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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, February 4, 2009 through Sunday, February 8, 2009.

Wednesday

02-04-09¹ **PABLO FLORES HEARING**

A transcribed hearing was held today to address Case #09GG043 filed against jockey **PABLO FLORES** for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1530 (Cases Not Covered) and 1874 (4) (Disorderly Conduct). Mr. Flores was cited after a urine sample he submitted tested positive for Amphetamines and Methamphetamines.

Present were Stewards Dennis Nevin, Darrel McHargue and John Herbubeaux; Pablo Flores, Armando Calero (Winner Foundation representative) and CHRB investigators Charles Smith, Anne Glasscock and Barbara Chimero.

Mr. Flores did not contest the charges and admitted guilt which shortened the hearing process. After admission of the documentation, which supported the charges, the hearing was brought to a close and submitted for decision.

02-04-09² **SEAN J. McLAUGHLIN HEARING**

CHRB complaint 09GG049, filed against trainer **SEAN J. McLAUGHLIN** for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules 1405 (Punishment by the Board), 1485(d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), 1530 (Cases Not Covered) and 1532 (Payment of Fines) was due to be heard today; however, due to the non-appearance by Mr. McLaughlin the matter was not addressed.

The complaint was generated after Mr. McLaughlin was convicted of a second medication violation (Class III) while on probation for a prior Class II medication violation.

Thursday02-05-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$10,500. For California bred or California sired fillies and mares, four years old and upward, claiming price \$5,000 at one mile and one sixteenth. The race was drawn with six wagering interest and carded as the fourth race.

02-05-09² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2nd race: #2 STRAWBERRY LAKE (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 239.00

6th race: #6 DEVILISH DENAE (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 588.00

02-05-09³ **RULING NO. 25 – McLAUGHLIN**

Owner/Trainer **SEAN J. McLAUGHLIN**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before February 4, 2009, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1405 (Punishment by the Board), #1485 (d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) and #1532 (Payment of Fines), is hereby suspended pending appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of SEAN J. McLAUGHLIN 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. McLaughlin failed to appear for his hearing scheduled be to heard on February 4, 2009.

02-05-09⁴ **RULING NO. 26 – FLORES**

Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for failure to ride his mount in the sixth race on Sunday, February 1, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Flores met with the stewards and failed to provide a valid excuse for missing his riding engagement.

02-05-09⁴ **RULING NO. 27 – FLORES**

Apprentice Jockey **PABLO S. FLORES** is suspended thirty (30) days, February 6, 2009 through March 7, 2009, and placed on probation for the term of his license (12-31-2010) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – use of Amphetamine & Methamphetamine) on January 18, 2009.

As a condition of probation, Mr. Flores must submit to an evaluation by The Winners Foundation and agree to abide by any recommendations from that organization which are acceptable to the Board of Stewards. Further,

Mr. Flores must comply with the terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of PABLO FLORES 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 ruling listed above was issued after due deliberation following Mr. Flores' hearing. (Refer: 02-04-09¹)

02-05-09⁵ **RACING PROGRAM**

The eight races progressed smoothly without noteworthy incident.

02-05-09⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,292	\$	382,170.60
NCOT	2,398	\$	863,621.60
SCOT		\$	395,119.50
<u>Out of State</u>			<u>\$1,062,349.75</u>
TOTAL	3,690	\$	\$2,703,261.45

Friday

02-06-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$15,000. For Cal-Bred four year olds and upward, claiming price \$12,500 at one mile and one sixteenth. The race failed to fill (six entries) and was called off.

02-06-09² **DECLARATION – REFUND**

2nd race: #4 SUFFOLK PUNCH (Tr. Valerie Rhoden) medication
 Official Veterinarian Joan Hurley REFUND: \$ 5.00

02-06-09³ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,203	\$	367,792.00
NCOT	2,576	\$	848,851.70
SCOT		\$	410,754.40
<u>Out of State</u>			<u>\$1,267,856.88</u>
TOTAL	3,779	\$	\$2,895,254.98

Saturday

02-07-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$12,500. For Cal-Bred fillies and mares, four years old and upward, claiming price \$10,000 at one mile and one sixteenth. The race was called off with two entries.

