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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, March 25, 2009 through Sunday, March 29, 2009.

Wednesday

03-25-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$10,500. For California Bred or California Sired four year olds and upward, claiming price \$6,250 at one mile and one eighth. This race failed to fill Cal-Bred but went 'open' with six horses.

03-25-09² **JORGE AYARZA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Jorge Ayarza** appeared in the stewards' office with his agent, **Ramon Silva**, as ordered to review films from the ninth race on Sunday, March 21st. The stewards received a phone call from trainer **Cheryl Lankford**, who trained the horse #4 CLAIM A MIRACLE, who finished seventh (last) at the odds of 60/1. Trainer Lankford was not happy with the quality of jockey Ayarza's ride and relayed that to the stewards, stating that he did not follow pre-race instructions.

During film review, CLAIM A MIRACLE appeared to be very rank while entering the first turn (one mile race). Jockey Ayarza pointed out that his mount's saddle slipped during the running of this race. The stewards ended the meeting at this point.

03-25-09³ **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI FILM REVIEW**

Jockey William Antongeorgi appeared in the stewards' office early this morning to review his ride in the eighth race, Sunday, March 22nd. Jockey Antongeorgi, who rode first place finisher #5 NEWPORT TOPPER, was disqualified in this race (Ref: 03-22-09⁵) for interference in deep stretch.

Jockey Antongeorgi was candid during film review with the stewards. His mount drifted out three (3) separate times in the stretch drive. He told the stewards he was over anxious and accepted full responsibility for his actions which led to the disqualification. The stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling:

RULING NO. 53

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI, III**, who rode NEWPORT TOPPER in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, March 22, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (April 1, 2 and 3, 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 second; 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.

03-25-09⁴ **RULING NO. 54 – SOUZA** (Case No. 09GG005)

Vendor (Van Driver) **WALTER ‘RICHARD’ SOUZA** appeared in the stewards’ office for a formal hearing last Sunday, March 22nd. Vendor Souza made a false statement regarding his personal criminal history when applying for a new license category when the misrepresentation was discovered by CHRB investigators. The stewards issued the following ruling:

Vendor **WALTER R. SOUZA** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for making a false statement on his license application; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (c) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License).

03-25-09⁵ **RULING NO. 55 – THOMAS** (GGF Violation Notice 2626)

Golden Gate Fields stable security issued a violation notice to trainer **JAMEY THOMAS** for cooking oats in a plastic barrel at his barn on March 19th. This violates the fire safety portion of the Golden Gate Fields Stable Area Rules. Trainer Thomas was issued a ruling (11-13-08; Ruling #30) for the same offense on November 11, 2008. The stewards met with trainer Thomas today before issuing this ruling for a repeat offense.

Trainer **JAMEY THOMAS** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for failure to follow Golden Gate Fields fire regulations on March 19, 2009 which constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1928 (c) (Fire Regulations – second offense).

03-25-09⁶ **JOSEPH GUY VACHON HEARING**

A formal financial hearing was scheduled today for owner **Joseph Guy Vachon**. Mr. Vachon owns a horse named GUY DANCE FROM ABOVE, who was trained by **A. L. Diaz**. Owner Vachon allegedly owes trainer Diaz \$7,440 for the training of his horse from December 2007 to July 2008. All bills may not fall into the one year time frame that is addressed in CHRB rule 1876 (a). Trainer Diaz appeared for this hearing; however, owner Vachon was a ‘no show’ for today’s proceeding. The stewards will make a decision on this matter tomorrow.

03-25-09⁷ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#3 EL TEJON	(Tr. Jerry Weaver)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 766.91
6 th race:	#1 YORKVILLE KID	(Tr. Aggie Ordonez)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 71.00
	#4 SKY PATRIOT	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 103.10
	#7 MEDIA CIY	(Tr. Howard Belvoir)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 279.00

With the above three (3) declarations from the sixth race the field was reduced to four wagering interests and in compliance with CHRB rule 1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools) show wagering was cancelled.

03-25-09⁸ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Seventh Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following this race to view a three (3) horse incident approaching the 1/8th pole. First place finisher **#5 BABU** (Anisete Leon) was racing on the inside of rivals, #1 THE SUPPLY PROGRAM (Russell Baze, 2nd) and #3 TIME TO HONOR (Juan Ochoa, 3rd).

Just before the incident #5 BABU drifts out after jockey Leon whips his mount left handed. #1 THE SUPPLY PROGRAM is racing between horses while being forced off his straight course slightly. #3 TIME TO HONOR, while racing on the outside, is tipped inward after receiving contact that was initiated by #5 BABU coming off his straight course.

The stewards received patrol judge input, spoke with the three (3) riders involved and considered the short distances (head and nose) between the horses involved, at the finish.

In a unanimous decision the stewards disqualified #5 BABU and placed him third. Jockey **Anisete Leon** was ordered to film review.

Original order of finish: **(5)** – 1 – 3 – 2 – 4 – 6

Official order of finish: 1 – 3 – **(5)** – 2 – 4 – 6

03-25-09⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,126	\$	309,409.20
NCOT	2,018	\$	616,354.70
SCOT		\$	338,470.30
Out of State		\$	768,616.96
TOTAL	3,144	\$	2,032,851.16

Thursday

03-26-09¹ **CANCELLED PROGRAM**

Today's scheduled eight (8) race card was called off on Saturday, March 21st by Director of Racing Sean Greeley due to lack of entries.

03-26-09² **RULING NO. 56 – VACHON** (Case No. 09GG088)

Owner **JOSEPH GUY VACHON**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, March 25, 2009, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), 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 JOSEPH GUY VACHON 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 above was issued after owner Joseph Guy Vachon failed to appear to address a financial (CHRB rule #1876) complaint. Trainer A. L. Diaz filed the complaint alleging owner Vachon owes him \$7,440 for horse training services.

03-26-09³ **MANUEL CALVARIO HEARING** (Case No. 09GG068)

An informal hearing was held this morning involving a financial dispute. Exercise Rider Mercedes Gomori loaned trainer Manuel Calvario \$2,000 in March 2008. Exercise Rider Gomori traveled from Southern California for today's hearing. The stewards initiated a "financial complaint agreement" between the two (2) parties. Trainer Calvario signed an agreement to pay his debt, in full, by April 1, 2009.

Friday

03-27-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$11,500. For California Bred or California Sired fillies and mares, four years old and upward, one mile. This race failed to fill Cal-Bred but went open with five (5) entries.

03-27-09² **SAUL ARIAS FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Saul Arias** appeared in the stewards' office today to review his ride in the third race from Sunday, March 22nd. Jockey Arias was aboard third place finisher #3 PECAN NUT and survived a claim of foul (Ref: 03-22-09⁴) lodged by jockey Pablo Castillo who was aboard fifth place finisher #4 HESASUPERVALENTINE.

Film review shows jockey Arias whipping his mount left handed before making slight contact with #4 HEASASUPERVALENTINE at the 1/8th pole. A warning is now being memorialized into the minutes and could be referred to when, or if, future riding fouls need to be adjudicated in the future.

03-27-09³ **ANIESTE LEON FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Anieste Leon** appeared to review his ride in the seventh race from March 25th. Jockey Leon finished first in this race but was disqualified (Ref: 03-25-09⁷) and placed third for interference in mid-stretch. Jockey Leon was accompanied by interpreter/trainer O. J. Jauregui and his agent Steve Steamer.

Jockey Leon loses his straight course after switching to a left handed whip at the 1/8th pole. Jockey Leon drifted off his path and proceeds to make contact with an outside rival, #1 THE SUPPLY PROGRAM (Russell Baze). The stewards did see effort, however late, by jockey Leon to advert the incident. The stewards felt his actions led to the incident in which two (2) other horses were bothered. The stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling.

RULING NO. 57

Jockey **ANISETE LEON**, who rode BABU in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (April 3, 4 and 5, 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.

03-27-09⁴ **OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Longtime Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell is off March 27, 28 and 29. Dr. Isbell is participating in a 'stifle seminar' in the state of Virginia. Jessica Christiansen, D.V.M. and Heather Kerr, D.V.M. will conduct morning examinations during Dr. Isbell's absence.

03-27-09⁵ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card was problem free as there were no stewards' inquiries or jockey objections.

03-27-09⁶ **DECLARATION – REFUND**

8th race: #6 PRETTY CADDY SLEW (Tr. John G. Piches) injured
 Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 42.00

03-27-09⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,087	\$ 314,913.00
NCOT	2,198	\$ 768,766.80
SCOT		\$ 382,029.50
Out of State		\$1,017,419.38
TOTAL	3,285	\$2,483,128.68

Saturday

03-28-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$15,000. For California Bred or California Sired four year olds and upward, claiming price \$10,500 - \$12,500 at one mile was called off with one (1) entry.

03-28-09² **ANGEL VILLALOBOS HEARING** (Case 09GG095)

Groom **Angel Villalobos** failed to appear today for a formal hearing regarding alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rule 1489 (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and CHRB rule 1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). CHRB Senior Special Investigator Gabe Palomar prepared an eighteen (18) page complaint packet in anticipation of today's hearing. Possible misrepresentation of a license application had led to this matter being set for hearing. More to follow.

03-28-09³ **ACCIDENT – Seventh Race**

Following the running of the seventh race, third place finisher #8 MANAGEMENT stumbled and fell while pulling up. This incident unseated and injured jockey **Francisco Duran** who was taken off his remaining mounts on the day's card. An accident report (CHRB-201) is attached to these minutes.

03-28-09⁴ **SMOOTH CARD**

With the exception of today's seventh race accident the rest of the day was problem free. There were no stewards' inquiries or jockey objections.

03-28-09⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1st race: #3 POTEEN'S CAT (Tr. Eric Sauvan) sick
 Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 60.00
 #4 OUR TRICK OR TREAT (Tr. William J. Morey) sick
 Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 202.00

The above declarations reduced the field to three (3) wagering interests and in compliance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools) place and show wagering were cancelled and the additional refund amounted to \$403.00.

5th race: #6 HARP (Tr. Doug Utley) injured
 Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 203.10

7th race: #3 SILVER HELMET (Tr. Bud Klokstad) unsound
 Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$43,746.20

03-28-09⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,230	\$ 651,598.20
NCOT	3,748	\$1,400,865.90
SCOT		\$ 662,333.50
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,399,341.10</u>
TOTAL	5,978	\$4,114,138.70

Sunday03-29-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$12,500. For California Bred or California Sired four year olds and upward, claiming price \$10,000 - \$9,000 at six furlongs, failed to fill with two (2) entries.

03-29-09² **RULING NO. 58 – ANGEL VILLALOBOS** (Case No. 09GG095)

Groom **ANGEL T. VILLALOBOS**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before March 28, 2009, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489(c) (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) 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 ANGEL T. VILLALOBOS 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 above was issued after groom **Angel Villalobos** failed to appear (Ref: 03-28-09²) for a hearing scheduled yesterday at Golden Gate Fields.

03-29-09³ **PROSPECTIVE JOCKEY**

Jockey Agent **Susan McBrayer** introduced the stewards to a prospective new apprentice jockey today. The stewards met exercise rider **Diego Sanchez** who is from Guadalajara, Mexico. Jockey **Juan Ochoa** was present and served as an interpreter for this informal session. The stewards asked Sanchez several questions and told him steps necessary in order for him to get his riding career started.

03-29-09⁴ **LARRY MITCHELL HEARING** (Case No. 07GG056 / SAC 09-0020)

Equine Dentist **LARRY MITCHELL** failed to appear today for a 10:00 a.m. hearing. Supervising Investigator Anne Glasscock was present with the purpose of introducing a 'stipulated settlement agreement' that was negotiated between the California Horse Racing Board and Larry Mitchell. The settlement agreement addresses CHRB rule 1887 (a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) and 1843 (a) (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances). More to follow.

03-29-09⁵ **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – First Race**

Following the running of this race the jockey (Anisete Leon) of second place finisher #5 DIRECT CONNECT lodged an objection against first place finisher #3 REFINERY (Kyle Kaenel). This 'claim of foul' was made alleging interference approaching the 1/16th pole.

There was minor contact in this race. Ironically, the contact was initiated by jockey Leon who drifted inward and bumped the winner #3 REFINERY.

The stewards ordered jockey Leon to meet with them Wednesday, April 1st. The stewards will review CHRB rule #1702 (Claim of Interference or Other Foul) with recent arrival Leon (Ref: 03-05-09³) and decide if any other actions by the stewards are necessary. More to follow.

03-29-09⁶ **DOLLAR DAY EXCITEMENT**

Prior to the running of the sixth race a patron, possibly taking part in the liquid portion of the Sunday "Dollar "Day promotion, took an afternoon swim in the Golden Gate Fields infield lake. After this fan left the infield, very wet, he was detained by members of T. W. Johnson's Golden Gate Fields' security staff who held him for an unspecified amount of time.

03-29-09⁷ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2nd race: #1 MISS KAUREN T (Tr. Rene Amescua) sick
Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 62.00

4th race: #2 FRIVOLOUS LIFE (Tr. Manuel Calvario) injured
Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 200.50

6th race: #3 ARNONE (Tr. John F. Martin) injured
Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 846.60

8th race: #5 DEWEY'S SPECIAL (Tr. Ronald W. Ellis) sick
Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 838.80

03-29-09⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	5,012	\$ 695,622.50
NCOT	3,096	\$1,187,676.60
SCOT		\$ 684,317.30
Out of State		\$1,481,533.20
TOTAL	8,108	\$4,049,149.60

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	
25-Mar	4	3	EL TEJON	Weaver	sick	Isbell	\$766.91	
		6	YORKVILLE KID	Ordonez	injured	Isbell	\$71.00	
		4	SKY PATRIOT	Hollendorfer	sick	Isbell	\$103.10	
		7	MEDIA CITY	Belvoir	injured	Isbell	\$279.00	
27-Mar	8	6	PRETTY CADDY SLEW	Piches	injured	Kerr	\$42.00	
28-Mar	1	3	POTEEN'S CAT	Sauvan	sick	Kerr	\$60.00	
		4	OUR TRICK OR TREAT	Morey	sick	Kerr	\$202.00	
		5	6	HARP	Utlej	injured	Kerr	\$203.10
		7	3	SILVER HELMET	Klokstad	unsound	Kerr	\$43,746.20
29-Mar	2	1	MISS KAUREN T	Amescua	sick	Kerr	\$62.00	
		4	2	FRIVOLOUS LIFE	Calvario	injured	Kerr	\$200.50
		6	3	ARNONE	Martin	injured	Kerr	\$846.60
		8	5	DEWEY'S SPECIAL	Ellis	sick	Kerr	\$838.80

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

03-26-09 Snappy Continental (Tr. Doug Utley) right front fractured sesamoids – Tapeta, training

03-27-09 Bar Room Brawl (Tr. Ed Moger) right front fractured sesamoids – Tapeta, racing

03-27-09 Pretty Caddy Slew (Tr. John Piches) flipped in trailer / multiple cuts

Veterinarian's List

There were sixteen (16) horses placed on the vet's list:

- Sick: 6
- Injured: 7
- Unsound: 3
- Bled: 0

There were eleven (11) horses removed from the vet's list:

- Sick: 6
- Injured: 3
- Unsound: 2
- Bled: 0

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	0	\$	-
Bakersfield	396	\$	128,023.60
Eureka	78	\$	17,412.30
Fresno	356	\$	115,901.70
Fresno Club One	97	\$	47,957.70
Monterey	335	\$	116,657.50
Pleasanton	1794	\$	659,106.10
Sacramento	1442	\$	477,654.80
San Jose	1756	\$	646,966.50
San Mateo	3379	\$	1,361,540.20
Santa Rosa	821	\$	194,225.00
Stockton	1061	\$	330,531.70
Tulare	253	\$	58,671.60
Turlock	500	\$	150,617.40
Vallejo	799	\$	239,429.30
So. California		\$	2,067,150.60
Out of State		\$	4,666,910.64

	25-Mar	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
CLAIMS	6	0	1	1	3	11	130
DISQUALIFICATIONS	1	0	0	0	0	1	11
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	0	0	0	1	2	25
REFUNDS	4	0	1	4	4	13	193
RULINGS	3	1	1	0	1	6	58

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward