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Report for the period Thursday, February 22 through Sunday, February 25, 2018

**THURSDAY**

02-22-2018

**ENTRIES & SCRATCHES**

Steward Dennis Nevin was in attendance for dark day duties and nine race card for Sunday was assembled by mid-afternoon.

**FRIDAY**

02-23, 2018<sup>1</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATION:**

**8<sup>th</sup> Race:** #8 Boleo (Trainer Clifford DeLima)  
 Sick-DVM Isbell

**REFUND**

**\$213.80**

02-23-2018<sup>2</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY-EIGHTH RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review the start involving #9 Mr. Larson (7<sup>th</sup>, Pedro Flores) and #7 Tupelo Cush (6<sup>th</sup>, Layla Griffen). Tapes showed that Mr Larson broke in sharply leaving the starting gate and impeded Tupelo Cush. Since Tupelo Cush came on to out-finish Mr Larson there was no need for a disqualification. Jockey Flores will review the race tapes with the Stewards in the morning.

02-23-2018<sup>3</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	690	\$215,336.42
NCOT	1463	\$519,300.41
SCOT		\$294,379.20
OUT OF STATE		\$1,175,132.53
TOTAL		\$2,204,148.56

**SATURDAY**

02-24-2018<sup>1</sup>

**MUNOZ RULING**

**#47**

Owner **JUAN CONCEPCION MUNOZ**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before February 23, 2018, 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 California Horse racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **JUAN CONCEPCION MUNOZ** 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. Munoz ignored a notice to appear for a hearing to address a complaint alleging he owes San Francisco Equine \$2,996.00 for services rendered.

02-24-2018<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys Heribert Martinez and Pedro Flores came in to review yesterday’s eighth race where each was involved in separate incidents.

Flores was slow to react when his mount broke inward leaving the starting gate and interfered with the horse to the inside.

Martinez was involved in a stretch duel with the winner and applied more pressure to the horse on his inside than was necessary. The majority felt this action was worthy of suspension while Steward Herbuveaux did not feel the incident rose to a level where a penalty was required.

The following rulings were issued:

**#48**

Jockey **PEDRO FLORES** who rode **MR LARSON** in the 8th race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 23, 2018 is suspended three (3) racing days March 3, 4 and 8, 2018 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference at the start; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

**#49**

Jockey **HERIBERT MARTINEZ** who rode **ASSETS INCLUDED** in the 8th race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 23, 2018 is suspended three (3) racing days March 3, 4 and 8, 2018 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference in the stretch; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

02-24-2018<sup>3</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race:** #3 Many Lights (Trainer Ari Herbertson)  
Sick-DVM Isbell
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race:** #2 Cherokee In Me (Trainer Jonathan Wong)  
Sick-DVM Isbell
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race:** #5 Orzo (Trainer Tony Stabile)  
Sick-DVM Isbell
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race:** #5 Fair Advantage (Trainer Cliff DeLima)  
Sick-DVM Isbell

**REFUNDS**

**\$250.76**

**See Below**

**\$336.91**

**\$618.92**

**FINANCIAL RESOLVED-REINSTATEMENTS**  
**(CASES #17GG0046, #17GG0051, #17GG0012)**

**#50**

Unlicensed Trainer **VOD FARRIS**, having now appeared and a hearing having been held is hereby deemed eligible to be relicensed and Pacific Racing Association ruling #104, dated March 30, 2017, suspending **MR. FARRIS** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

Further **MR. FARRIS** has satisfied the outstanding financial obligation (\$350.00) to Golden Gate Fields and made arrangements to resolve the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine (\$9,000.00). Failure to abide by the terms of the payment agreement with San Francisco Equine will be cause to take action against **MR. FARRIS'** license privileges.

**#51**

Owner/Assistant Trainer **ALEXIS K. FARRIS (DBA VELOCITY RACING)** having made arrangements to resolve the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine (\$9,000.00) is hereby restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #48, dated February 18, 2017 suspending **MS. FARRIS** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

Further, failure to abide by the terms of the payment agreement with San Francisco Equine will be cause to take action against **MS. FARRIS'** license privileges.

The above rulings were issued after trainer Vod Farris finally appeared and made arrangements with San Francisco Equine to resolve a vet bill going back years. Farris also cleared up an NSF check with Golden Gate Fields. Alexis Farris did not appear at this time but since the matter with San Francisco Equine is being satisfied it resolves the only issue which caused her license to be suspended-hence her reinstatement.

02-24-2018<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY-ACCIDENT-FIRST RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to determine the cause of a spill at the ¼ which saw #1 Goliath's Girl, ridden by Frank Alvarado, fall and dislodge the jockey. After a thorough review the Stewards took no action with respect to the placings.

Tapes showed that Goliath's Girl, trained by Jerry Hollendorfer, was injured (left front) around the far turn and fell throwing Alvarado who landed heavily.

Alvarado went to the hospital for precautionary x-rays as he was diagnosed with bruises to a shoulder and ribs and a possible concussion. Goliath's Girl was euthanized at the scene.

02-24-2018<sup>6</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH-FIFTH RACE**

As the field was loading in the starting gate #6 Phantom Rendezvous, trained by Tim Bellasis with T. P. Queally in the irons, reared in her stall and got her front leg over the stall door. Track Veterinarian Sarah Sporer, DVM had the filly backed out and after examination recommended she be declared as injured. On the Veterinarian's List. The refund amounted to \$74,460.65.

02-24-2018<sup>7</sup>

**STEWARDS INQUIRY-EIGHTH RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident near the 1/8 involving the winner, #1 Synnin ridden by Irving Orozco, and the sixth placed horse, #4 Sunday Nap with William Antongeorgi in the irons. After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed that Orozco steered Synnin to the outside near the 1/8 in search of racing room and in the process caused Sunday Nap to check. Although Sunday Nap was taken off his path the Stewards determined that Sunday Nap was not cost the opportunity at a better placing as the horse had already run its race and was advancing to the rear at the time of the incident. Orozco will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

02-24-2018<sup>8</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1126	\$322,425.10
NCOT	2106	\$853,814.91
SCOT		\$455,432.40
OUT OF STATE		<u>\$1,430,533.23</u>
TOTAL		\$3,062,205.64

**SUNDAY**

02-25-2018<sup>1</sup>

**EARLY DECLARATION**

**REFUND**

**9<sup>th</sup> Race:** #6 River Joe (Trainer Tim McCanna)  
Injured-DVM Sporer

**\$294.86**

02-25-2018<sup>2</sup>

**MCCANNA-DELIMA RULINGS (CASES #18GG0004 & #18GG0005)**

**#52**

Trainer **TIM MCCANNA**, who worked the horse RIVER JOE on January 21, 2018 is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1866 (b) (1) (Veterinarian's List - may not work out for 72 hours after being placed on the list - sick).

**#53**

Trainer **CLIFFORD DELIMA**, who worked the horse MIDNIGHT SEEKER on January 21, 2018 is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1866 (b) (1) (Veterinarian's List - may not work out for 72 hours after being placed on the list - sick)

The above rulings were issued after both McCanna and DeLima appeared for informal hearings. Both acknowledged they worked their respective horses while on the Veterinarian's List but stated the reasons the horses were placed on the list were for minor issues. McCanna's horse had contracted a case of hives and DeLima's horse had a cold and neither trainer felt their horse was negatively affected by the workout.

02-25-2018<sup>3</sup>

**OROZCO RULING**

**#54**

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** who rode **SYNNIN** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, February 24, 2018 is hereby suspended three (3) racing days, March 4, 8 and 9, 2018 for altering course in the stretch without sufficient clearance and causing interference; A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules - Careless Riding)

The above ruling was published after Orozco came in to review yesterday's eighth race in which his mount was the subject of a Steward's inquiry. Orozco readily agreed he went for the wrong hole in search of room and caused interference.

02-25-2018<sup>4</sup>

**LA RUSSA HEARING-REINSTATEMENT (CASE #15GG0042)**

**#55**

Expired Owner **STEVEN M. LA RUSSA, JR.** having now appeared and a hearing having been held, is hereby deemed eligible for relicensing and Pacific Racing Association #57, dated March 27, 2015, suspending Mr. La Russa for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure To Appear) is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after La Russa appeared and explained that the charges that were originally filed against him by the District Attorney's office in Stanislaus County had been dismissed. La Russa had documentation to attest to this fact so the California Horse Racing Board complaint filed against him in 2015 was also dismissed.

**GALVIN-MOREY CLAIM DISPUTE (CASES #18GG0012 & #18GG0013)**

On Saturday, February 24, 2018 Brendan Galvin, Assistant Trainer for Bill Morey deposited a claim for the horse Bolt Up in the first race of the day. The trainer of record for Bolt Up was Jonathan Wong. Shortly after the race Wong filed a protest seeking to rescind the claim by Morey. Wong alleged that Galvin circumvented the rules by being in the Receiving Barn, a restricted area, prior the first race. In Wong’s opinion Galvin was able to view Bolt Up in the Receiving barn thereby gaining an unfair advantage.

An informal hearing was conducted this morning to determine if any rules had been violated. All parties were present and witnesses were called in to ascertain if Galvin was actually in the Receiving Barn prior to the first race or merely in an area in proximity to the barn which open to the public.

The testimony heard was conflicting and what evidence was collected was not conclusive. Since no clear violation of the rules could be documented the complaints were dismissed and the claim was allowed to stand.

02-25-2018<sup>6</sup>

**FINANCIAL DISPUTED (CASE #18GG0009)**

A financial complaint filed by Trainer Andy Mathis against owner Mark Giardino was heard informally this morning. Mathis alleged that Giardino owes \$3,333.00 for services rendered for the horse Eastern Morn which Mathis had care and custody of from April 1, through May 14, 2017. Giardino does not dispute the entire amount only the rate that Mathis charged i.e. \$65.00/day when the horse never had a recorded work while under Mathis’ care.

Mathis admits the horse had a soundness issue which prevented Mathis from putting the horse through a traditional training regime but defended his normal rate of \$65.00 per day.

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

02-25-2018<sup>7</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited by William Morey for the horse Gran Fiesta in the sixth race was deemed void by the Stewards after Official Veterinarian Forest Franklin DVM reported that the horse was lame in the right front and would be placed on the veterinarian’s List. Gran Fiesta was returned to the care of Jerry Holldendorfer.

02-25-2018<sup>8</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH-FIRST RACE-REFUND**

#6 Mark Ye Well trained by Tony Stabile was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of Track Veterinarian Sarah Sporer, DVM after she reported the horse reared and fell in the saddling paddock.

On the Veterinarian’s List. The refund amounted to \$2,410.92

02-25-2018<sup>9</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited in the first race by Trainer Tim McCanna was voided by the Stewards when Dr. Franklin stated the horse, No Problem, was off on the left front and would be placed on the Veterinarian’s List. Gary Greiner retained possession of No Problem.

02-25-2018<sup>10</sup>

**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3440	\$468,395.78
NCOT	1782	\$762,190.31
SCOT		\$456,279.50
OUT OF STATE		\$1,754,213.32
TOTAL		\$3,441,078.80

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

DATE	RACE #	HORSE NAME	TRAINER	VET	REFUND
02-23-2018	8	Boleo	DeLima	Isbell	\$213.80
02-24-2018	1	Many Lights	Herbertson	Isbell	\$250.76
02-24-2018	6	Cherokee In Me	Wong	Isbell	See Below
02-24-2018	6	Orzo	Stabile	Isbell	\$336.91
02-24-2018	8	Fair Advantage	DeLima	Isbell	\$618.92
02-25-2018	9	River Joe	McCanna	Sporer	\$294.86

**VETERINARY REPORT-1**

**Saturday February 24, 2018-(Racing-Non Sudden Death)**

Goliath's Girl (Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer) was injured at the 3/8 pole during the first race on the Tapeta surface and was euthanized later due to the severity of the injury.

**There were eighteen (18) horses placed on the vet's list:**

Sick: 9 Injured: 4  
 Unsound: 3 Shockwave: 2

**There were twenty four (24) horses removed from the vet's list:**

Sick: 19 Injured: 2  
 Unsound: 2 Bled: 1

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

Fresno	187	\$38,277.70
Fresno Club One	44	\$58,262.40
Monterey	149	\$53,797.90
Pleasanton	730	\$364,694.45
Sacramento	680	\$239,462.66
San Jose	980	\$291,580.87
San Mateo	1351	\$400,142.26
Santa Rosa	339	\$107,646.74
Stockton	426	\$302,779.14
Vallejo	382	\$149,796.80
So. California	0	\$3,115,860.40
Out of State	0	\$4,359,879.00

	02/22 No Racing	02/23	02/24	02/25	Total	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	6
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	0	1	3	7	11	115
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	7
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	2	0	3	15
REFUNDS	0	1	4	1	6	126
RULINGS	0	0	5	4	9	62
CLAIMS VOIDED	0	0	0	2	2	17

Respectfully submitted,

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**John Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**