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Albany, California

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

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Report for the period Saturday, December 26, 2009 through Monday, December 28, 2009.

GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Thirty-eight (38) days - Friday, December 26, 2009 through Sunday, February 21, 2010. Special Monday racing December 28, 2009; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (1/18), President's Day (2/15).

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) and January 1st, 12:15 p.m., January 30 (Sunshine Millions Day) 12:00 noon and February 7 (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:

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David Seftel, M.D.	Track Physician

Saturday12-26-09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The two (2) Cal-Bred races in the condition book today failed to fill. Race 8 – The 'Silveyville', three year olds and upward, \$50,000 Guaranteed, one mile and one sixteenth (Turf), received one (1) entry.

Race 9 – Purse \$11,200, three year olds and upward, claiming price \$8,000, one mile and one sixteenth (All Weather) failed to fill with two (2) entries.

12-26-09² **BARRINGTON HARVEY FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 1**

Jockey **Barrington Harvey** appeared in the stewards’ office as ordered to review his ride in the second race on December 20. Jockey Harvey rode #4 SARAH GOT EVEN who was disqualified from first position (ref: 12-20-09⁴) to second place for interfering with #8 JANE N ALI (Michael Martinez) in the final 1/16 of a mile.

Race replays showed #4 SARAH GOT EVEN drift out in two (2) separate cases of interference. Jockey Harvey had an opportunity to correct his mount’s errant path after the first ‘drift’ but failed to do so. The stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling:

Jockey **BARRINGTON HARVEY**, who rode **SARAH GOT EVEN** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 20, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (January 2, 3 and 7, 2010) 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.

12-26-09³ **BRIEF REPLACEMENT**

Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr was off for the first two (2) races today. Diane Isbell, D.V.M. filled in.

12-26-09⁴ **OBJECTION – Fifth Race - NO CHANGE**

Following the running of the fifth race, jockey Jorge Ayarza lodged an objection for alleged interference at the start of this six (6) furlong race. Jockey Ayarza was aboard fifth place finisher #2 EXPRESSED and he claimed foul against #4 BARREL KNOT (Carlos Nieto), who finished fourth.

Race replays showed #4 BARREL KNOT break inward and #2 EXPRESSED break outward. There was a four (4) length margin between these two (2) rivals at the finish. The stewards unanimously ruled that no change in the order of finish was warranted.

12-26-09⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#5 DON'TBLOCKTHESHOT (Tr. Alex Sywak)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 153.30
6 th race:	#6 HEATED REBEL (Tr. Andy Mathis)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 272.70
7 th race:	#6 DETOXIFY (Tr. Steve Miyadi)	flipped in paddock
	Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr	REFUND: \$2694.90
9 th race:	#2 HIGHDEVILISH (Tr. Alex Sywak)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 216.80

12-26-09⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,513	\$ 629,488.90
NCOT	3,908	\$1,244,285.30
SCOT		\$ 844,439.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,443,465.56</u>
TOTAL	6,421	\$4,161,678.96

Sunday12-27-09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for three year olds and older, claiming price \$5,000, six furlongs was called off with two (2) entries.

12-27-09²**AGENT / PROSPECTIVE JOCKEY MEETING**

Jockey Agent Ramon Silva appeared in the stewards' office with **Juan Jose Hernandez** who is a seventeen (17) year old jockey from Mexico. Agent Silva wanted to pursue an apprentice jockey license for Juan Jose Hernandez. This rider was granted an apprentice extension recently by stewards at Hipodromo de Las Americas in Mexico City. Agent Silva was inquiring whether he could ride as an apprentice jockey here at Golden Gate Fields.

The stewards determined that it had been over one (1) year since Hernandez had rode his fifth winner thereby failing to comply with one of the qualifications here in California as stated in CHRB rule #1500. Therefore, Hernandez and agent Silva indicated Hernandez will pursue a journeyman (full) jockey license.

12-27-09³**BUGRIYEV / VECHERKOVSKIY COMPLAINT** (Case No. 09GG351)

Owners **Alex Bugriyev** and Vladimir **Vecherkovskiy** appeared in the stewards' office to address a complaint (Case No. 09GG351) filed against them by the veterinary group, **San Francisco Equine**. This complaint alleges that CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) was violated by failing to pay for veterinary services in the amount of \$6,223. These gentlemen own the horse ISABELQA, who is trained by Bruce Dillenbeck.

These owners requested to work out a payment agreement with San Francisco Equine. They will take this matter up with them on Monday. More to follow.

12-27-09⁴**RULING NO. 2 – LEDEZMA**

Trainer **SERGIO LEDEZMA**, who started the horse KELLI O, second place finisher in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 19, 2009, 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) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances: Prohibited Substance – Dexamethasone – Class 4).

Trainer **Sergio Ledezma** called the stewards' office and waived all rights to a hearing (Case No. 09GG367) that was scheduled for January 20, 2010. Trainer Ledezma told the stewards he used the Dexamethasone (steroidal anti-inflammatory) on his trainee after he had 'tied up' and apparently the medication hadn't cleared his system totally before he raced.

12-27-09⁵**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 3**

Jockey **Jorge Ayarza** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's (December 26) ninth race. He was accompanied by exercise rider Abraham Chavez, who served as an interpreter. Jockey Ayarza was aboard #7 MANDAUE CITY, who finished eighth.

Race replays showed #7 MANDAUE CITY break out sharply and bumping #9 SHOWSTOGOYA (Hector Romero), who finished seventh. #8 THE RED WON (Luis Martinez) was 'off slowly' in this race. At issue in this race was what degree of effort and swiftness that jockey Ayarza used to straighten his mount after the start. Jockey Ayarza acknowledged that it was at least three (3) strides out of the gate until he corrected (straightened) his mount. The stewards unanimously decided to issue the following ruling:

Jockey **JORGE AYARZA**, who rode MANDAUE CITY in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 26, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (January 3, 7 and 8, 2009) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course leaving the gate 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.

12-27-09⁶ **TURF RACES CANCELLED**

The second, fourth and seventh races today were taken off the turf course and switched to the main (synthetic) track. Heavy rains Saturday evening (December 26) led to this decision by management. Of particular note, was the fact there were no scratches in any of these three (3) races after the switch in racing surface.

12-27-09⁷ **INQUIRY – Fourth Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing seventh place finisher #5 TWAIN'S TITAN (Adan Landeros) bolt while entering the first turn in this mile and one-sixteenth race. While bolting #5 TWAIN'S TITAN eliminated all chances of rival #7 FLEET FUGITIVE (Julien Couton) who finished eighth. For this incident #5 TWAIN'S TITAN was disqualified and placed eighth (last). #5 TWAIN'S TITAN was placed on the stewards' list for 'bolting'.

Original Order of Finish: 1 – 2 – 4 – 8 – 3 – 6 – (5) – 7

Official Order of Finish: 1 – 2 – 4 – 8 – 3 – 6 – 7 – (5)

12-27-09⁸ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5th race: #6 LELA FOR MARY (Tr. Steve Miyadi) on Vet's List
Official Veterinarian Joan Hurley REFUND: \$ 117.70

6th race: #3 VINDICTIVE CAT (Tr. Steve Sherman) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 144.00

12-27-09⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,885	\$ 529,312.10
NCOT	2,981	\$ 886,853.70
SCOT		\$ 740,571.70
Out of State		\$1,241,600.35
TOTAL	5,866	\$3,398,337.85

Monday

12-28-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for maiden three year olds and older, claiming price \$12,500, six furlongs was called off with two (2) entries.

12-28-09² **RULING NO. 4 – FIGUEROA**

Jockey **OMAR FIGUEROA** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for failure to fulfill his riding engagements Saturday, December 26, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The ruling above was issued after jockey Omar Figueroa failed to fulfill his riding engagements opening day, December 26. Jockey Figueroa and his agent, Danny Winnick, were in the stewards' office yesterday to discuss this matter. Jockey Figueroa was 'programmed' to ride at Golden Gate Fields and Turf Paradise (Arizona) on Saturday and opted to ride at the Arizona track.

12-28-09³ **RULING NO. 5 – WALKER**

Trainer **MARK WALKER** is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for failure to have the horse **NAT THE BRAT** treated with lasix, necessitating a late scratch in the fifth race on Friday, December 18, 2009; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

The Mark Walker trained NAT THE BRAT was a 'late program scratch' on December 18. Trainer Walker told the stewards that he had a miscommunication with his veterinarian with regards to the bungled lasix administration of his trainee. Trainer Walker is stabled in Pleasanton.

12-28-09⁴ **INQUIRY – Seventh Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this six furlong race after viewing contact between four (4) horses just inside the 3/16 pole. Eventual winner #6 MONKEY BOY JACK (Chad Schvaneveldt) passed through a tight opening at the 3/16. Contact was made when sixth place finisher #8 BOOK IT THUNDER (Luis Martinez) stepped outward after being struck once by left handed urging. The stewards received patrol judge input, reviewed replays and spoke with jockeys involved.

In a unanimous decision the stewards ruled to let the original order of finish to stand. No Change.

Jockey Luis Martinez was ordered to film review with the stewards.

Horses racing to the outside of this incident, #2 SIX PACK MAN (Russell Baze, 2nd) and #4 TWO TURN GENERAL (Mario Gutierrez, 3rd) were determined to have kept a straight course.

12-28-09⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#4 MIDNIGHT KISSES	(Tr. A. L. Diaz)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 544.60
3 rd race:	#4 MIXED INTENT	(Tr. Dennis M. Patterson)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 287.50
5 th race:	#6 STEAM IRON	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 435.75
7 th race:	#7 STILORGAN	(Tr. Steven Specht)	unsound
	Track Veterinarian Heather Kerr		REFUND: \$26,836.37

12-28-09⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,393	\$ 374,715.20
NCOT	1,839	\$ 584,877.10
SCOT		\$ 510,702.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,097,754.79</u>
TOTAL	3,232	\$2,568,049.09

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	4	5	DON'TBLOCKTHESHOT	Sywak	injured	Isbell	\$153.30
	6	6	HEATED REBEL	Mathis	injured	Isbell	\$272.70
	7	6	DETOXIFY	Miyadi	injured	Isbell	\$2,694.90
	9	2	HIGHDEVILISH	Sywak	sick	Isbell	\$216.80
27-Dec	5	6	LELA FOR MARY	Miyadi	on Vet's List	Hurley	\$117.70
	6	3	VINDICTIVE CAT	Sherman	sick	Isbell	\$144.00
28-Dec	2	4	MIDNIGHT KISSES	Diaz	sick	Isbell	\$544.60
	3	4	MIXED INTENT	Patterson	injured	Isbell	\$287.50
	5	6	STEAM IRON	Hollendorfer	unsound	Isbell	\$435.75
	7	7	STILORGAN	Specht	unsound	Kerr	\$26,836.37

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

- 12-21-09 Paperflower/Benchmark (No Name) (Tr. Bonde) disarticulated left radio-carpal joint; training, dirt (*Pleasanton*)
- 12-22-09 Quan's Girl (Tr. Hess) fractured sesamoids left front ankle; training, Tapeta
- 12-26-09 Ruff N Tuff (Tr. Mason) right front fetlock sesamoid fractures; racing, Tapeta
- 12-27-09 Messy Mason (Tr. Markle) right front closed disarticulated ankle; training, Tapeta
- 12-28-09 Cool Chance (Tr. Diaz) multiple fractures left knee; racing, Tapeta

Veterinarian's List

There were thirteen (13) horses placed on the vet's list:

- Sick: 4
- Injured: 4
- Unsound: 5
- Bled: 0

There were nine (9) horses removed from the vet's list:

- Sick: 6
- Injured: 1
- Unsound: 1
- Bled: 1

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

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	80	\$25,989.30
Bakersfield	259	\$58,369.60
Fresno	153	\$51,098.90
Fresno Club One	79	\$39,220.30
Monterey	205	\$54,068.20
Pleasanton	1231	\$369,518.40
Sacramento	932	\$261,089.00
San Jose	1275	\$378,803.70
San Mateo	2284	\$860,535.40
Santa Rosa	560	\$139,389.80
Stockton	677	\$186,973.80
Tulare	150	\$32,856.10
Turlock	287	\$81,769.00
Vallejo	556	\$176,334.60
So. California		\$2,095,712.90
Out of State		\$3,782,820.70

	26-Dec	27-Dec	28-Dec	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>
CLAIMS	1	9	2	12	<i>12</i>
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	1	0	1	<i>1</i>
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	1	2	<i>2</i>
REFUNDS	4	2	4	10	<i>10</i>
RULINGS	1	2	2	5	<i>5</i>

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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