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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 Thursday, September 22, 2011 through Sunday, September 25, 2011.

**Thursday**09-22-11<sup>1</sup>**STANSFIELD DECISION** (Refer 09-10-11<sup>7</sup>)

Trainer **CHARLES E. STANSFIELD**, who started the horse **FEVER RELIEVER**, second place finisher in the ninth race at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on July 3, 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: Prohibited Substance – Methocarbamol – [Class 4] – second offense).

The above ruling was issued following an informal hearing on September 10, 2011. The stewards used the intervening days to research the circumstances surrounding the test results. We could not find any evidence that would absolve Stansfield of responsibility for the presence of the substance in the post race test sample.

09-22-11<sup>2</sup>**HERRERA HEARING** (Case #11GG0139)

A hearing was scheduled for exercise rider **ABEL C. HERRERA** to address a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) pursuant to #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). Herrera did not appear as ordered.

09-22-11<sup>3</sup>**FINANCIAL RESOLVED** (Case #11GG205)

A complaint filed by San Francisco Equine against owner **Evelyn Ungaro** alleging \$764.00 due for veterinary services rendered was resolved when the stewards received written notice that the obligation had been paid.

**Friday**09-23-11<sup>1</sup>**RULING NO. 20 – HERRERA** (Refer: 09-22-11<sup>2</sup>)

Exercise Rider **ABEL C. HERRERA**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Thursday, September 22, 2011, to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing), 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 ABEL C. HERRERA 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 due to Herrera's absence at yesterday's scheduled hearing.

09-23-11<sup>2</sup>**EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

|                       |                                |                     |                  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> race: | #6 INTERNAL FLAME              | (Tr. Doug Utley)    | sick             |
|                       | Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer |                     | REFUND: \$810.10 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> race: | #1 GREY LASSIE                 | (Tr. Ed Moger)      | sick             |
|                       | Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer |                     | REFUND: \$503.70 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> race: | #6 YORKVILLE KID               | (Tr. Aggie Ordonez) | injured          |
|                       | Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer |                     | REFUND: \$580.70 |

09-23-11<sup>3</sup>**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Chris Russell** was in to review the start of Sunday's eighth race where his mount broke out sharply at the start. Russell made half an effort to correct his horse but the stewards cautioned him that we expect a better display of strength.

09-23-11<sup>4</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Third Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the 1/8 involving the place horse, #1 PEPPERED CATNIP, ridden by Chris Russell, and the show horse #3 CHEESEWRIGHT, with Frank Alvarado in the saddle. After a thorough review the stewards disqualified PEPPERED CATNIP from second and placed her third behind CHEESEWRIGHT.

Tapes showed that Russell angled out from the rail under a left hand whip and caused CHEESEWRIGHT to check sharply which, in the stewards' opinion, cost CHEESEWRIGHT the opportunity at a better placing. Russell will review the tapes of the race with the stewards in the morning.

Original order of finish: 7 – (1) – 3 – 6

Official order of finish: 7 – 3 – (1) – 6

09-23-11<sup>5</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Seventh Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate contact between #6 JOHNNYS PRIZE (2<sup>nd</sup>, Pedro Flores) and #5 MAGIC LANTERN (6<sup>th</sup>, Aaron Gryder) at the 1/8. After reviewing the bump from all angles the stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed that JOHNNYS PRIZE stepped in and made contact with MAGIC LANTERN at the 1/8 but the stewards determined the placings were not affected by the incident as MAGIC LANTERN was spent and retreating to the rear. Flores will view the tapes of the race with the stewards in the morning.

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| 09-23-11 <sup>6</sup> | <b>ATTENDANCE &amp; HANDLE</b> |              |                       |
|                       | GGF                            | 1,302        | \$ 220,377.50         |
|                       | NCOT                           | 1,931        | \$ 549,870.10         |
|                       | SCOT                           |              | \$ 231,271.00         |
|                       | Out of State                   |              | \$ 850,723.85         |
|                       | <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>3,233</b> | <b>\$1,852,242.45</b> |

**Saturday**

|                        |  |                       |                  |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------|
| 09-24-11 <sup>1</sup>  | <b><u>EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS</u></b> |                       |                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> race:  | #4 COATOFMANYCOLORS                        | (Tr. Frank Lucarelli) | unsound          |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian                     | Diane Isbell          | REFUND: \$421.50 |
|                        | #5 HELLO BEAUTIFUL                         | (Tr. Greg James)      | sick             |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian                     | Diane Isbell          | REFUND: \$201.20 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #14 DUBAI PERFECTO                         | (Tr. Steve Miyadi)    | also eligible    |
|                        | Stewards                                   |                       | REFUND: \$803.30 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #2 FORFLEETFEET                            | (Tr. Sherrie Monroe)  | injured          |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian                     | Diane Isbell          | REFUND: \$242.68 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> race: | #1 GOLDEN MINUET                           | (Tr. Tim Bellasis)    | sick             |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian                     | Diane Isbell          | REFUND: \$460.20 |

09-24-11<sup>2</sup> **FILM REVIEW – FLORES – RULING NO. 21**

Jockey **Pedro Flores** appeared to review yesterday's seventh race where his horse was the subject of any inquiry. Flores acknowledged he angled for an opening and his mount went in further than anticipated and made contact with a rival. The following ruling was issued:

Jockey **PEDRO FLORES**, who rode **JOHNNYS PRIZE** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, September 23, 2011, is suspended three (3) racing days (October 2, 6 and 7, 2011) for altering course without sufficient clearance 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.

09-24-11<sup>3</sup> **FILM REVIEW – RUSSELL – RULING NO. 22**

Jockey **Chris Russell** appeared to review yesterday's third race in which his mount was disqualified from second to third. Russell was very candid in his assessment stating he tried to get too much run from his horse and let him drift out into the path of a rival thus causing interference. The following ruling was issued:

Jockey **CHRIS RUSSELL**, who rode **PEPPERED CATNIP** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, September 23, 2011, is suspended three (3) racing days (October 2, 6 and 7, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second 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 designated races in California.

09-24-11<sup>4</sup> **BONDE HEARING** (Case #11GG0180)

An informal hearing was held for trainer **Jeff Bonde** who was charged in a complaint

filed by CHRB investigator Carol Nolan with violation of CHRB rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse) in the fifth race at the Alameda County Fair on July 4, 2011. The horse, CLARE'S TOP CHOICE, was listed as a colt in the program when it had recently been gelded.

Bonde explained the owner caused the horse to be gelded off the track without Bonde's knowledge and the owner didn't turn the foal certificate back in to the racing office until the day of the race. The stewards took the matter under submission and will render a decision tomorrow.

09-24-11<sup>5</sup> **LATE SCRATCH – Ninth Race – REFUND**  
#4 SOLDIERS POINT, trained by Lloyd Mason, was scratched by the stewards on the recommendation of official veterinarian Forrest Franklin, D.V.M. approximately one hour prior to post time after he reported the horse was unsound. On Vet's list. The refund was \$2,481.62.

09-24-11<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|                     |              |           |                     |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| GGF                 | 1,784        | \$        | 427,311.70          |
| NCOT                | 2,645        | \$        | 870,097.90          |
| SCOT                |              | \$        | 430,505.90          |
| <u>Out of State</u> |              | \$        | <u>928,229.48</u>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>4,429</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>2,656,144.98</b> |

**Sunday**

09-25-11<sup>1</sup> **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

|                        |                                     |                        |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> race:  | #7 GODSILIC                         | (Tr. Armando Lage)     | off turf           |
|                        | Stewards                            |                        | REFUND: \$1,320.05 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #2 MY SECRET WEAPON                 | (Tr. Ed Moger)         | off turf           |
|                        | Stewards                            |                        | REFUND: \$2,964.93 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #2 RATHSALLAGH                      | (Tr. David Thomas)     | sick               |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell |                        | REFUND: \$ 784.40  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> race:  | #1 BENCH LIGHT                      | (Tr. Ellen L. Jackson) | sick               |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell |                        | REFUND: \$ 228.60  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> race: | #1 NIMPO LAKE                       | (Tr. Steve Specht)     | sick               |
|                        | Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell |                        | REFUND: \$ 540.10  |

09-25-11<sup>2</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
For the three day race week all races written exclusively for horses bred or sired in California failed to attract sufficient entries and were called off.

09-25-11<sup>3</sup> **BONDE DECISION – RULING NO. 23** (Refer: 09-24-11<sup>4</sup>)  
Trainer **JEFF BONDE** is fined the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for failure to properly report the gelding of the horse CLARE'S TOP CHOICE which started in the fifth race on July 4, 2011 at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton); a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse).

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's informal hearing. The stewards considered all the facts of the case and determined that although Bonde is the ultimate insurer with respect to reporting the correct sex of a horse the owner's actions contributed to Bonde's inability to conduct his business in a proper fashion. Considering these circumstances the amount of the fine was reduced from that normally imposed.

09-25-11<sup>4</sup> **RULING NO. 24 – MELENDEZ** (Case #11GG204)

Owner **JORGE LUIS MELENDEZ**, having failed to respond to written to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Saturday, September 24, 2011, to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), 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 JORGE LUIS MELENDEZ 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 Melendez failed to appear to address the complaint filed by exercise rider **Katelyn Marks**. The complaint alleges \$4,031.00 is due Marks for expenses and supplies for the horse, EL GRAN SOL, which is owned by Melendez.

09-25-11<sup>5</sup> **RULING NO. 25 – SALDIVAR** (Refer 09-19-11<sup>3</sup>)

Exercise Rider **JOSE JESUS SALDIVAR** is suspended through the term of his license, August 31, 2012, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of CHRB rule #1489 (a) (c) and (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – falsification of license application and criminal convictions).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of JOSE JESUS SALDIVAR 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 following last week's formal hearing. The facts of the case show that Saldivar falsified his license renewal application by not acknowledging recent felony and misdemeanor convictions. Saldivar is also on formal three year probation for the felony conviction. Testimony indicated that had Saldivar listed the convictions on his renewal application he would not have been eligible for that license according to the California Horse Racing Board policy guidelines on licensing.

09-25-11<sup>6</sup> **POWER DOWN**

Electric power to the racetrack was interrupted twice during the afternoon's ten race card. The first instance came between the fourth and fifth races which caused an eight minute delay for the start of the fifth race. The second outage occurred while the horses were being saddled in the paddock for the eighth race and resulted in a two minute delay for post time.

Early explanations laid the blame for the loss of power at P G & E's doorstep. When power went down the back up emergency power systems kicked in but the interruption required that many systems, such as the totalisator, video cameras and photo finish, be re-booted thereby causing the delays. There was a partial phone system failure and the public address system in the barn area was out.

The use of cell phones, conference calls between the stewards, the mutuel department, the tote room and the hub in Sacramento, along with runners in the barn area to gather horses for upcoming races, were all employed to work around the problems. The result was minimal inconvenience to the patrons. The stewards applaud all of those people and departments that took the situation in stride and solved the obstacles which unforeseen circumstances placed in their path.

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| 09-25-11 <sup>7</sup> | <b>ATTENDANCE &amp; HANDLE</b> |              |                       |
|                       | GGF                            | 3,030        | \$ 411,151.40         |
|                       | NCOT                           | 2,222        | \$ 700,238.60         |
|                       | SCOT                           |              | \$ 354,826.50         |
|                       | Out of State                   |              | \$ 842,260.14         |
|                       | <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>5,252</b> | <b>\$2,308,476.64</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            |
|--------|------|----|-------------------|-----------|---------|----------|-------------------|
| 23-Sep | 5    | 6  | INTERNAL FLAME    | Utlely    | sick    | Sporer   | <b>\$810.10</b>   |
|        | 6    | 1  | GREY LASSIE       | Moger     | sick    | Sporer   | <b>\$503.40</b>   |
|        | 8    | 6  | YORKVILLE KID     | Ordonez   | injured | Sporer   | <b>\$580.70</b>   |
| 24-Sep | 1    | 4  | COATOFMANYCOLORS  | Lucarelli | unsound | Isbell   | <b>\$421.50</b>   |
|        |      | 5  | HELLO BEAUTIFUL   | James     | sick    | Isbell   | <b>\$201.20</b>   |
|        | 8    | 2  | FORFLEETFEET      | Monroe    | injured | Isbell   | <b>\$242.68</b>   |
|        | 9    | 4  | SOLDIERS POINT    | Mason     | unsound | Franklin | <b>\$2,481.62</b> |
|        | 10   | 1  | GOLDEN MINUET     | Bellasis  | sick    | Isbell   | <b>\$460.20</b>   |
| 25-Sep | 7    | 2  | RATHSALLAGH BRIDE | Thomas    | sick    | Isbell   | <b>\$784.40</b>   |
|        | 9    | 1  | BENCH LIGHT       | Jackson   | sick    | Isbell   | <b>\$228.60</b>   |
|        | 10   | 1  | NIMPO LAKE        | Specht    | sick    | Isbell   | <b>\$540.10</b>   |

### **VETERINARY REPORT**

#### **Euthanized / Died**

09-25-11 Slew The Man (Tr. Jeff Bonde) collapsed while training (Pleasanton).

#### **Veterinarian's List**

There were thirteen (13) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 8  
Injured: 4  
Unsound: 1

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

Sick: 7  
Injured: 2  
Unsound: 4  
Medication: 3

**Shockwave Therapy:** There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

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

|                 |      |    |              |
|-----------------|------|----|--------------|
| Anderson        | 49   | \$ | 15,010.70    |
| Bakersfield     | 266  | \$ | 60,159.20    |
| Fresno          | 293  | \$ | 63,662.00    |
| Fresno Club One | 75   | \$ | 35,443.30    |
| Monterey        | 342  | \$ | 125,247.50   |
| Pleasanton      | 1189 | \$ | 430,453.40   |
| Sacramento      | 970  | \$ | 267,666.30   |
| San Jose        | 1455 | \$ | 448,793.20   |
| San Mateo       | 2434 | \$ | 860,403.70   |
| Santa Rosa      | 579  | \$ | 125,786.40   |
| Stockton        | 624  | \$ | 179,637.80   |
| Tulare          | 155  | \$ | 30,843.00    |
| Turlock         | 272  | \$ | 80,019.40    |
| Vallejo         | 594  | \$ | 180,057.60   |
| So. California  |      | \$ | 1,016,603.40 |
| Out of State    |      | \$ | 2,619,350.77 |

|                      | 23-Sep | 24-Sep | 25-Sep | Week      | Meet      |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| ACCIDENTS            | 0      | 0      | 0      | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| CAL-BRED RACES       | 0      | 0      | 0      | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |
| CLAIMS               | 2      | 0      | 3      | <b>5</b>  | <b>34</b> |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS    | 1      | 0      | 0      | <b>1</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS | 2      | 0      | 0      | <b>2</b>  | <b>11</b> |
| REFUNDS              | 3      | 6      | 5      | <b>14</b> | <b>69</b> |
| RULINGS              | 2      | 2      | 3      | <b>7</b>  | <b>25</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

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**John B. Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**Darrel McHargue, Steward**

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