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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

SONOMA COUNTY FAIR
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Report of the Board of Stewards
To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Tuesday, July 22, 2008 through Monday, July 28, 2008.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Twelve Days – Wednesday, July 23, 2008 through Monday, August 4, 2008.
(Dark Tuesday, July 29, 2008)

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

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

Post Time: 12:45 p.m. daily

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race

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

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board –
Grant Baker, Will Meyers, Dennis Nevin

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

Bryan Wayte, Mutuel Manager
Vic Stauffer, Track Announcer
Michael Patricks, Price Maker
Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
Matt Nichols, Stewards' Aide
Randy Malmgren, Stable Superintendent
Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood), Track Superintendent
Pegasus Communications, Video Production
Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials:

Greg Brent, Placing Judge
Ella Robinson, Placing Judge
Joe Gibson, Paddock Judge
Cheryl White, Patrol Judge & Film Analyst
Myra Truitt, Patrol Judge
Gary Lawless, Clerk of Scales
Danny Winick, Assistant Clerk of Scales
Chuck Burkes, Starter
Patrick Kealy, Horse Identifier
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/Fitness Veterinarian
Robert Connolly, DVM, Track/Race Veterinarian

Tuesday

07-22-08¹ **PRE-MEET**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on hand to set up the office, check phones and all equipment.

Wednesday

07-23-08¹ **RULING NO. 1 – MARTINEZ**

Jockey **CATALINO MARTINEZ**, who rode **SEE YA WAGER** in the sixth race at the Solano County Fair (Vallejo) on Monday, July 21, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (July 30, 31 and August 1, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course after the start 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.

The above ruling was issued after Martinez appeared and reviewed his efforts in Monday's sixth race at Vallejo. Martinez agreed he let his horse alter course after the start causing #7 SURPRISE POWER and jockey Modesto Linares to check sharply. #7 goes on to beat Martinez' horse so no change was necessary.

07-23-08² **RICHARD LEWIS**

Director of Racing **Richard Lewis** was in and discussed coordination of the races. All systems are reported operational according to Mr. Lewis.

07-23-08³ **THIRD RACE DELAY**

The starting gate had some mechanical difficulties that needed repair to prepare for this turf race. To complicate matters driver Butch Zollinger had a difficult time backing the gate into position. Original post was scheduled for 1:47 p.m. and the race was off at 2:03 p.m. No further problems occurred with the other two turf races.

07-23-08⁴ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

5th race - Jockey Frank Alvarado for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)
 6th race – Jockey Alex Bisono for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)
 9th race – Jockey Jorge Ayarza for David Lopez (sick)

07-23-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

8 th race:	#4 INVESTIGATOR WUNNO (Tr. Dennis Ward)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$297.70
9 th race:	#7 REAL SKY (Tr. Frances Henderson)	lame at gate
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$8,381.99

07-23-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	3,490	\$	268,568.40
NCOT	2,505	\$	927,728.70
SCOT		\$	377,710.70
Out of State		\$	767,878.04
TOTAL	5,995	\$	2,341,885.84

Thursday

07-24-08¹ **JUAN JOSE ROMO, JR. HEARING** (Case 08GG089)

Trainer **JUAN ROMO** failed to appear to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1878, 1530, 1588 (j), 1592 and 1894. Romo called as the hearing was ready to commence to ask for permission to testify by phone – request denied. Mr. Romo, being the principal in this matter, was required to appear personally and will be suspended pending further hearing.

07-24-08² **INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – DISQUALIFICATION – Second Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry to review an incident near the 4 ½ furlong marker in which #2 REASONER fell, unseating rider Jorge Ayarza. After review, it was determined #3 KADY DE SOI, ridden by **Barrington Harvey**, came in causing #2 to clip heels and fall. #3 was disqualified from ninth to unplaced for interference. Jockey Harvey will review his effort in the morning with the stewards. An accident report will be attached. Both jockey Ayarza and horse REASONER appeared uninjured.

07-24-08³ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Seventh Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry to review bumping between second and third place finishers #5 FLEET FELINE (Kyle Kaenel) and #4 GETAWAII (Abraham Arreola). After tape review and talking with the riders, it was determined that #4 stepped out as #5 stepped in, causing the bumping to be a 50/50 proposition. No change was ordered.

07-24-08⁴ **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – Eighth Race**

Jockey **Pablo Castillo**, aboard ninth place finisher #2 MORAL DELEMMA, lodged a claim of foul against fourth place finisher #3 THAINTY and jockey Joe Castro for alleged interference in the 3/8 turn. After review and talking with the riders, it was determined that room existed for #2 to the inside of #3 and no foul occurred. No Change.

07-24-08⁵ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

- 5th race – Jockey Juan Ochoa for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)
- 6th race – Jockey Alex Bisono for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)
- 8th race – Jockey Frank Alvarado for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)
- 9th race – Jockey Chris Landeros for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)
- 10th race – Jockey Russell Baze for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)

07-24-08⁶ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

7 th race:	#1 ABBIE AND KOBE Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Sergio Ledezma)	sick REFUND: \$ 55.00
	#7 MAXETTE Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick REFUND: \$453.50

07-24-08⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	3,058	\$ 284,885.00
NCOT	2,804	\$1,055,081.80
SCOT		\$ 549,270.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 909,354.59</u>
TOTAL	5,862	\$2,798,591.59

Friday

07-25-08¹ **RULING NO. 2 – ROMO, JR.**

Owner/Trainer **JUAN JOSE ROMO, JR.**, having failed to appear for a scheduled hearing before the Board of Stewards at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on or before Thursday, July 24, 2008, to answer a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1878 (Workouts), #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), #1588 (j) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race), #1592 (Ineligible Horse to be Disqualified) and #1894 (Duties of Trainer), is hereby suspended pending a hearing before the Board of Stewards for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

The above ruling was issued after due deliberation. (Refer: 07-24-08¹)

07-25-08² **RULING NO. 3 – HARVEY** (Refer: 07-24-08²)

Jockey **BARRINGTON HARVEY**, who rode **KADY DE SOI** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, July 24, 2008, is suspended ten (10) racing days (August 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course after the start and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from ninth 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 Harvey appeared and argued his case. Harvey felt the blame lay with his mount that was hard to handle. The stewards felt Mr. Harvey could have made a more substantial effort with another horse and rider in jeopardy.

07-25-08³ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Kyle Kaenel** was in to review his ride in yesterday's seventh race and cautioned to keep a straighter course in the stretch.

07-25-08⁴ **BAKER STARS**

Steward **Grant Baker** was a guest on the handicapping workshop to help promote the public's understanding of stewards' and officials' responsibilities.

07-25-08⁵ **INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE – First Race**

The mule #5 BAR JF ROSEANNA bucked about half way through this 400 yard dash, unseating rider Javier Gomez. The inquiry sign was posted to confirm no other mules were involved. #5 acted of her own accord and no change was necessary. Both rider and mule appeared unscathed. An accident report will be attached to the minutes.

07-25-08⁶ **8TH RACE DEBACLE – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

At approximately four minutes to post, rider **Barrington Harvey** relayed a message through the outriders that he did not wish to ride his mount, #1 SKIPPING OUT JOE. #1 was sent back to the paddock and the balance of the horses were sent to the gate and the riders dismounted. Jockey Pedro Flores accepted the mount from trainer Terri Eaton and proper announcements were made to the public. The horses were loaded into the gate and as fate would have it, #1 'flipped' and got cast. Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly recommended scratching #1 which was accomplished and the race ran. Original post time 4:18 p.m.; off time 4:32 p.m., a fourteen minute delay. #6 HAINT CALLING failed to leave the gate in a timely fashion and the inquiry sign was lit. After review, it was determined that #6 dwelt in the gate of its own accord. No Change.

07-25-08⁷ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

3rd race – Jockey Kyle Kaenel for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)

5th race – Jockey Kyle Kaenel for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)

6th race – Jockey Chris Landeros for Chad Schvaneveldt (sick)

Jockey Alex Bisono for Saul Arias (double jockey fee)

07-25-08⁸ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6th race: #10 MR EDDIE BOY (Tr. R. B. Hess) injured
 Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 808.70

8th race: #1 SKIPPING OUT JOE (Tr. Terri Eaton) flipped in gate
 Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$12,934.00

07-25-08⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	3,925	\$ 423,260.00
NCOT	3,401	\$1,213,613.90
SCOT		\$ 331,174.50
Out of State		\$ 893,314.06
TOTAL	7,326	\$2,861,362.46

Saturday07-26-08¹ **OFFICIAL OFF**

Patrol Judge **Myra Truitt** is off for the next two days. Ms. Truitt will be replaced by official **Ross Allardyce**.

07-26-08² **INQUIRY /OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – First Race (Mules)**

The inquiry sign was posted to review possible interference involving #3 OUT OF MY LEAGUE (Antony Ayala, 2nd) and #2 BABY SISTER (Carlos Villalobos, 4th) near the finish of this 400 yard dash. Villalobos also lodged a claim of foul.

After review it was determined that although Villalobos checks his mount while nearing the finish, room existed and his actions were not necessary. No Change.

07-26-08³ **INQUIRY / OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION – Fourth Race**

The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident shortly after the start involving fourth place finisher #1 COLORKINETIC (Luis Martinez) and fifth place finisher #2 TIOGA JUNCTION (Danny Boag). Boag also lodged a claim of foul.

Tapes clearly show #1 break outwardly, pushing the #2 out, causing #2 to clip heels and lose any chance at a better placing. #1 was disqualified from fourth to fifth by unanimous decision.

07-26-08⁴ **TOTE MISTAKE – Eighth Race**

This Board was notified that the tote operator, who acts as an emergency backup to lock the wagering machines if the stewards' lock fails, inadvertently locked the machines one minute and 31 seconds before the race "off time" of 4:35 p.m.

A letter of explanation is attached and investigator Gabe Palomar was requested to investigate the incident.

07-26-08⁵ **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Tenth Race**

#5 COUSINS LEW went wrong at the 1/16 pole and fell with jockey Kyle Kaenel. No other horses were involved. Jockey Kaenel walked away from the incident. COUSINS LEW was humanely euthanized. An accident report is attached to these minutes.

Two early scratches reduced this field to four horses and no show wagering was offered. Additional refund for show totaled \$ 201.50. The accident left only three finishers.

07-26-08⁶ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

11th race – Jockey Catalino Martinez for Kyle Kaenel – injured

12th race – Jockey Francisco Duran for Kyle Kaenel – injured

07-26-08⁷ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

9 th race:	#7 PAMELOT	(Tr. John Martin)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 138.00
	#8 DOUBLE DIP	(Tr. Amanda McKaughan)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 350.00
10 th race:	#2 SAX NOTES	(Tr. Juan Gutierrez)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 180.00
	#4 R SPRING AFFAIR	(Tr. Valerie Rhoden)	injured
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 523.00

07-26-08⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	5,490	\$ 726,166.10
NCOT	4,919	\$2,031,049.50
SCOT		\$ 650,543.40
Out of State		\$ 739,451.88
TOTALS	10,409	\$4,147,210.88

Sunday07-27-08¹ **RULING NO. 4 – HOLLENDORFER**

Trainer **JERRY HOLLENDORFER**, whose horse **ALEX AND ME** was scheduled to race in the fourth race at the Sonoma County Fair on July 26, 2008, is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting – Failure to have sufficient workouts).

The above ruling was issued for failure to have proper works, necessitating a scratch from a six horse field.

07-27-08² **JOCKEY REVIEW**

Jockey **Luis Martinez** appeared to review his ride in yesterday's fourth race. Martinez was exonerated from blame as his horse stumbled at the start.

07-27-08³ **RULING NO. 5 – HINES** (Case 08GG099)

Association Employee **JAMES R. HINES**, having failed to appear for a scheduled hearing before the Board of Stewards at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, July 26, 2008, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (g) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (2, 3, 4) (Disorderly Conduct), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) is hereby suspended pending a hearing before the Board of Stewards for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

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

Association employee **James R. Hines** failed to appear to answer charges of violation of 1489(g) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), 1874 (Disorderly Conduct), 1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocations) and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). Reports are that Hines is in a hospital under treatment. The above ruling will ensure a paper trail is kept.

07-27-08⁴ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Third Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start of the 870 yard *Santa Rosa Marathon*. After review it was determined that prohibitive favorite #3 VADERATOR (Gregorio Arriaga), the only thoroughbred in this Quarter Horse stake, stumbled badly and broke in at the start. #2 WHOSONFOURTH (Carlos Villalobos) broke extremely late and was not affected by the actions of #3. No Change.

07-27-08⁵ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

- 4th race – Jockey Joey Castro for Kyle Kaenel (injured)
- 6th race – Saul Arias for Kyle Kaenel (injured)
- 7th race – Saul Arias for Kyle Kaenel (injured)
- 9th race – Francisco Duran for Kyle Kaenel (injured)
- 12th race – Saul Arias for Kyle Kaenel (injured)
Edgar Montehermosa for Jorge Ayarza (injured)

07-27-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	5,102	\$ 467,626.00
NCOT	4,735	\$1,995,123.20
SCOT		\$ 821,436.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 940,869.98</u>
TOTAL	9,837	\$4,225,055.38

Monday

07-28-08¹ **NEW CALIFORNIA TRAINER**

Long time Washington state trainer **Rick Lukenbill** was approved for a California trainer license.

07-28-08² **GOOD AFTERNOON**

This afternoon's racing was conducted without incident.

07-28-08³ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1st race: #5 DASH ON JOHNNY (Tr. Keith Craigmyle) re-enter
Stewards REFUND: \$ 46.30

3rd race: #2 DINNER AND A DANCE (Tr. Ari Dagonel) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 106.00

07-28-08⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SRCF	2,865	\$	237,073.80
NCOT	2,043	\$	704,713.20
SCOT		\$	410,563.70
Out of State		\$	608,372.28
TOTAL	4,908	\$	1,960,722.98

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
23-Jul	8	4	INVESTIGATOR WUNNO	Ward	sick	Dooley	\$297.70
	9	7	REAL SKY	Henderson	lame	Connolly	\$8,381.99
24-Jul	7	1	ABBIE AND KOBE	Ledezma	sick	Dooley	\$55.00
		7	MAXETTE	Miyadi	sick	Dooley	\$453.50
25-Jul	6	10	MR EDDIE BOY	Hess	injured	Dooley	\$808.70
	8	1	SKIPPING OUT JOE	Eaton	flipped in gate	Connolly	\$12,934.00
26-Jul	9	7	PAMELOT	Martin	sick	Dooley	\$138.00
		8	DOUBLE DIP	McKaughan	sick	Dooley	\$350.00
	10	2	SAX NOTES	Gutierrez	sick	Dooley	\$180.00
		4	R SPRING AFFAIR	Rhoden	injured	Dooley	\$523.00
28-Jul	3	2	DINNER AND A DANCE	Dagonel	sick	Dooley	\$106.00

Euthanized / Died

07-23-08 A P Hennessy (Tr. Jeff Bonde) right carpal comminuted fracture – dirt, racing
07-24-08 Gold Ruckus (Tr. Andy Mathis) colic with probable large colon twist
07-26-08 Cousins Lew (Tr. William E. Morey) fractured right front canon – dirt, racing

Injuries

No reports submitted.

Veterinarian's List

There were fourteen (14) horses placed on the Vet's List:

Sick: 8
Injured: 2
Unsound: 2
Exhausted: 1
Bled: 1

There were eleven (11) horses removed from the Vet's List:

Sick: 5
Injured: 5
Unsound: 1
Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	159	\$49,165.80
Bakersfield	453	\$160,321.70
Bay Meadows	5092	\$1,900,378.70
Eureka	79	\$36,798.90
Fresno	433	\$186,432.90
Fresno Club One	107	\$52,498.30
Golden Gate	4101	\$1,681,151.80
Monterey	480	\$392,820.60
Pleasanton	2244	\$851,083.70
Sacramento	1996	\$662,200.30
San Jose	2053	\$923,350.50
Stockton	1328	\$434,658.80
Tulare	289	\$68,998.50
Turlock	620	\$197,941.30
Vallejo	973	\$329,508.50
So. California		\$3,140,698.70
Out of State		\$4,860,028.83

	23- Jul	24- Jul	25- Jul	26- Jul	27- Jul	28- Jul	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	0	1	1	3	0	0	5	5
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	3	2	3	1	0	9	9
REFUNDS	2	2	2	4	0	2	12	12
RULINGS	1	0	2	0	2	0	5	5

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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