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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, 2015 through Sunday, August 2, 2015

#### **GENERAL DATA:**

**Dates:** Eleven Days – Thursday, July 30, 2015 through Sunday, August 16, 2015.  
 (Dark Mondays: August 3, August 10; Tuesdays: August 4, August 11;  
 Wednesdays: August 5, August 12; and Thursday: August 13)

**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 – Grant Baker, Will Meyers,  
 Dennis Nevin

**Track Officials:** Tawny Tesconi - Fair Manager Advisor  
 Richard Lewis - Director of Racing  
 Stacey Lapham - Assistant 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  
 Danielle Morgan - 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  
 Ella Robinson - 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  
 Darrell Sparks - 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**07-27-15<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for opening day which is Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Scheduled post time is 1:15 p.m. One (1) Arabian and seven (7) Thoroughbred events make up the eight (8) race card. Sixty five (65) horses are scheduled to face Starter Todd Stephens. Four (4) races will be held on the turf course.

The stewards stand was checked on as TV monitors, desks, chairs and telephones all were found to be in good working order.

**Tuesday**07-28-15<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for opening day Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) equipment changes and six (6) jockey changes were submitted. All changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries were taken today for Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> which will have a post time of 3:15 p.m. One (1) mule, one (1) quarter horse and six (6) thoroughbred races filled. Sixty-one (61) horses/mules are scheduled to start.

**Wednesday**07-29-15<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY/SCRATCH DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting scratches and changes for opening day Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. One (1) equipment change and two (2) jockey changes were made. All changes were activated after the 9:00 a.m. deadline.

Entries for Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> were taken this morning in the racing office. One (1) mule and eight (8) thoroughbred races make up the card. Seventy-four (74) horses/mules will make up the day's card.

**Thursday**07-30-15<sup>1</sup>**NEW ASSISTANT CLERK OF SCALES**

Chris Lapham stopped by the Steward's office in order to go over his new responsibilities as Assistant Clerk of Scales here at Santa Rosa. Lapham has been assigned other racing official duties in previous years on the California Fair circuit. The Stewards went over the many important duties of the Assistant Clerk of Scales with Lapham and told him to contact us if he had any questions.

07-30-15<sup>2</sup>

**CAMERA TOWER PROBLEMS**

Electrical power was interrupted today at the 3/8<sup>th</sup> camera tower location. There was no 3/8ths camera shot available for race three (3) which was contested at six (6) furlongs. Problems were solved and camera coverage for races four (4) thru eight (8) was back to normal.

07-30-15<sup>3</sup>

**SECOND RACE ACCIDENT**

As the field of seven (7) galloped out past the finish line #4 MR. CANDY BAR stumbled and was injured. Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer humanely euthanized this horse. Jockey Hugo Herrera got up and walked away from the incident. A CHRB accident report (CHRB-201) will be attached to these minutes.

07-30-15<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIMS**

Acting upon the recommendation of CHRB Veterinarian Don Dooley, the Stewards voided two (2) claims today at Santa Rosa. In race three (3) trainer Rene Amescua claimed SONOMA SWISS for \$4,000. Following the voiding of the claim SONOMA SWISS returned to the barn of Roger Hansen.

The claim of the Steve Sherman trained DELTA RANGER was also voided following the running of the eighth race. Trainer Salvador Naranjo claimed this horse for \$6,250 and the horse was subsequently returned to the barn of trainer Sherman

07-30-15<sup>5</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

6<sup>th</sup> race: #6 INK WELL (Tr. Jonathan Wong) sick  
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$ 418.04

07-30-15<sup>6</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	2,640	\$ 245,661.70
NCOT	1,501	\$ 592,516.90
SCOT		\$ 221,628.30
Out of State		\$ 620,366.03
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,680,172.93</b>

**Friday**

07-31-15<sup>1</sup>

**C.C. LOPEZ RULING**

Jockey C.C. Lopez waived his right to a hearing today at Santa Rosa. Jockey Lopez rode #10 ELEVEN ZIP in yesterday's fifth race which was a five (5) furlong turf event. Race replays showed Lopez crop his horse left handed four (4) consecutive times on his way to an eighth place finish. The Stewards issued the following ruling:

**RULING#1**

Jockey **C.C. LOPEZ** who rode **ELEVEN ZIP** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, July 30, 2015 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).

07-31-15<sup>2</sup>

**RUSSELL BAZE FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Russell Baze appeared in the Steward's office in order to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday at Santa Rosa. Baze was aboard #5 GOLDEN GUY who

finished a fast closing third in this five (5) furlong turf event. Baze cropped his horse four (4) consecutive times during the stretch run of this race without giving his horse a chance to respond. Baze agreed that he violated California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). This ruling follows two (2) previous whip violations that jockey Baze had earlier this month (Pleasanton Ref: 7-3-15<sup>3</sup>) at the Oak Tree at Pleasanton meeting. In a unanimous vote the Stewards issued the following ruling:

**RULING#2**

Jockey **RUSSELL BAZE** who rode **GOLDEN GUY** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Thursday, July 30, 2015 is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)\* 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).

07-31-15<sup>3</sup> **FIRST RACE ACCIDENT**

Following the running of this three hundred and fifty (350) yard mule race, #6 LORETTA JONES who finished seventh, bucked and subsequently lost her rider Martin Arriaga. Jockey Arriaga was examined by track paramedics and was reported to be in good condition. LORETTA JONES was unhurt. A California Horse Racing Board accident report will be attached to these minutes.

07-31-15<sup>4</sup> **SECOND RACE INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after this three hundred and fifty (350) Quarter Horse race in order to review two (2) incidents. In the first incident #4 SEPARATE GIFT JH3 (Luis Godoy) breaks outward. #5 PREPARE TO LAUNCH stumbles and is off slowly. #6 SPECIAL KIND OF LADY (Marcial Ramirez) broke inward. The Stewards unanimously determined that no placings should be made for the first incident.

In the second incident, second place finisher #3 TAC IT WITH CHARM (Luis Lira) drifts into the path of third place finisher #4 SEPARATE GIFT JH3 who in turn is forced to shift into the path of fifth place finisher #6 SPECIAL KIND OF LADY who was forced off his straight path. After film review and speaking to the riders involved the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #3 TAC IT WITH CHARM and placed her fifth (last). Jockey Luis Lira was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: 2-3-4-5-6  
 Official order of finish: 2-4-5-6-3

07-31-15<sup>5</sup> **PROGRAM CHANGES**

2<sup>nd</sup> race: #1 BOWYER  
 Jockey Change – Pedro Flores for Martin Arriaga (Double Jockey Fee)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> race: #1 BOWYER (Tr. Miguel Gonzalez) flipped in paddock  
 Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$ 1,301.20

07-31-15<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	2,456	\$ 249,682.30
NCOT	1,983	\$ 797,688.60
SCOT		\$ 257,777.60
Out of State		\$ 422,319.15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,727,467.65</b>

**Saturday**

08-01-15<sup>1</sup> **LUIS LIRA INFORMAL HEARING (REF: 7-31-15<sup>4</sup>)**

Trainer Humberto Loma appeared in the Stewards office on behalf of Luis Lira who called in sick for today's film review. Jockey Lira was aboard the quarter horse TAC IT WITH CHARM who finished second but was disqualified and placed fifth (last).

Film review showed #3 TAC IT WITH CHARM drift out continuously and impede both #4 SEPARATE GIFT JH3 (Luis Godoy) and #6 SPECIAL KIND OF LADY (Marcial Ramirez). The Stewards felt jockey Lira took minimal corrective action while his mount was drifting out severely. Representative Loma agreed with the Stewards film analysis. In a unanimous vote the Stewards issued the following ruling:

RULING#3

Jockey **LUIS LIRA** who rode **TAC IT WITH CHARM** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Friday, July 31, 2015 is suspended three (3) racing days (August 8, 9, and 14, 2015) 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 second to fifth. A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

08-01-15<sup>2</sup>

**ALEJANDRO GOMEZ INFORMAL HEARING**

Jockey Alejandro Gomez appeared in the Stewards office along with his agent Ramon Silva. Jockey Gomez arrived in Santa Rosa at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to ride a horse (#9 CURLY BOY) in the eighth race which had a scheduled post time of 4:55 p.m. He did not call the Stewards in order to request permission to be late. The Stewards issued the following ruling:

RULING#4

Jockey **ALEJANDRO GOMEZ** is fined the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)\* for reporting to the jockey's room late on Thursday, July 30, 2015; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report).

08-01-15<sup>3</sup>

**MARCIAL RAMIREZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Marcial Ramirez appeared in the Stewards office along with Valet/Interpreter Joe Hernandez. Jockey Ramirez rode #6 SPECIAL KIND OF LADY who was placed fourth via disqualification in yesterday's three hundred and fifty (350) yard quarter horse race. Jockey Ramirez copped his horse seven (7) consecutive times in this race without giving her a chance to respond. Jockey Ramirez is having a hard time (Ref. California State Fair Rulings #5 & #15) abiding by California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) which was implemented July 1, 2015. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling:

RULING#5

Jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ** who rode **SPECIAL KIND OF LADY** in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on July 31, 2015 is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)\* 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).

08-01-15<sup>4</sup>

**KYLE FREY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared in the Stewards office in order to review his ride in yesterday's fifth race which was a five (5) furlong turf event. Frey was aboard #2 LUCK SILVERDOLLAR who finished ninth. Roughly seventy (70) yards before the wire jockey Frey stands up on his mount and subsequently drops back quickly in this ten

(10) horse field. This horse galloped out normally after the finish line.

Film review showed a patch of sand kick up at about the same time jockey Frey stood up in his saddle. Jockey Frey told the Stewards he felt something may have gone amiss at this point and erred on the side of caution. The Stewards and Frey both thought there may have been an overreaction on the jockey's part in this race, but that no further action of the Stewards was warranted.

08-01-15<sup>5</sup>

**TENTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to review an incident at the 3/16<sup>th</sup> mile marker. Turning for home in this one (1) mile event there was significant contact between fifth place finisher #6 QUIET THUNDER (Silvio Amador) and sixth place finisher #10 ALL MAGIC (Abel Cedillo). These two (2) rivals were racing in second and third position at the time of the contact.

Race replays show #6 QUIET THUNDER step outward at the top of the stretch and make the aforementioned contact. #2 QUIET THUNDER beat #10 ALL MAGIC a half length for fifth position. Often times an inquiry for fifth and sixth positions will take place after the first four positions are made official. However, this race had Super High 5 wagering (Pentafecta) so all patrons wagering had to wait until the following unanimous decision was made official. #6 QUIET THUNDER was disqualified and placed sixth. Jockey Silvio Amador was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original order of finish: 3-5-8-2-6-10-4-9-7  
 Official order of finish: 3-5-8-2-10-6-4-9-7

08-01-15<sup>6</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

4<sup>th</sup> race: #1 SILVER FLYER  
 Should read REGULAR GELDING (undetermined reasons)  
 6<sup>th</sup> race: #6 BLUEGRASS SIGHT  
 Jockey Change – C.C. Lopez for Alonso Quinonez (Jockey took off - fined)  
 9<sup>th</sup> race: #2 MISS DOUBLE D'ORO  
 Jockey Change – C.C. Lopez for Alonso Quinonez (Jockey took off - fined)  
 10<sup>th</sup> race: #1 DUMA COUNCIL (Tr. Gil Matos) sick  
 Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND:\$ 208.70

08-01-15<sup>8</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	4,265	\$ 543,476.30
NCOT	3,179	\$ 1,315,633.30
SCOT		\$ 396,307.40
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 624,439.39</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,879,856.39</b>

**Sunday**  
 08-02-15<sup>1</sup>

**ALONSO QUINONEZ RULING**

Jockey Alonso Quinonez took off of two (2) scheduled riding engagements today in Santa Rosa. The Stewards unanimously ruled to issue the following ruling:

RULING#6

Jockey **ALONSO QUINONEZ**, who was scheduled to ride **BLUEGRASS SIGHT** in the sixth and **OUR PRINCECHARMING** in the tenth race on Saturday August 1, 2015 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement – missed two (2) mounts).

08-02-15<sup>2</sup> **SILVIO AMADOR FILM REVIEW (REF. 8-1-15<sup>5</sup>)**

Jockey Silvio Amador appeared in the Stewards office accompanied by Interpreter/Valet Jose Rodriguez. Jockey Amador rode #6 QUIET THUNDER who was disqualified from fifth to sixth position in yesterday's tenth race at Santa Rosa. Jockey Amador croppered his horse left handed twice just as the field was entering the stretch. This caused his mount to step out and make contact with sixth place finisher #10 ALL MAGIC and resulted in the subsequent disqualification. Jockey Amador told the Stewards he should have put the crop away after its initial use entering the stretch. Jockey Amador understood the reasons for the Stewards following unanimous decision.

**RULING#7**

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR** who rode **QUIET THUNDER** in the tenth race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Saturday, August 1, 2015 is suspended three (3) racing days (August 9, 14, and 15, 2015) 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 fifth to sixth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

08-02-15<sup>3</sup> **EIGHTH RACE STEWARD'S REVIEW**

The Stewards announced there would be a STEWARD'S REVIEW following the running of the eighth race. The Stewards wanted to review the start where both #3 CAT ON THE FENCE (Juan Hernandez) and #6 HALOS DANCER (Pedro Flores) were off very slowly. During the review the Stewards all determined that there was no reason to post the inquiry sign.

08-02-15<sup>4</sup> **PROGRAM CHANGES**

5 <sup>th</sup> race: #9 CUNNING RIDE	(Tr. Salvador Naranjo)		injury
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	310.10
6 <sup>th</sup> race: #4 NEW NATURE	(Tr. Armando Lage)		sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	159.60
9 <sup>th</sup> race: #4 QIAONA	(Tr. Ed Moger, Jr.)		sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	333.80
10 <sup>th</sup> race: #5 HER MAJESTY MISSY	(Tr. Arnold Torres)		sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	394.22

08-02-15<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SR	3,830	\$	421,240.20
NCOT	3,435	\$	1,381,798.10
SCOT		\$	392,862.10
Out of State		\$	723,776.07
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$2,919,676.47</b>

**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
07-30-15	6	6	INK WELL	Wong	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$418.04</b>
07-31-15	2	1	BOWYER	Gonzalez	Flipped in Paddock	Sporer	<b>\$1,301.20</b>
08-01-15	10	1	DUMA COUNCIL	Matos	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$208.70</b>
08-02-15	5	9	CUNNING RIDE	Naranjo	Injury	Sporer	<b>\$310.10</b>
08-02-15	6	4	NEW NATURE	Lage	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$159.10</b>
08-02-15	9	4	QIAONA	Moger, Jr.	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$333.80</b>

**VETERINARY REPORT**

**Euthanized/Died** – 7-30-15 MR. CANDY BAR (Tr. Gary Greiner) Right front fetlock multiple open fractures – Santa Rosa

**Veterinarian’s List**

There were ten (10) horses placed on the vet’s list:

- Sick: 5
- Injured: 2
- Unsound: 2
- Shockwave: 1

There were twelve (12) horses removed from the vet’s list:

- Sick: 7
- Injured: 1
- Unsound: 4

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were one (1) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

	7/30	7/31	8/1	8/2	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	1	1	0	0	2	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	1	2	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	1	2	2
REFUNDS	1	1	0	4	6	6
RULINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS VOID	2	0	0	0	2	2

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

Anderson	93	\$30,896.50
Bankers Casino	99	\$39,149.90
Ferndale	0	\$0.00
Fresno	316	\$126,505.60
Fresno Club One	101	\$97,108.00
Monterey	2,384	\$1,019,358.00
Pleasanton	171	\$88,757.30
Sacramento	1,323	\$554,910.10
San Jose	1,051	\$345,458.10
San Mateo	1,853	\$510,296.40
Santa Rosa	2,379	\$1,141,433.50
Stockton	822	\$301,200.80
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	286	\$94,530.30
Vallejo	452	\$201,083.40
So. California	0	\$1,268,575.40
Out of State	0	\$2,390,900.64

Respectfully submitted,

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

