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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**HUMBOLDT 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 Monday, August 11, 2014 through Sunday, August 17, 2014.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Six Days – Friday, August 15, 2014 through Sunday, August 17, 2014 and Friday August 22, 2014 through Sunday, August 24, 2014 (Dark Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

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

Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 2:07 p.m. daily.

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 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
- Grant Baker
- Will Meyers
- Tom Ward
- Richard Lewis (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: Richard Conway, General Manager/Director of Racing
Cindy Olsen, Chairman of Racing Committee

Larry Swartzlander, Director of Simulcasting
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 Kevin Ingram, Stable Superintendent
 Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood) Track Superintendent
 Pegasus Communications, Video Production
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer
 Plusmic Corp, Inc. - Photo Finish

Racing Officials: Tom Doutrich - Racing Secretary
 Lisa Jones - Assistant Racing Secretary & Patrol Judge
 Matt Nichols, Steward's Aide/Patrol Judge
 Myra Troske - Clerk of Course, Thoroughbred
 Victoria Layne - Paymaster
 Cheryl White - Clerk of Scales
 Gary Greiner – Paddock Judge & Horse Identifier
 Robert Mooneyhan - Starter
 Jackie Payton - Horseshoe Inspector
 Melody Truitt - Clocker/Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian
 Clifford Zucco, DVM, Track/Fitness Veterinarian

Monday

08-11-14¹ **PRE-MEET DAY**

Tom Ward was on duty this pre-meet day inspecting the facility and making sure that all was in place for the upcoming six day race meet. Several trainers coming from out of state came to the office inquiring about obtaining workers' compensation insurance. They were given the phone numbers of the companies writing policies in this jurisdiction.

Tuesday

08-12-14¹ **FIRST DAY ENTRIES**

Racing Secretary Tom Doutrich and his staff did an excellent job in putting together a six race card for opening day. With many horsemen still in transit, entries were scarce.

Wednesday

08-13-14¹ **SECOND DAY ENTRIES / FIRST DAY SCRATCHES**

The second day of entries went considerably better than yesterday as eight races are on the card for Saturday. Scratches were at a minimum, with one horse entering back in a short field for Saturday. There were no rider changes.

Thursday

08-14-14¹ **THIRD DAY ENTRIES / SECOND DAY SCRATCHES**

Once again, the racing office put together an eight race card, as the barn area is starting to fill up, although not to capacity. There were no scratches and rider changes were limited to alternates.

Friday

08-15-14¹ **OPENING DAY DECLARATIONS**

2 nd race:	#5 NO GAMES	(Tr. G. Greiner)	Sick	
	Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, DVM		REFUND: \$	39.00
5 th race:	#6 WICKED GOOD	(Tr. L. Espinoza)	Unsound	
	Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, DVM		REFUND: \$	23.60
6 th race:	#3 MAGICAL SATURDAY	(Tr. L. Espinoza)	Entered Back	
	Stewards		REFUND: \$	21.20

08-15-14² **STEWARD REPLACEMENT**

Safety Steward Richard Lewis filled in for Steward Grant Baker.

08-15-14³ **MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer Abel Borg was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Phenylbutazone found in his horse NIVOURS ROMANCE. The horse finished second in a race on July 17, was tested, and the results showed 2.72 mcg/ml of the drug. Mr. Borg entered the horse back for a race on July 27th and the horse finished fourth. This time the test results showed 2.63 mcg/ml.

Investigator Carol Nolan indicated that the results from the initial test were not available prior to the horse running back and therefore Mr. Borg did not have an opportunity to adjust his medication regimen. Consequently, the two violations were combined and since Mr. Borg has had no prior medication violations since taking out his trainer's license six years ago, a warning was issued.

08-15-14⁴ **RACE CARD**

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

08-15-14⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	2,014	\$	61,255.70
NCOT	1,741	\$	69,065.20
SCOT		\$	50,990.70
Out of State		\$	82,873.11
TOTAL	3,755	\$	264,184.71

Saturday08-16-14¹ **MORNING DUTIES**

All matters during morning hours were routine.

08-16-14² **RACE #2 - ACCIDENTS**

Two riders were unseated following the conclusion of the second race (Mule). Jockey Matthew-Werner Hagerty, aboard #3 BABY SISTER, was unseated in the first turn as the mule started to buck and in the process the rider's saddle slipped. Jockey Luis Godoy, who rode #5 BAR JF HOT TICKET, hit the ground a split second later as his mule propped and ducked out, likely reacting to the other mule's antics. Neither rider was injured and they were cleared to ride following examination by the track physician.

08-16-14³ **RACE #5 - REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #6 ROYAL STORMER flipped during the saddling procedure, injured itself, and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Zucco. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$951.80.

08-16-14⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	3,569	\$	103,464.20
NCOT	2,708	\$	76,494.30
SCOT		\$	92,700.00
Out of State		\$	97,385.86
TOTAL	6,277	\$	370,044.36

Sunday08-17-14¹ **DECLARATIONS**

1 st race:	#1 JOHNNY REJO	(Tr. M. Parker)	Sick	
	Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, DVM		REFUND: \$	26.00
5 th race:	#4 VALID SALE	(Tr. J. Craig)	Unsound	
	Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, DVM		REFUND: \$	198.30
7 th race:	#1 R SWEET VALENTINE	(K. Molinaro)	Sick	
	Veterinarian Clifford Zucco, DVM		REFUND: \$	146.70
	#7 CHOCOLATE STARR	(J. Craig)	Stewards	
	No acceptable rider available.		REFUND: \$	5.82

08-17-14² **RIDERS EXCUSED**

Jockey Kassie Guglielmino asked to be excused from her riding assignments today as she had a conflicting call in a Quarter Horse trial at Emerald Downs in Seattle, Washington. Her request was honored, but with the caveat that she would be fined for not completing her engagements. Replacement riders were named.

Jockey Matthew Werner-Hagerty came to the office this morning asking to be relieved of his commitment in the first race this afternoon (Mules). The rider, who rode his first mule on Friday, was unseated following the second race yesterday. Werner-Hagerty said that he wants no part of being a mule rider and did not feel that he could do justice to his mount. A replacement rider was named. No fine will be levied provided the rider accepts no more mule mounts at this meeting.

Apprentice jockey Freddy Rodriguez was replaced on his one mount of the day as he was also named to ride at Golden Gate Fields and chose to ride at that venue. A ruling will be issued.

08-17-14³ **VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockeys Barrington Harvey, Marcial Ramirez, Joe Crispin, and Dionicio Navarro were in the office this morning to review video of races from Saturday. They were counseled as to the intricacies of the half mile oval and told to set their horses up properly in order to make the tight turns.

08-17-14⁴ **RACE #2 – ACCIDENT**

Jockey Luis Godoy went down for the second day in a row as, following the running of the second race, the mule he was on, #3 LIL SARAH, bucked and unseated him. He was not injured and was cleared to ride after examination by the track physician. Accident report attached.

08-17-14⁵ **RACE #4 – JOCKEY OBJECTION - NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the fourth race as Dionicio Navarro (2nd, #4 A TIME FOR AJ) lodged a claim of foul against Jake Samuels (1st, #2 DEMETRIUS) for interference in the far turn. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the "incident" the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul. Video failed to substantiate Navarro's allegation.

08-17-14⁶ **RIDER EXCUSED DUE TO INJURY**

Jockey Jesus Velazquez was excused from his final mount of the day in the seventh race as he suffered an injury to his knee leaving the gate in the previous race and could not fulfill his obligation. A replacement rider was named.

08-17-14⁷ **RACE #8 - REFUNDS**

Two refunds were ordered in the eighth race as #4 COWBOY JACK G was off in the left foreleg during warm up and declared after examination by Racing Veterinarian Zucco. Then, as the field was loading into the gate, #6 SKRILLEX became fractious and injured itself, prompting Dr. Zucco to recommend that the horse be declared. The refunds totaled \$12,852.14.

08-17-14⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

FER	2,275	\$	82,593.30
NCOT	2,277	\$	50,732.50
SCOT		\$	86,020.40
Out of State		\$	106,194.26
TOTAL	4,552	\$	325,540.46

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, with the exception of Friday, Aug. 15 in which Steward Lewis filled in for Steward Baker. Stewards Tom Ward and Will Meyers were in attendance on the non-racing days to handle entries and scratches.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
15-Aug.	2	5	NO GAMES	G. Greiner	Sick	Zucco	\$ 39.00
15-Aug.	5	6	WICKED GOOD	L. Espinoza	Unsound	Zucco	\$ 23.60
16-Aug.	5	6	ROYAL STORMER	G. Greiner	Flipped Paddock	Zucco	\$ 951.80
17-Aug.	1	1	JOHNNY REJO	M. Parker	Sick	Zucco	\$ 26.00
17-Aug.	5	4	VALID SALE	J. Craig	Unsound	Zucco	\$ 198.30
17-Aug.	7	1	R SWEET VALENTINE	K. Molinaro	Sick	Zucco	\$ 146.70
17-Aug.	8	4	COWBOY JACK G	K. McReynolds	Unsound	Zucco	\$ 5,998.46
17-Aug.	8	6	SKRILLEX	L. Espinoza	Injured at Gate	Zucco	\$ 6,853.68

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died - NONE

Veterinarian's List

There were (12) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 4 Injured: 2 Unsound: 6

There were (0) horses removed from the vet's list:

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	\$ 6,452.50
Banker's Casino	\$ 7,455.40
Fresno	\$ 27,102.30
Fresno Club One	\$ 18,339.30
Golden Gate	\$ 226,120.40
Monterey	\$ 24,001.90
Pleasanton	\$ 146,893.70
Sacramento	\$ 123,403.90
San Jose	\$ 129,270.10
San Mateo	\$ 252,400.70
Santa Rosa	\$ 41,011.20
Stockton	\$ 78,805.10
Turlock	\$ 32,060.20
Vallejo	\$ 69,066.60
So. California	\$ 229,711.10
Out of State	\$ 286,453.23

	15-Aug.	16-Aug.	17-Aug.	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	2	1	3	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	0	1	2	2
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	1	1
REFUNDS	3	1	6	10	10
RULINGS	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ward, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward