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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
SONOMA COUNTY FAIR**

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TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report for the Week of Monday, August 1, 2022, through Sunday, August 7, 2022.

GENERAL DATA

Dates: Scheduled Eight Days Thursday, August 4, 2022, through Sunday, August 14, 2022.
Thursday, August 4, 2022, through Sunday, August 7, 2022.
Thursday, August 11, 2022, through Sunday, August 14, 2022.

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

Scratch Time: 10:00 a.m. next entry day.

Post Time: 1:45 p.m. daily; Friday post time 2:15 p.m.

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 (50-cent minimum with 8 betting interests)

Stewards: Representing the California Horse Racing Board:
-Richard Lewis - Will Meyers
-Dennis Nevin - Cal Rainey (Safety Steward)

Track Officials: Rebecca Bartling – Fair CEO
Stacey Lapham – Director of Racing
Robert Moreno – Racing Secretary
Linda Anderson – Assistant Racing Secretary
Paul Porter – Director of Simulcasting
Doug Gooby – Mutuel Manager
Matt Dinerman – Track Announcer
Becky Huff – Paymaster
Michael Patricks – Morning Line Maker
Randy Malmgren – Stable Superintendent
Juan Meza – Track Superintendent
Pegasus Communications – Video Production
William Vassar – Track Photographer

Racing Officials: Jayme Thomas – Placing Judge
Nancy Barney – Placing Judge
Danny Winick – Paddock Judge & Film Analyst
Kenny Fowler – Patrol Judge
Myra Troske – Patrol Judge
Kenny Sjoldal – Clerk of Scales
Stephen Fisher – Assistant Clerk of Scales
Lisa Jones – Assistant Clerk of the Course
Gary Greiner – Horse Identifier
Todd Stephens – Starter
Tina Walker-Bryant – Clerk of the Course, Thoroughbreds
Agustin Rayas – Horseshoe Inspector
Chris Lapham – Clocker/Timer
Forrest Franklin, D.V.M. – CHRB Veterinarian
Casille Batten, D.V.M. – Fitness/Race Veterinarian

MONDAY
8/1/22¹

ENTRIES FOR OPENING DAY

Steward Dennis Nevin was on board to navigate through opening day entries. Seven races with thirty-nine (39) entrants made the overnight.

TUESDAY
8/2/22¹

ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY – SCRATCHES FOR THURSDAY

Entries for Friday and scratches for Thursday were under the supervision of Steward Nevin. Mr. Nevin also took part in the “Entry Panel” which was led by Dr. Mark Christian, D.V.M.

WEDNESDAY
8/3/22¹

ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY – SCRATCHES FOR FRIDAY

The Saturday entry process and Friday overnight changes along with Friday’s “Entry Panel” saw Steward Nevin in attendance.

THURSDAY

8/4/22¹

OPENING DAY OF SONOMA COUNTY FAIR

The full Board of Stewards, Lewis, Meyers and Nevin were present as racing returned from a two-year hiatus.

8/4/22²

PROGRAM WAGERING CHANGES

California Horse Racing Board Rule 1979.1 (Superfecta) states no less than six wagering interests must be scheduled to start to have Superfecta wagering. Races one (1), three (3), five (5) and six (6) only had five (5) wagering interests so Superfecta wagering was cancelled on those four (4) races.

8/4/22³

TOTE PROBLEMS

The Tote Board failed to display the order of finish for the first two (2) races. The matrix board and television monitors were able to post the numbers and announcements were made to inform the public so the races could be made Official. The tote board was up and running the rest of the day.

8/4/22⁴

THIRD RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Inquiry sign was posted to review the stretch drive concerning first (1st) place finisher #1 MAGICAL THOUGHT (William Antongeorgi III) and second (2nd) place finisher #5 BANDEENA (Assael Espinoza). After talking to the Patrol Judge and the Jockeys involved and a thorough review of the race “No Change” was ordered. It was the unanimous decision of the Stewards that although both horses raced wide down the stretch #1 MAGICAL THOUGHT, who was on the inside of #5 BANDEENA, was merely following #5 BANDEENA who was drifting out on its own.

8/4/22⁵

5TH RACE – SLIGHT DELAY

The Starting Gate tractor needed some adjustment to be able to move the gate onto the Turf Course. Starter Todd Stephens and crew made the necessary adjustments causing a seven (7) minute delay. Original post time: 3:45 p.m. Off time: 3:52 p.m.

8/4/22⁶

DOUBLE JOCKEY FEE

Jockey Pablo Flores was replaced by Jockey Alejandro Gomez in today’s second (2nd) race. Trainer Pablo De Jesus failed to make a rider change at scratch time and now opted to pay a double Jockey fee to make the change.

8/4/22⁷

PROGRAM SCRATCHES

2nd Race: #1 JUMPING JILL FLASH – Tr. S. Calvario – Injured – Dr. Casille Batten, D.V.M. Refund: \$118.50.

7th Race: #4 SPEEDY TRIP – Tr. D. Wayne Baker – Sick – Dr. Casille Batten, D.V.M. Refund: \$54.00.

8/4/22⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track		\$89,069.00
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$66,218.80
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$373,177.86
Total		\$560,822.86

FRIDAY
8/5/22¹

GARCIA RULING

SCF #1

Jockey **EPIFANIO GARCIA** who rode **APPROVAL GIVEN** in the first race at the California State Fair on Sunday, July 31, 2022, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop – used more than six times).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia appeared with Jockey Francisco Monroy as his interpreter. Mr. Garcia had not ridden in over a year and was not up to date on the Riding Crop Rule. He now understands what is expected of him concerning the use of the crop.

8/5/22²

7TH RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

#6 FILLY PELLI dwelt at the start. The Inquiry sign was posted, and replays were run to verify the gate opened properly and no interference occurred. There was no reason for a refund.

8/5/22³

PROGRAM CHANGES

1st Race: #4 SENOR DEL CAMPO – Tr. J. Ramos – Sick – Dr. Casille Batten, D.V.M.
Refund: \$49.00.

8/5/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track		\$169,059.90
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$97,941.20
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$506,390.97
Total		\$818,834.97

SATURDAY

8/6/22¹

THURSDAY RACING CANCELLED

Entries were very light for Thursday's card. Management made the decision to cancel, at approximately Noon, when only three races looked like they would fill.

8/6/22²

5TH RACE INJURY – LATE DECLARATION

#4 BIG MOMMA THORNTON injured her head in the Starting Gate. She was scratched upon recommendation of Track Veterinarian Casille Batten D.V.M. and order of the Stewards. Refund: \$22,257.12.

8/6/22³

PROGRAM CHANGES

7th Race: #5 SCHERZO (GB) – Tr. M. Badilla – Unsound – Dr. Casille Batten D.V.M.
Refund: \$91.30.

8th Race: #4 ONE LAST THOUGHT – Tr. T. Eaton – Sick – Dr. Casille Batten D.V.M.
Refund: \$37.50.

8th Race: Jockey Irving Orozco replaced by Jockey Julien Couton - dehydration

8/6/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track		\$238,345.00
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$110,383.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$433,533.08
Total		\$848,849.08

SUNDAY

8/7/22¹

CALM MORNING

Today's office duties were conducted in a routine manner. No noteworthy incidents to report.

8/7/22²

STARTING GATE BREAKDOWN

Following the third (3) race as the Starting Gate was being moved from the five (5) furlong turf position to the six (6) furlong dirt position a bolt sheared on one axle causing the tires to lose steering ability. Starter Todd Stephens and crew worked to replace the bolt and were able to fix it enough to be able to move the gate for the remainder of the day. The fourth (4) race was scheduled for a post time of 3:21 p.m. and was off at 3:26 p.m. A very short delay for a major problem. Starter Stephens and crew did an exceptional job.

8/7/22³

PROGRAM CHANGES

3rd Race: #2 KIMBERLY'S DEVIL – Tr. R. Lucas – Panel – Refund: see below
#6 HIS REINA – Tr. J. Wong – Sick – Dr. Casille Batten D.V.M.

Refund total: \$176.44.

5th Race: #3 ODESSA – Tr. Q. Howey–Unsound–Dr. Casille Batten D.V.M.

Refund: \$68.77.

5th Race: No Show Wagering

8/7/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track		\$219,336.50
SCOTWINC	N/A	\$120,279.10
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$523,583.53
Total		\$925,562.43

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
8/4/22	2	1	JUMPING JILL FLASH	S. Calvario	Injured	Batten	\$ 118.50
8/4/22	7	4	SPEEDY TRIP	D.W. Baker	Sick	Batten	\$ 54.00
8/5/22	1	4	SEÑOR DEL CAMPO	J. Ramos	Sick	Batten	\$ 49.00
8/6/22	7	5	SCHERZO (GB)	M. Badilla	Unsound	Batten	\$ 91.30
8/7/22	3	2	KIMBERLY'S DEVIL	R. Lucas	Panel		see below
8/7/22	3	6	HIS REINA	J. Wong	Sick	Batten	\$ 176.44
8/7/22	5	3	ODESSA	Q. Howey	Unsound	Batten	\$ 68.77

SUMMARY

	Thu 8/4	Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	0	1	1
Claims	1	0	3	1	5	5
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	1	1	1	0	3	3
Refunds	2	1	2	3	8	8
Rulings	0	1	0	0	1	1
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward