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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR**

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Report of the Board of Stewards

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director
Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

Report for the period Friday, August 15, 2008 through Sunday, August 25, 2008.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Eleven Racing Days – Wednesday, August 20, 2008 through Monday, September 1, 2008. (Dark August 25 and 26, 2008)

Entries: Forty-eight to ninety-six hours in advance

Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. the day following entries

Post Time: 1:15 p.m. daily; 2:45 p.m. Fridays

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race

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

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board –
Grant Baker - Will Meyers – Paul Nicolo

Track Officials: Marko Mlikotin, Chairman – Board of Directors
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Norbert Bartosik, General Manager

David Elliott, Director of Racing
 Kate Phariss, Racing Supervisor
 Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary
 Linda Anderson, Assistant Racing Secretary
 Greg Brent, Assistant Racing Secretary
 Kay Webb, Director of Simulcasting
 Bill Cain, Mutuel Manager
 Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
 Anita Ortega, Stable Superintendent
 Trackmaster, Inc. (Steve Wood), Track Superintendent
 Vic Stauffer, Announcer
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer
 Pegasus Communications, Video Production
 Michael Patricks, Morning Line

Racing Officials: Cheryl White, Clerk of Scales
 Matt Nichols, Assistant Clerk of Scales
 Joe Gibson, Paddock & Patrol Judge
 Danny Winick, Patrol Judge/Film Analyst
 Ken Sjordal, Placing Judge
 Steve Martinelli, Placing Judge
 Robert Mooneyhan, Starter
 Tina Walker-Bryant, Clerk of the Course
 Darrel Sparks, Horse Identifier
 Troy Thomas, Horseshoe Inspector
 Melody Truitt, Clocker / Timer

Veterinarians: Audrey Clifton, DVM, Track / Fitness Veterinarian
 Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian

FRIDAY

08-15-08¹

OPENING DAY ENTRIES

The Cal Expo stewards' office was open today during the first day of entries. Following the recently concluded (August 2nd) standardbred meeting, the racing and stewards' office have been well cleaned with walls cleaned and floors waxed. The stable area appears in good shape. Numerous stalls have been repaired and many stalls leveled with material. This has been a large undertaking in a short amount of time as many standardbred trainers have been stabled in the same location since the last time the thoroughbreds raced here (September 2004).

License approvals, designated race list and horse eligibility checks were some of the duties today.

SATURDAY

08-16-08¹

SECOND DAY ENTRIES / SCRATCH TIME

Entries were taken today for the second day of racing. Scratch time was at 9:00 a.m. with only two (2) jockey changes taking place.

SUNDAY

08-17-08¹

THIRD DAY ENTRIES / SCRATCH TIME

Entries were taken today for the doubleheader card (16 races total) that was originally scheduled for Friday, August 22nd.

The doubleheader card of sixteen (16) races scheduled was not successfully filled. Only ten (10) races were filled. Director of Racing **Dave Elliott** contacted CHRB Executive Director Kirk Breed on this Sunday afternoon and was given permission to conduct a single card only with a post time change to 2:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

08-20-08¹ **OPENING DAY**

The mules, quarter horses and thoroughbreds returned to the California State Fair for the first time since 2004. The only holdovers from the Cal-Expo 2004 Racing Official ranks and their current positions are Will Meyers (Steward), Grant Baker (Racing Secretary/Steward), Danny Winick (Patrol Judge), Matt Nichols (Assistant Clerk of Scales), Cheryl White (Clerk of Scales), Darrel Sparks (Horse Identifier), Troy Thomas (Horseshoe Inspector) and Robert Mooneyhan (Starter).

The majority of the racing office staff are racing officials who have worked Golden Gate Fields, Bay Meadows and the first three (3) stops of the summer Fair Circuit. This is the first time since 1988 that the California State Fair has been held as the lone racing meet (non overlapped) in Northern California.

08-20-08² **JUDGES' STAND VISITORS**

CHRB Executive Director **Kirk Breed** came 'across the street' to visit the stewards' stand during this opening day card. The State budget situation was discussed as California Horse Racing Board stewards (contractual employees) are, as of today, three (3) weeks late in receiving their July 2008 paychecks. Later in the afternoon Jockey's Guild Regional Manager **Darrel Haire** visited the stewards as he often does on 'opening days' throughout the West.

08-20-08³ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Ninth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following this race in order to review the start. Second place finisher #6 PRANCIN' N DANCIN' (Roberto Gonzalez) was turned inward at the break in an incident which involved first place finisher #4 RUSTRIDGE BO (Kyle Kaenel), seventh place finisher #5 INVESTIGATOR WUNNO (William Antongeorgi) and fifth place finisher #7 LORD LATIGO (Frank Alvarado).

Race replays show that #6 PRANCIN' N DANCIN' caused the majority of his own problems by breaking inward and tipping himself badly at the start. #4 RUSTRIDGE BO does contribute to the incident by breaking outward, however, the stewards unanimously voted that no change be made in the order of finish. Jockey Kyle Kaenel was ordered to the stewards' office for film review tomorrow.

08-20-08⁴ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#1 ULTRA BLEND	(Tr. Steve Sherman)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 262.00
7 th race:	#2 UNCA TEX	(Tr. Ricardo Gomez)	injured
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 149.10

08-20-08⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

CSF	3,135	\$ 243,755.60
NCOT	2,259	\$ 813,718.40
SCOT		\$ 292,082.30
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 397,428.74</u>
TOTAL	5,394	\$1,746,985.04

THURSDAY

08-21-08¹ **RULING NO. 1 – DEKELAITA**

Jockey Agent **NATE DEKELAITA** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to conduct his business in the proper manner on Sunday, August 17, 2008.

The stewards informed jockey agent **Nate Dekelaita** of the ruling above via telephone. Agent Dekelaita mistakenly entered the horse FLAMING PRINCESS (#1 – 9th race, August 22nd) for the claiming price of \$25,000. This horse was claimed for \$25,000 on August 9th and was still ‘in jail’ at the time of entry. This translates to entering an ineligible horse.

08-21-08² **KYLE KAENEL FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Kyle Kaenel** appeared in the stewards’ office to review the start of yesterday’s ninth race. Kaenel was aboard the winner #4 RUSTRIDGE BO. This horse broke outward in this mile and one-sixteenth race. Jockey Kaenel’s efforts in straightening his mount were reviewed.

The stewards informed Kaenel that swifter efforts should be made at the start.

08-21-08³ **ROOF VISITOR**

CHRB Assistant Executive Director **Richard “Bon” Smith** trekked upstairs to visit the stewards today.

08-21-08⁴ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Fifth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start of the fifth race. #8 SWORD LEGEND (odds 7/2) was fractious prior to dispatch. This horse was set; however, when starter Robert Mooneyhan opened the gates, SWORD LEGEND threw his head and was off eight (8) lengths behind the rest of the field. All horses were given a fair start. No change was made in the order of finish.

08-21-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#4 IMA TOP GUN	(Tr. Sandy Torok)	injured
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 89.00
	#7 SMOKING JOE	(Tr. Sandy Torok)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 204.00
4 th race:	#4 WHAT A DAY	(Tr. Jamey Thomas)	lame
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 92.00
5 th race:	#1 BABCOCK LAKE	(Tr. Ed Moger)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 227.00
	#4 DIVORCE ATTORNEY	(Tr. Jim Bumgardner)	injured
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton		REFUND: \$ 351.10

08-21-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

CSF	2,815	\$ 179,458.20
NCOT	2,457	\$ 788,695.40
SCOT		\$ 256,046.00
Out of State		\$ 277,185.64
TOTAL	5,272	\$1,501,385.24

FRIDAY

08-22-08¹ **VET’S LIST ISSUES**

Trainer **Ronnie Wallace** called the stewards today regarding a Vet’s List issue. Trainer Wallace is currently stabled at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton and is seeking a licensed track veterinarian in order to observe a morning workout with the goal of having his horse removed from the Vet’s List.

Cal Expo has chosen not to provide a track vet at auxiliary stable areas which is counter to what prior CARF (California Authority of Racing Fairs) affiliates (Pleasanton, Vallejo, Santa Rosa and San Mateo) have done.

08-22-08² **INQUIRY / OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION – Second Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following this race to review an incident in mid-stretch. There was also a jockey's objection in this race when original second place rider **Edgar Montehermoso** (#5 BAR JF ROCK ON) claimed foul against original first place finisher #3 BAR JF FLYIN J (**Jesus Arriaga**).

#3 BAR JF FLYIN J veered out sharply in mid-stretch forcing #6 BAR JF ROCK ON off his straight path. The stewards spoke with both riders involved and received a patrol judge report.

The majority of the stewards (Steward Nicolo dissenting) ruled that this incident cost #6 BAR JF ROCK ON an opportunity for a better placing. **#3 BAR JF FLYING J** was disqualified and placed second.

Jockey Jesus Arriaga was ordered to the stewards' office tomorrow.

Original order of finish: **(3)** – 6 – 4 – 5 – 1 – 7 – 8 – 2 – 9

Official order of finish: 6 – **(3)** – 4 – 5 – 1 – 7 – 8 – 2 – 9

08-22-08³ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Seventh Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign in order to review the stretch run of the seventh race. First place finisher #7 SEA GULL SEZ (Catalino Martinez) drifted outward from the 1/16 pole to the finish line. Second place finisher #8 CRAIG'S STORM (Barrington Harvey) followed this horse outward as jockey Harvey was utilizing a left handed whip during the final 1/16 of a mile in this race.

The stewards spoke with both riders involved and received a patrol judge report. The stewards determined that there was no contact between horses. It was unanimously decided that no change be made in the order of finish.

Jockey **Catalino Martinez** was ordered to the stewards' office tomorrow.

08-22-08⁴ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#3 I'M CONVINCED Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	(Tr. Rene Amescua)	injured REFUND: \$ 204.00
	#4 BARTOK'S BABY Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick REFUND: \$ 255.00
5 th race:	#3 FOGGY HAZE Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	(Tr. Mark Glatt)	sick REFUND: \$ 338.00
8 th race:	#6 CYMPLE RHYTHM Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	(Tr. John Piches)	unsound on track REFUND: \$ 116.40
9 th race:	#1 MEL MAANI CHRB Veterinarian Don Dooley	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	colic REFUND: \$4,005.40
	#1a SEA TOPPER Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick Part of Entry
	#2 FRISCO FOX Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	(Tr. Terry Knight)	sick REFUND: \$ 162.00

#6 KENDRA RAE (Tr. Sherrie Monroe) sick
 Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton REFUND: \$ 138.00

08-22-08⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**
 CSF 3,596 \$ 294,176.80
 NCOT 2,910 \$ 973,057.20
 SCOT \$ 313,387.60
Out of State \$ 415,411.10
TOTAL 6,506 \$1,996,032.70

SATURDAY08-23-08¹ **RULING NO. 2 – VILLALOBOS**

Jockey **CARLOS VILLALOBOS** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to attend a film review when requested to do so by the Board of Stewards on August 22, 2008 at Cal Expo.

The ruling above was issued after jockey Carlos Villalobos failed to appear in the stewards' office as ordered. This concerned the first (mule) race on August 22nd.

08-23-08² **CATALINO MARTINEZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Catalino Martinez** appeared in the stewards' office as ordered to review his winning ride aboard #7 SEA GULL SEZ in yesterday's (August 22) seventh race. During the stretch drive in this race jockey Martinez allows his mount to drift out from the 1/16 pole to the wire. There was an inquiry into this race with no change being made.

Jockey Martinez has ridden well (safely) for the last twenty four (24) days of Fair Circuit racing. The stewards considered this before deciding not to issue a penalty in this matter. Warning issued.

08-23-08³ **STARTER NEWS**

Starter **Robert Mooneyhan** was feeling the effects of the heat (95 degrees) today and took off the ninth and tenth races. Licensed backup starter **Eddie Garza** dispatched the fields for these races.

08-23-08⁴ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's ten (10) race card went well with no stewards' inquiries or jockey objections. The 58th Running of *The Governor's Handicap* was exciting with SARATOGA'S MAGIC (Roberto Gonzalez and Jerry Hollendorfer) prevailing in a three (3) horse 'blanket finish'.

08-23-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6th race: #4 SEA OF FOG (Tr. Dennis Ward) sick
 Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton REFUND: \$ 172.80

10th race: #7 VIVA RUFFIE (Tr. David Bernstein) sick
 Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton REFUND: \$ 335.00

08-23-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**
 CSF 5,808 \$ 417,594.80
 NCOT 4,503 \$1,688,687.10
 SCOT \$ 499,109.30
Out of State \$ 517,373.75
TOTAL 10,311 \$3,122,764.95

SUNDAY08-24-08¹**FILM REVIEW - RULING NO. 3 – ARRIAGA** (Ref: 08-22-08²)

Jockey **Jesus Arriaga** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride aboard the mule BAR JF FLYIN J who was disqualified and placed second in the second race on August 22nd. In this race jockey Arriaga drifts all over the racetrack with both a left and right handed whipping action.

Jockey Arriaga was instructed to concentrate on keeping mules and horses straight by using his bridle reins and not with his whip. He understood the stewards reasoning in issuing the following ruling.

Jockey **JESUS ARRIAGA**, who rode **BAR JF FLYIN J** (mule) in the second race at the California State Fair on Friday, August 22, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 30, September 2 and 3, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in mid-stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; 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.

08-24-08²**NEW TRACK RECORD**

In today's second race the mule BAR JF RED TICKET set a new track record for the distance of three hundred and fifty (350) yards. The final time of 20.25 eclipses the former track record set by world champion mule BLACK RUBY (20.61) on September 2, 2004.

08-24-08³**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

08-24-08⁴**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#3 TERESITA GO HIGH (Tr. Danny Harrell)	injured
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	REFUND: \$ 72.20
4 th race:	#5 QUACKER JACK (Tr. Gary Stute)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	REFUND: \$ 190.00
6 th race:	#4 CROWNED RULER (Tr. William Morey)	cut tongue in paddock
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	REFUND: \$6,432.30
	#6 MEGA RED (Tr. William Delia)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	REFUND: \$ 258.00
7 th race:	#5 MY CEE VEE (Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Audrey Clifton	REFUND: \$ 694.40

08-24-08⁴**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

CSF	4,912	\$ 349,945.40
NCOT	4,350	\$1,711,892.70
SCOT		\$ 452,503.30
Out of State		\$ 385,892.00
TOTAL	9,262	\$2,900,233.40

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in session each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program. Steward Grant Baker took care of pre-season racing duties.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
20-Aug	3	1	ULTRA BLEND	Sherman	sick	Clifton	\$262.00
	7	2	UNCA TEX	Gomez	injured	Clifton	\$149.10
21-Aug	1	4	IMA TOP GUN	Torok	injured	Clifton	\$89.00
		7	SMOKING JOE	Torok	sick	Clifton	\$204.00
	4	4	WHAT A DAY	Thomas	lame	Clifton	\$92.00
	5	1	BABCOCK LAKE	Moger	sick	Clifton	\$227.00
22-Aug		4	DIVORCE ATTORNEY	Bumgardner	injured	Clifton	\$251.10
	3	3	I'M CONVINCED	Amescua	injured	Clifton	\$255.00
		4	BARTOK'S BABY	Miyadi	sick	Clifton	\$255.00
	5	3	FOGGY HAZE	Glatt	sick	Clifton	\$338.00
	8	6	CYMPLE RHYTHM	Piches	unsound on track	Clifton	\$116.40
	9	1	MEL MAANI	Hollendorfer	colic	Dooley	\$4,005.40
		1a	SEA TOPPER	Hollendorfer	sick	Clifton	part of entry
		2	FRISCO FOX	Knight	sick	Clifton	\$162.00
23-Aug		6	KENDRA RAE	Monroe	sick	Clifton	\$138.00
	6	4	SEA OF FOG	Ward	sick	Clifton	\$172.80
	10	7	VIVA RUFFIE	Bernstein	sick	Clifton	\$335.00
24-Aug	3	3	TERESITA GO HIGH	Harrell	injured	Clifton	\$72.20
	4	5	QUACKER JACK	Stute	sick	Clifton	\$190.00
	6	4	CROWNED RULER	Morey	injured in paddock	Clifton	\$6,432.30
		6	MEGA RED	Delia	sick	Clifton	\$258.00
	7	5	MY CEE VEE	Miyadi	sick	Clifton	\$694.40

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

No reports submitted.

Injuries

No reports submitted.

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-six (26) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 13
Injured: 6
Unsound: 6
Bled: 1

There were thirteen (13) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 5
Injured: 5
Unsound: 3
Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	144	\$39,064.00
Bakersfield	363	\$133,483.10
San Mateo	4025	\$1,326,726.80
Eureka	72	\$20,271.70
Fresno	381	\$141,510.90
Fresno Club One	120	\$62,374.90
Golden Gate	3661	\$1,426,563.50
Monterey	368	\$243,291.30
Pleasanton	1875	\$739,110.40
San Jose	1829	\$752,858.90
Santa Rosa	808	\$205,581.20
Stockton	1111	\$341,930.70
Tulare	261	\$53,343.20
Turlock	502	\$139,455.40
Vallejo	959	\$350,484.80
So. California		\$1,813,128.50
Out of State		\$1,855,065.77

	8/20	8/21	8/22	8/23	8/24	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	0	1	1	2	5	5
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	2	0	0	4	4
REFUNDS	2	5	7	2	5	21	21
RULINGS	0	1	0	1	1	3	3

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Paul Nicolo, Steward

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