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Golden Gate Fields
 Albany, California

Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Thursday, February 19, 2015 through Sunday, February 22, 2015.

Thursday

02-19-15

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward John Herbuveaux was in attendance for Friday scratches, Sunday entries and myriad office matters requiring attention during morning office hours.

Friday02-20-15¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 st race: #4 DON'TPREACHTO DARCY	Tr. Armando Lage)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$	282.10
5 th race: #1 VALENTINE BILL	(Tr. Sergio Ledezma)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$	164.60

02-20-15²**MAJESTIC STABLE/MABANTA RULINGS (CASES #15GG0020 & 15GG0023)****RULING#29**

Owner **MARIA MABANTA (DBA MAJESTIC STABLE)**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Monday, February 16, 2015, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a

hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Financial Responsibility).

RULING #30

Owner **JONATHAN J. MABANTA (DBA MAJESTIC STABLE)**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Monday, February 16, 2015, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Financial Responsibility).

RULING #31

Owner **MICHELLE N. MABANTA (DBA MAJESTIC STABLE)**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Monday, February 16, 2015, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Financial Responsibility).

The above rulings were issued after none of the members of the stable were present for the hearing. One complaint alleges Majestic Stable owes \$2600.00 to veterinarian William Grantham for services rendered. In the second complaint Gail Matthews is seeking \$120.00 for massage therapy.

02-20-15³**AMEZCUA HEARING (CASE #15GG002)**

A formal hearing was convened for groom Fernando Sarmiento Amezcua who was charged in a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) after initiating a confrontation with trainer Len Kasmerski at the trainer's barn.

When asked to enter a plea Amezcua admitted he entered Kasmerski's shed row while walking with his ten year old daughter and when Kasmerski told them to leave Amezcua reacted inappropriately.

The Stewards took the matter under submission and will render a decision in the near future.

02-20-15⁴**STEINER WARNING**

Trainer Jack Steiner appeared over a post race test sample which showed the presence of Phenylbutazone at 2.43 ng/ml. Since Mr. Steiner's medication history shows no violations in over ten years a formal warning was issued.

02-20-15⁵**PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon's ten race program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

02-20-15⁶**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	847	\$ 233,266.40
NCOT	1866	\$ 622,687.80
SCOT		\$ 283,875.20
Out of State		\$ 745,592.74
TOTAL		\$1,885,422.14

Saturday02-21-15¹**DECLARATIONS - REFUNDS**

3 rd race: #5 SPECIAL WILD GIRL (Tr. Sergio Perez)	injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 80.08
4 th race: #1 CAN'T DO THE DANSE (Tr. Lloyd Mason)	injured

Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 86.58
 7th race: #6 GHOST IN YOUR HEART (Tr. Armando Lage) sick
 Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 174.78

02-21-15² **AMEZCUA RULING**

#32

Groom **FERNANDO SARMIENTO AMEZCUA** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Threatening and Abusive Behavior) on November 23, 2014.

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's formal hearing.

02-21-15³ **RAMIREZ RULING**

#33

Jockey **MARCIAL RAMIREZ** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to ride the horse CORINTHIAN NOTION in the fourth race on Friday, February 20, 2105; violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

The above ruling was issued after Marcial appeared and stated he was not feeling well yesterday. He failed to contact the stewards to report that he would not be available to ride which led to the penalty imposed above.

02-21-15⁴ **FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey Carolyn Mendes appeared to review yesterday's sixth race in which her mount strayed off course in the stretch. It was Mendes' second career mount and while she is still on a learning curve she has the responsibility to maintain a straight path while in traffic. She allowed her mount to drift in and cause a rival to steady near the 1/8. After viewing the tapes Mendes realized the error and accepted the sanction imposed below:

RULING #34

Apprentice Jockey **CAROLYN MENDES** who rode **TIZ TITUS** in the Sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 20, 2015 is suspended three (3) racing days (February 28, March 1, and 5, 2015) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules - Careless Riding).

02-21-15⁵ **CAMACHO HEARING**

Groom Pablo Camacho appeared in response to a complaint generated by a security report that he sometimes has a problem maintaining his sobriety. Camacho admitted he has an ongoing problem and Armando Calero of the Winners Foundation was present to offer his organization's support.

Camacho agreed to enter into a contract with the Winners Foundation and signed a testing agreement with the CHRB. The outcome of the session was memorialized in the following ruling:

#35

Groom Pablo L. Camacho is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* and placed on probation for the term of his license (07/31/2015) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication) on January 5, 2015.

As conditions of probation Camacho must abide by the Terms of a Testing Agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will result in actions taken against Mr. Camacho's license privileges.

02-21-15⁶**CANO HEARING**

An informal hearing was conducted for groom Telma Cano who was accused in a security report with instigating an incident with a fellow employee over the right to use the washing machine at their employer's barn. Groom Olga Garcia stated that Cano became abusive and threw bandages on the ground that she (Garcia) was washing when Cano wanted to use the machine for her bandages.

The incident was not witnessed by an independent third party so credible evidence as to who did what to whom was lacking. The Stewards achieved a détente between the two. They shook hands before departing and were admonished to put the incident behind them.

02-21-15⁷**VOIDED CLAIM – 7TH RACE**

A claim deposited by Jerry Hollendorfer for the horse ENGLISH CROSSING, trained By Armando Lage, was voided after Official Veterinarian Forrest Franklin reported the horse was lame.

02-21-15⁸**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1595	\$	454,485.80
NCOT	2862	\$	1,026,115.30
SCOT		\$	416,868.50
Out of State		\$	880,075.00
TOTAL			\$2,777,544.60

Sunday02-22-15¹**EARLY DECLARATION**

8th race: #6 PASSING GAME (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 836.72

02-22-15²**CASTILLO HEARING (CASE #15GG0008)**

An informal hearing was held for provisional exercise rider Pablo Castillo Jr. after he tested positive for marijuana at Los Alamitos racetrack last September. No charges were filed by the Los Alamitos investigators as Mr. Castillo had been issued a medical marijuana card.

Today's session was designed to encourage Castillo to sign a testing agreement with the CHRB so we could objectively evaluate his marijuana use because he is galloping horses in the morning. Castillo agreed to sign a test agreement and provided a urine sample for analysis.

02-22-15³**CLAIM VOIDED – 2ND RACE**

A claim deposited by trainer Joshua Steiner for the horse SHUN was voided after Official Veterinarian Forrest Franklin determined the horse was lame and subsequently placed on the Veterinarian's List. The horse was returned to the R.B Hess barn.

02-22-15⁴**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3878	\$	533,489.40
NCOT	2496	\$	853,038.90
SCOT		\$	543,761.70

Out of State \$ 1,264,848.31
TOTAL \$ 3,195,138.31

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
02-20-15	1	4	DON'T PREACHTO DARCY	Lage	Sick	Isbell	\$282.10
02-20-15	5	1	VALENTINE BILL	Ledezma	Sick	Isbell	\$164.60
02-21-15	3	5	SPECIAL WILD GIRL	Perez	Injured	Isbell	\$80.08
02-21-15	4	1	CAN'T DO THE DANSE	Mason	Injured	Isbell	\$86.58
02-21-15	7	6	GHOST IN YOUR HEART	Lage	Sick	Isbell	\$174.78
02-22-15	8	6	PASSING GAME	Hollendorfer	Sick	Isbell	\$836.72

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized/Died – None reported

Veterinarian's List

There were nine (10) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 5 Injured: 1 Unsound: 2 Medication: 2

There were fifteen (15) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 15

Shockwave Therapy: There was one shockwave therapy treatment reported.

	2/20	2/21	2/22	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	3
CLAIMS	2	2	6	10	92
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	3
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	0	0	14
REFUNDS	2	3	1	6	98
RULINGS	3	4	0	7	31
CLAIMS VOID	0	1	1	2	12

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	78	\$16,814.10
Bankers Casino	74	\$26,530.40
Ferndale	0	\$0.00
Fresno	223	\$71,011.20
Fresno Club One	64	\$44,338.10
Monterey	170	\$63,929.00
Pleasanton	1006	\$404,982.40
Sacramento	792	\$266,615.70
San Jose	1060	\$332,242.70
San Mateo	1892	\$760,772.90
Santa Rosa	573	\$108,369.50
Stockton	590	\$166,842.50
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	231	\$81,136.70
Vallejo	471	\$158,256.80
So. California		\$1,244,505.40
Out of State		\$2,890,516.05

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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