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Golden Gate Fields

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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, May 2, 2012 through Sunday, May 6, 2012.

Wednesday

05-02-12 **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Dennis Nevin had dark day duty supervising racing office activities associated with the draw.

Thursday

05-03-12¹ **FINANCIAL COMPLAINT RESOLVED** (Case # 12GG063) (refer 04-21-12³) **RULING NO. 65**

In the Matter of:

Owner **DAVID K. DOUTRICH**

Having made arrangements to satisfy the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, Inc., the license privileges of David K. Doutrich are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #61, dated April 21, 2012 suspending Mr. Doutrich for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after the stewards were in receipt of a signed and notarized payment agreement between the parties.

05-03-12² **CALL DISPUTE**

Trainer Monty Meier appeared to voice his displeasure over not having the services of jockey Juan Hernandez on his horse in the upcoming 10th race on Saturday, May 5. Hernandez' agent, Ramon Silva, was present to explain his part in the controversy. After hearing both sides of the story it appeared Meier assumed Hernandez would be available for the Saturday race because Hernandez was available for the same type of race the prior week. Meier chose not to participate in that earlier race and since that time had no intervening contact with Silva about this race. Silva may not have acted in the most professional manner by evading Meier's subsequent phone calls but did not violate the rules.

05-03-12³ **GONZALEZ HEARING** (Case #12GG064)

An informal hearing was held for trainer Ramon Gonzalez after the horse GOT HAY showed a bute level of 3.13 ug/ml in a post workout blood sample on April 1, 2012. Gonzalez was working the horse to get off the veterinarian's list.

Gonzalez explained that he knew the permitted bute level was dropping from 5.0 ug/ml to 2.0 ug/ml when he administered two pills to GOT HAY at 3:00 p.m. the day before the work but forgot that the blood sample would be drawn after a morning workout rather than an afternoon race.

Since Gonzalez has not had a bute overage since 2007 an official warning was issued per CHRB regulations.

05-03-12⁴ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Sixth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident near the ¼ after #1 LETHARGIC, ridden by Ronald Richard, steadied while racing along the rail. After a thorough review the stewards determined no intervention was necessary. Tapes showed LETHARGIC bore out around the turn despite efforts by Richard to keep the horse along the rail.

05-03-12⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	996	\$	234,976.20
NCOT	1,974	\$	653,828.90
SCOT		\$	284,835.60
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>987,475.80</u>
TOTAL	2,970	\$	\$2,161,116.50

Friday05-04-12¹ **FILM REVIEW - RULING NO. 66 – JOHN**

Jockey **Kerwin John** came in to review last Sunday's second race in which his mount was disqualified from first to second for drifting out in the stretch. John explained that he was attempting to keep his horse straight but tapes showed the horse's head pointing out and the stewards, by majority vote with McHargue dissenting, issued the following ruling:

Jockey **KERWIN JOHN**, who rode **SKIP TONY** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, April 29, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (May 10, 11 and 12, 2012) for failure to make the 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).

05-04-12² **NARANJO NO SHOW** (Case #11GG191)

Groom **Luis Naranjo** was scheduled to appear for a formal hearing to address a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489(a) (c) (f) and (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). Naranjo did not appear.

He is currently suspended for failure to appear at a December 29, 2011 hearing to address these same charges. A formal hearing was re-scheduled for April 25, 2012 at which time Naranjo stated he wished to obtain the services of an attorney. He was informed a continuance would be granted until today but neither Naranjo nor counsel were in attendance.

The stewards will keep subject under suspension and recommend to the investigators that the complaint should be amended to include a charge for failure to appear.

05-04-12³**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

8 th race: #3 DON'T STOP RIDIN' (Tr. William E. Morey)	injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$659.20
#4 RINO U (Tr. Ramon Gonzalez)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$225.00

05-04-12⁴**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – First Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the 3/16 involving #1 STORMY BOB (3rd, Baze), #4 CAPTAIN MAGIC (4th, Couton) and #3 ABUNDANT (6th, Aaron Gryder) after Gryder was observed checking his mount along the rail.

Following a thorough review the stewards disqualified CAPTAIN MAGIC from fourth and placed him sixth (last) behind ABUNDANT.

