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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 Sunday, May 22, 2011 through Saturday, May 28, 2011.

**Sunday**

05-22-11<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for four year olds and older, claiming price \$9,000 - \$10,000 at six furlongs, was used open with six entries.

05-22-11<sup>2</sup> **FILM REVIEW – RULING NO. 75 – BAZE**

Jockey **RUSSELL BAZE**, who rode **STUFDRMSRMADEOF** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, May 21, 2011, is suspended three (3) racing days (May 29, 30, and June 2, 2011) 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).

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

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Baze and the stewards reviewed the tapes of the sixth race from Saturday, May 21, 2011.

Mr. Baze acknowledged he erred in failing to control his mount, who was drifting out in late stretch and subsequently caused interference near the 1/16 pole.

05-22-11<sup>4</sup> **CLEAR DAY**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

05-22-11 <sup>5</sup>	<b>ATTENDANCE &amp; HANDLE</b>		
	GGF	5,129	\$ 570,263.30
	NCOT	2,702	\$ 858,023.20
	SCOT		\$ 544,584.00
	Out of State		\$1,013,879.68
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>\$2,986,750.18</b>

**Wednesday**05-25-11 **DARK DAY**

Steward Darrel McHargue was in attendance on this non-racing day to handle entries for Saturday, May 28, 2011 and scratches for tomorrow, May 26.

**Thursday**05-26-11<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for maidens, fillies and mares, three years old, claiming price \$12,500 at six furlongs, was used open with seven entries.

05-26-11<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5 <sup>th</sup> race:	#4 GRACIAS	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$740.30
6 <sup>th</sup> race:	#4 INDIAN WELLS	(Tr. Bill McLean)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 68.00
	#7 SHAGGY NIUNIU	(Tr. Lloyd Mason)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$420.20
7 <sup>th</sup> race:	#5 BROKEN SILENCE	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$409.40
8 <sup>th</sup> race:	#7 PINE DRIVE	(Tr. Quinn Howey)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$106.10

05-26-11<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 76 – PIMENTEL** (11GG141)

Owner/Trainer/Assistant Trainer/Stable Foreman/Groom **MARTIN RAMIREZ PIMENTEL**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Sunday, May 22, 2011, to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(c) (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), is hereby suspended pending appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of MARTIN RAMIREZ PIMENTEL 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 as Mr. Pimentel failed to appear to address a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board relating to a felony conviction for the transportation and sale of a controlled substance (cocaine).

05-26-11<sup>4</sup> **RULING NO. 77 – GONZALEZ**

Trainer **RAMON G. GONZALEZ** is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run) necessitating a late declaration for the horse LA COLOMBINA from the third race on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Gonzalez initially indicated truck problems led to his failure to ship his horse from Pleasanton Fairgrounds. However, he was unable to verify such problems and accepted the penalty imposed.

05-26-11<sup>5</sup> **ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Second Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race in order to review an incident shortly after the start involving #1 SUMMER ARROW (Juan Hernandez) first, and #2 HARVIN ROBINSON (Francisco Duran).

The tapes clearly show #1 SUMMER ARROW drifts out into the path of #2 HARVIN ROBINSON, causing the latter to clip heels, stumble and unseat jockey Duran. The stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #1 SUMMER ARROW from first to unplaced. Accident report attached.

05-26-11<sup>6</sup> **INQUIRY/OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION – Fifth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fifth race for a review of an incident in the stretch involving #7 FANCY ENDEVOR (Jesus Velazquez) third and #3 LAST OF THE BLUES (Juan Hernandez) fifth.

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the tapes of the race, the stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #7 FANCY ENDEVOR from third to fifth for drifting out into the path of #3 LAST OF THE BLUES, causing the latter to take back, lose ground and the opportunity to place where he might be reasonably expected to finish.

05-26-11<sup>7</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,086	\$ 252,766.10
NCOT	1,909	\$ 562,270.60
SCOT		\$ 331,350.00
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,073,014.79</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,995</b>	<b>\$2,219,401.49</b>

**Friday**

05-27-11<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for maidens, three years old and older, claiming price \$12,500, six furlongs, filled with eight entries.

05-27-11<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2 <sup>nd</sup> race:	#1 MTN RANCH WILLY	(Tr. Bud Klokstad)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$598.90
5 <sup>th</sup> race:	#3 PELICAN HILL	(Tr. Ramon G. Gonzalez)	unsound
	Track Veterinarian	Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$3,230.17
7 <sup>th</sup> race:	#2 ABSOLUTLYPOSITIVLY	(Tr. Matthew Chew)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 286.10

05-27-11<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 78 – HENDERSON** (11GG130)

Trainer **FRANCES HENDERSON**, who started the horse **SPEED FOR GLORY**, third place finisher in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on March 20, 2011, is fined the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Phenylbutazone – in excess of permitted level – 11.60 us/ml [Class 4] ).

The above ruling was issued following a hearing held on May 20, 2011.

05-27-11<sup>4</sup> **RULING NO. 79 – HERNANDEZ** (Refer: 05-26-11<sup>5</sup>)

Jockey **JUAN HERNANDEZ**, who rode **SUMMER ARROW** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, May 26, 2011, is suspended seven (7) racing days (June 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course soon after the start and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to unplaced; 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 foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Hernandez, his agent Ramon Silva and the stewards reviewed the tapes of the second race from May 26, 2011.

Mr. Hernandez was contrite and realizes he must make an effort to control a drifting mount before interference occurs thus prevent accidents.

05-27-11<sup>5</sup> **RULING NO. 80 – VELAZQUEZ** (Refer: 05-26-11<sup>6</sup>)

Apprentice Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ**, who rode **FANCEY ENDEVOR** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, May 26, 2011, is suspended five (5) racing days (June 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10, 2011) 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 third to fifth; 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 foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Velazquez, his valet Augie Meza and the stewards reviewed the tapes of the fifth race from May 26, 2011.

Mr. Velazquez acknowledged he failed to make an effort to straighten his mount, who was drifting out under left handed whipping and causing interference.

05-27-11<sup>6</sup> **RULING NO. 81 – WOOTEN** (10GG020)

In the matter of:

Jockey **JAMES W. WOOTEN**

Jockey **JAMES W. WOOTEN**, having now resolved the outstanding financial obligation to jockey agent David A. Kasparian, is hereby restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #29 dated December 19, 2010, suspending Mr. Wooten for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

Mr. Wooten was restored to good standing after the stewards were notified by his former agent, David Kasparian, that he satisfied his outstanding financial obligation.

05-27-11<sup>7</sup> **RULING NO. 82 – ROMERO**

Jockey **HECTOR ROMERO** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockey and Drivers to Report) on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Romero appeared and apologized for reporting late to the jockey's room on May 26, 2011.

05-27-11<sup>8</sup> **ACCIDENT / INQUIRY – No Change – First Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the first race for a review of an accident soon after the start.

The tapes show #1 ROOSTER CITY (Kevin Krigger) ducked in and over the temporary rail extension coming out of the six furlong chute and unseated his rider. No other horses were involved.

ROOSTER CITY was uninjured and completed the course rider less. Jockey Krigger suffered a sprained left index finger and was excused from his remaining mounts. Accident report attached.

05-27-11<sup>9</sup> **ACCIDENT / INQUIRY – No Change – Fifth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fifth race to review an accident near the 3/8 pole.

#5 NASSAU GOLD (Julien Couton) went wrong and fell. Jockey Couton landed awkwardly and was immediately attended to by the ambulance crew, then transported to Highland Hospital.

Track veterinarian Sara Sporer, D.V.M., reported NASSAU GOLD suffered a heart attack and died.

Early reports on jockey Couton indicated compression fractures of the seventh and eighth vertebrae. Accident report attached.

05-27-11<sup>9</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	942	\$	231,967.10
NCOT	2,399	\$	691,981.20
SCOT		\$	201,746.50
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>945,302.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$2,070,997.55</b>

**Saturday**05-28-11<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for four year olds and older, claiming price \$6,250, six furlongs, failed to fill and was called off.

05-28-11<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> race:	#6 SHHH I'M A SECRET	(Tr. Reina E. Gonzalez)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 358.20
5 <sup>th</sup> race:	#7 TOP JOCK	(Tr. Vann Belvoir)	unsound
	Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$10,462.86

05-28-11<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 83 – NOLAN**

Owner/Exercise Rider/Groom **KEN J. NOLAN**, having now appeared and the matter resolved, is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling no. 012, dated February 2, 1991 suspending Ken Nolan for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is hereby set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Nolan met with the stewards after applying for an exercise rider license. CHRB licensing clerk Candice Monroe discovered that Mr. Nolan had been suspended in 1991 for failure to appear before the Board of Stewards to answer charges of intoxication. Mr. Nolan subsequently applied for, and

received, a groom's license (1996) without addressing the intoxication issue. Records show former CHRB Investigator Ken Kirkman, who filed the original complaint, cleared Mr. Nolan for that license. Mr. Nolan has a clean record since 1996 and the stewards see no reason to revisit the 1991 issue.

05-28-11<sup>4</sup> **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Ninth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the ninth race for a review of the start. After interviewing the riders involved, checking with the patrol judges and reviewing the tapes, the stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #7 SILK CAPE (Pedro Flores) from third to fifth for ducking into the path of #6 SAND AND SURF (Geovanni Franco) (5<sup>th</sup>) causing the latter to clip heels and lose ground soon after the start.

05-28-11<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,837	\$	480,101.90
NCOT	3,080	\$	985,226.80
SCOT		\$	566,034.10
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>980,346.46</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,917</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$3,011,709.26</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. Steward Darrel McHargue was in attendance on the non-racing day (05/25) to handle entries and scratches

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
26-May	5	4	GRACIAS	Miyadi	sick	Isbell	<b>\$740.30</b>
	6	4	INDIAN WELLS	McLean	injured	Isbell	<b>\$68.00</b>
		7	SHAGGY NIUNIU	Mason	sick	Isbell	<b>\$420.20</b>
	7	5	BROKEN SILENCE	Hollendorfer	sick	Isbell	<b>\$409.40</b>
	8	7	PINE DRIVE	Howey	injured	Isbell	<b>\$106.10</b>
27-May	2	1	MTN RANCH WILLY	Klokstad	injured	Isbell	<b>\$598.90</b>
	5	3	PELICAN HILL	Gonzalez	unsound	Sporer	<b>\$3,230.17</b>
	7	2	ABSOLUTLYPOSITIVLY	Chew	sick	Isbell	<b>\$286.10</b>
28-May	1	6	SHHH I'M A SECRET	Gonzalez	sick	Isbell	<b>\$358.20</b>
	5	7	TOP JOCK	Belvoir	unsound	Sporer	<b>\$10,462.86</b>

**VETERINARY REPORT**

**Euthanized / Died**

05-27-11 Nassau Gold (Tr. S. Murphy) fell at 3/8 Heart attack. Tapeta. Racing.

**Veterinarian's List**

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

Sick: 5  
Injured: 3  
Unsound: 4  
Medication: 2

There were sixteen (16) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 8  
Injured: 6  
Bled: 1  
Medication: 1

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were two (2) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

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

Anderson	81	\$	21,158.60
Bakersfield	378	\$	73,479.20
Fresno	287	\$	65,192.60
Fresno Club One	91	\$	45,046.20
Monterey	359	\$	114,986.20
Pleasanton	1437	\$	489,709.30
Sacramento	972	\$	311,695.40
San Jose	1784	\$	458,078.30
San Mateo	2792	\$	1,030,103.50
Santa Rosa	678	\$	165,324.50
Stockton	815	\$	201,670.30
Tulare	173	\$	46,968.60
Turlock	368	\$	108,992.60
Vallejo	724	\$	204,001.30
So. California		\$	1,643,714.60
Out of State		\$	4,012,543.68

	<b>22- May</b>	<b>26- May</b>	<b>27- May</b>	<b>28- May</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>Meet</b>
ACCIDENTS	0	1	2	0	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
CLAIMS	4	1	2	2	<b>9</b>	<b>152</b>
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	2	0	1	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	2	2	1	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>
REFUNDS	0	5	3	2	<b>10</b>	<b>267</b>
RULINGS	1	2	5	1	<b>9</b>	<b>83</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**John B. Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Darrel McHargue, Steward**

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