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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, August 21, 2013 through Sunday, August 25, 2013.

Wednesday

08-21-13 ¹	<u>DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS</u>	
3 rd Race:	#4 PERSIAN KITTEN (Trainer Leonard Espinoza)	SICK
	Declaration per Track Veterinarian Dan Chapman	REFUND: \$458.00
5 th Race:	#2 FRIENDLY HAYS (Trainer Leonard Espinoza)	SICK
	Declaration per Track Veterinarian Dan Chapman	REFUND: \$68.50
6 th Race:	#2 MIGHTY MONSOON (Trainer Tony Locke)	INJURED IN GATE
	Declaration per Track Veterinarian Dan Chapman	REFUND: \$22,304.70
08-21-13 ²	<u>JOCKEY CHANGES</u>	
3 rd Race:	#3 VENGEFUL SONG (Trainer Michael Lenzini)	
	Hugo Herrera for Matt Garcia – Injured	
4 th Race:	#6 PLATINUM RULES (Trainer Quinn Howey)	
	Jesus Velazquez for Matt Garcia - Injured	
5 th Race:	#1 SHAKERATTLENRULE (Trainer Leonard Espinoza)	
	Brittany Smith for Rachel Goodgame – Owner's Decision (Double Jockey Fee Paid)	
	#4 SURFER DAVE (Trainer Quinn Howey)	
	Jesus Velazquez for Matt Garcia – Injured	
6 th Race:	#3 GANNICUS (Trainer W.R. Whitehouse)	
	Freddy Rodriguez for Matt Garcia – Injured	
	#6 SURROUND (Trainer Elmer January)	
	Shyann Garcia for Brittany Smith – Injured	

08-21-13³ **FILM REVIEW**

Video was reviewed with apprentice Jockey Brittany Smith concerning her ride on #2 YALETOWN in the second race Sunday, August 18. Her mount drifted out at the start and bore out sharply around the first turn. Ms. Smith agreed her performance was poor in both instances and promised to improve. Warning issued.

08-21-13⁴ **FILM REVIEW (REF: 08-18-13⁶)**

Video was reviewed with Jockey Chris Russell concerning his ride on #3 UNMATCHED FORCE in the fifth race on Sunday, Aug. 18. His mount drifted in putting two rivals in tight quarters soon after the start. Mr. Russell attempted to place blame for the incident on another jockey. We disagreed. A suspension was narrowly averted by the mitigating factor that Jockey Russell lost his right iron at the break. Warning issued.

08-21-13⁵ **FILM REVIEW**

Video was reviewed with Jockey Rachel Goodgame concerning her ride on #8 MINISTERS MACHINE in the seventh race on Sunday, Aug. 18. Our concern was whether she stayed down in the saddle and rode her mount all the way through the wire. Ms. Goodgame was reminded of the importance of giving maximum effort even for minor placings. She agreed she could have done better and promised to improve. Warning issued.

08-21-13⁶ **RACE #3 – SHOW POOL CANCELLED / REFUND**

Due to the late "vet" scratch of #4 PERSIAN KITTEN, show wagering was cancelled per CHRB Rule #1954.

08-21-13⁷ **RACE #5 – LATE JOCKEY CHANGE – DOUBLE FEE**

At approximately twenty-five (25) minutes to post, owner James A. Davis contacted the stewards requesting a late change of jockey for his horse #1 SHAKERATTLENRULE. Mr. Davis stated he was very upset by what he termed a "lack of effort" by Jockey Rachel Goodgame the previous race on the Davis owned #1 TRICKSAREFORKIDS. Apprentice Brittany Smith accepted the call. Double jockey fee was paid.

08-21-13⁸ **RACE #5 – MISHAP**

#1 SHAKERATTLENRULE drifted onto the heels of #3 BEST LAID PLANS stumbling and unseating apprentice jockey Brittany Smith. No other horses were involved. Ms. Smith was removed from her one remaining mount and ordered to Friday film review. Accident report attached.

08-21-13⁹ **RACE #6 – LATE SCRATCH / REFUND**

At one (1) minute to post, Track Veterinarian Dr. Dan Chapman recommended #2 MIGHTY MONSOON (flipped in gate) be scratched. He was 5-1.

08-21-13¹⁰ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	669	\$	59,285.90
NCOT	1,315	\$	440,096.40
SCOT		\$	61,664.80
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>143,598.90</u>
TOTAL	1,984	\$	\$704,646.00

Thursday

08-22-13¹ **DARK DAY SCRATCHES / ENTRIES**

Steward Vic Stauffer was present for Saturday scratches and Sunday entries. All was routine except for the Chris Russell situation which is chronicled in the next entry in these minutes.

08-22-13² **TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

At 9:27 a.m. (PST) this steward's office received a valid temporary restraining order from the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt. It was signed by Judge W. Bruce Watson. Case # CV130523 and read as follows:

"Order temporarily restraining respondent C.H.R.B. from imposing suspension." Chris Russell petitioner.

In responding to this order, Jockey Russell was allowed to fulfill his riding commitments for Saturday, Aug. 24 and allowed to accept mounts for Sunday, Aug. 25 (REF: 8-16-13³ – Ruling #3). A copy of this order was faxed to Sharyn Jolly at her office at C.H.R.B. headquarters in Sacramento.

Friday

08-23-13 ¹	<u>DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS</u>	
	3 rd Race: #4 DEVILGETBEHINDME (Trainer Rene Amescua)	SICK
	Declaration per Track Veterinarian Dan Chapman	REFUND: \$290.00
	3 rd Race: #5 FASTER CAT (Quinn Howey)	INJURED
	Declaration per Track Veterinarian Dan Chapman	REFUND: \$370.00
	6 th Race: #5 EASY CITY (Leonard Espinoza)	UNSEATED JOCKEY
	Declaration per Stewards	REFUND: \$4,796.75

08-23-13² **RACE #3 – POOLS CANCELLED**
Place and show wagering was cancelled as a result of two scratches #4 DEVILGETBEHINDME and #5 FASTER CAT per CHRB Rule #1954.

08-23-13³ **FILM REVIEW**
Video was reviewed with Jockey Rachel Goodgame concerning her ride on #1 TRICKSAREFORKIDS on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Again at issue was her performance regarding staying down in the saddle and riding through the wire to gain a maximum placing (REF: 8-21-2013⁵). While her effort was slightly better, it's still not good enough. She promised continued improvement. Warning issued.

08-23-13⁴ **FILM REVIEW**
Video was reviewed with apprentice Jockey Brittany Smith concerning her ride on #1 SHAKERATTLENRULE in the fifth race on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Ms. Smith was unseated when her mount drifted out and clipped heels of #3 BEST LAID PLANS. Both her set up and positioning into the turn were poor and clearly contributed to the accident, a matter addressed with her earlier that day (REF: 8-21-2013³). Ms. Smith acknowledged her mistakes and promised expanded resolve to improve.

08-23-13⁵ **RACE #1 – HORSES LATE TO PADDOCK**
#2 BURNING DESERT and #6 DESTE TOCATA both arrived in the saddling paddock eleven (11) minutes to post, which caused a five (5) minute delay in sending the runners to post parade. Trainer Gary Greiner took immediate responsibility and accepted a one hundred (\$100) dollar fine while waiving his right to an informal hearing.

08-23-13⁶ **CAMERA OUT**
The backstretch (quarter pole) camera was inoperable for races one and two. Officials of Pegasus, Inc. remedied the problem and assured that there would be no further problems.

08-23-13⁷ **RACE #6 – LATE SCRATCH / REFUND**
At one (1) minute to post #5 EASY CITY became unruly, unseated his jockey (Rachel Goodgame), broke loose from the handler and ran away into the barn area. Steward scratch. He was 20-1.

08-23-13⁸ **GOOD RACING**
All six (6) races were contested without incident.

08-23-13⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	1,792	\$	59,000.20
NCOT	1,990	\$	63,397.30
SCOT		\$	54,717.70
Out of State		\$	113,028.48
TOTAL	3,782	\$	290,143.68

Saturday

08-24-13¹ **RULING NO. 6 – GREINER PADDOCK (REF: 08-23-13⁵)**
Trainer **GARY GREINER** who started **BURNING DESERT** and **DESTE TOCATA** in the first race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on August 23, 2013 is hereby fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852

(Reporting to the Receiving Barn – Two Horses Arriving Late).

08-24-13² **INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

Inquiry sign posted. All angles of video reviewed. Jockeys interviewed. Third place finisher #2 SAMMIES MOMENT (Shyann Garcia) angles out without sufficient clearance into the far turn taking the path of eventual fifth place finisher #5 KENTUCKY BAY (Chris Russell), forcing that rival to check sharply and lose considerable ground. #2 SAMMIES MOMENT was disqualified and placed fifth. Shyann Garcia was ordered to Sunday film review.

Original Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – 2 – 4 – 5Official Order of Finish: 1 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 208-24-13³ **INQUIRY / NO CHANGE**

Video tapes were viewed. Patrol judges were consulted. Jockeys interviewed. Third place finisher #2 FOCUS NOW (Brittany Smith) bore out the entire running, causing tightness soon after the start and fanning fifth place finisher #7 KAREN'S ROAD STAR (Nikeela Black) out around turn one. Both incidents were close, but did not warrant disqualification. Ms. Smith was ordered to Sunday film review.

08-24-13⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	3,375	\$ 103,204.40
NCOT	2,837	\$ 67,106.30
SCOT		\$ 72,670.20
Out of State		\$ 167,298.63
TOTAL	6,212	\$410,279.53

Sunday08-25-13¹ **DECLARATIONS / REFUNDS**

4th Race: #5 PLATINUM RULES (Trainer Quinn Howey) SICK
 Declaration per Track Veterinarian Dan Chapman REFUND: \$221.80

08-25-13² **FILM REVIEW (REF: 8-24-2013²)**

Video was viewed with apprentice Jockey Brittany Smith concerning her ride on #2 FOCUS NOW in the seventh race on Saturday, Aug. 24. Her mount bore out throughout the five (5) furlong race twice putting rivals in uncomfortable positions (both at the start and around the first turn). While neither incident resulted in a disqualification, her performance was poor.

While admitting so, Ms. Smith said an unruly horse and her sore shoulder contributed to the incidents. A suspension was closely averted as she promised to improve. Warning issued. As an aside, we told Ms. Smith should she chose either Stockton or Portland Meadows as her next meeting to ride, those stewards will be requested to please keep a close watch to ensure the improvement she promised.

08-25-13³ **RULING NO. 7 – GARCIA FILM REVIEW (REF: 8-24-2013¹)**

Video was reviewed with Jockey Shyann Garcia concerning her ride on #2 SAMMIES MOMENT in the first race on Saturday, Aug. 24. #2 SAMMIES MOMENT shifted out taking the path of #5 KENTUCKY BAY resulting in a disqualification from third to last. Ms. Garcia admitted blame for the incident. The following ruling was issued. Steward Stauffer felt a three (3) day suspension was sufficient.

Jockey **SHYANN GARCIA** who rode **SAMMIES MOMENT** in the first race at the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale) on August 24, 2013 is hereby suspended five (5) racing days (September 20, 21, 22, 27 and 28) for failure to maintain a straight course entering the turn 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.

08-25-13⁶ **FREE REPORT**
 Talented HRTV Host, Daily Racing Form Columnist and Handicapper Brad Free and his lovely wife Maureen were welcome closing weekend guests of the Humboldt County Fair. Despite the 12 hour drive this year for the Free's, the Marathon took precedence over the Pacific Classic.

08-25-13⁷ **RACE #5 – INQUIRY / OBJECTION (TRAINER) / NO CHANGE**
 Video reviewed. Patrol Judge consulted. Jockeys interviewed. Solid contact into the stretch was initiated by second place finisher #3 AURELIA D (Jesus Velazquez) into eventual winner #4 SPRING SARAH (Inoel Beato). No disqualification necessary.

08-25-13⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

HCF	1,869	\$	95,303.60
NCOT	2,585	\$	99,447.90
SCOT		\$	124,878.10
Out of State		\$	244,631.88
TOTAL	4,454	\$	564,261.48

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
21-Aug	3	4	PERSIAN KITTEN	Espinoza	Sick	Chapman	\$458.00
21-Aug	5	2	FRIENDLY HAYS	Espinoza	Sick	Chapman	\$68.50
21-Aug	6	2	MIGHTY MONSOON	Locke	Injured in Gate	Chapman	\$22,304.70
23-Aug	3	4	DEVILGETBEHINDME	Amescua	Sick	Chapman	\$290.00
23-Aug	3	5	FASTER CAT	Howey	Injured	Chapman	\$370.00
25-Aug	4	5	PLATINUM RULES	Howey	Sick	Chapman	\$221.80

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

8-22-2013 MEMO TO KATHY (trainer Leonard Espinoza) founder in left hind foot. Non-racing, non-exercise related.

Veterinarian's List

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

Sick: 4
 Injured: 4
 Bled: 1

There were (1) horses removed from the vet's list:

Unsound: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	74	\$	3,341.80
Banker's Casino	49	\$	2,923.80
Fresno	227	\$	12,365.40
Fresno Club One	90	\$	13,051.60
Golden Gate	219	\$	133,101.10
Monterey	152	\$	14,241.70
Pleasanton	1,220	\$	69,310.50
Sacramento	854	\$	46,786.20
San Jose	1,359	\$	77,239.90
San Mateo	2,306	\$	168,522.60

Santa Rosa	595	\$	24,737.60
Stockton	610	\$	40,858.70
Tulare	174	\$	10,981.70
Turlock	226	\$	16,561.30
Vallejo	572	\$	36,024.00
So. California		\$	313,930.80
Out of State		\$	668,557.89

	21-Aug	23-Aug	24-Aug	25-Aug	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	1	0	0	0	1	5
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	0	0	0	1	8
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	0	1	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	2	1	3	12
REFUNDS	3	3	0	0	6	11
RULINGS	0	0	1	1	2	7

Respectfully submitted,

Vic Stauffer, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward