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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR**

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Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Monday, August 13, 2012 through Sunday, August 19, 2012.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Eight Days – Wednesday, August 15, 2012 through Sunday, August 19, 2012.
[Dark August 13 (Monday), August 14 (Tuesday) and August 16 (Thursday)]

Entries: Forty-Eight to Seventy-Two Hours in Advance

Scratch Time: Two to Three Days Prior to Racing at 9:00 a.m.

Post Time: 2:07 p.m. Daily and 3:07 p.m. Fridays

Wagering: Win, Place and Show Wagering on Every Race

Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta
\$1 Trifecta
\$1 Superfecta (with 6 betting interests)
\$2 Quinella
\$2 Rolling Daily Double
\$1 Rolling Pick 3
\$1 Early & Late Pick 4 (50-cent minimum)
\$1 Pick 5 (50-cent minimum)
\$2 Pick 6
\$1 Place Pick All (with 7 races)
\$1 Super High 5 (50-cent minimum with 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
- Ruben Moreno

- Wayne Oke
 - Vic Stauffer
 Safety Steward, Paul Nicolo

Track Officials: Stuart Titus, General Manager/Director of Racing
 Cindy Olsen, Chairman of Racing Committee
 Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary
 Lisa Jones, Assistant Racing Secretary
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 Dominic DiPrinzio, Mutuel Manager
 Frank Mirahmadi, Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker
 Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
 Ellis Davis, Racing Publicist
 Matt Nichols, Steward's Aide
 Kevin Ingram, Stable Superintendent
 Trackmasters, Inc. (Steve Wood) Track Superintendent
 Pegasus Communications, Video Production
 Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Cheryl White, Clerk of Scales
 Matt Nichols, Patrol Judge
 Lisa Jones, Patrol Judge
 Gary Greiner, Paddock Judge & Horse Identifier
 Robert Mooneyhan, Starter
 Dolores Collins, Clerk of the Course
 Maurice Fitzpatrick, Horseshoe Inspector
 Melody Truitt, Clocker & Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian
 Henry Cook, DVM, Track Veterinarian

Monday

08-13-12¹

PRE-MEET DAY

SCRATCH TIME CHANGED

Racing Secretary Tom "Bomber" Doutrich asked for and received permission to change scratch time for Opening Day from 9:00 a.m. Tuesday to 9:00 a.m. Monday to better coincide with Official Program and Daily Racing Form logistics. Steward Oke oversaw the routine scratches.

Tuesday

08-14-12¹

THE OKE REPORT

Steward Michael "Wayne" Oke was present at the draw for Friday's card. Looks good with seven competitive races carded.

Mr. Oke also checked to see if working conditions for the stewards were in good order. Both the frontside (Judge's stand) and backside (Steward's office) were clean and functional. The jockey's room, television production trailer, mutuel office and tote room all reported that they are prepared for opening day.

Wednesday

08-15-12¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS - REFUNDS

5 th race:	#1 VENOM G	(Tr. Morris Parker)	unsound
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$11.00
5 th race:	#2 SEAFIRE	(Tr. Elmer January)	Ineligible-Enter Back
	Stewards		REFUND: \$360.60

08-15-12²

JOCKEY CHANGES

1st Race - #4 RED ROOSTER: April Boag for Dionicio Navarro*

* NOTE: Double jockey "fee" to be paid.

08-15-12³ **PEDRO TERRERO / RULING NO. 1**

Jockey PEDRO TERRERO contacted this office via telephone this morning. He took responsibility for failing to report to film review at Santa Rosa. We issued the following ruling:

Jockey **PEDRO TERRERO** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for failure to meet with the Film Analyst on August 12, 2012.

08-15-12⁴ **MORRIS PARKER / RULING NO. 2**

On Sunday, August 12, 2012 at Santa Rosa, Steward Stauffer spoke to trainer Morris Parker concerning his horse being late to the paddock for the 2nd race. Mr. Parker accepted responsibility and agreed to the following sanction:

Trainer **MORRIS F. PARKER** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for reporting late to the receiving barn with the horse CHECK OUT CORONA prior to the 2nd race on August 12, 2012 at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa), a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

08-15-12⁵ **PROGRAM SCRATCH**

On Wednesday morning it was brought to the attention of the stewards that #2 SEAFIRE was not eligible for the 5th race. SEAFIRE was claimed for \$3,200 on Aug. 2 and entered for \$2,500 before 25 days had passed, in violation of amended CHRB rule 1663, necessitating a late scratch. Warnings were issued to both trainer Elmer January and Racing Secretary Tom "Bomber" Doutrich to be more diligent in order to avoid similar mistakes. SEAFIRE was allowed to enter back in a proper spot.

08-15-12⁶ **LEWIS FILM REVIEW / RULING NO. 3**

Video was reviewed with jockey Billy Lewis concerning his ride aboard #7 BAR JF RED TICKET on Sunday, Aug. 12 at Santa Rosa. #7 BAR JF RED TICKET was disqualified from 2nd and placed 4th for interfering with #6 JET FUEL. Mr. Lewis admitted he was overzealous in his attempts to win the race, resulting in the interference. He promised to use better judgment in the future. The following ruling was issued:

Jockey **BILLY LEWIS** who rode **BAR JF RED TICKET** in the first race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on Sunday, August 12, 2012 is suspended three (3) racing days (August 22, 24 and 25, 2012) for failure to maintain a straight course and causing interference, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

08-15-12⁷ **MEETING WITH JOCKEYS**

This Board of Stewards and Safety Steward Paul Nicolo met with all jockeys set to ride opening day. Safety first was strongly stressed on what is unquestionably California's most difficult racetrack to negotiate. The attention level of all riders was enhanced when former jockey Paul Nicolo spoke; a street cred thing. All riders assured us they would help each other in dangerous spots. Here's hoping for clean, safe, competitive racing.

08-15-12⁸ **RACE DAY ACTIVITY**

Wednesday's card was contested without incident.

08-15-12⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF 978 \$ 63,470.10

NCOT	2,029	\$	712,444.50
SCOT		\$	91,080.70
Out of State		\$	148,198.61
TOTAL	3,007	\$	1,015,193.91

Thursday08-16-12¹**OFF-DAY DOINGS**

Steward Ruben Moreno oversaw scratches for Saturday and entries for Sunday. All went smooth.

Friday08-17-12¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS - REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#3 NOW ALL LIGHTS	(Tr. Morris Parker)	Horse I.D.
Stewards			REFUND: \$136.20

08-17-12²**Francisco Hernandez**

Groom **FRANCISCO HERNANDEZ** was observed near the jockey's quarters at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 17, 2012.

Mr. Hernandez's CHRB license expired in February of 2012. Furthermore, he owes \$500 from Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) ruling #13 issued on August 7, 2011.

After bringing this issue to the attention of CHRB Investigator Gabe Palomar and CHRB Northern California Lead Supervisor Dan Dailey, Mr. Hernandez was escorted out of the restricted backstretch and racing official's office area.

08-17-12³**OVIEDO OVATION**

Veteran trainer "Smilin" **PHIL OVIEDO** had a heck of a day. He started horses in races 3, 4, 5 and 7. They "all" won. Well done young man.

08-17-12⁴**GOOD RACING**

All seven races were conducted without incident.

08-17-12⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	1,705	\$	83,373.00
NCOT	2,234	\$	75,960.50
SCOT		\$	119,874.80
Out of State		\$	177,556.73
TOTAL	3,939	\$	456,765.03

Saturday08-18-12¹**TOROK HEARING**

An informal hearing was convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Ferndale Steward's Office on Aug. 18, 2012. Trainer **SANDY TOROK** appeared to answer case #12GG121 which alleges violation of CHRB rule #1595 on, or about, October/November 2011.

It was alleged that in October 2011 there was an agreement made between owners Jim Schleimer, John Gish, trainer Sandy Torok, and Steve Kulinski from Milemakers LLC in Colorado, regarding the sale and ownership transfer of the horse "S.E. Butterfly." Gish alleged that Torok signed his name on the transfer of race horse form.

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards, trainer Sandy Torok, owners Jim Schleimer and John Gish, as well as CHRB Investigator Barbara Chimero.

Testimony from all parties was heard. In addition, an e-mail from Mr. Steve Kulinski was also viewed as testimony with no objection from any parties.

After deliberation, the Board of Stewards ruled that while there is little doubt Mr. Gish's name was signed by someone other than himself, the proof failed to substantiate that Ms. Torok was the person who signed Mr. Gish's name.

Case dismissed.

08-18-12²**INQUIRY – First Race – NO CHANGE**

Video was viewed concerning two incidents. Early in the race, #2 OKIE BARBIE (4th D. Navarro) came out making solid contact with #4 OUTA IDAHO (3rd A. Boag) pushing that mule off-stride. Since #2 finished behind #4, no action was necessary. The second incident happened very near the wire; #4 drifted in and returned the favor to #2. However, this contact was slight, and in our unanimous opinion, did not cost #2 an opportunity at a better placing. Both April Boag and Dionicio Navarro were ordered to morning film review.

08-18-12³ **MULE MISHAPS**

Following both the 1st and 2nd race, jockey **MEGAN FADLOVICH** was unseated while attempting to pull up the mules she had ridden (#5 BAR JF LOTTOTICKET in the 1st race and #4 PRICILLA NELSON in the 2nd race).

After the 2nd race, Ms. Fadlovich was examined by a paramedic member of the ambulance crew and cleared to continue riding. Accident report attached.

08-18-12⁴ **INQUIRY – Fourth Race – NO CHANGE**

Video was viewed concerning an incident into the first turn of the five furlong race. #2 PLANET JANET (DNF A. Boag) drifted out, made slight contact with #3 COUNTY WEXFORD (1st Essman), stumbled badly and unseated her rider.

In our unanimous opinion #2 caused her own problems with no other horses contributing to the incident. No change. Accident report attached.

NOTE: During the stretch run veteran outrider Mike Angellini and his ten-year old pony Gus did great work in averting a potentially dangerous situation. While keeping a safe distance from the field, Mike shouted in his loudest voice, "Rider down! Rider down!" All jockeys made eye contact with Mike as if to acknowledge they heard and understood. In our opinion, all riders stayed down and rode their mounts through the wire. We feel the integrity of the race was in no way compromised. Well done Mike and Gus.

08-18-12⁵ **INQUIRY – Sixth Race – NO CHANGE**

Video was viewed of the start of the 6th race. We had to decide if #6 MY MANS NO LADY was an official starter. Here's what happened.

The starting gate functioned properly. Just as the field was dispatched, #6 reared, unseating apprentice jockey Shyann Garcia. As the incident took place, the assistant starter reached to re-control the reins. We feel this was done for three reasons; 1) to protect the vulnerable jockey, 2) to protect himself, and 3) to try to control and protect the fractious horse.

At no time did we feel the assistant starter hindered MY MANS NO LADY from a fair start. We feel she was solely responsible for her own trouble and therefore is considered an official starter.

08-18-12⁶ **INQUIRY – Eighth Race – NO CHANGE – MAJORITY DECISION**

Video was viewed of three horses rounding the first turn: #2 AUTISM AWAKENESS (1st Fadlovich), #5 CORN MAZE (2nd Harvey) and #6 MOLINARI (6th Matt Garcia).

There were two incidents. First, #2 drifts out very sharply, then bolts around the first turn taking #6 out past the middle of the racetrack. Judge Oke felt #6 was cost an opportunity for a better placing as a result of the interference. Judges Moreno and Stauffer, while acknowledging interference, felt that no disqualification was warranted. Both felt that while #6 was bothered, he recovered enough to place himself three lengths behind #2 with one lap to run, then steadily faded to finish last beaten 37.5 lengths for first and 20 lengths for fifth.

The second incident happened several strides further down the turn. Judge Oke felt #2 bore out and impeded #5, costing him an opportunity for a better placing. Judges Moreno and Stauffer felt #5 caused his own problems by bolting and becoming unmanageable, thereby running up onto the heels of #2. Majority decision. No Change.

08-18-12⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	3,275	\$	177,369.30
NCOT	3,162	\$	65,822.90
SCOT		\$	87,164.50
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>110,064.02</u>
TOTAL	6,437	\$	440,420.72

Sunday08-19-12¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS - REFUNDS**

8 th race:	#5 WHAT IS NOT	(Tr. Don Roberson)	Enter Back
	Stewards		REFUND: \$26.00

08-19-12² **OBJECTION – Fifth Race – NO CHANGE**

Video was viewed to address an objection lodged by JOE CRISPIN rider of #1 KARMALIZE (3rd). Jockey Crispin claimed that HUGO HERERRA, rider of #4 JOYZEY BILLY (1st), took his path into the 2nd turn of the seven furlong race. Tapes showed that while there was a slight bump between the two horses, #1 was not cost an opportunity at a better placing. Unanimous. No Change.

08-19-12³ **INQUIRY – Sixth Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

Video was viewed of the start of the five furlong race as well as the run into the first turn. The only horse not involved was #1 LIVE THE FOURTH. #6 FINISH RICH (3rd Crispin) fouls the following horses to varying degrees: #4 RAGGIN WOOD (2nd Herrera), #3 WILD NICOLE (4th Fadlovich) and #2 CHARMING MEADOW (5th Harvey).

#6 FINISH RICH comes inward soon after the start forcing #4 to check off heels. #4 finishes in front of #6, no action necessary. #6 continues inward making contact with #3 who is forced into #2.

Stewards felt that #3, who was beaten ¾'s of a length for third, was cost an opportunity for a better placing. Still left to decide was if #2 was also cost a chance at a placing, which the Stewards ultimately determined was not. After the incident, #2 quickly recovered to take the lead from the first turn all the way to the top of the stretch. She then faded badly and finished last beaten 4 ½ lengths for the win and 2 ¾ lengths for fourth. #6 was disqualified from third and placed 4th. Unanimous decision.

08-19-12⁴ **DECLARATIONS - REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#1 EXCESSIVE YODELER	(Tr. Rhoda March)	Fell in Paddock
	CHRB Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$805.00
6 th race:	#5 CAUSE UR A TEN	(Tr. Don Roberson)	Unseated Rider, Left Course
	Steward		REFUND: \$5,641.82
8 th race:	#3 KAWANI RUN	(Tr. Melanie McDonald)	Fell in Paddock
	CHRB Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$2,182.49

08-19-12⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	2,469	\$	87,663.50
NCOT	2,734	\$	71,408.60
SCOT		\$	98,841.60
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>165,881.36</u>
TOTAL	5,203	\$	423,795.06

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. Steward James Wayne Oke was 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	5	1	VENOM G	Parker	Unsound	Dooley	\$ 11.00
19-Aug	4	1	EXCESSIVE YODELER	March	Injured Paddock	Dooley	\$ 805.00
19-Aug	8	3	KAWANI RUN	McDonald	Injured Paddock	Dooley	\$2,182.49

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

None

Veterinarian's List

There were eight (8) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 1
Injured: 2
Unsound: 4
Bled: 1

There were twenty-one (21) horses removed from the vet's list.

Sick: 7
Injured: 5
Medication: 9

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	96	\$	7,652.10
Bakersfield	350	\$	40,200.60
Fresno	30	\$	22,194.50
Fresno Club One	68	\$	15,166.40
Golden Gate	764	\$	291,851.80
Monterey	330	\$	46,243.30
Pleasanton	1,552	\$	184,551.00
Sacramento	1,107	\$	114,455.00
San Jose	1,867	\$	170,932.60
San Mateo	2,909	\$	346,620.40
Santa Rosa	785	\$	49,255.30
Stockton	824	\$	88,235.80
Tulare	204	\$	22,196.60
Turlock	375	\$	46,610.20
Vallejo	745	\$	75,128.40
So. California		\$	396,961.60
Out of State		\$	601,700.72

	15-Aug	17-Aug	18-Aug	19-Aug	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	2	0	2	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	1	0	0	2	2
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	1	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	4	2	6	6
REFUNDS	2	1	0	4	7	7
RULINGS	3	0	0	0	3	3

Respectfully submitted,

Ruben Moreno, Steward

Vic Stauffer, Steward

Wayne Oke, Steward

VS/BOS:hh