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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



THE BIG FRESNO 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 Wednesday, October 5, 2016 through Monday, October 10, 2016.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Nine Days – Thursday, October 6, 2016 through Monday, October 10, 2016 and Thursday, October 13, 2016 through Sunday, October 16, 2016 (Dark Tuesday, October 11 through Wednesday, October 12).

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

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

Post Time: 1:15 p.m. weekdays, 12:15 weekends.

Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race.

Exotic Wagering: \$1 Exacta
\$1 Trifecta
\$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: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
 - John Herbuveaux
 - Will Meyers
 - Dennis Nevin
 - Richard Lewis (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: John C. Alkire, Chief Executive Officer
 Larry Swartzlander, Director of Racing & Director of Simulcasting
 Doug Gooby, Mutuel Manager
 Vic Stauffer, Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker
 Sandra Rios, 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
 Dawn Schmid, Clerk of Course, Thoroughbred
 Dolores Collins, Clerk of the Course, Emerging Breeds
 Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
 Myra Troske, Placing Judge
 Cheryl White, Placing Judge & Film Analyst
 Danny Winick, Paddock Judge & Patrol Judge
 Matt Nichols, Clark of Scales
 Kenneth Fowler, Assistant Clerk of Scales
 Brittany Moore, Stewards' Aide
 Robert Mooneyhan, Starter
 Gary Greiner, Horse Identifier
 Jackie Payton, Horseshoe Inspector
 Melody Truitt, Clocker & Timer

Veterinarians: Don Dooley, DVM, CHRB Veterinarian
 Forrest Franklin, DVM, Track Veterinarian

Wednesday

10-05-16¹ **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY - SCRATCHES FOR SUNDAY**
 Steward John Herbuveaux was on duty to set up the office and supervise entries and declarations.

Thursday

10-06-16¹ **OPENING DAY**
 The morning was spent authorizing licenses for pony riders, jockeys and jockey agents and putting out the designated races list.

10-06-16² **RACE #5 - INQUIRY – ACCIDENT**
 #7 YANKEE MINISTER stumbled at the start unseating jockey Brandon Boulanger. After review it was determined #7 stumbled on its own. No change was ordered. Jockey Boulanger appeared uninjured. An accident report will be attached.

10-06-16³ **RACE #7 – CLAIM VOIDED**
 The claim by Lin Melton for the gelding ZOE'S CAJUN was deemed void after State Veterinarian Don Dooley reported him to be lame in the right front. ZOE'S CAJUN was returned to the barn of trainer W.R. Whitehouse.

10-06-16⁴ **PROGRAM CHANGES**
 3rd race: #3 BARCELO (Tr. S. Perez)
 Unsound - DVM Franklin

REFUND: \$ 176.90

4th race: #2 TWO PT CONVERSION (Tr. F. Lucarelli)
Injured - DVM Franklin

REFUND: \$ 116.00

10-06-16⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| FNO | 2,670 | \$ | 169,856.80 |
| NCOT | 1,334 | \$ | 403,234.70 |
| SCOT | | \$ | 149,670.00 |
| Out of State | | \$ | 377,801.28 |
| TOTAL | 4,004 | \$ | 1,100,562.78 |

Friday

10-07-16¹ **CALM MORNING**
This morning's business consisted of paperwork and correcting problems for upcoming race programs.

10-07-16² **RACE #7 - OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**
Jockey Kyle Frey aboard 4th place finisher #2 INDIAN NATE lodged a claim of foul against second place finisher #3 THE GOLD MONKEY and jockey Frank Alvarado for alleged interference at the start. Video shows #3 break in at the start and bump #2 causing jockey Frey to check his mount. In a majority decision, the order of finish was allowed to stand. Stewards Herbubeaux and Nevin felt the incident did not cost #2 a chance at a better placing while Steward Meyers felt a disqualification was in order. Jockey Alvarado will review the race with the stewards tomorrow.

10-07-16³ **RACE #7 - CLAIM VOID**
The claim dropped by trainer Gary Greiner for the gelding INDIAN NATE was deemed void when state veterinarian Don Dooley determined him to be lame in the right front leg. The gelding was returned to the barn of John Martin.

10-07-16⁴ **RACE #8 - CLAIM VOID**
The claim dropped by trainer Bruce Dillenbeck for the gelding HANDSOME HARVEY JR was deemed void when state veterinarian Don Dooley determined he was lame in his left front leg. The gelding was returned to the barn of trainer Salvador Naranjo.

10-07-16⁵ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

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| 4 th race: #6 WAR MOCCASIN (Tr. T. McCanna) | |
| Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$ 157.00 |
| 5 th race: #4 LIZZY'S ATTICUS (Tr. D. Winick) | |
| Injured - DVM Franklin | REFUND: SEE BELOW |
| #6 MISS LORI (Tr. J. Wong) | |
| Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$ 226.20 |

10-07-16⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| FNO | 10,029 | \$ | 425,191.40 |
| NCOT | 1,828 | \$ | 603,755.90 |
| SCOT | | \$ | 201,152.90 |
| Out of State | | \$ | 616,453.82 |
| TOTAL | 11,857 | \$ | 1,846,554.02 |

Saturday

10-08-16¹ **JOCKEY WARNED**
Jockey Alvarado reviewed yesterday's 7th race with the stewards and was cautioned to react quicker when his mount breaks in or out at the start.

10-08-16² **RULING NO. 1 – RAMIREZ**
Jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100)* for failure to appear to ride the horse **YANKEE MINISTER** in the fifth race on Thursday, October 6,

2016; a violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The above ruling was issued after Ramirez was contacted through his agent after failing to ride opening day with no excuse.

10-08-16³ **RACE #1 - MULE - INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of 2nd place finisher #5 BAD NEWS BUBBA (Joe Crispin) for the last half of this 350 yard event. After review and talking to the riders #5 was disqualified and placed 4th for interference to #'s 3 DASHN BOBI MCGEE and #2 LORETTA JONES. Video clearly shows #5 bearing in under right handed cropping therefore bumping and impeding #3 who in turn bumps #2. Both riders on #'s 2 and 3 are forced to check their mounts costing them a chance at a better placing in the unanimous opinion of the stewards.

Original Order of Finish: 1 - 5 - 3 - 2
 Official Order of Finish: 1 - 3 - 2 - 5

10-08-16⁴ **RACE #4 - INQUIRY - NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start concerning #1 MANY TREATS (Luis Medina). When first observed it appeared #1 may have clipped heels with #2 SCHOOLEY (Kyle Frey) shortly after the start. Upon further review it was determined #1 stumbled of its own accord.

10-08-16⁵ **RACE #6 - POST PARADE - INCIDENT**

The pony person Steve Burns leading #8 BROWNIE FINALE was unseated near the 7/8 pole during warm ups. He was approached by the ambulance crew and refused treatment.

10-08-16⁶ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

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| 5 th race: | #2 SAINT ADALBERT (Tr. W. Delia) | |
| | Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: SEE BELOW |
| | #3 PREACHER'S BLUFF (Tr. C. DeLima) | |
| | Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: SEE BELOW |
| | #8 HUNTERWOOD POINT (Tr. S. Whiteside) | |
| | Re-Enter - Stewards | REFUND: \$413.90 |
| 7th race: | #4 NAKOMA (Tr. S. Ledezma) | |
| | Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: SEE BELOW |
| | #8 CYCLONE BETTY (Tr. V. Belvoir) | |
| | Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND \$104.80 |

10-08-16⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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|--------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| FNO | 9,434 | \$ | 332,476.90 |
| NCOT | 3,047 | \$ | 1,210,488.70 |
| SCOT | | \$ | 197,788.90 |
| Out of State | | \$ | <u>363,417.24</u> |
| TOTAL | 12,481 | \$ | 2,104,171.74 |

Sunday

10-09-16¹ **RULING NO. 2 – MEDINA**

Jockey **LUIS MEDINA** who rode **SILVER WHO** in the tenth race on Friday, October 7, 2016 at the Big Fresno Fair is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – when the horse is clearly out of the race).

The above ruling was issued after Medina reviewed the race in question with the Board of Stewards. Mr. Medina realized he was overzealous with the crop on a horse that was well out of contention.

10-09-16² **RULING NO. 3 & 4 – CRISPIN****RULING #3**

Jockey **JOE CRISPIN** who rode **BAD NEWS BUBBA** in the first race at The Big Fresno Fair on Saturday, October 8, 2016 is hereby suspended five (5) racing days (October 16, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2016) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in a disqualification of his mount from second to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding-second offense in the last sixty days).

RULING #4

Jockey **JOE CRISPIN** who rode **BAD NEWS BUBBA** in the first race on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at The Big Fresno Fair is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the Mule a chance to respond-First Offense).

The above rulings were issued after Crispin contacted the stewards and plead guilty to both offenses. Mr. Crispin overcropping led to his mount bearing in causing interference.

10-09-16³ **RULING NO. 5 – MALDONADO**

Jockey **FRANCISCO MALDONADO** who rode **BIZMO** in the first race on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at The Big Fresno Fair is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the Mule a chance to respond-First Offense).

The above ruling was issued after Maldonado appeared and admitted to overcropping his mule.

10-09-16⁴ **PROGRAM ERROR**

The first four imported races from Gulfstream Park West were reported to be incorrect in today's program. According to CARF representative Heather Haviland a replacement supplement page was distributed throughout the Northern California satellite network.

10-09-16⁵ **RACE #3 - QUARTER HORSE INQUIRY - NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review contact nearing the finish between the 3rd and 4th place finishers #5 DON JUAN JUNIOR (Martin Arriaga) and #4 ROCK THE DREAMER (Kevin Orozco) respectively. After a thorough review and talking to the riders involved no change was ordered. There were two separate incidents of contact with one being initiated by #5 and the other initiated by #4. "Offsetting Penalties" was the unanimous decision of this board. No Change.

10-09-16⁶ **SAD REPORT**

The stewards were informed that Pony Rider Steve Burns was found deceased in his hotel room this afternoon. No cause of death has been reported.

10-09-16⁷ **JOCKEYS OFF**

Jockeys Ricardo Gonzalez and Julien Couton were excused due to illness. Replaced as follows:

5th - Catalino Martinez for Ricardo Gonzalez
8th - Juan Hernandez for Julien Couton
9th - Catalino Martinez for Julien Couton

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| 10-09-16 ⁸ | <u>PROGRAM CHANGES</u> | |
| 3 rd race: | #1 PYC SPECIAL CASH (Tr. S. Rivera) Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$90.30 |
| 4 th race: | #1 ACT YOUR WAGE (Tr. R. Amescua) Injured - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$95.60 |
| 5 th race: | #7 MARIAN KATHERINE (Tr. J. Hernandez, Jr.) Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$26.30 |
| 7 th race: | #8 I'M SO PUZZLED (Tr. G. Preciado) Injured - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$122.50 |
| 9 th race: | #4 ATSINA WARRIOR (Tr. C. DeLima) Sick - DVM Franklin | REFUND: \$352.10 |

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| 10-09-16 ⁹ | <u>ATTENDANCE & HANDLE</u> | |
| | FNO 9,877 | \$ 296,388.40 |
| | NCOT 3,047 | \$ 870,309.40 |
| | SCOT | \$ 153,842.60 |
| | Out of State | \$ 346,798.45 |
| | TOTAL 12,924 | \$ 1,667,338.85 |

Monday10-10-16¹ **RULING NO. 6 – GUMARO "MANUEL" MENA HEARING - CASE 16SW0033**

A hearing was held today for outrider/pony person Gumaro Mena for alleged intoxication while ponying under his outrider license at Ferndale on August 27, 2016. Mena had a blood alcohol content of 0.311 and 0.305 according to the complaint.

Present at the hearing were investigator D.A. Tadlock who filed the report and presented the case for the CHRB and outrider/pony person Gumaro Mena representing himself. The hearing was going to be recorded by Diana Bryant of Bryant & Associates. Trainer Rene Amescua helped to interpret for Mr. Mena.

In preliminary discussions, Mena opted to waive the formal hearing after hearing his options in Spanish. Mr. Mena admitted to drinking heavily while ponying on the day in question. He was remorseful and stated that he was served divorce papers on the day preceding the incident. This is Mr. Mena's first incident with intoxication since being licensed in 2006.

After due deliberation, Mr. Mena was informed of the following ruling:

RULING NO. 6

Outrider **GUMARO Z. MENA** is hereby fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200)* and placed on probation for the term of his license (October 31, 2017) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Intoxication) on August 27, 2016. As a condition of probation Mena must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

10-10-16² **RACE #1 - MULE - FIRST INQUIRY - OBJECTION - NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the actions of 1st place finisher #4 BAR JF EASY MONEY (Luis Godoy), 2nd place finisher #5 IMA TOP GUN (Joe Crispin) and 3rd place finisher #2 STARBUCKS BABY (Richard Lull) in deep stretch. Jockey Lull also lodged an objection against the winner. After review and talking to the riders involved no change was the unanimous decision. Video shows #4 bearing in slightly and #5 bearing out as they approach the wire. #2 checks slightly while in behind the two leaders while running out of racing room. The incident was minor in nature and was so near the finish that the outcome of the race was not jeopardized.

10-10-16³ **RACE #1 - MULE - SECOND INQUIRY - ACCIDENT - NO CHANGE**

#6 STEWBALL took an immediate right turn out of the gate commonly called "wheeling"

unseating jockey Francisco Monroy. The inquiry sign was posted to insure #6 had a fair start. The mule did have a fair start. No change. Accident report is attached. STEWBALL has been barred from further participation by the stewards. This is the third time in the last five starts that STEWBALL has "wheeled" and lost its rider.

10-10-16⁴ **RACE #6 - NO SHOW WAGERING**

Two late scratches reduced the field to four wagering interests and in accordance with CHRB Rule 1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools) show wagering was cancelled.

10-10-16⁵ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3rd race: #3 SHE'S FLUSH (Tr. J. Wong)

Sick - DVM Franklin

REFUND: \$ 266.10

6th race: #1 SPIRAL JETTER (Tr. A. Mathis)

Sick - DVM Franklin

REFUND: SEE BELOW

#6 ALEXITA (Tr. J. Hollendorfer)

Sick - DVM Franklin

REFUND: \$ 347.00

10-10-16⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|
| FNO | 4,627 | \$ | 177,766.00 |
| NCOT | 1,663 | \$ | 519,571.10 |
| SCOT | | \$ | 89,490.70 |
| Out of State | | \$ | 155,772.16 |
| TOTAL | 6,290 | \$ | 942,599.96 |

M E E T S U M M A R Y

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.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

| Date | Race | No. | Horse | Trainer | Reason | Vet | Refund |
|---------|------|-----|-------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| 6-Oct. | 3 | 3 | BARCELO | S. Perez | Unsound | Franklin | \$ 176.90 |
| 6-Oct. | 4 | 2 | TWO PT CONVERSION | F. Lucarelli | Injured | Franklin | \$ 116.00 |
| 7-Oct. | 4 | 6 | WAR MOCCASIN | T. McCanna | Sick | Franklin | \$ 157.00 |
| 7-Oct. | 5 | 4 | LIZZY'S ATTICUS | D. Winick | Injured | Franklin | SEE BELOW |
| 7-Oct. | 5 | 6 | MISS LORI | J. Wong | Sick | Franklin | \$ 226.20 |
| 8-Oct. | 5 | 2 | SAINT ADALBERT | W. Delia | Sick | Franklin | SEE BELOW |
| 8-Oct. | 5 | 3 | PREACHER'S BLUFF | C. DeLima | Sick | Franklin | \$ 413.90 |
| 8-Oct. | 7 | 4 | NAKOMA | S. Ledezma | Sick | Franklin | SEE BELOW |
| 8-Oct. | 7 | 8 | CYCLONE BETTY | V. Belvoir | Sick | Franklin | \$ 104.80 |
| 9-Oct. | 3 | 1 | PYC SPECIAL CASH | S. Rivera | Sick | Franklin | \$ 90.30 |
| 9-Oct. | 4 | 1 | ACT YOUR WAGE | R. Amescua | Injured | Franklin | \$ 95.60 |
| 9-Oct. | 5 | 7 | MARIAN KATHERINE | J. Hernandez | Sick | Franklin | \$ 26.30 |
| 9-Oct. | 7 | 8 | I'M SO PUZZLED | G. Preciado | Injured | Franklin | \$ 122.50 |
| 9-Oct. | 9 | 4 | ATSINA WARRIOR | C. DeLima | Sick | Franklin | \$ 352.10 |
| 10-Oct. | 3 | 3 | SHE'S FLUSH | J. Wong | Sick | Franklin | \$ 266.10 |
| 10-Oct. | 6 | 1 | SPIRAL JETTER | A. Mathis | Sick | Franklin | SEE BELOW |
| 10-Oct. | 6 | 6 | ALEXITA | J. Hollendorfer | Sick | Franklin | \$ 347.00 |

VETERINARY REPORT

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10-06-16 BLAZING SUCCESS (Tr. Candelario Villamar) Sudden death post race at Fresno (dirt).

Veterinarian's List

There were (19) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 10
 Injured: 5
 Unsound: 4

There were (17) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 8
 Injured: 6
 Unsound: 3

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

| | | |
|-----------------|----|--------------|
| Anderson | \$ | 26,343.00 |
| Banker's Casino | \$ | 18,731.30 |
| Golden Gate | \$ | 721,328.50 |
| Monterey | \$ | 54,459.10 |
| Pleasanton | \$ | 461,185.30 |
| Sacramento | \$ | 348,397.40 |
| San Jose | \$ | 478,271.90 |
| San Mateo | \$ | 991,021.90 |
| Santa Rosa | \$ | 117,953.00 |
| Stockton | \$ | 199,770.60 |
| Turlock | \$ | 111,991.60 |
| Vallejo | \$ | 202,082.80 |
| So. California | \$ | 791,945.10 |
| Out of State | \$ | 1,860,242.95 |

| | 6-Oct. | 7-Oct. | 8-Oct. | 9-Oct. | 10-Oct. | WEEK | MEET |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| ACCIDENTS | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| CAL-BRED RACES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CLAIMS | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 |
| REFUNDS | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 19 |
| RULINGS | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 6 |

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

John Herbeveux, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward