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**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD****PACIFIC RACING ASSOCIATION**

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 October 26, 2016 through Sunday October 30, 2016

**WEDNESDAY**

10-26-2016<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES FOR THURSDAY-ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward Will Meyers handled scratches and entry duties today. No scratches or jockey changes were submitted for Thursday. Nine races are on tap for Saturday. No Cal-bred/sired races were used.

**THURSDAY**

10-27-2016<sup>1</sup>

**MIKE NATHAN RUSSELL HEARING CASE #16GG0126**

Groom Mike Russell appeared and plead guilty to smoking Marijuana and having a small amount in his possession in a tack room at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton on September 23, 2016.

Winners Foundation representative Nora Lee was present and agreed to evaluate Mr. Russell. Young Mr. Russell stated that he was from Nebraska and had been in California for just over a year and just wanted to experiment.

Mr. Russell has no previous violations and accepted the following ruling with apologies for his actions:

**#4**

Groom **Mike N. Russell** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* and placed on probation for the term of his license (04/30/2017) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Possession and Use of Marijuana) on September 23, 2016.

As conditions of probation **Mr. Russell** must submit to an evaluation by the Winners Foundation and abide by any recommendations from that organization and sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be cause for action against **Mr. Russell's** license privileges.

10-27-2016<sup>2</sup> **PROGRAM CHANGES** **REFUNDS**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Race:** #2 Italian Fling (Trainer Tim McCanna)  
 Sick-DVM Isbell \$109.50

10-27-2016<sup>3</sup> **3<sup>RD</sup> RACE-DOUBLE INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION**  
 The inquiry sign was posted to review two separate incidents in this six furlong event.  
 The first incident involved #3 Valiant Flame (Pedro Terrero), #4 Gold Chaser (Frank Alvarado) and #5 Percy Fawcett (Irvine Orozco). At the start #5 breaks in, #4 breaks a little tardy and #3 breaks out. #5 is corrected by jockey Orozco quickly after bumping #4. #3 is tipped on the hind end by #4 and bears out into #4's path. #4 clips the heels of #3 but stays upright and goes on to run a credible second behind #3-the eventual winner.  
 The second incident involved #3 Valiant Flame (Pedro Terrero, 1<sup>st</sup>) and stablemate #5 Percy Fawcett (Irving Orozco, 3<sup>rd</sup>) in the stretch. #3 comes over on two separate occasions causing jockey Irving Orozco to check his mount repeatedly and in the unanimous opinion of the Stewards, #5 was cost any chance at a better placing. #3 was disqualified and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> for this interference.

Original order of finish: **3-4-5-2-1**  
 Official order of finish: **4-5-3-2-1**

10-27-2016<sup>4</sup> **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	630	\$121,243.60
NCOT	1246	\$330,595.00
SCOT		\$169,758.00
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$737,512.56</u>
TOTAL		\$1,359,109.10

## **FRIDAY**

10-28-2016<sup>1</sup> **TERRERO RULING –(REFERENCE 10/27/2016<sup>3</sup>)**

### **#5**

Jockey **Pedro Terrero** who rode **Valiant Flame** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, October 27, 2016 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days (November 4, 5 & 6, 2016) 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 first to third. 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 the designated races in California

The above ruling was issued after Terrero appeared and reviewed his ride aboard #3 Valiant Flame in yesterday's 3<sup>rd</sup> race. The start had multiple horses involved but Terrero was cautioned to react quicker when straightening his mount. Mr. Terrero had no excuse for letting his mount come in on two occasions in the stretch impeding another horse. Thus his penalty.

10-28-2016<sup>2</sup> **PROGRAM CHANGES** **REFUNDS**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race: #2 Califo Cat (Trainer Armando Lage)  
 Injured-DVM Isbell \$138.15  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race: #13 White Falcon (Trainer Duane Offield)  
 Also eligible-Stewards \$57.45

10-28-2016<sup>3</sup> **INCLIMENT WEATHER –RACES SWITCHED TO MAIN TRACK**  
 Due to consistent rainfall the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> races were taken off the turf and moved to the main track early this morning. The 5<sup>th</sup> goes from 5 furlongs on the turf to 5 furlongs on the all-weather track. The 8<sup>th</sup> race switches from one mile on the turf to

one mile and one sixteenth on the main track in compliance with the conditions of the race.

10-28-2016<sup>4</sup> **GOOD RACING**

The Tapeta racing surface held up admirably once again during today's races as showers persisted during the card.

10-28-2016<sup>5</sup> **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	1265	\$198,559.90
NCOT	1562	\$514,843.40
SCOT		\$200,771.60
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$788,257.06</u>
TOTAL		\$1,702,431.90

**SATURDAY**

10-29-2016<sup>1</sup> **OFF TURF AGAIN**

The fourth, sixth and ninth races were moved from the turf course to the main Tapeta track surface. All distances remained the same. The change in surface prompted three scratches in the 4<sup>th</sup> race and one in race nine.

10-29-2016<sup>2</sup> **RE-INSTATEMENT**

**#6**

In The Matter Of:  
Owner Stacey D. Wittler (DBA Gray Castle Farm)

Having now satisfied the outstanding financial obligation (\$1,160.00) to San Francisco Equine, Inc., the expired license privileges of Stacy D. Wittler (DBA Gray Castle Farm) are restored to good standing and Ms. Wittler is deemed eligible for relicensing.

Further, Pacific Racing Association ruling #72, dated May 12, 2012, suspending Ms. Wittler for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards received written notice from San Francisco Equine that the outstanding debt had been satisfied.

10-29-2016<sup>3</sup> **2<sup>ND</sup> RACE CLAIM VOID**

The claim submitted by trainer William E. Morey for the gelding "Flicker Of Luck" was deemed void after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin reported lameness in the left front leg. Flicker Of Luck was returned to the barn of trainer Bill McLean.

10-29-2016<sup>4</sup> **PONY INSPECTION**

State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin and Safety Steward Richard Lewis conducted an inspection of the pony horses here at Golden Gate Fields today. Reports are pending.

10-29-2016<sup>5</sup> **LATE JOCKEY CHANGE**

Following the 8<sup>th</sup> race in which he rode the winner, jockey Frank Alvarado reported to track physician David Seftel that his kidneys were hurting. Dr. Seftel recommended Mr. Alvarado be replaced. Jockey Rocco Bowen accepted the mount.

10-29-2016<sup>6</sup> **PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

**REFUNDS**

4th Race: #1 Italian Warrior (Trainer Guillermo Preciado)

Off Turf-Stewards

See Below

4<sup>th</sup> Race: #2 Johnny Reb (Trainer Michael Lenzini)

Off Turf-Stewards

See Below

4<sup>th</sup> Race: #4 Royal Alexei (Trainer John F. Martin)

Off Turf-Stewards

\$416.60

5 <sup>th</sup> Race: #6 Papaclém's Midnight (Trainer Clifford DeLima)	
Sick-DVM Sporer	\$58.90
8 <sup>th</sup> Race: #5 Hunters Vow (Trainer Ed Moger, Jr.)	
Sick-DVM Franklin	\$129.90
9 <sup>th</sup> Race: #9 Euphemistic (Trainer Melanie McDonald)	
Off Turf-Stewards	\$128.00

10-29-2016 <sup>7</sup>	<b><u>HANDLE-ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
	GGF 1912	\$328,325.60
	NCOT 2490	\$811,973.00
	SCOT	\$374,123.20
	<u>OUT OF STATE</u>	<u>\$1,166,328.41</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,680,750.20

**SUNDAY**

10-30-2016<sup>1</sup> **OFF TURF ONCE AGAIN**  
 Today's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> races were moved from the turf to the all-weather Tapeta main track. All distances remain the same. The change in the surface resulted in one scratch in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, two in the 7<sup>th</sup> and one in the 9<sup>th</sup>.

10-30-2016 <sup>2</sup>	<b><u>PROGRAM CHANGES</u></b>	<b><u>REFUNDS</u></b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> race:</b> #3 Incentive Plan (Trainer Daniel Franko)	
	Sick-DVM Franklin	\$9,935.49
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Race:</b> #6 Trimoma (Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer)	
	Off Turf-Stewards	\$84.80
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Race:</b> #6 Tequila Mary (Trainer Steve Sherman)	
	Off Turf-Stewards	<u>See Below</u>
	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Race:</b> #8 Pretty Emma (Trainer Kent Molinaro)	
	Off Turf-Stewards	\$461.80
	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Race:</b> #5 Johnnie B (Trainer Kent Molinaro)	
	Off Turf-Stewards	\$277.45

10-30-2016<sup>3</sup> **2<sup>ND</sup> RACE INQUIRY-NON-STARTER**  
 #1 Manyshadesofgray (David Martin) got its head behind the inside bar of the starting gate after acting up before the start. The Assistance Starter had hold of #1's head and was unable to point it down the track before Starter Todd Stephens started the field. The horse was declared a non-starter in conformity with justice and in the interest of protecting the betting public.

10-30-2016 <sup>4</sup>	<b><u>HANDLE-ATTENDANCE</u></b>	
	GGF 2362	\$332,212.40
	NCOT 2099	\$688,403.20
	SCOT	\$466,105.10
	<u>OUT OF STATE</u>	<u>\$1,406,162.29</u>
	TOTAL	\$2,892,882.90

**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.

**VETERINARY REPORT**

**Euthanized/Died**-Friday, October 28, 2016, Lovely Kitten (Trainer William Morey) showed signs of ATAXIA over a two week period and had progressively gotten worse over that time frame. An EPM test came up negative; however after consultation with owner, trainer and DVM, Kim Kuhlman, it was decided to euthanize her.

**Veterinarian's List** - There were seven (7) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 4 Injured: 1 Unsound: 1 Shockwave: 1

There were twenty-six (26) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 11 Injured: 5 Unsound: 10

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

DATE	RACE	NO	HORSE	TRAINER	REASON	REFUND
10-27-2016	2	2	Italian Fling	McCanna	Sick	\$109.50
10-28-2016	4	2	Califo Cat	Lage	Inj	\$138.15
10-28-2016	8	13	White Falcon	Offield	Stews	\$57.45
10-29-2016	4	1	Italian Warrior	Preciado	Stews	<u>See Below</u>
10-29-2016	4	2	Johnny Reb	Lenzini	Stews	<u>See Below</u>
10-29-2016	4	4	Alexei	Martin	Stews	\$416.60
10-29-2016	5	6	Papclem's Midnight	DeLima	Sick	\$58.90
10-29-2016	8	5	Hunters Vow	Moger	Sick	\$129.90
10-29-2016	9	9	Euphemistic	Mcdonald	Stews	\$128.00
10-30-2016	2	3	Incentive Plan	Franko	Sick	\$9,935.49
10-30-2016	3	6	Trimoma	Hollendorfer	Stews	\$84.80
10-30-2016	7	6	Tequila Mary	Sherman	Stews	<u>See Below</u>
10-30-2016	7	8	Pretty Emma	Molinaro	Stews	\$461.80
10-30-2016	9	5	Johnnie B	Molinaro	Stews	\$277.45

	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	Week	Meet
<b>ACCIDENTS</b>	0	1	0	0	1	1
<b>CAL-BRED RACES</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>CLAIMS</b>	0	2	1	2	5	18
<b>DISQUALIFICATIONS</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1
<b>INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS</b>	1	0	0	1	2	3
<b>REFUNDS</b>	1	2	6	5	14	29
<b>RULINGS</b>	1	1	1	0	3	6

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

Anderson	63	\$16,932.90
Bankers Casino	73	\$18,678.90
Fresno	253	\$74,599.60
Fresno Club One	57	\$41,204.50
Monterey	201	\$176,224.20
Pleasanton	1027	\$342,920.10
Sacramento	572	\$261,864.80
San Jose	1234	\$362,402.80
San Mateo	1903	\$664,784.00
Santa Rosa	440	\$102,290.30
Stockton	592	\$165,240.10
Turlock	251	\$63,365.60
Vallejo	514	\$149,670.70
So. California	0	\$1,210,757.90
Out of State	0	\$4,098,260.20

Respectfully submitted,

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**Will Meyers, Steward**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Dennis Nevin, Steward**\_\_\_\_\_  
**John Herbuveaux, Steward**