Tapes showed that CAPTAIN MAGIC was racing on the lead in the middle of the track as the field entered the stretch. CAPTAIN MAGIC then stepped in forcing STORMY BOB to the inside which caused ABUNDANT, racing along the rail, to take up sharply, lose ground and, in the stewards' unanimous opinion, the opportunity at a better placing.

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

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

05-04-12⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,544	\$ 376,902.10
NCOT	4,119	\$1,136,140.70
SCOT		\$ 315,113.30
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 883,497.15</u>
TOTAL	5,663	\$2,711,653.25

Saturday05-05-12¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 nd race: #3 VERY UNUSUAL (Tr. Barry Abrams)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$303.40
4 th race: #6 DRAW TO BUCK (Tr. Quentin Miller)	injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$211.50
6 th race: #10 CHOW MEIN (Tr. Edward Freeman)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 92.30
7 th race: #7 PICASSO BLUE (Tr. Jerry Weaver)	re-enter
Stewards	REFUND: \$ 99.50
8 th race: #5 DARK MANDATE (Tr. A. L. Diaz)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$317.30

05-05-12²**DILLENBECK RULING No. 67** (Case #12GG011)

Trainer **BRUCE DILLENBECK** is hereby ordered to pay trainer Ellen Jackson the sum of three thousand three hundred and eighty dollars (\$3,380.00) awarded in a Solano County Superior Court judgment by May 20, 2012. Failure to make such payment shall be cause for the suspension of Bruce Dillenbeck's license privileges for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

The above ruling was issued following an informal hearing with Bruce Dillenbeck and Ellen Jackson. The court judgment concludes a dispute which has been ongoing over

recent years and places responsibility for a boarding bill on Dillenbeck. He acknowledged he does owe the money but explained he lacks the funds to pay even though he owns twelve horses.

05-05-12³ **COUTON REVIEW**

Jockey **JULIEN COUTON**, who rode **CAPTAIN MAGIC** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, May 4, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (May 12, 13 and 17, 2012) 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 fourth to sixth; 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.

The above ruling was published after Couton appeared and viewed the tapes of the race with the stewards. After exchanging opinions about Couton's actions he grudgingly admitted he could have done a better job to prevent the interference which resulted when his mount drifted in.

05-05-12⁴ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – JOCKEY OBJECTION – First Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate the stretch run of the winner, #2 TURBULENT CREEK, ridden by Ronald Richard, and the place horse, #1 MR. SATISFACTION with Kerwin John in the irons. John also lodged a claim of foul against Richard. After a thorough review the stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed minor contact between the horses on two occasions during the stretch drive with each horse initiating one of the points of contact.

05-05-12⁵ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – JOCKEY OBJECTION – Second Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review the action in the clubhouse turn of this one mile turf event with attention paid to the winner, #6 PEPNIC, ridden by Russell Baze, #4 OLYMPIC FLAME (4th, Abel Cedillo) and #7 A DAY AWAY (5th, Inoel Beato). Jockey Inoel Beato also claimed foul against Russell Baze. After a thorough review the stewards dismissed the claim of foul but disqualified OLYMPIC FLAME from fourth and placed him fifth behind A DAY AWAY.

Tapes showed that OLYMPIC FLAME drifted out around the first turn forcing PEPNIC to the outside which in turn caused A DAY AWAY to lose ground and his footing. In the stewards' opinion the incident cost A DAY AWAY a placing as the margin was only a head at the finish. Cedillo will view the replays with the stewards on the morrow.

Original order of finish: 6 – 1 – 2 – **(4)** – 7 – 5

Official order of finish: 6 – 1 – 2 – 7 – **(4)** – 5

05-05-12⁶ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Accident – Seventh Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign to determine the cause of an accident leaving the starting gate of this six furlong dash. Shortly after the start, #1 CAVANAGH BAY and Ronald Richard parted company when the gelding bolted to the inside and made contact with the inside rail extension where the chute meets the main track. No other horses were involved so no action by the stewards was necessary although CAVANAGH BAY was placed on the stewards' list and will require a gate work before re-entering. Neither horse nor rider suffered any ill effects from the incident.

05-05-12⁷ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Ninth Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards once again posted the inquiry sign to review observed interference in the stretch involving #4 WELCOME HOME RYAN (3rd, Frank Alvarado), #2 SEEKING SOLACE (7th, Aaron Gryder) and #6 HITTHEROADRUNNING (4th, Julien Couton). After a thorough review the stewards disqualified WELCOME HOME RYAN from third and placed him seventh behind SEEKING SOLACE.

Tapes showed that Alvarado angled his mount out near the 1/8 looking for racing room while #3 DIXICO, on the lead, was angling in. The action by both horses caused Alvarado to check sharply to avoid heels. Alvarado continued out and bumped SEEKING SOLACE sending that horse into HITTHEROADRUNNING. In the stewards opinion the incident cost SEEKING SOLACE the opportunity at a better placing. Jockey Alvarado will view the films of the race with the stewards in the morning.

Original order of finish: 3 – 8 - **(4)** – 6 – 7 – 1 – 2 – 5

Official order of finish: 3 – 8 – 6 – 7 – 1 – 2 – **(4)** – 5

05-05-12⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	6,842	\$1,414,230.90
NCOT	13,242	\$3,578,632.20
SCOT		\$ 858,956.30
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,484,400.69</u>
TOTAL 20,084		\$7,336,220.09

Sunday05-06-12¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#1 DAVE'S PACEMAKER (Tr. John Martin)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$216.00
4 th race:	#2 BELS DREAM CASTLE (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$936.38

05-06-12² **FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys **Abel Cedillo** and **Frank Alvarado** viewed the tapes of yesterday's races with the stewards. Each rider was involved in a disqualification and each was able to demonstrate that he was not solely responsible for the interference which led to the disqualification.

05-06-12³ **RULING NO. 69 – DUNCAN**

In the Matter of:

Owner **MICHAEL S. DUNCAN (d.b.a. Moonlight Racing)**

Having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to trainer Monty Meier, the license privileges of Michael S. Duncan are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #34, dated December 1, 2011 suspending Mr. Duncan for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after we received written notification from Monty Meier that the matter had been resolved and he wished to withdraw the complaint.

05-06-12⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	5,618	\$ 617,134.60
NCOT	2,616	\$ 897,198.60
SCOT		\$ 459,405.10
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 868,706.58</u>
TOTAL 8,234		\$2,842,444.88

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 (5/02) to handle entries and scratches.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund	
4-May	8	3	DON'T STOP RIDING	Morey	injured	Isbell	\$659.20	
		4	RINO U	Gonzalez	sick	Isbell	\$225.00	
5-May	2	3	VERY UNUSUAL	Abrams	sick	Isbell	\$303.40	
		4	DRAW TWO BUCK	Miller	sick	Isbell	\$211.50	
		6	10	CHOW MIEN	Freeman	sick	Isbell	\$92.30
6-May	3	5	DARK MANDATE	Diaz	sick	Isbell	\$317.30	
		1	DAVE'S PACEMAKER	Martin	sick	Isbell	\$216.00	
		4	2	BELS DREAM CASTLE	Hollendorfer	sick	Isbell	\$936.38

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

None reported

Veterinarian's List

There were twelve (12) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 7

Injured: 1

Unsound: 3

Bled: 1

There were thirteen (13) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 6

Injured: 3

Unsound: 1

Medication: 3

Shockwave Therapy: There were three (3) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	302	\$62,647.10
Bakersfield	1136	\$223,767.10
Fresno	796	\$198,629.50
Fresno Club One	192	\$145,318.80
Monterey	905	\$205,985.20
Pleasanton	2911	\$994,471.50
Sacramento	3147	\$678,087.60
San Jose	2908	\$841,866.70
San Mateo	4095	\$1,622,747.80
Santa Rosa	1920	\$392,403.70
Stockton	1752	\$434,286.50
Tulare	507	\$104,610.70
Turlock	959	\$227,439.20
Vallejo	1195	\$371,536.50
So. California		\$1,918,310.30
Out of State		\$4,224,080.22

	3-May	4-May	5-May	6-May	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	0	1	<i>10</i>
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	<i>0</i>
CLAIMS	5	2	2	2	11	<i>197</i>
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	1	2	0	3	<i>10</i>
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	4	0	6	<i>39</i>
REFUNDS	0	2	5	2	9	<i>124</i>
RULINGS	1	1	2	0	4	<i>68</i>

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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