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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, April 23, 2014 through Sunday, April 27, 2014.

**Wednesday & Thursday****DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward Dennis Nevin was on hand for entries and scratches on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24. The racing week was shortened to synchronize with Santa Anita's schedule which has seen the number of racing days reduced prior to its new Spring meet.

**Friday**

04-25-14<sup>1</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> race: #1 TROPICAL HEAT	(Tr. Bill Delia)	off turf
Stewards	REFUND: \$	282.40
#4 DIAMOND GEEZAH	(Tr. Jerry Weaver)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	275.70
4 <sup>th</sup> race: #3 ASTUZIA	(Tr. Frances Henderson)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	290.10
#8 PRINCESS SUANCES	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	176.12
8 <sup>th</sup> race: #1 SHEZA TRIP	(Tr. Bill Delia)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	280.94
#4 I'M SO PUZZLED	(Tr. Jerry Puertas)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$	68.00

04-25-14<sup>2</sup>**BOARD MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of the California Horse Racing Board was held this morning here at Golden Gate Fields.

04-25-14<sup>3</sup>**REFUSAL**

The year's first two year old race was carded as today's first race and was notable for the fact that #3 WACKETT, trained by Walther Solis, refused to break with company. WACKETT finally saw the light and joined the fray, but spotted the field considerable daylight. The horse will now need another gate approval and a recorded gate work before being allowed to enter again.

04-25-14<sup>4</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1142	\$ 288,468.90
NCOT	1982	\$ 779,857.40
SCOT		\$ 285,913.50
Out of State		\$ 941,914.70
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,296,154.50</b>

**Saturday**04-26-14<sup>1</sup>**DECLARATIONS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> race: #1 PERFECT MEETING	(Tr. Cliff DeLima)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$	77.20
5 <sup>th</sup> race: #2 KIMNJET	(Tr. Steve Specht)	off turf
Stewards	REFUND: \$	261.20
#6 GENEROUS GEORGE	(Tr. Frances Henderson)	off turf
Stewards	REFUND: \$	52.00
#8 MR. CACTUS	(Tr. Michael Pender)	off turf
Stewards	REFUND: \$	73.00
#10 SHERIFF BUFORD	(Tr. William E. Morey)	off turf
Stewards	REFUND: \$	29.00
#13 THE PRIME MOVER	(Tr. Edward Freeman)	off turf
Stewards	REFUND: \$	90.00

04-26-14<sup>2</sup>**HARVEY RULING****RULING NO.59**

Jockey **BARRINGTON HARVEY** is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)\* for striking his mount, RED FORMAL, over the head during the running of the eighth race on Friday April 25, 2014; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Whips).

The above ruling was issued after Harvey contacted the Stewards by phone and pled guilty to striking the horse about the head and ears. He was informed this was unacceptable and any future violations could result in escalated penalties.

04-26-14<sup>3</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Carlos Silva appeared as requested to review his ride in yesterday's fourth race after he relaxed on his mount just before the wire. Silva's lapse did not cost his mount a placing but it was very close. Silva was admonished that had his horse been caught at the wire by the fast closing rival he would have been looking at a suspension.

04-26-14<sup>4</sup>**FORMER INSPECTOR INSPECTS**

Mike Kilpack, former California Horse Racing Board supervising investigator in Southern California, has been at the track the past few days as part of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association's race track accreditation program. Kilpack tours the country to certify that racetracks are in compliance with the NTRA's guidelines

which are in place to ensure that those member associations operate with the highest level of integrity possible.

04-26-14<sup>5</sup>

**BENITEZ – GARNICA HEARING (CASE #14GG0027 & 14GG0028)**

Grooms Francisco Camacho Benitez and Julio C. Garnica appeared to address complaints filed by California Horse Racing Board investigator Louis Quezada alleging each was in possession of a small amount of marijuana and each had used some. Both gentlemen pled guilty and both were placed under the guidance of Armando Calero of the Winners Foundation who was present at the hearing. The following rulings were issued:

**RULING NO.60**

Groom **JULIO CESAR GARNICA** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)\* and placed on probation for the terms of his license (1-31-15) for possession and use of marijuana on March 14, 2014; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1890 (Possession of Contraband).

As a condition of probation Garnica must comply with the terms of a signed testing agreement with CHRB.

**RULING NO.61**

Groom **FRANCISCO CAMACHO BENITEZ** is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00 – second offense)\* and placed on probation for the terms of his license (1-31-15) for possession and use of marijuana on March 14, 2014; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1890 (Possession of Contraband).

As a condition of probation Benitez must comply with the terms of a signed testing agreement with CHRB.

Benitez' penalty was more than Garnica's because Benitez was penalized in 2009 for a similar offense.

04-26-14<sup>6</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH – FIRST RACE - REFUND**

#3 DIVINE JOSEPHINE, trained by Steve Sherman, was scratched on the recommendation of track veterinarian Sara Sporer after the horse acted up in the starting gate and was injured. On Vet's List. The refund totaled \$36,551.28.

04-26-14<sup>7</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH – FOURTH RACE – REFUND**

#7 DARK OCEAN, trained by Sherrie Monroe, was scratched at the gate after Dr. Sporer reported the filly became fractious during the loading process and was injured. On Vet's List. The refund amounted to \$20,998.33.

04-26-14<sup>8</sup>

**EIGHTH RACE – DID NOT FINISH**

#1 MARCELINO SPRINGS, trained by Doug Utley and ridden by Catalino Martinez, went wrong near the 1/8 and was pulled up. The horse suffered a catastrophic injury to the left front fetlock and was euthanized at the scene by track veterinarian Sara Sporer.

04-26-14<sup>9</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2648	\$ 493,740.10
NCOT	2859	\$1,058,064.20
SCOT		\$ 484,969.70
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 904,136.33</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,940,910.33</b>

**Sunday**04-27-14<sup>1</sup>**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

6 <sup>th</sup> race: #5 WINNINGCONNECTIONS	(Tr. Genaro Vallejo)	main track only
Stewards		REFUND: \$ 166.20
7 <sup>th</sup> race: #2 KAILANI	(Tr. Greg James)	re-enter
Stewards		REFUND: \$ 96.30

04-27-14<sup>2</sup>**GARNICA RULING****NO.62**

Groom **JULIO CESAR GARNICA** is fined the sum of twenty five dollars (\$25.00)\* for illegal parking in the barn area on April 7, 2014; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting).

The above ruling was issued after Garnica admitted he parked in a posted no parking zone.

04-27-14<sup>3</sup>**DISQUALIFICATION RULING (CASE #13GG0078)****NO.63**

Acting on a report from the University of California at Davis Maddy Laboratories, the official Laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post race urine sample #GG16969 taken from the horse **PRIME ISSUE**, winner of the second race at the Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, June 1, 2013 contained the prohibited substance Zilpaterol (Class III), it is hereby ordered that **PRIME ISSUE** be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$9,000.00) earned or awarded to owners G. Stephen Hendrick and Ted Macaluso (Bay Cove Farm), trainer A.L. Diaz and jockey Kerwin John be returned to the Paymaster of Purses for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld) by May 18, 2014. Any person who fails to comply with this order to return such money shall be suspended pending its return.

The revised order of finish is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – ELDORADO PRADO  
 2<sup>nd</sup> –THIS ONE'S FOR MAT  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – LAST EQUITY  
 4<sup>th</sup> – ANGLE SHOOTER  
 5<sup>th</sup> – SEEKING THE STITCH  
 6<sup>th</sup> – VEGAS BURN

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

The above ruling was issued after the principals failed to appear to contest the laboratory findings after being duly notified of the hearing.

04-27-14<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS INQUIRY – FOURTH RACE - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate the stretch run involving the winner, #7 NAHEM, ridden by Alejandro Gomez and the place horse, #5 ROCKIN' MELODY, with Russell Baze. After a thorough review the Stewards, by majority vote, disqualified NAHEM from first and placed him second behind ROCKIN' MELODY.

Tapes showed that NAHEM drifted out for much of the stretch and made contact with ROCKIN' MELODY just past the 1/16. The bump tripped ROCKIN' MELODY'S hind quarters which, in the Stewards opinion, cost that horse the opportunity at the win as the two horses were separated by only a head at the finish.

Steward McHargue did not feel the incident rose to the level where a disqualification was warranted and dissented. Jockey Gomez will review the race with the Stewards on Thursday.

Original Order of Finish: (7) – 5 – 8 – 6

Official Order of Finish: 5 – (7) – 8 – 6

04-27-14<sup>5</sup>**VOIDED CLAIM – FOURTH RACE**

#1 GOLDEN MEXICO (IRE), trained by John Martin and ridden by Frank Alvarado, went wrong at the 1/2 and was pulled up. Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer reported the horse suffered a catastrophic injury to the right front fetlock and was euthanized at the scene. A claim for GOLDEN MEXICO, deposited by Jerry Hollendorfer, was voided pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1658 (Vesting of Title to Claimed Horse).

04-27-14<sup>6</sup>**STEWARDS INQUIRY – SEVENTH RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to determine why jockey Pedro Terrero steadied his mount, #4 GRANTBOBBIAWISH, while racing between horses around the far turn. After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish. Tapes showed Terrero's mount failed to negotiate the turn properly. GRANTBOBBIAWISH bore out on his own and no other horses were involved.

04-27-14<sup>7</sup>**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	4020	\$ 532,822.90
NCOT	2240	\$ 822,523.60
SCOT		\$ 491,022.60
Out of State		\$ 947,582.62
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,793,951.72</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
4-25-14	2	1	TROPICAL HEAT	Delia	Off Turf	Stewards	<b>\$282.40</b>
4-25-14	2	4	DIAMOND GEEZAH	Weaver	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$275.70</b>
4-25-14	4	3	ASTUZIA	Henderson	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$290.10</b>
4-25-14	4	8	PRINCESS SUANCES	Miyadi	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$176.12</b>
4-25-14	8	1	SHEZA TRIP	Delia	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$280.94</b>
4-25-14	8	4	I'M SO PUZZLED	Puertas	Sick	Sporer	<b>\$68.00</b>
4-26-14	1	3	DIVINE JOSEPHINE	Sherman	Injured – starting gate	Stewards	<b>\$36,551.28</b>
4-26-14	3	1	PERFECT MEETING	DeLima	Sick	Isbell	<b>\$77.20</b>
4-26-14	4	7	DARK OCEAN	Monroe	Injured – starting gate	Stewards	<b>\$20,998.33</b>
4-26-14	5	2	KIMNJET	Specht	Off turf	Stewards	<b>\$261.20</b>
4-26-14	5	6	GENEROUS GEORGE	Henderson	Off turf	Stewards	<b>\$52.00</b>
4-26-14	5	8	MR. CACTUS	Pender	Off turf	Stewards	<b>\$73.00</b>
4-26-14	5	10	SHERIFF BUFORD	Morey	Off turf	Stewards	<b>\$29.00</b>
4-26-14	5	13	THE PRIME MOVER	Freeman	Off turf	Stewards	<b>\$90.00</b>
4-27-14	6	5	WINNINGCONNECTIONS	Vallejo	Main track only	Stewards	<b>\$166.20</b>
4-27-14	7	2	KAILANI	James	Re-enter	Stewards	<b>\$96.30</b>

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

04-26-14 Marcelino Springs (Tr. Doug Utley) fractured left front fetlock @ 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole; racing - Tapeta

04-27-14 Golden Mexico (IRE) (Tr. John Martin) fractured right front fetlock @ 1/2 mile pole; racing - Tapeta

**Veterinarian's List**

There were fourteen (14) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 5

Injured: 3

Unsound: 5

Medication: 1

There were six (6) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 3

Injured: 1

Unsound: 2

**Shockwave Therapy:** There was one shockwave therapy treatment reported.

	4/25	4/26	4/27	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	1
CLAIMS	4	1	2	7	187
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	1	8

INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	2	2	27
REFUNDS	6	8	2	16	225
RULINGS	1	3	2	6	64
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	1	1	26

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

Anderson	69	\$34,998.00
Bakersfield	0	\$0.00
Bankers Casino	46	\$16,562.70
Eureka	0	\$0.00
Fresno	251	\$84,942.40
Fresno Club One	59	\$39,235.70
Monterey	164	\$48,273.40
Pleasanton	996	\$428,514.20
Sacramento	695	\$275,932.00
San Jose	1075	\$304,886.70
San Mateo	1860	\$831,625.40
Santa Rosa	525	\$128,490.00
Stockton	617	\$198,984.50
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	235	\$83,711.30
Vallejo	489	\$184,288.00
So. California		\$1,261,905.80
Out of State		\$2,793,633.65

Respectfully submitted,

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**John Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Darrel McHargue, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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