

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**  
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**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, January 4, 2012 through Sunday, January 8, 2012.

**Wednesday**

01-04-12 **SNR INVESTMENTS/SULEMAN DHANI and JORGE GARCIA**

**Financial Hearings**

Hearings were scheduled for today to address financial complaints filed against **SNR INVESTMENTS, LLC/ Suleman Dhani** by San Francisco Equine for a debt of \$839.50 (Case #11GG235) and owner **JORGE GARCIA** for a debt of \$1,154.76 owed to San Francisco Equine (Case #11GG234).

Dr. Boyer of San Francisco Equine was present and ready to present their case; however, neither Mr. Dhani nor Mr. Garcia appeared.

**Thursday**

01-05-12<sup>1</sup> **ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS DUTIES**

Steward John Herbuveaux is on entries and scratch duties for the week.

01-05-12<sup>2</sup> **DILLENBECK HEARING**

A hearing was held this morning to address CHRB complaint 11GG0214 filed against trainer **BRUCE D. DILLENBECK** for a phenylbutazone overage reported at a level of 10.60 ug/ml on the test sample taken from his horse ANDREW'S TURN, which raced in the fifth race on September 4, 2011 at Golden Gate Fields.

Present, in addition to this Board, were Mr. Dillenbeck and court reporter Christine Niccoli.

The matter was submitted for decision after Mr. Dillenbeck explained how the horse was

administered the medication and the supporting documents were made part of the record. Decision to follow.

01-05-12<sup>1</sup> **RULING NO. 7 – ZULAICA**

In the Matter of:  
Owner **JOSE ZULAICA**

Having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, the license privileges of Jose Zulaica are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #93, dated June 11, 2011 suspending Mr. Zulaica for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), is hereby set aside.

The ruling listed above was issued after notification was received from San Francisco Equine (Doris Walker) that the debt has been paid in full.

01-05-12<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 8 – GARCIA** (Refer: 01-04-12)

Owner **JORGE ESPARZA GARCIA**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, January 4, 2012, to answer Charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending an Appearance for a hearing 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 ESPARZA GARCIA are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

01-05-12<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 9 – DHANI** (Refer: 01-04-12)

Owner **SULEMAN DHANI** (d.b.a. **SNR INVESTMENTS, LLC**), who failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Wednesday, January 4, 2012, to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending an appearance for a hearing before the Board of Stewards for a hearing 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 SULEMAN DHANI (d.b.a. SNR INVESTMENTS, LLC) are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

**Friday**

01-06-12<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$14,000. For California bred or California sired maidens, four years old and upward, claiming price \$25,000 at six furlongs. The race failed to fill with only one entry.

01-06-12<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> race: #4 LIBERAL LADY (Tr. Luis San Juan) injury  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$86.32  
2<sup>nd</sup> race: #2 SHES A LUCKY WAGER (Tr. William E. Morey) injury  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$795.90  
3<sup>rd</sup> race: #1 ON TIME FLIGHT (Tr. Jerry Puertas)  
deceased, Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell  
REFUND: \$315.38  
4<sup>th</sup> race: #6 POPULAR NAME (Tr. Greg James) sick  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 42.50  
6<sup>th</sup> race: #9 YORKVILLE KID (Tr. Aggie Ordonez) injury  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$638.04

01-06-12<sup>3</sup> **ACCIDENT – Fifth Race – AFTER THE WIRE**

Following the running of the fifth race, several strides past the wire, #7 PRINCESS ANNABELLA (3<sup>rd</sup>, Eliska Kubinova) drifted inward forcing #6 CHRIS'S CONTENDER (4<sup>th</sup>, Juan Hernandez) off his path and ultimately make contact with #3 ERMINE'S PRAYER (5<sup>th</sup>, Frank Alvarado) who then made contact with #2 BOLD REMARK (7<sup>th</sup>, Francisco Duran). The contact caused both horses, #3 and #2, to fall.

Jockey Francisco Duran was bruised but otherwise uninjured. Mr. Alvarado was transported to Highland Hospital for precautionary x-rays and reportedly had a bruised shoulder.

Neither horse was injured other than a superficial cut above the left eye on BOLD REMARK.

01-06-12<sup>4</sup> **ACCIDENT – Eighth Race – INQUIRY**

Approaching the finish of the eighth race and while running in sixth place, #6 JULE'S GOLD, ridden by jockey Inoel Beato, fell heavily while propelling Mr. Beato clear of the falling horse.

After reviewing the recorded views the numbers posted were made official. The recording shows #6 falls while racing in the clear.

After being examined and treated by track veterinarian Sara Sporer, the horse stood up and was given a ride to its stall via the horse ambulance. It was reported the horse collapsed due to exhaustion.

Jockey Inoel Beato sustained a concussion and spent the night at Highland Hospital for further observation.

01-06-12<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| GGF          | 1,076        | \$ 287,463.90         |
| NCOT         | 2,193        | \$ 625,873.60         |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 295,848.10         |
| Out of State |              | \$ 984,874.32         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>3,269</b> | <b>\$2,194,059.92</b> |

**Saturday**

01-07-12<sup>1</sup>

**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$12,400. For California bred or California sired four year olds and upward, claiming price \$10,000 at six furlongs. The race was called off with no entries.

01-07-12<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3<sup>rd</sup> race: #2 MR MUNSEY (Tr. Lloyd Mason) main track only

Stewards REFUND: \$ 994.34

5<sup>th</sup> race: #6 EXOTIC VALLEY (Tr. William Delia) injured in gate

Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer REFUND: \$88,123.20

#8 SATURDAY'S MIRACLE (Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer) sick

Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 1,022.00

6<sup>th</sup> race: #7 THUNDERCLAP NEWMAN (Tr. Gary Greiner) injured in

gate Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer

REFUND: \$58,667.44

01-07-12<sup>3</sup>

**RULING NO. 10 – KUBINOVA**

Apprentice Jockey **ELISKA KUBINOVA**, who rode **PRINCESS ANNABELLA** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, January 6, 2012, is suspended ten (10) racing days (January 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, and 29, 2012) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course resulting in an accident following the running of the race; 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.

**RULING NO. 11 – HERNANDEZ**

Jockey **JUAN HERNANDEZ**, who rode **CHRIS'S CONTENDER** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, January 6, 2012, is suspended five (5) racing days (January 14, 15, 16, 20 and 21, 2012) for failure to make the proper effort to straighten his path contributing to an accident following the running of the race; 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 rulings listed above were issued after Ms. Kubinova and Mr. Hernandez, accompanied by his agent Ramon Silva, met with and reviewed the accident with this Board.

Mr. Hernandez stated, through his agent who interpreted for him, that he altered his course to avoid the heels of Ms. Kubinova's horse and his horse went in farther than he expected. He also stated had he reacted quicker the amount of contact would have been lessened.

Ms. Kubinova stated she was not aware her mount was drifting inward or that a horse was altering course to avoid her horse's heels.

The lengths of suspensions were determined by the degree of culpability each rider contributed to the infraction and the severity of the incident. This was an accident that was avoidable had Ms. Kubinova been aware that her horse was drifting inward and we agree with Mr. Hernandez' assessment that had he been more alert and reacted quicker he could have lessened the amount of contact between his horse and the horse on his inside.

01-07-12<sup>4</sup> **INQUIRY – Fifth Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the fifth race the inquiry sign was posted for a review of observed interference in the stretch between #1 NURSE STEPHANIE (1<sup>st</sup>, Abel Cedillo) and #2 BEEZARO (2<sup>nd</sup>, Aaron Gryder).

After talking with the riders involved, the patrol judge and reviewing the recorded views, #1 was disqualified from first and placed sixth.

The recording shows the rider of #2 checks sharply off the heels of #1 after #1 moved off the rail giving #2 a clear opening then drifted back to the rail and take #2's path costing that rival a better placing. The decision was unanimous.

01-07-12<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| GGF          | 1,595        | \$ 433,932.10         |
| NCOT         | 3,053        | \$ 958,223.50         |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 582,505.80         |
| Out of State |              | <u>\$1,199,984.96</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>4,648</b> | <b>\$2,174,646.36</b> |

**Sunday**

01-08-12<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$13,300. For California bred or California sired maidens, three years old, claiming price \$20,000 at five and one half furlongs. The race was called off with three entries.

01-08-12<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6<sup>th</sup> race: #2 INTENSE (Tr. Steve Sherman) sick  
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$935.60

01-08-12<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 12 – JACKSON**

Owner/Trainer **ELLEN JACKSON** is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1878 (Workouts) and #1588 (f) (Horse Ineligible to Start In a Race), necessitating the disqualification of the horse WHO'S GOT MILK from the ninth race on December 26, 2012.

The preceding ruling was issued after Ms. Jackson signed a waiver of hearing and accepted the penalty assessed.

01-08-12<sup>2</sup> **RULING NO. 13 – CEDILLO**

Jockey **ABEL CEDILLO**, who rode **NURSE STEPHANIE** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, January 7, 2012, is suspended three (3) racing days (January 15, 16 and 20, 2012) 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 sixth; 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. Cedillo met with this Board, reviewed the race candidly and acknowledged making an error when he opened up a path along the rail then drifted in and took the path of a horse that had entered that opening.

01-08-12<sup>3</sup> **RULING NO. 14 – CEDILLO**

Jockey **ABEL CEDILLO** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) for unprofessional conduct following the fifth race on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Cedillo apologized for contacting the stewards yesterday following the fifth race disqualification when he questioned if the stewards watched the race and voiced his displeasure.

01-08-12<sup>4</sup> **RACING PROGRAM**

The nine races on today's racing program progressed smoothly without incident.

01-08-12<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |              |                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| GGF          | 3,491        | \$ 517,070.40         |
| NCOT         | 2,576        | \$ 821,608.40         |
| SCOT         |              | \$ 541,932.50         |
| Out of State |              | <u>\$1,287,070.23</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>6,067</b> | <b>\$3,167,681.53</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. The full Board was in attendance on both non-racing days (1/4 and 1/5) for pre-scheduled hearings.

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

| Date | Race No | Horse | Trainer | Reason | Vet | Refund |
|------|---------|-------|---------|--------|-----|--------|
|------|---------|-------|---------|--------|-----|--------|

|       |   |   |                    |              |                 |        |             |
|-------|---|---|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| 6-Jan | 1 | 4 | LIBERAL LADY       | San Juan     | injured         | Isbell | \$86.32     |
|       | 2 | 2 | SHES A LUCKY WAGER | Morey        | injured         | Isbell | \$795.90    |
|       | 3 | 1 | ON TIME FLIGHT     | Puertas      | deceased        | Isbell | \$315.38    |
|       | 4 | 6 | POPULAR NAME       | James        | sick            | Isbell | \$42.50     |
|       | 6 | 9 | YORKVILLE KID      | Ordonez      | injured         | Isbell | \$638.04    |
| 7-Jan | 5 | 6 | EXOTIC VALLEY      | Delia        | injured in gate | Sporer | \$88,123.20 |
|       |   | 8 | SATURDAY'S MIRACLE | Hollendorfer | sick            | Isbell | \$1,022.00  |
|       | 6 | 7 | THUNDERCLAP NEWMAN | Greiner      | injured in gate | Sporer | \$58,667.44 |
| 8-Jan | 6 | 2 | INTENSE            | Sherman      | sick            | Isbell | \$935.60    |

### **VETERINARY REPORT**

#### **Euthanized / Died**

01-05-12 Steppinginthelight (Tr. McLean) breathing hard, staggered, died in stall; training, Tapeta

01-05-12 Kiss and Terell (Tr. Markle) fractured P1 left front; working, Tapeta

01-06-12 On Time Flight (Tr. Puertas) dropped dead after Premarin shot

01-07-12 Bert N Me (Tr. Sherman) dropped dead after working ¾'s

01-11-12 Checkinuponyou (Tr. Hollendorfer) right front medial sesamoid fracture; training, Tapeta

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

There were eleven (11) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 4

Injured: 5

Medication: 1

Exhausted: 1

There were five (5) horses removed from the vet's list:

Injured: 2

Unsound: 2

Bled: 1

**Shockwave Therapy:** There was one (1) shockwave therapy treatment reported.

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

|                 |      |    |            |
|-----------------|------|----|------------|
| Anderson        | 83   | \$ | 19,863.60  |
| Bakersfield     | 324  | \$ | 77,570.90  |
| Fresno          | 278  | \$ | 62,380.00  |
| Fresno Club One | 88   | \$ | 47,813.70  |
| Monterey        | 308  | \$ | 84,487.70  |
| Pleasanton      | 1294 | \$ | 488,806.10 |
| Sacramento      | 1092 | \$ | 281,614.30 |
| San Jose        | 1555 | \$ | 461,977.90 |
| San Mateo       | 2545 | \$ | 901,168.40 |
| Santa Rosa      | 661  | \$ | 136,619.90 |
| Stockton        | 746  | \$ | 191,240.80 |
| Tulare          | 158  | \$ | 31,881.80  |
| Turlock         | 299  | \$ | 96,312.70  |

|                |     |                 |
|----------------|-----|-----------------|
| Vallejo        | 622 | \$ 189,578.60   |
| So. California |     | \$ 1,420,286.40 |
| Out of State   |     | \$ 3,471,929.51 |

|                      | 5-Jan | 6-Jan | 7-Jan | 8-Jan | Week      | Meet      |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| ACCIDENTS            |       | 0     | 0     | 0     | <b>0</b>  | <i>0</i>  |
| CAL-BRED RACES       |       | 0     | 0     | 0     | <b>0</b>  | <i>0</i>  |
| CLAIMS               |       | 2     | 0     | 2     | <b>4</b>  | <i>13</i> |
| DISQUALIFICATIONS    |       | 0     | 1     | 0     | <b>1</b>  | <i>2</i>  |
| INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS |       | 1     | 1     | 0     | <b>2</b>  | <i>3</i>  |
| REFUNDS              |       | 5     | 4     | 1     | <b>10</b> | <i>31</i> |
| RULINGS              | 3     | 0     | 2     | 3     | <b>8</b>  | <i>14</i> |

Respectfully submitted,

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**Darrel McHargue, Steward**

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**John B. Herbuveaux, Steward**

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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