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Golden Gate Fields

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Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, November 9, 2011 through Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Wednesday11-09-11 **RUIZ-MEDELES HEARING** (Case #11GG218)

A formal hearing was convened this morning for groom **Monica Ruiz-Medeles** who was alleged to have violated California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (c) & (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

Present at the hearing besides the Board of Stewards were respondent Medeles and CHRB senior investigator Barbara Chimero who presented the case. The proceedings were recorded by Jeanine Gambel, C.S.R.

Testimony was taken and evidence introduced. The stewards will take the matter under advisement and render a decision in the very near future.

Thursday11-10-11¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#5 MILAZZO	(Tr. Efrain Miranda)	main track only
	Stewards		REFUND: \$871.30
8 th race:	#1 MONKEY BOY JACK	(Tr. A. L. Diaz)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 92.40

11-10-11² **LOOSE DOG**

Groom **JOSE GUADALUPE GARCIA GOMEZ** is fined the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1870 (Conditions of Meeting Binding Upon Licensees) for failure to follow stable area regulations – loose dog).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Gomez appeared and admitted he let his dog run loose in the barn area on more than one occasion in violation of posted stable area regulations. Security took exception to the incidents and finally cited Gomez to the stewards.

11-10-11³ **CALDERON HEARING** (Case #11GG217)

An informal hearing was held for association employee/janitor **Omar Calderon** after CHRB senior investigator Barbara Chimero learned through CII notification that Calderon had two recent misdemeanor convictions for spousal abuse. The convictions occurred in July and December of 2010.

Calderon signed a testing agreement because alcohol was involved in the incidents with his wife. He has been licensed for ten years and has had no problems on the track. He was admonished that any further problems could jeopardize his employment.

11-10-11⁴ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Inoel Beato** appeared to review two races where he began to raise up out of the saddle just before the finish line. His actions did not cost him a placing in either race but he was told to ride his mount past the wire or he could face adverse consequences in the future if his mount gets nosed out at the finish.

11-10-11⁵ **TEMPORARILY UNSHOD**

#7 AKINA, trained by Charles Essex, lost a shoe just after the horses came on the track for the third race. Resident plater Butch Fyllingnes was summoned to the paddock to tack the shoe back on. The incident resulted in an eight minute delay in post time.

11-10-11⁶ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – Fourth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident at the top of the stretch involving the winner, #2 SIBERIAN RUSH, ridden by William Antongeorgi and #7 CROWNED RULER, who finished sixth with Alejandro Gomez in the saddle. After a thorough review the stewards left the placings alone. Tapes showed that SIBERIAN RUSH stepped in at the 3/16 and made contact with CROWNED RULER but the stewards determined that the latter was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Antongeorgi will explain his ride with the stewards in the morning.

11-10-11⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,414	\$ 275,866.80
NCOT	1,961	\$ 615,258.70
SCOT		\$ 382,980.80
Out of State		\$1,492,036.52
TOTAL	3,375	\$2,766,142.82

Friday11-11-11¹ **MEDELES DECISION** (Refer 11-09-11)

The stewards dismissed the case against **Monica Medeles** after considering all the evidence and testimony presented. Medeles had substance abuse problems back in 2005 but the record reflects that she has corrected her lifestyle. The stewards determined it would not be contrary to racing's best interests if she were to retain her license. Medeles voluntarily signed a testing agreement and realizes that any deviation from the straight and narrow could result in the loss of her license privileges.

11-11-11² **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#2 GAVEL	(Tr. Kent Molinaro)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 747.60
7 th race:	#6 KASEY K.	(Tr. Mike Lenzeni)	off turf
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 58.10

11-11-11³ **AMESCUA HEARING** (Case #11GG0203)
The stewards held an informal hearing for trainer Rene Amescua whose horse, ROYAL DREAM, showed the presence of methocarbamol in a post race test sample after winning the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on August 20, 2011.

Amescua could not explain the test findings stating he had not altered his medication administration policy with methocarbamol. Decision to follow.

11-11-11⁴ **FILM REVIEW**
Jockey William Antongeorgi viewed the tapes of yesterday's fourth race where his mount made contact with a rival at the top of the stretch. Tapes showed that Antongeorgi attempted to correct his horse who continued in despite his efforts. He was held blameless.

11-11-11⁵ **LATE SCRATCH – Sixth Race – REFUND**
#2 OH FRANKIE OH, trained by Jerry Hollendorfer, was scratched on the recommendation of official veterinarian Forrest Franklin, D.V.M., shortly before the third race after Franklin reported the horse experienced colic. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$4,628.64.

11-11-11⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,548	\$	324,292.10
NCOT	2,601	\$	764,957.00
SCOT		\$	347,200.10
Out of State		\$	1,881,275.11
TOTAL	4,149	\$	3,317,724.31

Saturday

11-12-11¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#5 ARTEMIDA	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$508.10
6 th race:	#6 ANELINA	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$997.76

11-12-11² **RULING NO. 21 – AMESCUA**
Trainer **RENE AMESCUA**, who started the horse ROYAL DREAM, winner of the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on August 20, 2011, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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: Unapproved substance – methocarbamol [Class 4]).

The foregoing ruling was issued following yesterday's informal hearing. Although Amescua could not explain the lab findings he accepted the responsibility for the test results.

11-12-11³ **SECURITY CITATION**
Four grooms, Jose Gomez, Edgar Garcia, Adrian Flores and Arturo Garcia, were cited to the stewards this morning after an altercation between two of them and for offering conflicting stories during a subsequent investigation into the matter. During this morning's informal hearing grooms Edgar Garcia and Adrian Flores admitted to participating in an altercation on October 7, 2011 in the barn area. During questioning regarding the fight, Garcia, Flores and Jose Gomez, admitted to marijuana use. The following rulings were issued:

- #22** Groom **JOSE GUADALUPE GARCIA GOMEZ** is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – marijuana use) on October 7, 2011.
- #23** Groom **ADRIAN BENITEZ FLORES** is fined the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – fighting, marijuana use) on October 7, 2011.
- #24** Groom **EDGAR CORTEZ GARCIA** is fined the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – fighting, marijuana use) on October 7, 2011.

11-12-11⁴ **STEWARDS' INQUIRY – First Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate the stretch run involving the winner, #5 GENERAL RULE, ridden by Jesus Velazquez and the place horse, #1 DEL MAR DUDE, with Aaron Gryder up. Jockey Gryder also lodged a claim of foul against Velazquez. After a thorough review the stewards disqualified GENERAL RULE from first and placed him second behind DEL MAR DUDE.

Tapes showed that Velazquez steered his horse out near the 1/16 and took DEL MAR DUDE off his path. A few strides later GENERAL RULE came out again bumping and impeding DEL MAR DUDE and, in the stewards' opinion, costing DEL MAR DUDE an opportunity at a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: (5) – 1 – 3 – 4 – 2

Official Order of Finish: 1 – (5) – 3 – 4 – 2

11-12-11⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,192	\$	376,331.00
NCOT	2,851	\$	901,272.10
SCOT		\$	519,390.90
Out of State			\$1,530,650.68
TOTAL	5,043	\$	3,327,644.68

Sunday

11-13-11¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6 th race:	#3 DISTANT RAINBOW	(Tr. Greg James)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 46.32
8 th race:	#5 SHES A LUCKY WAGER	(Tr. William E. Morey)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$987.20

11-13-11² **CAL-BRED REPORT**

None of the races written exclusively for horses bred or sired in California during the four day race week gathered sufficient entries and all were cancelled.

11-13-11³ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Jesus Velazquez viewed the tapes of yesterday's first race where his mount was disqualified from first to second. Velazquez admitted he erred in allowing his mount to drift out and cause interference. The following ruling was issued:

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ**, who rode **GENERAL RULE** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, November 12, 2011, is

suspended three (3) racing days (November 20, 24, and 25, 2011) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; 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.

11-13-11⁴ **FRANKLIN HEARING** (Case #11GG192)

A formal hearing was held for owner **Laura Franklin** who was named in a complaint filed by trainer **Debbie Winick** which alleged that Franklin owes \$11,655.00 on a training bill in violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

Present at the hearing, besides the stewards, were Winick and Laura Franklin, who was accompanied by her husband **Jim Franklin**.

Testimony and evidence were presented. The stewards took the matter under advisement and will come to a decision in the very near future.

As part of the above referenced hearing the following ruling was issued after Laura Franklin appeared to address the matter:

In the matter of:
Owner **LAURA FRANKLIN**

Having now appeared and a hearing having been held, Pacific Racing Association ruling #09, dated October 26, 2011 suspending LAURA FRANKLIN for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside and the license privileges of LAURA FRANKLIN are restored to good standing.

11-13-11⁵ **PREMATURE PLACINGS**

The stewards and placing judges observed that the 'unofficial results' of the first four horses appeared on the television monitors throughout the simulcast network before the horses were posted by the placing judges. This situation has occurred before, most recently at the Big Fresno Fair.

The problem seems to stem from an open feed between the totalizator department and the video department. That feed is used to identify the horses on the monitors during the running of the race but needs to be closed once the race is over.

The stewards contacted the mutuel/tote departments about the need to correct the situation and will monitor the procedures for compliance.

11-13-11⁶ **LATE SCRATCH – Ninth Race – REFUND**

#1 CORONA BOREALIS, trained by Patrick Gleason, was scratched as the field neared the starting gate on the recommendation of Dr. Sporer after she stated the horse was not warming up properly. On Vet's list. The refund was \$16,818.80.

11-13-11⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,264	\$ 486,544.70
NCOT	2,333	\$ 729,112.80
SCOT		\$ 468,720.20
Out of State		\$1,214,871.36
TOTAL	5,597	\$2,899,249.06

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. The full Board was in on the non-racing day (11-09) for a scheduled hearing.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
10-Nov	8	1	MONKEY BOY JACK	Diaz	injured	Isbell	\$92.40
11-Nov	3	2	GAVEL	Molinaro	injured	Isbell	\$747.60
	6	2	OH FRANKIE OH	Hollendorfer	sick	Franklin	\$4,628.64
12-Nov	4	5	ARTEMIDA	Hollendorfer	sick	Sporer	\$508.40
	6	6	ANDLINA	Hollendorfer	sick	Sporer	\$997.76
13-Nov	6	3	DISTANT RAINBOW	James	sick	Isbell	\$46.32
	8	5	SHES A LUCKY WGER	Morey	injured	Isbell	\$978.20
	9	1	CORONA BOREALIS	Gleason	failed to warm up	Sporer	\$16,818.80

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

11-10-11 Vidak (Tr. John Anderson) fractured right shoulder; training, dirt
PLEASANTON

11-12-11 Russian Roulette (Tr. Doug Utley) ruptured suspensories right front;
Tapeta, racing

Veterinarian's List

There were nine (9) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 4
Injured: 3
Unsound: 2

There were six (6) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 1
Injured: 5

Shockwave Therapy: There were four (4) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	69	\$	13,242.10
Bakersfield	353	\$	81,308.20
Fresno	251	\$	62,315.10
Fresno Club One	69	\$	41,244.60
Monterey	376	\$	120,641.10
Pleasanton	1441	\$	491,480.50
Sacramento	1046	\$	318,469.40
San Jose	1480	\$	422,657.00
San Mateo	2768	\$	976,877.40
Santa Rosa	567	\$	137,922.20
Stockton	795	\$	199,288.20
Tulare	173	\$	33,307.50
Turlock	337	\$	106,261.00
Vallejo	712	\$	196,886.40
So. California		\$	1,718,292.00
Out of State		\$	6,118,833.67

	10- Nov	11- Nov	12- Nov	13- Nov	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	3	0	3	2	8	27
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	0	1	1
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	0	1	0	2	7
REFUNDS	2	3	2	3	10	64
RULINGS	1	0	4	2	7	26

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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