

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Tuesday August 20 2024, through Sunday, August 25, 2024.

TUESDAY

8/20/24¹

ENTRY DAY

Steward **Richard Lewis** was in the Racing Office to direct the activities for opening day for the Humboldt County Fair. Steward Brice Blanc was on site to learn the ropes as this is his first assignment, he will be shadowing Steward Lewis this week in the Racing Office. Six races were carded for opening day.

WEDNESDAY

8/21/24¹

ENTRIES

Steward **Richard Lewis** was in the Racing Office to oversee entries for Saturday and approve declarations or any other issues that might arise. Steward **Brice Blanc** was also present. Seven races made the overnight.

8/21/24²

PANEL

The panel opening day's card was conducted by Veterinarians **Dr. Lorbiecki, Dr. Franklin, Dr. Grande, Steward Lewis** and **Blanc**. Few horses made the hard watch list with no recommended scratches.

THURSDAY

8/22/24¹

ENTRIES

Steward **Richard Lewis** was present to supervise entries for Sunday and scratches for Saturday's races. Steward **Brice Blanc** was also on site for entries. Eight races were drawn for Sunday.

8/22/24²

PANEL

Stewards **Lewis** and **Blanc** attended the Panel Review. Fifteen horses made the hard watch list for Saturday, but no scratches were recommended by **Dr. Lorbiecki, Dr. Grande** and **Dr. Franklin**.

8/22/24³

STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Steward Committee Meeting was also on the agenda for that day. The full Board of Stewards joined via Microsoft Teams.

FRIDAY

8/23/24¹

OPENING DAY PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 #3, **Precious One** (Tr. **J. Hernandez**) to be ridden by **Mckenzie King**

LATE SCRATCH

Race 6 #1, **Wrong Direction** (Tr. **F. Rodriguez**) sick – **Dr. Franklin DVM** Refund: \$56.00

8/23/24²

PANEL

A Panel Review for Sunday's card took place prior to the races. Attending was **Dr. Blea, Dr. Grande, Dr. Lorbiecki, Dr. Franklin** and the **Board of Stewards**. Twenty-one horses were put on the hard watch list. No scratches were recommended.

8/23/24³

OPENING DAY MEETINGS

The **Board of Stewards** and Safety Steward **Tom McCarthy** met to review expectations for the upcoming race meet and discuss the Inclement Weather Policy due to the projected forecast over the next couple of days.

The CARF Director of Racing **Larry Swartzlander**, also stopped in to respond to staffing issues, primarily the position of Placing Judge. We informed him that the position needed to be filled by a Racing Official, not the Stewards. The result of this meeting was that the Stewards' Aide/Patrol Judge was moved to Placing. The Patrol Judge position went vacant and a Temp was put in as Stewards' Aide.

Prior to the first race, the **Board of Stewards** met with the Jockeys. Attending the meeting were Safety Steward **T. McCarthy**, Director of Racing **L. Swartzlander**, Track Physician **S. Ausseberg**, Track Superintendent **S. Wood** and Starter **T. Stephens**. Main points brought up during this session were crop rules, quick official, reporting times along with safety concerns on this half mile track and race riding expectations.

8/23/24⁴

INCIDENT RACE 2

Ray of The Sea #1 ducked in shortly after the start and ran through the inside rail unseating his Jockey **V. Jensen**. The Gate Crew did a great job to put the rail back together before the horses came back around. Horse and Jockey were uninjured.

8/23/24⁵

RACE 5 DNF

Artic Fire #4 was pulled up in the first turn of this 5 furlongs race and was vanned off, and taken back to the barn for further evaluation. Safety Steward **Tom McCarthy** will provide updates on the horse's condition as they become available.

8/23/24⁶

RACE 5 CLAIM OF FOUL/DISQUALIFICATION

Jockey **J. Rodriguez**, #2 **Saint Helen**, lodged an objection against #1 **Gentle Julia** ridden by **McKenzie King** for interference shortly after the start. The Stewards reviewed the video which showed #1 kept drifting out and bumping #2 repeatedly for several strides impeding and forcing #2 to check off heels.

After the Stewards reviewed the videos from all angles and talked with all parties involved, in a unanimous decision, **Gentle Julia** was disqualified and placed behind **Saint Helen**.

Original Order of Finish: **(1)** – 6 – 5 – 3 – 7 – 2 - 4

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 5 – 3 – 7 – 2 – **(1)** - 4

8/23/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	950	\$40,603.40
SCOTWINC		\$104,372.15
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$25,863.10
TOTAL	1,747	\$622,987.21

SATURDAY

8/24/24¹

LATE SCRATCH

Race 6, #5 **Lady Gregory** (Tr. **K. Molinaro**) – track condition – **Stewards**
Refund: \$240.20

8/24/24²

POST TIME CHANGE

Director of Racing **L. Swartzlander** ask for approval from California Horse Racing Board to change the post time due to heavy overnight rain, from 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM, to work the track. The change was approved.

8/24/24³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW FOR EPIFANIO GARCIA (REF: 8/24/24 RULING #4)

Mr. Garcia came to see the films for a possible crop violation during the running of the first race, a quarter horse dash. He was accompanied by **F. Monroy** as his translator. After reviewing replays with us he saw that he used the crop three times in succession. He understood the rules and the penalty associated with the violation. Ruling to be issued.

8/24/24⁴

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW FOR McKENZIE KING (2)

Race 4, **Miss King** came to see the films, as requested, for a possible crop violation in yesterday's fourth race. The video was clear that the crop was used in excess of the six strikes limit while aboard #3, **AIRKITA**. **Miss King** saw the violation but was displeased when told the penalty.

8/24/24⁵

FILM REVIEW

Race 5, **Miss King** was also reviewing her ride in the fifth race (Ref: 8/24/24⁽⁶⁾), resulting in her mount, #1 **Gentle Julia**, being disqualified from first to sixth. The video show #1 drifting from the inside position steps out after the start to the four paths, impeding #2, **Saint Helen**. **Miss King** come's back out causing #2 to take up avoiding clipping heels and losing momentum.

When told of the pending violation **Miss King** became upset and asked if the possible suspension could be served later, she was told that a Steward decision could be appealed within 72 hours of the ruling.

8/24/24⁶

HCF RULING # 1

The following ruling was issued after the California Horse Racing Board adopted the decision of the hearing officer to uphold Pacific Racing Association Ruling #81 dated May 16, 2024.

HCF RULING #1

The **Proposed Decision** in Case No: **SAC 24 – 0022**, having now been adopted by the **California Horse Racing Board**, affirms the Board of Stewards Official Ruling #81, Pacific Racing Association, dated May 16, 2024.

Appellant **Jose De Jesus Martinez Saldivar**, CHRB License # 290585, Expiration 08/2025, remains suspended through the term of his license for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1485 (d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1489 (a)(1)(2) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation)

Furthermore, any future application for license in California shall be evaluated by the California Horse Racing Board pursuant to Rule #1489.2 (Criteria to Evaluate Rehabilitation of a Person When Considering Denial, Suspension or Revocation of an Occupational License).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Jose De Jesus Martinez Saldivar** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

8/24/24⁷

HCF RULING #2/ HIWU DQ

The following ruling was issued to receiving notice for violation from HIWU that **Icy Mischief** should be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

HCF RULING #2

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), that the post-race sample obtained from the horse, **ICY MISCHIEF** who finished first in the first race at the Alameda County Fair, on July 5, 2024, contained the Controlled Medication Substance, **Methocarbamol** (Class C), it is hereby ordered that **ICY MISCHIEF** be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The Consequences of Disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner **Browne Cattle Company or William Branch** and Jockey **Francisco Duran** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at The Alameda County Fair on or before September 23, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1ST SUSIE CRU, 2nd UNION HARBOR, 3rd TO BEVY’S, 4th KISSES WITH ROSES,
5th DARLIN CLEMENTINE, 6th CONNECT THE DROPS.

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

8/24/24⁸

HCF RULING #3/HISA CROP VIOLATION (REF: 8/24/24⁽⁴⁾)

The following ruling was issued to Jockey **Mckenzie King** for violation of HISA Rules #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

HCF RULING #3

Jockey **Mckenzie King** who rode **ARKITA** in the fourth race at the Humboldt County Fair on August 23, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day, Saturday August 31, 2024, and fined ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, two strikes over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (b) the term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in Designated Races in California.

8/24/24⁹

HCF RULING #4/CHRB CROP VIOLATION (REF: 8/24/24)

The ruling was issued to Jockey **Epifanio Garcia** for a quarter horse race crop violation.

HCF RULING #4

Jockey **Epifanio Garcia**, who rode **The Perfect Girl 2**, a Quarter Horse, in the first race at The **Humboldt County Fair** on August 23, 2024, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(7) (Use of Riding Crop – used three times in succession).

8/24/24¹⁰

HCF RULING #5/CARELESS RIDING (REF: 8/24/24)

The following ruling was issued to Jockey **Mckenzie King** regarding a careless riding which ended in a disqualification.

HCF RULING #5

Jockey **Mckenzie King** who rode **Gentle Julia** in the fifth race at the Humboldt County Fair on August 23, 2024, is suspended three (3) racing days, September 1, 2, and 7, 2024, for failure to

make a proper effort to maintain a straight course shortly after the start and causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of her mount from first to sixth, a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

8/24/24¹¹

GOOD RACING AFTER HEAVY OVERNIGHT RAIN FALL/GOOD TRACK CONDITIONS

8/24/24¹²

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,850	\$105,854.90
SCOTWINC		\$230,758.66
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$72,414.60
TOTAL	6,273	\$1,359,868.29

SUNDAY

8/25/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 3 #3, **Madame Causeway** (Tr. **T. Abraham**) to be ridden by Jockey **V. Jensen**

8/25/24²

SMOOTH DAY OF RACING ON A CLEAR DAY

8/25/24³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	4,718	\$107,674.40
SCOTWINC		\$263,139.96
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$69,305.10
TOTAL	5,821	\$1,128,565.93

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/23	Sat 8/24	Sun 8/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	2	1	3	3
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	1	1	0	2	2
Rulings	0	5	0	5	5
Voided Claims	1	1	0	2	2

Brice Blanc, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

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