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**GOLDEN GATE FIELDS – CARF II**1100 Eastshore Hwy.  
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To the California Horse Racing Board

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
 Honorable John C. Harris, Chairman  
 Honorable David Israel, Vice Chairman  
 Honorable Keith Brackpool, Member  
 Honorable Jesse H. Choper, Member  
 Honorable Bo Derek, Member  
 Honorable Jerry Moss, Member  
 Honorable Richard A. Rosenberg, Member  
 Kirk E. Breed, Executive Director  
 Richard "Bon" Smith, Assistant Executive Director

Report for the period Wednesday, September 30, 2009 through Sunday, October 4, 2009.

**Wednesday**09-30-09<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for two year olds, claiming price \$10,500 - \$12,500, six furlongs, failed to fill.

09-30-09<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATION – REFUND**

5<sup>th</sup> race: #8 ROGUE RIVER (Tr. Steve Miyadi) sick  
 Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 333.03

09-30-09<sup>3</sup> **ANGEL VILLALOBOS** (09GG095)

A formal hearing was held for groom **ANGEL VILLALOBOS**, who has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1481 (Occupational License), #1489 (b, c & h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards, were Mr. Villalobos, interpreter Robert Cochran, Winners Foundation representative Armando Calero and Senior CHRB Investigator Gabe Palomar, who presented the case. C.S.R. Christine Niccoli transcribed the proceedings.

Mr. Villalobos waived his right to counsel and stated he was prepared to go forward with the hearing.

Mr. Villalobos has been charged with falsification of his license application on March 5, 2009, by failing to acknowledge a felony conviction (6-14-03) for possession of methamphetamine and a misdemeanor for use/under the influence of controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Mr. Villalobos failed to appear in court for sentencing on the 6-14-03 conviction and was subsequently arrested on a bench warrant on 3-13-09 while working at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (Pleasanton).

Mr. Villalobos has completed a ninety day in-house rehabilitation program approved by the Winners Foundation. In addition, it has been over five years since his conviction and has satisfied his Superior Court sentence by paying a fine of \$363.50.

After listening to testimony and receiving documentary evidence the Board of Stewards closed the hearing.

Decision forthcoming.

09-30-09<sup>3</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,329	\$	235,631.30
NCOT	1,815	\$	534,677.10
SCOT		\$	408,323.40
Out of State		\$	942,314.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,144</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,120,946.58</b>

### Thursday

10-01-09<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming price \$5,000, failed to fill.

10-01-09<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5<sup>th</sup> race: #10 MAMA LOR (Tr. C. J. Jenda) sick  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 34.00

7<sup>th</sup> race: #4 WILD BUDDY (Tr. Steven Miyadi) injured  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 90.80

10-01-09<sup>3</sup> **LESLIE W. BLAKE** (09GG315)

Owner **Leslie W. Blake** has satisfied his debt (\$2,477.00) to trainer John Martin and the complaint is dismissed.

10-01-09<sup>4</sup> **SCOTT WILLIAMS** (09GG317)

Owner **Scott Williams** (d.b.a. **Owners Stable**) has satisfied his debt (\$3,450.00) to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer and the complaint is dismissed.

10-01-09<sup>5</sup> **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Second Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race for a review of an incident near the 5/8's pole.

After interviewing the rider's involved, the patrol judges and reviewing the tapes of the race, the stewards decided by majority decision (McHargue dissent) to disqualify #2 JUSTALITTLETIPSY (Omar Figueroa) from third to fifth position, for bumping and impeding #1 RIVER ISLAND HONEY (Catalino Martinez) (5<sup>th</sup>) preventing the latter the opportunity of a better placing.

10-01-09<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,731	\$	307,167.40
NCOT	2,101	\$	664,030.60
SCOT		\$	349,433.30
Out of State		\$	865,867.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,832</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,186,499.23</b>

### Friday

10-02-09<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for two year old maidens, claiming price \$12,500, 1 mile, failed to fill.

10-02-09<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race: #6 ELEGANT VICTOR (Tr. Quentin Miller) injured  
Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 9254.94

6<sup>th</sup> race: #5 SPOKANE DANCER (Tr. Blaine D. Wright) injured  
Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr REFUND: \$ 1994.74

10-02-09<sup>3</sup> **OMAR FIGUEROA**

Jockey Omar Figueroa and the stewards reviewed the tapes of the second race from October 1, 2009. Mr. Figueroa's mount was disqualified for drifting in, bumping and impeding a rival, resulting in the disqualification of his mount. The tapes show Mr. Figueroa makes a satisfactory attempt to prevent the contact and was not penalized.

10-02-09<sup>3</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,214	\$ 366,474.30
NCOT	2,296	\$ 862,047.20
SCOT		\$ 404,123.20
Out of State		\$1,057,808.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>\$2,690,453.34</b>

**Saturday**10-03-09<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming price \$7,000 - \$8,000 failed to fill.

10-03-09<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race: #2 HERE COMES SARGE (Tr. Bill McLean) injured  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 336.70

3<sup>rd</sup> race: #3 OUTLAW JAMES (Tr. Lloyd C. Mason) injured  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 379.20

7<sup>th</sup> race: #13 FOR DADDY (Tr. Bill McLean) also eligible  
Stewards REFUND: \$ 34.60

10-03-09<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 15 – YEH** (09GG132)

In the Matter of:  
Owner **JAMES YEH**

Complaint #09GG132 having been withdrawn by trainer Steve Miyadi, Pacific Racing Association Ruling #74 dated April 23, 2009, suspending owner JAMES YEH for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is set aside and the license privileges of Mr. Yeh are eligible for reinstatement.

The above ruling was issued after trainer Steve Miyadi notified the Board of Stewards that owner James Yeh has satisfied his debt (\$5,673.00).

10-03-09<sup>4</sup> **RULING NO. 16 – MERCADO MORA** (09GG272)

In the Matter of:  
Owner **JOSE MERCADO MORA**  
(d.b.a. Bliss Canyon Investments)

The financial obligation to Jerry Hollendorfer having now been satisfied, Golden Gate Fields – CARF II Ruling #4, dated September 17, 2009, suspending owner JOSE MERCADO MORA (d.b.a. Bliss Canyon

Investments) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is set aside and the license privileges of Mr. Mora and Bliss Canyon Investments are restored to good standing.

The above ruling was issued after trainer Jerry Hollendorfer notified the Board of Stewards that owner Jose Mercado Mora (d.b.a. Bliss Canyon Investments) has satisfied his debt (\$4,693.00).

10-03-09<sup>5</sup> **LES JOHNSTON (09GG296)**

Owner **LES JOHNSTON** has agreed to a payment plan with San Francisco Equine, Inc. to satisfy an acknowledged debt totaling \$929.00. Failure to comply may result in suspension.

10-03-09<sup>6</sup> **EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR VISITS**

Equine Medical Director Rick Arthur, D.V.M., met with the stewards to discuss a number of issues including recent medication violations and discussion on possible change in the claiming rules. Dr. Arthur also requested the stewards get information from him, or the state veterinarian, with regards to medication violations and possible accusations pending against practicing veterinarians.

10-03-09<sup>7</sup> **GENERAL MANAGER ROBERT HARTMAN**

Robert Hartman, G.M., met with the stewards to advise them about impending research project to be conducted during the two week break here at Golden Gate Fields while the Fresno District Fair is in progress. Mr. Hartman requested stewards' advise with regards to safety measures to be imposed for horse and human during the research project.

The stewards suggested that the same procedures that are used for morning workouts be implemented; however, it is a California Horse Racing Board sanctioned project and should be cleared with CHRB in Sacramento.

10-03-09<sup>8</sup> **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – Seventh Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the seventh race to review an accident near the 6 ½ furlong pole on the turf course.

The tapes show #9 NAUGHTY CAL (Hector Romero) appeared to make slight contact with #8 SKY RULER (David Lopez) then stumble and fall. #11 LONDON EXPRESS (Chris Russell) could not avoid the fallen horse and fell.

The stewards could not place any blame on #8 SKY RULER and there was no change in the original order of finish.

Romero and Russell were excused from their remaining mounts.

Accident reports attached.

10-03-09<sup>9</sup> **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – Eighth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race to review two incidents.

#3 DAT'S DREAM (Michael Martinez), who broke from the one hole, ducked in sharply soon after the start and jumped the inside rail barrier and unseated his rider.

Also, #7 PUBLIC IMAGE (William Antongeorgi), who was in stall #6, refused to break with the field. The starting gate functioned properly and #7 PUBLIC IMAGE was declared a starter and will be placed on the Starter's and Stewards' Lists.

10-03-09<sup>10</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,570	\$ 579,791.90
NCOT	3,603	\$1,240,915.50
SCOT		\$ 803,202.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,428,891.08</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>\$4,052,800.48</b>

**Sunday**10-04-09<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming price \$9,000 - \$10,000, failed to fill.

10-04-09<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> race:	#4 GOOD THOUGHTS	(Tr. Richard E. Miller)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 258.00
	#6 LIGHT WHITENING	(Tr. Greg C. James)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 326.60

With the above declarations from the first race the field was reduced to four wagering interests and in compliance with CHRB rule #1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools) show wagering was cancelled. The refund amounted to \$21.00.

4 <sup>th</sup> race:	#13 PALI CAT	(Tr. Jay M. Robbins)	also eligible
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 104.00
	#14 BOLD LAUNCHER	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	also eligible
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 78.70

6 <sup>th</sup> race:	#13 MORI MARIE	(Tr. Jerry Weaver)	also eligible
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 54.50
	#14 RISING ABOVE	(Tr. Frances Henderson)	also eligible
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 114.00

7 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 GLORIFIED PRINCESS	(Tr. Gloria Buckridge)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 60.00
	#4 ANTARES WORLD	(Tr. Steve Specht)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 616.00
	#7 BROUGHT TO JUSTICE	(Tr. Greg Gilchrist)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$2797.70

8 <sup>th</sup> race:	#6 TUCKER'S TUNE	(Tr. Bob Grudziewski)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 129.00
	#9 MISS LION HEART	(T. Greg James)	sick
	Official Veterinarian Joan Hurley		REFUND: \$ 504.60

9 <sup>th</sup> race:	#5 RIPPLIN RHYTHM	(Tr. Reina E. Gonzalez)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 92.90

10-04-09<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 17 – VILLALOBOS**

In the Matter of:

Groom **ANGEL T. VILLALOBOS**

Having now appeared and a hearing having been held, the license privileges of ANGEL T. VILLALOBOS are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #58, dated March 29, 2008, suspending Mr. Villalobos for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

Further, Mr. Villalobos is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and placed on probation through 10-31-2010 for violation of CHRB rules #1489 (c) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – material representation) and #1481 (14c) (Occupational Licenses and Fees).

The conditions of probation shall include adherence to the terms of a testing agreement with the CHRB and a contract with the Winners Foundation. Any violation of the terms of probation will result in action against Mr. Villalobos' license privileges.

The foregoing ruling was issued subsequent to the formal hearing held on September 30, 2009.

Mr. Villalobos appears to have straightened out his life and was advised that any violation of his probation would result in termination of his license.

10-04-09<sup>4</sup> **RULING NO. 18 – JOHNSTON** (09GG316)

Owner **LES JOHNSTON**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Saturday, October 3, 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 LES JOHNSTON 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 above ruling was issued as Mr. Johnston failed to appear for a scheduled hearing regarding a financial complaint filed against him by trainer **John Martin**, alleging an overdue training bill totaling \$2,738.66.

10-04-09<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	5,348	\$ 659,184.20
NCOT	2,759	\$ 945,462.00
SCOT		\$ 623,056.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,136,385.46</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,107</b>	<b>\$3,364,087.66</b>

**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
30-Sep	5	8	ROGUE RIVER	Miyadi	sick	Isbell	<b>\$333.03</b>
1-Oct	5	10	MAMA LOR	Jenda	sick	Isbell	<b>\$34.00</b>
	7	4	WILD BUDDY	Miyadi	sick	Isbell	<b>\$90.80</b>
2-Oct	1	6	ELEGANT VICTOR	Miller	injured	Kerr	<b>\$9,254.94</b>
	6	5	SPOKANE DANCER	Wright	injured	Kerr	<b>\$1,994.74</b>
3-Oct	1	2	HERE COMES SARGE	McLean	injured	Isbell	<b>\$336.70</b>
	3	3	OUTLAW JAMES	Mason	injured	Kerr	<b>\$379.20</b>
4-Oct	1	4	GOOD THOUGHTS	Miller	sick	Isbell	<b>\$258.00</b>
	7	3	GLORIFIED PRINCESS	Buckridge	sick	Isbell	<b>\$60.00</b>
		4	ANTARES WORLD	Specht	sick	Isbell	<b>\$616.00</b>
4-Oct	7	7	BROUGHT TO JUSTICE	Gilchrist	sick	Isbell	<b>\$2,797.70</b>
	8	6	TUCKER'S TUNE	Grudziowski	sick	Isbell	<b>\$129.00</b>
		9	MISS LION HEART	James	sick	Hurley	<b>\$504.60</b>
	9	5	RIPPLIN RHYTHM	Gonzalez	sick	Isbell	<b>\$92.90</b>

**VETERINARY REPORT****Euthanized / Died**

10-04-09 Job Well Done (Tr. Ronnie Wallace) right front sesamoids fractured; training, dirt (Pleasanton)

**Veterinarian's List**

There were eighteen (18) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 10  
Injured: 7  
Unsound: 1  
Medication: 0

There were seventeen (17) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 7  
Injured: 6  
Unsound: 4  
Bled: 0

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Anderson	147	\$40,077.80
Bakersfield	396	\$98,792.40
Fresno	299	\$88,851.90
Fresno One Club	122	\$46,011.50
Monterey	338	\$104,031.70
Pleasanton	1668	\$677,724.70
Sacramento	1467	\$464,076.90
San Jose	1975	\$570,344.90
San Mateo	3479	\$1,322,129.00
Santa Rosa	810	\$181,740.90
Stockton	1096	\$309,284.50
Tulare	216	\$65,396.00
Turlock	467	\$179,813.00
Vallejo	861	\$301,259.40
So. California		\$2,588,137.90
Out of State		\$5,433,362.79

	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	2	1	3	<b>4</b>
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
CLAIMS	0	2	2	0	1	5	<b>22</b>
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	0	2	0	3	<b>6</b>
REFUNDS	1	2	2	3	11	19	<b>74</b>
RULINGS	0	0	0	2	2	4	<b>18</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**John B. Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Darrel McHargue, Steward**

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