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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 24, 2010 through Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Wednesday

02-24-10¹ **JENDA HEARING** (Case #09GG0389)

A formal hearing was conducted for trainer **Chuck Jenda** who was the subject of a complaint alleging violation of CHRB rules #1843 (a) (c) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844 (c) (1) (3) (d) (Authorized Medication) and #1887 (a) (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse). The complaint was filed after the horse OHMYOHMY, winner of the third race on December 11, 2009, showed the presence of Phenylbutazone (12.6 ug/ml), Ketoprofen (53 ng/ml) and Dexamethasone in a post race urine sample. A split sample was sent to Truesdail Laboratories and that lab confirmed the presence of the Dexamethasone along with the Phenylbutazone (11.7 mg/ml) and Ketoprofen (52 ng/ml).

Present at the hearing, besides the stewards, were CHRB senior investigator Carol Nolan who presented the evidence. Jenda testified telephonically. The proceedings were recorded by Christine Niccoli, CSR.

Jenda testified that he had no explanation how the three medications came to be present in the horse's system or how the bute and Ketoprofen reached such high levels.

The stewards will take the evidence and testimony presented under submission and render a decision in the near future.

02-24-10² **GEORGIADIS NO SHOW** (Case #10GG020)

Owner **FOTIS GEORGIADIS** was summoned to appear this morning for a complaint filed by trainer **Monty Meier** alleging unpaid training fees. Should his absence persist a ruling will be issued tomorrow for failure to appear.

Thursday

02-25-10¹ **BACKSTRETCH TRAGEDY**

A pall was cast over the barn area this morning when it was discovered that exercise rider Richard Smith took his own life in a tack room. The investigation is on-going and more details will be forthcoming but indications point to marital difficulties with his estranged wife as a contributing factor in Smith's decision to take his life.

02-25-10² **RULING NO. 36 – GEORGIADIS** (Refer 02-24-10²)

Owner **FOTIS GEORGIADIS**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 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 FOTIS GEORGIADIS 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 after subject failed to appear. The complaint alleges that Georgiadis owes trainer Monty Meier \$3,095 on an unpaid training bill.

02-25-10³ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race:	#1 COCONUT TELEGRAPH (Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 257.20
6 th race:	#3 DEEP'N IT (Tr. Tim Bellasis)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 205.00
8 th race:	#6 WITCHY WAYS (Tr. Roy Lumm)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 147.78

02-25-10⁴ **WINNERS FOUNDATION CONFAB**

Two southern California members of the Winners Foundation visited this morning to discuss areas of mutual concern. Bob Fletcher, Director of the Winners Foundation, along with Mike Kilpack, who is a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. Kilpack was formerly CHRB Supervising Investigator in southern California.

Fletcher and Kilpack were on a fact finding trip to gather information which would help the Foundation continue its efforts to combat alcohol and substance abuse by licensees on the racetrack. The pair sought input from the stewards and the CHRB investigative staff on how to insure the lines of communication remain open and how to improve the process between the CHRB, the stewards and the Winners Foundation.

02-25-10⁵ **CAMACHO MORA HEARING** (Case # 09GG0365)

A formal hearing was convened into a complaint filed against groom **FREDY CAMACHO MORA** who is alleged to have violated CHRB rules 1489(f) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (1) (2) and (4) (Disorderly Conduct) and #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation). The complaint arose after a report of an altercation between Mora and another groom, **JESUS MORENO AVILA**, on November 30, 2009. As a result of the altercation Avila's lip was nearly bitten off by Mora and Avila required stitches to repair the damage.

Present at the hearing, besides the stewards, were Mora, Avila and Armando Calero, who acted as interpreter. CHRB senior investigator Carol Nolan presented the case.

Mora's mother, **Evalia Camacho**, was called as a witness. Christine Niccoli recorded the session.

Conflicting testimony was given over what caused the two to escalate a verbal disagreement into a physical confrontation after they shared beer in a tack room. The stewards will consider the testimony and evidence presented and render a decision in the near future.

02-25-10⁶ **LATE SCRATCH – Fourth Race – REFUND**

#4 MISS MADAVOR, trained by Keith Nations, was scratched on the recommendation of Official Veterinarian Joan Hurley, D.V.M. after she reported the filly hit her head in the receiving barn and was injured. On Vet's List. The refund totaled \$1,837.24.

02-25-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,079	\$ 278,827.00
NCOT	2,133	\$ 603,789.00
SCOT		\$ 387,193.90
Out of State		\$1,200,991.38
TOTAL	3,212	\$2,470,801.28

Friday

02-26-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The third race was written for fillies and mares, four year olds and upward, bred or sired in California, racing one mile for a claiming price of \$20,000 - \$18,000 and six ladies competed.

02-26-10² **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#1 SWISS MEMO	(Tr. Bud Klokstad)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 565.00
	#3 ROAR LORD	(Tr. Troy Taylor)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 272.00
6 th race:	#6 TRIPULINA RIDGE	(Tr. Troy Taylor)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 100.00

02-26-10³ **LUMM HEARING** (Case #10GG012)

A formal hearing was conducted for trainer **ROY LUMM** after a horse in his care, **PURE SILVER**, showed the presence of Flunixin (Banamine), in excess of the permitted level in a post race urine sample following the running of the eighth race on January 18, 2010. The presence of the Banamine at an excess level was confirmed in a split sample sent to Industrial Laboratories.

Lumm surmised, after conversations with Official Veterinarian Joan Hurley, that the administration of Banamine in paste form was most likely the cause of the high reading because that form of administration is unreliable. Lumm acknowledged his responsibility under the rules and regulations and the following ruling was issued:

Ruling No. 37

Trainer **ROY LUMM**, who started the horse **PURE SILVER**, winner of the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 18, 2010, is fined the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) 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: Flunixin – Class 4 – in excess of permitted level – 58 ng/ml).

Ruling No. 38

Trainer **CHARLES J. JENDA**, who started the horse **OHMYOHMY**, winner of the third race at Golden Gate Fields on December 11, 2009, is fined the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1844 (c) (1) (3) (d) (Authorized Medication and #1843 (a) & (d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances: In excess of permitted levels and more than one approved NSAID – Phenylbutazone – [12.6 ug/ml] and Ketoprofen [53 ng/ml] – Class 4 – and an unapproved drug substance [Dexamethasone]).

The above ruling was issued after considering evidence and testimony presented at the hearing last Wednesday. The majority of the stewards felt the fine was appropriate due to the fact that two of the medications were excessively high and a third medication was also present. Steward Nevin felt a \$3,000 fine should be imposed.

Although Jenda accepted responsibility for the test results circumstances could also point to a miscue by an attending Veterinarian.

02-26-10⁵ **MIYADI HEARING CONTINUED** (Case #09GG393)

A hearing for trainer **STEVE MIYADI** was scheduled for this morning into a complaint alleging a medication violation. Miyadi worked a horse to get off the Veterinarian’s List and a post work blood sample allegedly showed the presence of bute in excess of the permitted level.

Miyadi appeared somewhat tardy for the 11:00 a.m. session and stated he was not prepared to go forward as he wished to be represented by counsel. After discussing the motion off the record the stewards granted the continuance and rescheduled the hearing for March 12, 2010.

02-26-10⁶ **INCIDENT FREE**

The afternoon’s eighth race program was conducted in a problem free fashion.

02-26-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	828	\$	232,799.80
NCOT	2,061	\$	674,403.90
SCOT		\$	372,859.00
Out of State		\$	984,406.75
TOTAL	2,889	\$	\$2,264,469.45

Saturday

02-27-10¹ **LATE DECLARATION – REFUND**

8th race: #3 PURITAN BAKER (Tr. Mike Lenzini) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 252.90

02-27-10² **STEWARDS’ INQUIRY – First Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate the start of #1 JORDAN’S SISTER (6th, Alex Gonzalez) after that horse broke out leaving the starting gate. After a thorough review the stewards took no action.

The replay showed that despite efforts from Gonzalez to correct his mount’s errant course, JORDAN’S SISTER bore out and made contact with #2 PROFOUND ELEGANCE (2nd, Michael Martinez) who in turn went out and bumped #3 MOON STONE MADNESS (3rd, Frank Alvarado). Since JORDAN’S SISTER finished behind those he inconvenienced

no action by the stewards was warranted and since Gonzalez attempted to prevent the incident he was held blameless.

02-27-10³ **LATE SCRATCH – Seventh Race – REFUND**

#7 SONORA NATIVE was scratched by the stewards after the horse unseated jockey Michael Martinez and ran off as the horses came on the track from the paddock. The horse was finally corralled near the 7/8 gap after out-maneuvering several potential captors while relishing in his new found freedom. Jockey Michael Martinez was unaffected by the incident. The refund amounted to \$10,872.25.

02-27-10⁴ **LATE SCRATCH – Ninth Race – REFUND**

#8 MODEL AMERICAN was scratched by the stewards after the horse unseated jockey Barrington Harvey in front of the grandstand during the loading process and ran off. The horse galloped the wrong way, was herded into the ¾ chute and taken off the track. Harvey was unseated but uninjured. The refund came to \$64,909.90.

02-27-10⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,899	\$ 512,065.40
NCOT	3,463	\$1,016,952.80
SCOT		\$ 885,503.20
Out of State		\$2,373,615.95
TOTAL	5,362	\$4,788,137.35

Sunday

02-28-10¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

For the four day race week one race written for horses bred or sired in California filled and was included on the program.

02-28-10² **MORA DECISION** (Refer: 02-25-10⁵)

Ruling No. 39

Groom **FREDY CAMACHO MORA** is hereby suspended for the term of his license, June 30, 2010, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (f) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1874 (1) (2) & (4) (Disorderly Conduct) on November 30, 2009.

Prior to re-licensing, Mr. Mora must sign an agreement to test affidavit with the California Horse Racing Board, submit to an evaluation with the Winners Foundation and meet with the Board of Stewards concerning any recommendations from that organization.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of FREDY CAMACHO MORA 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 after considering the evidence presented at Thursday's formal hearing. The preponderance of the evidence indicated that **Mora** was the aggressor in the altercation which led to serious injuries suffered by a fellow groom.

02-28-10³ **RODAS RULING** (Case #10GG016)

Owner **VICTOR MANUEL RODAS, III**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Saturday, February 27, 2010, 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 VICTOR MANUEL RODAS 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 after **Rodas** failed to appear to address a complaint filed by San Francisco Equine showing, by court judgment, which Rodas owes \$5,442.21 for Veterinarian services rendered.

02-28-10⁴ **LATE DECLARATION – REFUND**

5th race: #6 MADISON'S LADY (Tr. Monte Gomes) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 367.90

02-28-10⁵ **SUSPICIOUS SIGHTING**

The stewards received second hand information during the races that one of the Flores brothers, both jockeys, was allegedly seen near a self service wagering terminal when he should have been sequestered in the jockeys' room.

The information was relayed to the CHRB investigative staff that began an investigation. To be continued...

02-28-10⁶ **LATE SCRATCH – Eighth Race – REFUND**

#3 A SOFT BREEZE, trained by Adam Kitchingman, was scratched on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Heather Kerr, D.V.M., as the field neared the starting gate after she diagnosed the horse as off on the left front. On Vet's List. The refund amounted to \$27,394.75.

02-28-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	6,134	\$ 727,890.40
NCOT	3,154	\$1,090,561.70
SCOT		\$ 890,869.80
Out of State		\$1,867,184.15
TOTAL	9,288	\$4,576,506.05

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-Feb	2	1	COCONUT TELEGRAPH	Miyadi	sick	Isbell	\$257.20
	4	4	MISS MADAVOR	Nations	injured receiving barn	Hurley	\$1,837.24
	6	3	DEEP'N IT	Bellasis	sick	Isbell	\$205.00
	8	6	WITCHY WAYS	Lumm	injured	Isbell	\$147.78
26-Feb	1	1	SWISS MEMO	Klokstad	sick	Isbell	\$565.00
		3	ROAR LORD	Taylor	injured	Isbell	\$272.00
	6	6	TRIPULINA RIDGE	Taylor	injured	Isbell	\$100.00
27-Feb	8	3	PURITAN BAKER	Lenzini	injured	Isbell	\$252.90
28-Feb	5	6	MADISON'S LADY	Gomes	injured	Isbell	\$367.90
	8	3	A SOFT BREEZE	Kitchingman	unsound	Kerr	\$27,394.75

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

02-24-10 Bill and Ed (Tr. Miyadi) abscess right hind/ruptured deep digital tendon
 02-24-10 San Christobal (Tr. Klokstad) fractured right front sesamoids (2-7-10)
 Tapeta, racing
 02-27-10 Sweet Casey (Tr. Lage) 105 temp w/bloody discharge
 02-28-10 Second Hand Lion (Tr. Sherman) bilateral laminitis front feet occurred
 day after last race (2-6-10) Tapeta, racing

Veterinarian's List

There were fifteen (15) horses placed on the Vet's List:

Sick: 4
 Injured: 8
 Unsound: 3
 Bled: 0

There were six (6) horses removed from the Vet's List:

Sick: 2
 Injured: 3
 Unsound: 1
 Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	122	\$	30,380.40
Bakersfield	385	\$	101,425.00
Fresno	318	\$	92,173.30
Fresno Club One	111	\$	59,791.00
Monterey	349	\$	90,501.00
Pleasanton	1662	\$	584,877.90
Sacramento	1334	\$	382,348.80
San Jose	1785	\$	499,215.90
San Mateo	3087	\$	1,121,817.30
Santa Rosa	833	\$	167,463.20
Stockton	985	\$	273,575.80
Tulare	229	\$	53,558.10
Turlock	473	\$	144,115.20
Vallejo	788	\$	218,726.20
So. California		\$	2,536,425.90
Out of State		\$	6,426,198.23

	25- Feb	26- Feb	27- Feb	28- Feb	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	1	0	0	1	3
CLAIMS	1	2	2	3	8	55
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	8
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	0	1	18
REFUNDS	4	3	3	2	12	124
RULINGS	1	2	0	2	5	40

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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