02-07-09² **RULING NO. 28 – MILLER**

Trainer **RICHARD E. MILLER**, who started the horse BUCCANEER'S GOLD, seventh place finisher in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on December 27, 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 – in excess of permitted level – Phenylbutazone – 7.22 ug/ml).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Miller met with the stewards and accepted responsibility. Mr. Miller, who only has one medication violation on his licensing record for an incident in April 2006, surmised the overage was the result of a possible late administration by his veterinarian or the horse was given a dosage at a level that failed to metabolize at, or below, the allowable level prior to the race.

02-07-09³ **INQUIRY – First Race – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the first race, the inquiry sign was posted for a review of the stretch run involving #6 LOW GEAR POWER (1st place, Chad Schvaneveldt) and #4 LUCKY BET (4th place, Frank Alvarado).

After reviewing the recorded views and talking to the riders involved, by majority vote (Steward Nevin dissenting) the numbers posted were made official.

The tapes show #6, while passing #4 on the outside, crosses over into the path of that rival forcing the rider of #4 to check off his heels. #4 was well beaten for a better placing (4 ½ lengths) therefore no change in placings were made.

02-07-09⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,347	\$ 720,462.50
NCOT	4,247	\$1,603,302.80
SCOT		\$ 848,334.40
Out of State		\$1,824,643.64
TOTAL	6,594	\$4,996,743.34

Sunday

02-08-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

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

02-08-09² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6 th race:	#2 BIG D'S SHADOW Stewards	(Tr. Kelly Bainum)	re-entry REFUND: \$ 593.00
8 th race:	#4 PUTMEINYOURWILL Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick REFUND: \$ 412.60
9 th race:	#1 MONTERO Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	(Tr. Barbara Heads)	sick REFUND: \$ 67.00

02-08-09³ **RULING NO. 29 – SCHVANEVELDT**

Jockey **CHAD SCHVANEVELDT**, who rode LOW GEAR POWER in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, February 7, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (February 15, 16 and 19, 2009) 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 preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Schvaneveldt met with the stewards, reviewed the race and acknowledged he was trying too hard to win the race and miscalculated the margin of clearance when his mount drifted into the path of the other horse.

02-08-09⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	5,303	\$ 754,133.00
NCOT	3,252	\$1,146,628.20
SCOT		\$ 776,559.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,688,305.90</u>
TOTAL	8,555	\$4,365,626.10

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in attendance each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

- None reported -

Veterinarian's List

There were seven (7) horses placed on the Vet's List:

Sick: 3

Injured: 1

Unsound: 2

Medication: 1

There were ten (10) horses removed from the Vet's List:

Sick: 4

Injured: 4

Unsound: 1

Bled: 1

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
5-Feb	2	2	STRAWBERRY LAKE	Hollendorfer	sick	Isbell	\$239.00
	6	6	DEVILISH DENAE	Hollendorfer	injured	Isbell	\$588.00
6-Feb	2	4	SUFFOLK PUNCH	Rhoden	medication	Isbell	\$5.00
8-Feb	8	4	PUTMEINYOURWILL	Hollendorfer	sick	Isbell	\$412.60
	9	1	MONTERO	Heads	sick	Isbell	\$67.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	169	\$63,246.10
Bakersfield	455	\$151,051.50
Eureka	78	\$46,887.50
Fresno	407	\$152,249.50
Fresno Club One	117	\$58,941.80
Monterey	402	\$151,335.80
Pleasanton	1904	\$668,699.60
Sacramento	1660	\$531,604.20
San Jose	1872	\$649,579.80
San Mateo	3720	\$1,524,814.60
Santa Rosa	966	\$241,595.00
Stockton	1171	\$358,139.00
Tulare	283	\$72,321.80
Turlock	535	\$148,441.70
Vallejo	939	\$300,876.90
So. California		\$2,430,767.30
Out of State		\$5,843,156.17

	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES	1	0	0	0	1	3
CLAIMS	1	0	1	3	5	57
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	1
INQUIRIES/ OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	0	1	8
REFUNDS	2	1	1	3	7	100
RULINGS	3	0	1	1	5	29

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward