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Golden Gate Fields
Albany, California

Report of the Board of Stewards

To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, March 21, 2012 through Sunday, March 25, 2012.

Wednesday

03-21-12¹ **DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Dennis Nevin attended to scratches and entries as well as conducting office hours for the better part of the day.

Thursday

03-22-12¹ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4th race: #4 BLARNEY KISS (Tr. Cliff Delima) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$301.00
5th race: #1 GERMANY BAY (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$647.30

03-22-12² **RULING NO. 52 – GRIEGO**

Owner **VICTOR MANUEL GRIEGO**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Sunday, March 18, 2012 to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending an appearance for a hearing 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 VICTOR MANUEL GRIEGO 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 Mr. Griego failed to appear to address the complaint which alleged that he is \$723.43 in arrears to Equine Sports Medicine for services rendered.

03-22-12³ **MURO HEARING** (Security Citation 2530)

The stewards conducted an informal hearing for exercise rider **Guillermo I. Muro** who was cited by security for causing a disturbance in the receiving barn prior to the seventh race on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

After listening to Muro's testimony and hearing accounts from witnesses to the incident, the stewards took the matter under advisement and will render a decision in the morning.

03-22-12⁴ **PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon's seven race program was completed without an incident worthy of note.

03-22-12⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	896	\$	248,747.90
NCOT	1,955	\$	613,987.80
SCOT		\$	201,128.30
Out of State		\$	575,429.88
TOTAL	2,851	\$	1,639,293.88

Friday

03-23-12¹ **RULING NO. 53 – MURO**

Exercise Rider **GUILLERMO I. MURO** is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and placed on probation for the term of his license (4-30-13) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Abusive Behavior) in the receiving barn on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's informal hearing. Testimony showed that Muro became verbally combative to the technicians in the receiving barn who were drawing pre-race blood and used very profane language. Muro reluctantly admitted his actions and a review of his license history shows that this is not the first time his attitude has led to confrontations hence the inclusion of the probationary clause.

03-23-12² **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – First Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the 3/8 involving #3 CAN'T TOPPER (1st, Julien Couton) and #2 GOTHAM SPIRIT (3rd, Aaron Gryder) after Gryder was observed steadying along the rail inside of CAN'T TOPPER.

After a thorough review the stewards affirmed the order of finish as posted. Tapes showed that GOTHAM SPIRIT had trouble rounding the top half of the far turn but always had sufficient racing room.

03-23-12 ³	ATTENDANCE & HANDLE		
	GGF	955	\$ 245,491.20
	NCOT	2,058	\$ 617,231.00
	SCOT		\$ 218,897.90
	Out of State		\$ 479,784.08
	TOTAL	3,013	\$1,561,404.18

Saturday

03-24-12¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2nd race: #3 PUMP N UP (Tr. Gil Matos) sick
Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$85.50
6th race: #6 BRIGHT LIGHTNING (Tr. William E. Morey) sick
Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$80.60

03-24-12² **MIYADI HEARING** (Case #12GG006)

A formal hearing was convened for trainer **Steve Miyadi** who was named in a complaint alleging that a horse he trained, MOVE OVER MARINO, showed the presence of phenylbutazone at a level of 7.34 ug/ml in a post race blood sample following the fifth race on January 8, 2012. Present at the hearing besides Miyadi and the stewards were CHRB senior investigator Barbara Chimero who presented the case and court reporter Christen Niccoli.

Miyadi acknowledged that the high level might be attributed to a feed tub mix-up with a neighboring horse but was more concerned that he did not receive proper notification of the test results which, in his opinion, affected his ability to obtain a split sample.

Testimony was gathered, evidence was submitted and the matter was taken under submission. The stewards will render a decision in the near future.

03-24-12³ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Fourth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start when #1 AMERICA'S KID, trained by Ron White with jockey David Essman, failed to leave the starting gate. After an extensive review the stewards declared AMERICA'S KID a starter.

Tapes showed that AMERICA'S KID was acting up in the gate as the stall doors opened, eventually reared up and ended up sitting on his haunches in the gate. Jockey Essman was unseated and injured his foot but the horse suffered no ill effects from the incident.

Since AMERICA'S KID caused his own problems and the starting gate stall doors opened properly no refund was warranted. The horse was placed on the starter's list and the stewards will require a gate work before his next start.

03-24-12⁴ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Fifth Race – NO CHANGE**

Once again the start came under review as the stewards lit the inquiry lamp to determine why #3 LITTLE CALLTOME, trained by Ramon Gonzalez with Pablo Flores in the saddle, broke well behind the field. After talking to the starter and viewing the tapes it was apparent LITTLE CALLTOME dwelt. The stall doors opened properly so the horse was deemed a starter. LITTLE

CALLTOME was placed on the starter's list and the stewards will require a gate work prior to the next start.

03-24-12⁵ **LATE SCRATCHES – Seventh Race – REFUNDS**

Two late scratches were recommended by track veterinarian Sara Sporer, D.V.M. after the horses became fractious in the starting gate and were injured.

#4 ELMOR, trained by Jerry Hollendorfer and #7 STREAMSIDE, trained by Sergio Ledezma were both declared by the stewards and both were placed on the starter's list. The refund on ELMOR was \$75,432.95 and \$24,845.87 was returned to the public on behalf of STREAMSIDE.

03-24-12⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,773	\$ 405,454.70
NCOT	3,156	\$1,082,321.80
SCOT		\$ 462,877.20
Out of State		\$ 906,441.92
TOTAL	4,929	\$2,857,095.62

Sunday

03-25-12¹ **EARLY DECLARATION – REFUND**

6th race: #7 NICOLINA GOLD (Tr. Ramon Gonzalez) injured
Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$143.70

03-25-12² **STEWARDS INQUIRY – Ninth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign when #2 HIGH WATER CAT, trained by Curtis Harvey and ridden by William Antongeorgi, failed to leave the starting gate. After reviewing the tapes and talking to starter Todd Stephens, it was apparent that HIGH WATER CAT refused. The starting gate stall doors opened properly so the horse was considered a starter and a claim deposited for HIGH WATER CAT by trainer Rene Amescua was deemed valid. The horse went on the starter's list and the stewards will require a gate work before the horse is eligible to start again.

03-25-12³ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,469	\$ 512,889.00
NCOT	2,885	\$ 949,222.60
SCOT		\$ 395,355.60
Out of State		\$ 879,561.72
TOTAL	6,354	\$2,737,028.92

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. Steward Nevin was in attendance on the non-racing day (03-22) for entries, scratches and office business.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
22-Mar	4	4	BLARNEY KISS	Delima	sick	Isbell	\$301.00
	5	1	GERMANY BAY	Hollendorfer	sick	Isbell	\$647.30
24-Mar	2	3	PUMP N UP	Matos	sick	Sporer	\$85.50
	6	6	BRIGHT LIGHTNING	Morey	injured	Sporer	\$80.60
	7	4	ELMOR	Hollendorfer	injured	Sporer	\$75,432.95
		7	STREAMSIDE	Ledezma	injured	Sporer	\$24,845.87
25-Mar	6	7	NICOLINA GOLD	Gonzalez	injured	Sporer	\$143.70

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

03-22-12 Strong Star (Tr. William E. Morey) lateral condylar fracture,
Left rear comminuted P-1 fracture; Tapeta, training

Shockwave Therapy: There were four (4) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	96	\$25,199.40
Bakersfield	383	\$105,342.60
Fresno	282	\$58,818.50
Fresno Club One	85	\$53,664.00
Monterey	345	\$107,135.00
Pleasanton	1493	\$612,386.60
Sacramento	1046	\$296,298.80
San Jose	1750	\$455,884.80
San Mateo	2711	\$1,064,889.50
Santa Rosa	649	\$146,724.30
Stockton	732	\$200,069.80
Tulare	192	\$41,111.60
Turlock	345	\$100,947.20
Vallejo	682	\$202,354.60
So. California		\$1,278,259.00
Out of State		\$2,841,217.60

	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	8
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	4	2	3	10	134
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	6
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	2	1	4	25
REFUNDS	2	0	4	1	7	143
RULINGS	1	1	0	0	2	53

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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