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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



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A Magna Entertainment Facility
 Golden Gate Fields
 Albany, California

Report of the Board of Stewards To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, May 21, 2008 through Monday, May 26, 2008.

Wednesday

05-21-08¹ Purse \$12,000. For Cal-Bred three year olds and upward, claiming price \$8,000 at one mile. The race was called off with two entries.

05-21-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race: #1a ISLANDHOPPERTOPPER (Tr. Armando Lage)	also eligible
Stewards	NO REFUND – Entry
#10 WINDY SEA (Tr. Manuel Calvario)	also eligible
Stewards	REFUND: \$1,013.40
6 th race: #8 THE JOY OF SIX (Tr. Sergio Ledezma)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 213.00
7 th race: #1 SWISHING TIGER (Tr. Genaro Vallejo)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 142.00
#4 QUEEN SNAKE (Tr. Greg James)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$3,345.50
8 th race: #7 FORTY FIVECALIBUR (Tr. Bret Layne)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 193.00

05-21-08³ **RACING PROGRAM**

The racing program progressed smoothly without incident.

05-21-08⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,854	\$ 388,243.20
NCOT	2,078	\$ 761,299.30
SCOT		\$ 500,876.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,824,488.84</u>
TOTAL	3,932	\$3,474,907.54

Thursday05-22-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$20,000. For Cal-Bred three year olds, claiming price \$16,000 at six furlongs. Only five horses entered the race and the race was called off.

05-22-08² **RULING NO. 4 – VARTANIAN**

Trainer **GREGORY VARTANIAN**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, May 21, 2008, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1876 (Financial Responsibility) and #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), is hereby suspended pending appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of GREGORY VARTANIAN are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Vartanian failed to appear to address California Horse Racing Board complaint 08BM127. Mr. Vartanian was cited for alleged violation of rules #1530 (Cases Not Covered) and #1876 (Financial Responsibility) after groom Ramon Munguia alleged he was owed \$4,286.00 in wages and \$600.00 from a loan.

05-22-08³ **RULING NO. 5 – CASTANEDA RAMIREZ**

In the matter of:
Groom **CARLOS CASTANEDA RAMIREZ**

Having now appeared and a hearing having been held, groom CARLOS CASTANEDA RAMIREZ is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1481 (Occupational Licenses and Fees – unlicensed participation) and Bay Meadows Racing Association ruling #64, dated May 2, 2008, suspending Carlos Castaneda Ramirez for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is set aside.

The above listed ruling was issued after Mr. Castaneda Ramirez appeared before the stewards and addressed California Horse Racing Board complaint 08BM122. Mr.

Castaneda Ramirez was cited for being in the barn area without a current license and was currently under suspension for violation of CHRB rule 1547 (Failure to Appear).

05-22-08⁴ **RULING NO. 6 – KENGYE**

In the Matter of:
Owner **LAJOS KENGYE**

Owner LAJOS KENGYE, having now resolved the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, is hereby restored to good standing and Bay Meadows Racing Association ruling #28, dated March 15, 2008, suspending Mr. Kengye for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is set aside.

The ruling listed above was issued after Lisa Rodriguez, who represents **San Francisco Equine**, notified this Board that Mr. Kengye had paid all but \$38.00 of the debt and they were withdrawing the notice of payment delinquency.

05-22-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#4 DEFINITE MAYBE	(Tr. Henry Cordova)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 369.00
5 th race:	#2b MIKE THE KAT	(Tr. Ellen Jackson)	also eligible
	Stewards		NO REFUND – Entry
7 th race:	#1 COCHA BAMBA	(Tr. Bryan Conner)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 147.40

05-22-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,309	\$ 345,157.10
NCOT	2,354	\$ 831,493.20
SCOT		\$ 519,908.90
Out of State		\$1,656,412.56
TOTAL	3,663	\$3,352,971.76

Friday

05-23-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$13,000. For Cal-Bred, three year olds and upward, claiming price \$10,000 at six furlongs. The race was called off with two entries.

05-23-08² **HENDERSON HEARING** (Case 08BM094)

A hearing was held to address a complaint filed against trainer **FRANCES HENDERSON** for failing to report the gelding of the horse NOW I'M A BELIEVER prior to starting that horse on March 14, 2008 at Bay Meadows.

Present were stewards Darrel McHargue, John Herbuveaux and Dennis Nevin, trainer Frances Henderson, veterinarian Roger Hunter, horse identifier Patrick Kealy and clerk of course Tina Walker-Bryant. C.S.R. Christine Niccoli recorded the hearing.

After hearing sworn testimony and the supporting documentation being entered into the record, the matter was submitted for decision.

05-23-08³ **RULING NO. 7 – VARTANIAN** (Refer 05-22-08²)

In the Matter of:
Trainer **GREGORY VARTANIAN**

Trainer **Gregory Vartanian**, having now resolved the outstanding financial obligation to Ramon Munguia, is hereby restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #4, dated May 22, 2008, suspending Mr. Vartanian for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Vartanian and groom Ramon Munguia resolved their financial dispute by pay agreement and a copy of that agreement was presented to the stewards.

05-23-08⁴ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Second Race**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the second race for a stewards' review of observed interference near the 1/8 pole involving #4 WORLD CELEBRITY (2nd, Francisco Duran) and #2 AYELU (3rd, Kyle Kaenel).

After talking to the riders involved, the patrol judge and reviewing the tapes of the race, #4 was disqualified from second to third.

The tapes show #4 drifts into the path of #2 as that rival was attempting to pass through a clear opening inside #4, forcing the rider of #2 to check sharply to avoid heels. By majority opinion (Steward Nevin dissenting) #4 was disqualified and placed behind #2 for costing that rival a better placing.

05-23-08⁵ **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – No Change – Fifth Race**

The inquiry sign was posted after the running of the fifth race for a review of an accident involving #1 LOCAL HERO, ridden by Barrington Harvey, that occurred as the field of horse left the 3/4 chute and came onto the main track.

After a thorough review the numbers posted were made official.

The tapes show #1 veers left and goes through the temporary barrier as the field of horses come onto the main track. #1 caused its own problem; therefore, no change in placing was warranted. The horse was not injured, however, the rider sustained bruising to the shoulder area.

05-23-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,557	\$	426,728.90
NCOT	2,877	\$	984,400.30
SCOT		\$	427,846.60
<u>Out of State</u>			<u>\$2,502,744.90</u>
TOTAL	4,434	\$	\$4,341,730.70

Saturday

05-24-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$31,000. For Cal-Bred three year olds and upward which have never won \$7,500 once, other than maiden, claiming and starter or which have never won two races at one mile. The race filled with seven three year olds.

5-24-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#2 DEE’S A LEGEND	(Tr. John Martin)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 3,404.41
	#5 BLUE RHAPSODY	(Tr. Steve Specht)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 563.00
5 th race:	#1a NO REVERSE	(Tr. William E. Morey)	also eligible
	Stewards		NO REFUND – Entry
	#6 LAST CONQUEST	(Tr. Herman G. Dingess)	unsound
	Official Veterinarian	Heather Kerr	REFUND: \$15,523.00
8 th race:	#6 COME ON MARGARET	(Tr. Karen Haverty)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 185.50
9 th race:	#5 FUEGO	(Tr. Jamey R. Thomas)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 290.00

05-24-08³ **INQUIRY – No Change – Second Race**

Following the running of the second race the inquiry sign was posted for a stewards’ review of the actions of #3 NORDIC WIND (6th, Chris Landeros) who was racing erratically through the stretch the first time by the stands.

After reviewing the recorded views the race was declared official.

The tapes show #3 veers out on two occasions and causes interference to #2 SKY CAPE (1st – Julio Garcia) and #4 MR. KEPPEL (3rd, Isaias Enriquez), who were forced to shift out to avoid heels. Both horses placed in front of #3; therefore, no change in placing was necessary.

05-24-08⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,607	\$ 624,204.90
NCOT	3,905	\$1,473,308.40
SCOT		\$ 844,727.30
Out of State		\$1,735,725.91
TOTAL	6,512	\$4,677,966.51

Sunday

05-25-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$31,000. For Cal-Bred three year olds and upward, which have never won \$7,500 once, other than maiden, claiming and starter or which have never won two races at six furlongs. The race was called off with five entries.

05-25-08² **RULING NO. 8 – ALVARADO**

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO**, who rode AFLEET’S DESIRE in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, May 24, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (June 1, 4 and 5, 2008) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch 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 ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Alvarado reviewed the race and acknowledged making an error when he allowed his mount to cross over into the path of a rival and entry mate, #1 AFLEET'S DESIRE (5th, Kyle Kaenel).

05-25-08³ **MARTINEZ WARNED**

After viewing the stretch run of Saturday's eighth race, jockey Catalino Martinez was warned to be more alert in regards to maintaining a straight course. The tapes show Mr. Martinez allows his mount to drift inward and place the tiring, #9 HONNETE (Jockey Chad Schvaneveldt), in tight quarters.

05-25-08⁴ **RULING NO. 9 – RODRIGUEZ**

Groom **JOSE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) on April 28, 2008.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Rodriguez acknowledged guilt for filing a false report and being involved in an altercation.

05-25-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race: #8 TAIPEI DRAGON	(Tr. Barbara Heads)	injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 545.00
5 th race: #7 JINETE	(Tr. Genaro Vallejo)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$1,050.40
7 th race: #8 ARMSTRONG WON	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	re-entry
Stewards – racing office request		REFUND: \$ 175.10

05-25-08⁶ **RACING PROGRAM**

The racing program progressed smoothly without incident.

05-25-08⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	4,792	\$ 742,735.20
NCOT	3,176	\$1,237,273.20
SCOT		\$ 885,824.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$2,032,823.08</u>
TOTAL	7,968	\$4,898,655.88

Monday

05-26-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$11,000. For Cal-Bred fillies and mares, three years old and upward, claiming price \$6,250, one mile and one sixteenth. The race was called off with two entries.

05-26-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#8 DINO AND TONY Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	(Tr. Tim Bellasis)	sick REFUND: \$826.60
9 th race:	#7 HELLO SUNDAY (FR) Stewards	(Tr. Robert Frankel)	Stake REFUND: \$588.00
10 th race:	#5 DR. EINSTEIN Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	injured REFUND: \$279.00

05-26-08³ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATIONS – First Race**

Following the running of the first race, the inquiry sign was posted for a review of observed interference near the 1/16 pole involving #4 MAGGIE'S PATCHES (1st, Inoel Beato) on the inside, #6 TAHOE DREAM (4th, Roberto Gonzalez) between horses, and #5 NARLEY DARLEY (2nd, William Antongeorgi, III) on the outside.

After viewing the recorded views of the race and talking to the riders involved both horses, #4 and #5, were disqualified from first and second to third and fourth.

The tapes show #4 drifts out and #5 drifts in with both horses taking the path of #6, forcing the rider to check his mount, lose position, and lose the opportunity to place where it was reasonably expected to finish.

05-26-08⁴ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Fifth Race**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the fifth race for a review of interference at the head of the stretch involving #10 HITCHEL (6th, Inoel Beato) and #1 ESS SA BA (8th, Francisco Duran).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing the race, #10 was disqualified from sixth to eighth.

The recordings of the race show #10 makes an opening where none existed and impedes #1 in the process after lacking racing room while being stuck behind #5 PRECESSION (10th) who was tiring and dropping back.

05-26-08⁵ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Ninth Race**

The inquiry sign was posted for a review of an incident in the stretch of the ninth race involving #2 PASS THE HEAT (3rd, Kyle Kaenel) and #5 PASS THE HEAT (2nd, Richard Migliore).

After talking with the riders involved and reviewing the race, the numbers posted were made official.

The tapes show #2 drifts in as #5 drifts out near the 1/16 pole, which resulted in contact between the two horses.

In the stewards' opinion both horses contributed to the incident, therefore, no change was made to the placings.

05-26-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	4,337	\$ 818,719.90
NCOT	3,709	\$1,599,104.00
SCOT		\$1,229,609.80
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,819,172.08</u>
TOTAL	8,046	\$5,466,605.78

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-May	6	8	THE JOY OF SIX	Ledezma	sick	Isbell	\$213.00
	7	1	SWISHING TIGER	Vallejo	sick	Isbell	\$142.00
		4	QUEEN SNAKE	James	sick	Isbell	\$3,345.50
		8	FORTY FIVECALIBUR	Layne	sick	Isbell	\$193.00
22-May	4	4	DEFINITE MAYBE	Cordova	sick	Isbell	\$369.00
	7	1	COCHA BAMBA	Conner	sick	Isbell	\$147.40
24-May	4	2	DEE'S A LEGEND	Martin	injured	Isbell	\$3,404.41
		5	BLUE RHAPSODY	Specht	sick	Isbell	\$563.00
		5	6 LAST CONQUEST	Kerr	unsound	Kerr	\$15,523.00
		8	6 COME ON MARGARET	Haverty	sick	Isbell	\$185.50
		9	5 FUEGO	Thomas	sick	Isbell	\$290.00
25-May	3	8	TAIPEI DRAGON	Heads	injured	Isbell	\$545.00
	5	7	JINETE	Vallejo	sick	Isbell	\$1,050.40
26-May	4	8	DINO AND TONY	Bellasis	sick	Isbell	\$826.60
	10	5	DR. EINSTEIN	Hollendorfer	injured	Isbell	\$279.00

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

- None reported during this reporting period –

Injuries

- 05-23-08 Sky Wolf (Tr. Aggie Ordonez) musculoskeletal injury left front – Turf Course, racing
- 05-24-08 Last Conquest (Tr. Herman Dingess) musculoskeletal injury right front and hind – Turf Course, warm up
- 05-24-08 Family Talents (Tr. Roger Hansen) musculoskeletal injury left front, fractured knee – old slab in screw - Turf Course, racing
- 05-25-08 Don't Smoke (Tr. Jeff Bonde) musculoskeletal injury right front – Tapeta, racing

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty (20) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 11
 Injured: 4
 Unsound: 4
 Bled: 1

There were sixteen (16) horses removed from the vet's list:

- Sick: 10
- Injured: 2
- Unsound: 2
- Bled: 2

Shockwave Therapy: There were two (2) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	170	\$	45,521.30
Bakersfield	430	\$	131,646.10
Bay Meadows	5512	\$	2,128,441.70
Eureka	77	\$	84,482.50
Fresno	494	\$	201,434.20
Fresno Club One	83	\$	47,738.90
Monterey	450	\$	172,057.20
Pleasanton	2612	\$	1,037,577.80
Sacramento	1723	\$	724,920.10
San Jose	1968	\$	979,043.20
Santa Rosa	968	\$	256,598.00
Stockton	1418	\$	393,292.80
Tulare	368	\$	77,534.90
Turlock	683	\$	241,864.40
Vallejo	1143	\$	364,725.70
So. California		\$	4,408,802.80
Out of State		\$	11,581,529.37

	21- May	22- May	23- May	24- May	25- May	26- May	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
CLAIMS	3	1	4	1	1	3	13	27
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	2	1	0	3	6	7
REFUNDS	5	2	0	5	3	3	18	33
RULINGS	0	3	1	0	2	0	6	9

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward