



HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR

P. O. Box 637
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Report of the Board of Stewards
To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor
Honorable John C. Harris, Chairman
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Honorable John Andreini, Member
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Honorable Bo Derek, Member
Honorable Jerry Moss, Member
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Report for the period Tuesday, August 11, 2009 through Sunday, August 9, 2009.

GENERAL DATA:

- Dates: Eight Days – Friday, August 14, 2009 through Sunday, August 23, 2009.
(Dark Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18, 2009)
- Entries: Forty-eight to seventy-two hours in advance
- Scratch Time: 9:00 a.m. the day before the race
- Post Time: 2:05 p.m. daily; 3:05 p.m. Fridays
- Wagering: Win, Place and Show wagering on every race
- Exotic Wagering: All races - \$1 Exacta – Trifecta – Quinella – Rolling Triple
\$2 Rolling Daily Double
\$1 Superfecta where applicable
- Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board –
James Dreyer, Will Meyers and Dennis Nevin
- Track Officials: Stuart Titus, General Manager/Director of Racing
Cindy Olsen, Chairman of Racing Committee
Tom Doutrich, Racing Secretary
Lisa Jones, Assistant Racing Secretary
Kay Webb, Director of Simulcasting
Dominic DiPrinzio, Mutuel Manager
Frank Mirahmadi, Track Announcer/Morning Line Maker

Victoria Layne, Paymaster of Purses
Ellis Davis, Racing Publicist
Stuart Titus, Stable Superintendent
Alphonso Collins, Track Superintendent
Pegasus Communications, Video Production
Vassar Photography, Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Cheryl White, Clerk of Scales
Matt Nichols, Patrol Judge
Tammy Boag, Stewards' Aide
Lisa Jones, Patrol Judge
Darrell Sparks, 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

**Tuesday &
Wednesday**

08-11-09 Steward James Dreyer was on hand to set up the office and supervise opening day
08-12-09 entries.

Thursday

08-13-09¹ **PRE-RACE**
Stewards Will Meyers and James Dreyer were on hand to supervise scratches and entries for Ferndale. Meyers finished the minutes for Santa Rosa's last week.

08-13-09² **RULING NO. 1 – AYALA**
Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), Jockey **ANTHONY AYALA**, having participated in more than one designated race in California on Sunday, August 9, 2009, shall serve an additional suspension day, Friday, August 14, 2009, in order to satisfy the terms of Sonoma County Fair Ruling #3, dated July 31, 2009.

The above ruling was issued after Ayala opted to ride two Stakes at Santa Rosa last Sunday.

Friday

08-14-09¹ **RULING NO. 2 – DALE**
In the Matter of:
ASHTON DALE
Having now appeared before the Board of Stewards, the license privileges of Jockey AHSTON DALE are restored and Humboldt County Fair ruling #1, dated August 13, 2005, suspending Ashton Dale for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after Dale appeared and signed a test agreement with the Board. Dale has been licensed and racing in Oregon, Washington and Montana. The ruling clears up his paperwork from a 2005 Failure to Appear.

08-14-09² **RULING NO. 3 – HERRERA**

Jockey **JORGE HERRERA** is fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips – excessive whipping) in the tenth race on Sunday, August 9, 2009.

The above ruling was issued after Herrera appeared and reviewed tapes. Herrera was whipping his horse in the stretch while well beaten. Herrera said the trainer told him to keep after the horse. He was admonished by this Board to put the stick away when his mount has reached its maximum placing.

08-14-09³ **OBJECTION / INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Sixth Race**

Jockey **Ashton Dale** and **Elliott Demesme**, aboard #1 HARBOR FLIGHT and #2 SHESASOLDIER respectively, both claimed foul into the first turn. Neither jockey was sure who the pressure was coming from, but knew it was from the outside. The stewards posted the inquiry as well to review the incident. After review, it was determined that all the pressure came from #8 **SWEET HEAVEN** and jockey **Olivo Maldonado**. #8 finished last so no change was warranted. Maldonado was ordered to the stewards.

08-14-09⁴ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Seventh Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry to review an incident in the stretch involving the winner, #7 **LUCKY TO BE A RIOT (James Wooten, Jr.)**, and second place finisher #5 PERFECT JEB (Nikeela Black). After talking to the riders and reviewing the films, the stewards voted unanimously to disqualify #7 from first to second place for coming out and bumping #5 repeatedly in the stretch.

08-14-09⁵ **DECLARATION – REFUND**

1st race: #4 TATER SALAD (Tr. Harley Kowalsky) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 53.00

08-14-09⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	3,427	\$ 104,066.30
NCOT	2,221	\$ 165,135.70
SCOT		\$ 255,045.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 209,651.70</u>
TOTAL	5,648	\$ 733,898.70

08-14-09⁶ **GREAT DAY!**

According to Equibase records, today's opening day handle was over \$750,000 compared with last year's \$337,000. Also on track handle was \$55,000 last year and \$104,000 today.

Saturday

08-15-09¹ **RULING NO. 4 – MALDONADO**

Jockey **OLIVO MALDONADO**, who rode **SWEET HEAVEN** in the sixth race at Humboldt County Fair on Friday, August 14, 2009, is Suspended five (5) racing days (August 22, 23, 26, 27 and 28, 2009) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference;

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.

The above ruling was issued after Maldonado appeared and reviewed the tapes. Maldonado was careless and made no attempt to relieve the pressure he was placing on horses to his inside. The stewards felt five (5) days were in order due to severity of the incident.

08-15-09² **RULING NO. 5 – WOOTEN**

Jockey **JAMES WOOTEN, JR.**, who rode **LUCKY TO BE A RIOT** in the seventh race at Humboldt County Fair on Friday, August 14, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (August 22, 23 and 26, 2009) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course 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.

The above ruling was issued after Wooten appeared and reviewed the tapes. Wooten was candid about his effort, stating that not only was the horse getting tired, he himself was getting tired. Wooten has been off for about two months and said he needs to get fitter.

08-15-09³ **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – Third Race**

Jockey **Genaro Tapia**, aboard fourth place finisher #3 CHUDD, lodged a claim of foul against #7 ZIPPENZELL and jockey Jorge Ayarza around the final turn. After review it was determined that no interference occurred.

08-15-09⁴ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4th race: #5 COOL YOUR JETS (Tr. John Martin) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 21.00

5th race: #5 DOUBLE CHECKER (Tr. Charles Hiatt) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 22.00

08-15-09⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	3,839	\$ 146,415.30
NCOT	3,291	\$ 171,730.40
SCOT		\$ 179,398.60
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 177,751.20</u>
TOTAL	7,130	\$ 675,393.50

Sunday

08-16-09¹ **TAPIA IN** (Ref: 08-15-09³)

Apprentice jockey **Genaro Tapia** was in to review tapes of yesterday's third race. Tapia could not justify his claim of foul and was cautioned to be more aware of his position on the track.

08-16-09² **RIDERS OFF – First Race – Mules**
 #2 EYE OF THE HAWK and #7 BAR JF GENA BABY both unseated their riders, Genaro Tapia and Ashton Dale, following the running of this 220 yard event. Both riders were unhurt.

08-16-09³ **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – Second Race – Arabian**
 Jockey **Jesus Arriaga**, aboard third place finisher #3 EVEN PROUDDER, lodged a claim of foul against second place finisher #6 STRENGTHNHONOR and jockey James Wooten for alleged interference near the 3/16 pole. Tapes show #3 and #6 bump entering the turn; however, the contact appears to be initiated by #3 failing to make the turn properly. There was no evidence that #6 came down to make contact with #3 as alleged. No Change.

08-16-09⁴ **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – Sixth Race**
 Jockey **Matt Garcia**, aboard second place finisher #6 OF CARNEGIE, lodged a claim of foul against first place finisher #1 JANS QUEEN and jockey Rachel Goodgame, for alleged interference entering the clubhouse (3 ½ furlong) turn. After review it was determined that #6 did not properly set up for the turn and got out at the point of the turn over #1's heels. No Change.

08-16-09⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**
 5th race: #7 MELODIC (Tr. James Haverty) injured
 Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 24.60

7th race: #1 MARY MAC'S ROCKET (Tr. John Piches) lame
 Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 1.00

08-16-09⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**
 HCF 3,672 \$ 104,093.70
 NCOT 2,542 \$ 107,263.40
 SCOT \$ 107,661.60
 Out of State \$ 130,470.90
TOTAL 6,214 \$ 449,489.60

W E E K L Y 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
14-Aug	1	4	TATER SALAD	Kowalsky	sick	Dooley	\$53.00
15-Aug	4	5	COOL YOUR JETS	Martin	sick	Dooley	\$21.00
	5	5	DOUBLE CHECKER	Hiatt	sick	Dooley	\$22.00
16-Aug	5	7	MELODIC	Haverty	injured	Dooley	\$24.60
	7	1	MARY MAC'S ROCKET	Piches	lame	Dooley	\$1.00

VETERINARY REPORT

No reported euthanized mules/horses this reporting period.

Veterinarian's List:

There were nine (9) horses placed on the vet's list:

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

There were two (2) horses removed from the vet's list:

- Sick: 2
- Injured: 0
- Unsound: 0
- Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	60	\$	1,493.10
Bakersfield	245	\$	8,166.50
Fresno	173	\$	6,497.90
Fresno Club One	73	\$	6,519.00
Golden Gate		\$	119,394.30
Monterey	146	\$	4,253.50
Pleasanton	1281	\$	47,524.00
Sacramento	908	\$	44,165.60
San Jose	1275	\$	44,301.80
San Mateo	1726	\$	74,586.50
Santa Rosa	455	\$	13,000.50
Stockton	703	\$	28,083.20
Tulare	160	\$	5,280.10
Turlock	313	\$	12,966.00
Vallejo	536	\$	27,897.50
So. California		\$	542,105.20
Out of State		\$	517,873.80

	8/13	8/14	8/15	8/16	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	-	0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES	-	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	-	1	0	0	1	1
DISQUALIFICATIONS	-	1	0	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	-	2	1	2	5	5
REFUNDS	-	1	2	2	5	5
RULINGS	1	2	3	0	6	6

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

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