

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Humboldt County Fair
Ferndale, California**

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Report for the Week of Monday, August 12, 2019 through Sunday, August 18, 2019

Dates: Six Days – Friday, August 16 through Sunday, August 18, 2019 and Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25, 2019 (Dark Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Entries: Seventy-two to ninety-six hours in advance.

Scratch Time: 9:30 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 3:07 p.m. Fridays and 2:07 p.m. Saturdays/Sundays.

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 6 betting interests)

Stewards: Richard Lewis

Will Meyers

Jon White

Tom McCarthy (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: Richard Conway, General Manager/Director of Racing

Cindy Olsen, Chairwoman of Racing Committee

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Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich - Racing Secretary

Lisa Jones - Assistant Racing Secretary & TB Clerk of Course

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Lisa Wilkerson - Steward's Aide/Patrol Judge

Victoria Layne - Paymaster

Kenneth Fowler - Clerk of Scales

Gary Greiner – Paddock Judge & Horse Identifier

Randy Cope - Starter

Jackie Payton - Horseshoe Inspector

Melody Truitt - Clocker/Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian

Audrey Clifton DVM, Track/Fitness Veterinarian

MONDAY

8/12/19¹

PRE-MEET CHECK

Steward Will Meyers was on hand to make sure everything in the Stewards' office and Stewards' stand (televisions, computer in Stewards' office, telephones, computer in Stewards' stand to post numbers and information on tote board, etc.) was in working order prior to first day of entries that will be taken Tuesday.

TUESDAY

8/13/19¹

ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY'S OPENING DAY CARD

Steward Meyers was on duty today to supervise entries and handle licensing issues for Friday's first of six scheduled racing dates at this meet. A six-race card for Friday was put together by Racing Secretary Tom Doutrich and his staff. The opening-day program consists of one mule, one Arabian and four Thoroughbred races. First post time Friday is 3:07 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

8/14/19¹

SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY, ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY

Steward Meyers was on hand to handle scratches for Friday and supervise entries for Saturday.

While no scratch cards were submitted this morning for Friday's card, there were four jockey changes.

Saturday's program consists of one mule, one Arabian and six Thoroughbred races with a first post time of 2:07 p.m.

THURSDAY

8/15/19¹

SCRATCHES FOR SATURDAY, ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Once again Steward Meyers was on hand to oversee scratches for Saturday and entries for Sunday. There was one scratch and two jockey changes for Saturday.

Entries were taken today for Sunday's program that consists of eight races to commence at 2:07 p.m. Two mule, one Arabian and five Thoroughbred races are on tap.

FRIDAY

8/16/19¹

SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY

One jockey change was made for Sunday.

8/16/19²

MEETING WITH JOCKEYS

Prior to today's first race to kick off the meet, the Stewards met with the jockeys. Also in attendance were Safety Steward Tom McCarthy and Track Superintendent Steve Wood. The Stewards emphasized safe riding, especially with regard to going into the sharp turns on the half-mile oval. The jockeys also were reminded of CHRB rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop). Additionally, they were made aware that they can contact the Stewards should they have any issues or concerns.

8/16/19³

MCDALD REPLACES ARAGON

Angela Aquino elected to replace jockey Christian Aragon after he had been named to ride and pay a double jockey fee in today's third race (#3 Latin Charm), fourth race (#5 Ajac) and sixth race (#5 Bottle Rocket). Kellie McDaid rode all three horses.

8/16/19⁴

OPENING-DAY RACING ACTION

Racing today for the kick off of the 2019 Humboldt Country Fair Meeting at Ferndale (where the sport of horse racing dates all the way back to 1896 and pari-mutuel wagering has been offered since 1935) was conducted without incident and safely.

8/16/19⁵

OWNERSHIP CHANGE

Prior to the sixth race an ownership change to Josue G. Solares was announced for #3 FREAKY MONIQUEE.

8/16/19⁶

HUGE PICK SIX PAYOUT OF NEARLY \$300,000

With a carryover of \$287,457, after the aptly named PLUM LUCKY won the sixth and final race on today's card here, there was a single winning ticket in the 20-cent pick six jackpot, paying \$292,300.74. The winning ticket was purchased on track. It was a \$1,920 ticket.

8/16/19⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race 1 No Changes
 Race 2 No Changes; Refund \$7.20
 Race 3 No Changes
 Race 4 No Changes
 Race 5 DUTCH MAMA (Tr. Q. Howey) claimed by Tr. M. Cantrell
 Race 6 BOTTLE ROCKET (Tr. A. Aquino) claimed by Tr. J. Uranga

8/16/19⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	965	\$44,777.90
NCOTWinc	1,158	\$49,596.60
Out of State	N/A	\$58,337.38
Total	2,123	\$152,711.88

SATURDAY

8/17/19¹

TRAINER ART SHERMAN VISITS STEWARDS' STAND

Art Sherman, the trainer of 2014 Kentucky Derby winner California Chrome who was voted Horse of the Year in 2014 and 2016, visited the Stewards' stand during the races today. Mr. Sherman was a guest at a seminar held before the races and was honored between races in the winner's circle.

8/17/19²

RACE 4 – TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Monty Meier, the trainer of #2 NATIVE MESQUITE (Chester Bonnet) lodged an objection against #1 CHIC CLEMENTINE (Luis Godoy) for alleged interference at the start. #2 NATIVE MESQUITE finished fourth. #1 CHIC CLEMENTINE finished second. After reviewing various angles of the video replays and talking to the riders, no change was made. The replays showed that #1 CHIC CLEMENTINE broke out while #2 NATIVE MESQUITE broke slowly, then just a stride later #3 EMPIRE MAY (Christian Aragon) came in a bit. In the unanimous opinion of the Stewards, the incident did not cost #2 NATIVE MESQUITE the opportunity at a better placing.

8/17/19³

RACE 8 – TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

Quinn Howey, trainer of #5 HOLD MY HOOPS (Brandon Boulanger) lodged an objection against #7 MANY LIGHTS (Christian Aragon) for alleged interference during the stretch run the first time. #5 HOLD MY HOOPS finished second. #7 MANY LIGHTS finished first. After reviewing various angles of the video replays and talking to the riders, no change was made. The replays showed that #7 MANY LIGHTS drifted inward in the vicinity of the sixteenth pole and #5 HOLD MY HOOPS was steadied when in tight quarters while racing erratically just prior to and when the incident occurred. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards ruled that the incident did not warrant a disqualification in that it did not cost #5 HOLD MY HOOPS the opportunity at a better placing.

8/17/19⁴

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 No Changes; Refund \$19.00
 Race 2 #5 SEATTLE SOUNDER (Tr. A. Borg) Veterinarian – Sick – Refund \$23.70
 Race 3 No Changes; Refund \$6.80
 Race 4 No Changes
 Race 5 No Changes
 Race 6 No Changes
 Race 7 No Changes; Refund \$4.00
 Race 8 #1 DANCING SUNSET (Tr. Q. Miller) Stewards – Re-entered – Refund \$48.80

8/17/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	3,247	\$94,223.40
NCOTWinc	2,187	\$69,573.50

Out of State	N/A	\$91,958.45
Total	5,434	\$255,755.35

SUNDAY
8/18/19¹

JOCKEY VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey Luis Godoy met with the Stewards to review his ride in Saturday's fourth race. There was a trainer objection lodged against Mr. Godoy's mount, #1 CHIC CLEMENTINE, for alleged interference at the start. #1 CHIC CLEMENTINE veered outward coming away from the starting gate. While the Stewards felt the incident did not warrant a disqualification, it was stressed to Mr. Godoy that he needs to be quicker to straighten his mount when coming away from the gate.

Jockey Christian Aragon came to the Stewards' office to review his ride in Saturday's eighth race. There was a trainer objection lodged against Mr. Aragon's mount, #7 MANY LIGHTS, for alleged interference during the stretch run the first time. Ramon Pulido translated. While it was the opinion of the Stewards that the incident did not warrant a disqualification, Mr. Aragon was warned that he needs to do better job of making the effort to maintain a straight course and he also needs to be more aware of the riders and horses racing near him from a safety standpoint.

8/18/19²

RACE 1 – JOCKEY UNSEATED AFTER FINISH

After the finish of this 220-yard race for mules, the winner, #5 SWS GRAND FINAL, unseated jockey David Martin. Following this incident, the Track Physician notified the Stewards that Martin had been cleared to ride his remaining mounts on the card.

8/18/19³

RACE 7 – WORKOUT ANNOUNCEMENT

It was announced to the public that #6 RPRTTYBOYFLOYD (Tr. Q. Howey) had worked five furlongs here at Ferndale on Saturday (August 17) in 1:01.80.

8/18/19⁴

RACE 7 – ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign regarding an incident early in this seven-furlong race. #1 BRONCO BROWN (Luis Godoy), who had never started on or had a workout on this half-mile oval, dashed to the early lead but bore out badly when racing on the first turn, then careened into and over the outside rail at the top of the lane the first time, unseating the rider. After the Stewards unanimously determined that the video replays showed that #1 BRONCO BROWN was the cause of his own trouble, the inquiry sign was taken down and it was announced that there would be no change to the original order of finish. The Stewards later were informed that #1 BRONCO BROWN sustained a serious injury to his right foreleg and was euthanized. Jockey Godoy, who reportedly was conscious and had all extremities functional, was taken to the hospital by ambulance. An accident report was prepared by Safety Steward Tom McCarthy.

8/18/19⁵

RACE 8 – SECOND AMULANCE AND LATE JOCKEY CHANGE

Subsequent to the ambulance departing the grounds in order to take jockey Luis Godoy to the hospital following an accident in the seventh race, the stewards were notified at 11 minutes prior to post time for the eighth race that a second ambulance now was on the scene. Paddock Judge Gary Greiner then was instructed to get the horses out onto the track for the eighth race as soon as possible.

Joree Scriver replaced Luis Godoy in this race on #7 DARK AND BEAU (Tr. Earl T. Baze II). This was Ms. Scriver's California debut as a jockey after she had ridden in a number of races in Oregon.

8/18/19⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Race 1	No Changes
Race 2	No Changes
Race 3	No Changes

Race 4 No Changes; Refund \$2.00
 Race 5 MAZ KANATA (Tr. Q. Howey) claimed by Tr. R. Lucas
 Race 6 No Changes
 Race 7 RPRETTYBOYFLOYD (Tr. Q. Howey) claimed by Tr. A. Aquino
 Race 8 DARK AND BEAU (Tr. E. Baze) Jockey J. Sriver for L. Godoy

8/18/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On Track	2,947	\$77,828.90
NCOTWinc	1,627	\$74,625.20
Out of State	N/A	\$160,293.70
Total	4,574	\$312,747.80

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/16	Sat 8/17	Sun 8/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	2	0	2	4	4
Disqualification	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	1
Refunds	0	2	0	2	2
Rulings	0	0	0	0	0
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-Aug.	2	5	SEATTLE SOUNDER	A. Borg	Sick	Clifton	\$23.70

Respectfully submitted,

Jon White, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Tom McCarthy, Steward