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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 Friday, December 26, 2008 through Monday, December 29, 2008.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: One Hundred Eighteen (118) days - Friday, December 26, 2008 through Sunday, June 14, 2009. Special Monday racing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1/19), President's Day (2/16); Memorial Day (5/25).

Entries: 48 to 168 hours in advance

Scratch time: 9:00 a.m. the race day before the race

Post times: 12:45 p.m. daily. Exceptions: December 26 (Opening Day) 12:15 p.m., January 24 (Sunshine Millions Day) 12:00 noon and February 1 (Super Bowl Sunday) 11:15 a.m.

Wagering offered: Win, Place and Show; Exacta, Quinella, Trifecta, Superfecta, Daily Double, High Five, Parlay, Pick 3, Pick 4, Pick 6 and Pick All

Northern California Satellite Facilities:

Anderson, Bakersfield, Bay Meadows, Eureka, Fresno, Fresno Club One, Monterey, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Stockton, Tulare, Turlock and Vallejo

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Heather Kerr, DVM	Track Veterinarian
Diane Isbell, DVM	Examining Veterinarian

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Aaron Vercruysse	Simulcast Coordinator
David Seftel, M.D.	Track Physician

12-26-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$11,500. For Cal-Bred fillies and mares, three years old and upward, claiming price \$8,000 at six furlongs. The race was called off with one entry.

The *SILVEYVILLE* \$75,000 Guaranteed Stake for Cal-Bred three year olds and upward, at a mile and one-sixteenth, filled with six entries.

12-26-08² **RULING NO. 1 – PRECIADO** (Case 08GG175)

Trainer **GUILLERMO PRECIADO** is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse AMERICA'S KID which started in the fourth race on Wednesday, November 26, 2008; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

The ruling was issued after Mr. Preciado addressed the matter informally and failed to offer a valid reason that would absolve him of a sanction.

12-26-08³ **LION OAKS RANCH FINANCIAL**

California Horse Racing Board complaint 08GG194, filed against owner **JOSEPH A. DONOHOE** (dba Lion Oaks Ranch) by trainer **John F. Martin** for a debt of \$6,375.00 was dismissed after Mr. Martin reported the debt was paid in full.

12-26-08⁴ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#2 PASS THE HEAT	(Tr. William Morey, Jr.)	Stake
	Stewards		REFUND: \$1,345.40
	#4 MY SUMMER SLEW	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	Stake
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 324.00

The two declarations listed above reduced the field to four wagering interests which resulted in the cancellation of show wagering and a refund of the show pool totaling an additional \$ 110.20.

7 th race:	#6 GIFT N REGIFT	(Tr. Franck Lucarelli)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 194.60
9 th race:	#5 INVERTED ECHO	(Tr. Jerry Weaver)	flipped in paddock
	Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr		REFUND: \$2,578.96

12-26-08⁵ **INQUIRY – OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION – Seventh Race**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the seventh race for a review of the stretch run involving #5 LUCKY BET (1st, Jockey Frank Alvarado) and #2 THIRTEENGOLDHEART (3rd, Jockey Leslie Mawing). Jockey Mawing also lodged an objection against the winner for interference near the ¼ pole and through the stretch. After reviewing the tapes of the race #5 LUCKY BET was disqualified from first and placed third. Steward Dennis Nevin cast a dissenting vote. The tapes show #5 drifts out several horse paths while under left hand whip, forcing #2 out off its path, causing that rival to lose ground and a chance of a better placing. The tapes failed to show the alleged interference near the ¼ pole.

12-26-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,037	\$ 721,071.50
NCOT	3,451	\$1,179,417.20
SCOT		\$1,014,766.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$2,319,327.50</u>
TOTAL	6,488	\$5,234,582.40

Saturday12-27-08¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$12,500. For Cal-Bred fillies and mares, three years old and upward, claiming price \$10,000 at one mile and one sixteenth failed to fill.

12-27-08²**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#4 VALID PORT	(Tr. Armando Lage)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 186.00
	#7 MY CALL	(Tr. R. L. Martin)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 331.00
5 th race:	#2 F J'S APPEAL	(Tr. John F. Martin)	sick
	Official Veterinarian	Joan Hurley	REFUND: \$1,967.44
7 th race:	#5 DREAM SPOTTER	(Tr. Frank Lucarelli)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 278.10
8 th race:	#4 MIM'S MAN	(Tr. Keith Craigmyle)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 394.00
	#5 LUCKY DRIFTER	(Tr. Jeff Bonde)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 564.40

12-27-08³**RULING NO. 2 – ALVARADO**

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO**, who rode LUCKY BET in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, December 26, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (January 3, 4 and 8, 2009) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to third; 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 preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Alvarado reviewed the race with the stewards and candidly acknowledged his error of allowing his horse to drift off course without making the necessary correction in a timely manner.

12-27-08⁴**RULING NO. 3 – PEDERSON**

Trainer **DEAN PEDERSON**, who started the horse HASTY COURT, fifth place finisher in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 7, 2008, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Prohibited Drug Substance; Methocarbamol – Class IV).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Pederson waived his rights to a hearing and pled guilty. Mr. Pederson acknowledged the horse received the medication; however, he was at a loss as to why the horse's test failed to clear since he has used the medication on a number of occasions with the same clearance time and never had a positive test.

Obviously this horse either received the medication too close to the race, without sufficient time for the drug to clear the horse's system, or the horse retains or metabolizes the drug at a slower rate than most horses.

12-27-08⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,582	\$ 702,880.20
NCOT	3,797	\$1,312,099.80
SCOT		\$1,002,307.10
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,995,032.62</u>
TOTAL	7,379	\$5,012,319.72

Sunday

12-28-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$15,000. For Cal-Bred fillies and mares, three years old, claiming price \$12,500 at six furlongs. The race was called off with one entry.

12-28-08² **RULING NO. 4 – KAENEL**

Jockey **KYLE KAENEL** is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips) in the ninth race on Saturday, December 27, 2008.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Kaenel reviewed the race with the stewards. The tapes show Mr. Kaenel continued to use the whip on a horse that had gained its maximum placing and was clearly out of contention for a better one.

12-28-08³ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#4 CONTINENTAL CREAM (Tr. Efrain Miranda)	main track only
	Stewards	REFUND: \$ 143.00
4 th race:	#4 SWEET HEAVEN (Tr. Richard Miller)	ran off in post parade
	Stewards	REFUND: \$21,520.06
6 th race:	#2 LOVEINAMIST (Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 501.60
7 th race:	#2 HAJA BOY (Tr. Steve Sherman)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 735.00
	#6 POKER MAN SAM (Tr. Roger M. Stein)	lame
	Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr	REFUND: \$29,481.68

12-28-08⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,650	\$ 587,529.20
NCOT	3,006	\$1,023,299.10
SCOT		\$ 790,159.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,551,097.96</u>
TOTAL	6,656	\$3,952,085.46

Monday

12-29-08¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$10,500. For Cal-Bred, three year olds and upward, claiming price \$6,250 at one mile. The race failed to receive an entry and was called off.

12-29-08² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5th race: #3 DEE'S A LEGEND (Tr. John F. Martin) sick
 Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$624.00
 #9 KILMARTIN HALL (Tr. Ronald Ellis) lame
 Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$358.00

7th race: #5 NO DIRECTION HOME (Tr. Rick Hunter) sick
 Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 36.00

8th race: #7 MAJESTIC AMERICAN (Tr. Gloria Buckridge) sick
 Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$351.00

12-29-08³ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,243	\$ 367,339.90
NCOT	2,133	\$ 705,208.60
SCOT		\$ 500,107.90
Out of State		\$1,223,200.58
TOTAL	3,376	\$2,795,856.88

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
26-Dec	7	6	GIFT N REGIFT	Lucarelli	injured	Isbell	\$194.60
	9	5	INVERTED ECHO	Weaver	flipped in paddock	Kerr	\$2,578.96
27-Dec	3	4	VALID PORT	Lage	sick	Isbell	\$186.00
		7	MY CALL	Martin, R	sick	Isbell	\$331.00
		5	FJ'S APPEAL	Martin, J	sick	Isbell	\$1,967.44
		7	DREAM SPOTTER	Lucarelli	injured	Isbell	\$278.10
		8	MIM'S MAN	Craigmyle	sick	Isbell	\$394.00
28-Dec		5	LUCKY DRIFTER	Bonde	sick	Isbell	\$564.40
	6	2	LOVEINAMIST	Miyadi	sick	Isbell	\$501.60
	7	2	HAJA BOY	Sherman	sick	Isbell	\$735.00
							\$29,481.68
29-Dec		6	POKER MAN SAM	Stein	lame	Kerr	
	5	3	DEE'S A LEGEND	Martin	injured	Isbell	\$624.10
		9	KILMARTIN HALL	Ellis	unsound	Isbell	\$358.00
		7	NO DIRECTION HOME	Hunter	sick	Isbell	\$36.00
	8	7	MAJESTIC AMERICAN	Buckridge	sick	Isbell	\$354.00

Euthanized / Died

12-27-08 Razen Hazen (Tr. Gordon Wells) bone infection left carpus, right fetlock

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-two (22) horses placed on the Vet's List:

Sick: 11
 Injured: 3
 Unsound: 7
 Bled: 1

There were thirteen (13) horses removed from the Vet's List:

Sick: 8
 Injured: 4
 Unsound: 1
 Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	98	\$28,991.10
Bakersfield	360	\$124,133.40
Eureka	74	\$40,097.30
Fresno	304	\$103,973.10
Fresno Club One	116	\$60,689.30
Monterey	364	\$129,142.90
Pleasanton	1641	\$620,425.90
Sacramento	1396	\$439,082.30
San Jose	1717	\$551,904.90
San Mateo	3179	\$1,234,039.10
Santa Rosa	791	\$199,012.40
Stockton	948	\$260,645.80
Tulare	233	\$54,633.60
Turlock	454	\$134,570.60
Vallejo	712	\$238,683.00
So. California		\$3,307,340.30
Out of State		\$7,088,658.66

	26- Dec	27- Dec	28- Dec	29- Dec	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAL-BRED RACES	1	0	0	0	1	1
CLAIMS	3	1	3	3	10	10
DISQUALIFICATIONS	1	0	0	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	0	0	0	1	1
REFUNDS	4	6	5	4	19	19
RULINGS	1	2	1	0	4	4

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

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