKBIRD was claimed for \$5,000 by trainer Gary Greiner following his fourth place finish. CHRB Veterinarian Don Dooley reported that this horse was lame following his examination. The stewards subsequently voided the claim.

08-22-15³ **RACE #7 – INQUIRY**
 The stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the running of this race in order to review the stretch drive. The stewards were looking into the action of first place finisher #6 BART THE BARRISTER (Jake Samuels) and #5 STORM ON THE RIVER (Carlos Madeira). There was minor contact between these two (2) horses inside the 1/16 mile marker. A major reason for the Inquiry was the fact that there was a nose margin between these two (2) horses at the finish. The stewards spoke with both jockeys involved. After film review the stewards were of the unanimous opinion that there would be no change in the order of finish.

08-22-15⁴ **RACE #9 – PROGRAM ISSUE**
 The ontrack program here at Ferndale was missing the ninth race. The Golden Gate Fields

Program that is available at all Northern California satellite locations correctly included Ferndale's ninth race. Numerous people were informed of the problem: Bryan Wayte (NCOTWINC), Richard Conway (Ferndale Director of Racing), Larry Swartzlander (Ferndale Director of Simulcasting) and Dominic DiPrinzio (Ferndale Mutuel Manager) were some of those people. Humboldt management had a program insert provided. Every program sold ontrack had the ninth race glued into the program. The stewards felt the correction was done well and no 'complaints' were received as of this writing.

08-22-15⁵ **OUT OF STATE OFFICIAL**

John Curry visited the stewards in the judge's stand today. Mr. Curry is an association steward on the Oregon Fair Circuit. The stewards had a good back and forth with John. It is rare for a steward to spend a 'busman's holiday' in a visiting judges stand but it is always an opportunity to learn something new for our own Board of Stewards. Thank you John.

08-22-15⁶ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3rd race: Jockey Barrington Harvey for Jesus Velazquez – Double Jockey Fee
 4th race: Jockey Chris Russell for Barrington Harvey – Sick
 6th race: Jockey Luis Godoy for Jesus Velazquez – Sick
 7th race: #1 GUNYON (Tr. Humberto Loma) Stewards
 Re-Enter for Sunday, Aug. 23 REFUND: \$ 156.50
 8th race: Jockey Joe Crispin for Barrington Harvey – Double Jockey Fee
 9th race: #6 RIGHT ON SCHEDULE (Tr. Jason Homer) Stewards
 No Rider REFUND: \$ 340.28

08-22-15⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	3,592	\$	110,894.70
NCOT	2,629	\$	98,552.40
SCOT		\$	114,374.50
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>139,751.00</u>
TOTAL	6,221	\$	463,572.60

Sunday

08-23-15¹ **RULING NO. 1 – JESUS ARRIAGA FILM REVIEW**

Owner Roger Downey appeared in the steward's office on behalf of Jockey Jesus Arriaga today in the Ferndale racing office. Arriaga rode second place finisher #1 JANI NELSON in yesterday's second race which was a 220 yard mule event. Film review showed Jockey Arriaga crop his mule seven (7) consecutive times during the midway point of this race. Everyone in the room agreed that CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) was violated. This marks Arriaga's third violation of this rule since its implementation on July 1st 2015. The stewards issued the following ruling.

Jockey **JESUS ARRIAGA** who rode **JANI NELSON** in the second race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on Saturday, August 22, 2015 is hereby fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – third offense).

08-23-15² **RULING NO. 2 – FRANCISCO MONROY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Francisco Monroy appeared in our office for film review of yesterday's second race which was for mules going two hundred twenty (220) yards. The stewards wanted to review the ride of #5 PENELOPE and Jockey Francisco Monroy. Jockey Monroy cropped his mule four (4) consecutive times, thereby violating CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). In a unanimous decision the stewards issued the following ruling.

Jockey **FRANCISCO MONROY** who rode **PENELOPE** in the second race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on Saturday,

August 22, 2015 is hereby fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

08-23-15³ **RULING NO. 3 – LUIS GODOY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Luis Godoy appeared in the racing office in order to review his ride on #2 LAST CHIEF STANDIN who finished sixth in the seventh race which was contested at a distance of five (5) furlongs. Film review shows Godoy crop his mount six (6) consecutive times in this race's homestretch. The stewards felt that a penalty was warranted in this matter. Jockey Godoy had a previous violation of CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) at the California State Fair in Sacramento (REF: 07-24-15² – Ruling #19).

Jockey **LUIS GODOY** who rode **LAST CHIEF STANDIN** in the seventh race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on Saturday, August 22, 2015 is hereby fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – second offense).

08-23-15⁴ **RACE #4 – VOIDED CLAIM**

Trainer Salvador Naranjo claimed #4 BEST BY FAR (Tr. Quinn Howey) out of the fourth race for \$4,000. Following examination at the receiving barn CHRB Veterinarian Don Dooley reported that this mare was lame. The stewards subsequently voided the claim and BEST BY FAR was returned to the barn of Quinn Howey.

08-23-15⁵ **RACE #7 – DEAD HEAT**

There was a dead heat for the win in today's seventh race at Ferndale. #3 BODRUM (Trainer Ryan Kenney – Jockey Joe Crispin) and #6 COME ON DEPUTY (Trainer James Craig – Jockey Chris Russell) finished on even terms.

08-23-15⁶ **RACE #8 – INQUIRY**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to view an incident on the far turn. At this location #3 GREY GIRL GONE (Carlos Madeira) steadied sharply drawing our attention. #3 GREY GIRL GONE bore out slightly on the far turn and made shoulder contact with eventual winner #5 SEA ROYALTY (Joe Crispin) who was passing him on the outside. The stewards spoke to both riders involved. We felt #3 GREY GIRL GONE 'significantly' contributed to her own problems. In a unanimous decision the stewards let the original order of finish stand.

08-23-15⁷ **RACE #9 – JOCKEY OBJECTION**

Jockey Barrington Harvey who rode fourth place finisher #1 ALL MAGIC lodged a claim of foul against first place finisher #6 CAP FERRAT (Joe Crispin) for alleged interference at the 7/16^{ths} marker in this seven (7) furlong event. Race replays showed #1 ALL MAGIC roughly three (3) lengths behind #6 CAP FERRAT while these rivals were racing in second (#6 CAP FERRAT) and third (#1 ALL MAGIC) while entering the turn with 7/16^{ths} of a mile left to race. #1 ALL MAGIC checked sharply while attempting to race inside #6 CAP FERRAT who switched leads dropping down to the inside rail.

The stewards reviewed all camera angles and received a patrol judge report. The stewards felt that the actions of #1 ALL MAGIC led to this four (4) year old gelding steadying. In a unanimous decision there was 'no change' in the order of finish. Jockeys Barrington Harvey and Chris Russell were ordered to film review with the stewards.

08-23-15⁸ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3rd race: Jockey Luis Godoy for Jarell James – Taken Off (Overweight)
 4th race: #3 KEEPERROCKIN (Tr. Jason Homer) Late – Lame On Track
 Track Veterinarian Robert Connelly, DVM REFUND: \$ 4,527.20
 6th race: Jockey Luis Godoy for Jarell James – Sick (Dizziness)

7th race: Jockey Barrington Harvey for Jarell James – Sick (Dizziness)

9th race: Jockey Luis Godoy for Jarell James – Taken Off (Overweight)

08-23-15⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	2,920	\$	99,773.40
NCOT	2,124	\$	85,875.10
SCOT		\$	62,481.70
Out of State		\$	170,078.60
TOTAL	5,044	\$	418,208.80

M E E T 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. Stewards Grant Baker and Will Meyers were in attendance on the non-racing days to handle entries and scratches.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
21-Aug.	5	6	AWESOME REQUEST	F. Flores	Sick	Connolly	\$ 12.50
21-Aug.	6	2	POISON PULPIT	Q. Howey	Sick	Connolly	\$ 69.90
23-Aug.	4	3	KEEPHERROCKIN	J. Homer	Lame On Track	Connolly	\$ 4,527.20

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died - NONE

Veterinarian's List

There were (7) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 2

Unsound: 2

Exhausted: 1

There were (6) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 3

Unsound: 2

Bled: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	\$ 9,002.30
Banker's Casino	\$ 8,155.40
Fresno	\$ 16,507.80
Fresno Club One	\$ 13,739.80
Golden Gate	\$ 245,350.40
Monterey	\$ 29,433.30
Pleasanton	\$ 130,447.50
Sacramento	\$ 80,857.40
San Jose	\$ 122,684.80
San Mateo	\$ 252,503.80
Santa Rosa	\$ 37,306.50
Stockton	\$ 71,240.60
Turlock	\$ 23,345.10
Vallejo	\$ 71,910.10
So. California	\$ 257,673.50
Out of State	\$ 481,058.86

	21-Aug.	22-Aug.	23-Aug.	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	0	2	3	3
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	2	4	4
REFUNDS	3	2	1	6	6
RULINGS	0	0	3	3	3

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward