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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 Wednesday, February 11, 2015 through Monday, February 16, 2015.

Wednesday

02-11-15¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Darrel McHargue was present to supervise entries and declarations.

Thursday

02-12-15¹

CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-bred race for three year old fillies, claiming \$14,000 - \$16,000., one mile, was used open with eight entries.

02-12-15²

RULING #24 – JOHNATHAN A. FERON (CASE #14GG0012)

Owner/Trainer/Stable Employee **JOHNATHAN A. FERON**, having now satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery, Inc. is hereby restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #18 dated January 30, 2015 suspending Mr. Feron for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) is set aside.

The above ruling was issued upon receipt of written confirmation from Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery, Inc. that Mr. Feron had satisfied his debt.

02-12-15³

FILM REVIEW

The Stewards met with jockey Pedro Flores for a review of the second race from Sunday, February 8, 2015. Mr. Flores' mount SEVENINTHESEVENTH was disqualified from fifth to sixth for interference at the start. Mr.

Flores made a solid effort to correct his mount, who broke awkwardly from the gate.

02-12-15⁴**GENARO ORNELAS VALLEJO (CASE #14GG0096)**

The Stewards conducted a formal hearing for trainer Genaro Ornelas Vallejo, who has been charged with violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a, c & d), #1843.1 (b), #1844 (e) (1), #1887 (a) and #1859.5. According to the complaint, "The official urine sample #19907 taken on August 28, 2014 at Golden Gate Fields was reported to contain 593 ng/ml of 2-(Hydroxyethyl) Promazine, a metabolite of Ace Promazine. This sample was obtained from the horse TECHWOOD which ran in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields, finishing 3rd.

The CHRB and Mr. Vallejo have negotiated a stipulated agreement that is being presented to the Board of Stewards for approval. Certified Shorthand Reporter Christine Niccoli recorded the proceedings. More to come.

02-12-15⁵**ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – 6th RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign for a review of the start. #5 SIZZLING BEL (jockey – Carson Sullivan) stumbled and unseated her rider leaving the starting gate. No other horses were involved. Accident report is attached.

02-12-15⁶**STEWARDS REVIEW – 7th RACE**

The Stewards conducted a review of the start as #7 LUCKY JULIE (jockey – Pedro Terrero) failed to break alertly. The video shows LUCKY JULIE whips her head as the gate opens, causing her own problem.

02-12-15⁷**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	709	\$ 192,344.80
NCOT	1579	\$ 520,916.20
SCOT		\$ 232,700.50
Out of State		\$ 633,088.13
TOTAL		\$1,579,049.63

Friday02-13-15¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for three year olds, claiming \$22,500- \$25,000, six furlongs, failed to fill.

02-13-15²**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 st race: #6 UNMATCHED FORCE	(Tr. Jeff Metz)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 456.70
2 nd race: #6 TOPPER'S GHOST	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 307.80
6 th race: #6 COUNTING DAYS	(Tr. Genaro Vallejo)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 142.80
8 th race: #1 KATCINAS	(Tr. Steve Sherman)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 274.00
	#7 DOUBLE SWITCH	(Tr. W.E. Morey) sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 721.40

02-13-15³**RULING #25 – CARLOS BARBOZA SUAREZ (CASE #15GG0003)**

Groom **CARLOS A. BARBOZA SUAREZ** is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for smoking in the shedrow and failure to obey the direction of a security officer on January 1, 2015; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1928 (c) (Fire Regulations) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Suarez appeared and admitted being un-cooperative with Golden Gate Fields Security on the date indicated. Mr. Suarez apologized and accepted the penalty imposed.

02-13-15⁴**CLEAR DAY**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

02-13-15⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	830	\$ 210,368.50
NCOT	1793	\$ 597,983.80
SCOT		\$ 282,995.50
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 810,461.67</u>
TOTAL		\$1,901,809.47

Saturday02-14-15¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four years old and older, claiming \$4,000., six furlongs, failed to fill.

02-14-15²**DECLARATIONS - REFUNDS**

1 st race: #5 GRIEVOUS ANGEL	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 214.50
3 rd race: #1 MIRRABELLA	(Tr. Len Kasmerski)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 538.60
5 th race: #1 PASEO ALEGRO	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 715.00
#6 SOUND OF MONEY	(Tr. Dale Raymond)	unsound
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 3,387.34
6 th race: #6 SEATTLE SERENADE	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 1,258.60

02-14-15³**CLERK OF SCALES - VALET**

The Clerk of Scales, Ken Sjordal, and valet Joe Hernandez met with the Stewards this morning to clear the air regarding a confrontation in the Jockey's Room.

Mr. Sjordal had called for the valets to go to the paddock to saddle and Mr. Hernandez took exception as the horses had not yet arrived.

Mr. Hernandez was reminded that the Clerk of Scales is in charge of the room, including Valets, and he calls for them to go to the paddock the same time for every race and all valets shall comply.

02-14-15⁴**CLAIM VOIDED – 9TH RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Jamey Thomas for COACH ROYAL, the winner of the ninth race, after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM reported the six year old gelding was lame. COACH ROYAL was returned to the Jeff Metz barn.

02-14-15 ⁵	ATTENDANCE & HANDLE		
	GGF	2729	\$ 512,606.90
	NCOT	2703	\$ 995,213.40
	SCOT		\$ 620,270.80
	Out of State		\$ 1,772,766.80
	TOTAL		\$3,900,857.90

Sunday02-15-15¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four years old and older, claiming \$6,250., one mile, failed to fill.

02-15-15²**EARLY DECLARATION**

4 th race: #4 HOUDINI'S MAGIC	(Tr. Ruben Gomez)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 107.90
9 th race: #6 ZARCO STAR	(Tr. J.M. Chandler)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 93.40

02-15-15³**RULINGS #26 & #27 – GENARO O. VALLEJO (CASE 14GG0096)****RULING #26**

In accordance with the terms of a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board Owner/Trainer **GENARO O. VALLEJO**, who started the horse **TECHWOOD**, third place finisher in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on August 28, 2014 is hereby suspended one hundred and eighty (180) days, fined the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00)* and placed on probation for one year pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) (c) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1844 (e) (1) (Authorized Medications) after the post race test sample showed the presence of 2-(Hydroxyethyl) Promazine, a metabolite of Acepromazine, in excess of the permitted level (593 nanograms per milliliter in the urine and 2.2 nanograms per milliliter in the blood [Class 3]).

According to the stipulated agreement sixty (60) days of suspension shall be stayed providing that during the term of probation Mr. Vallejo is not found to be in violation of California Horse Racing Board rules and regulations, #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.6 (Total Carbon Dioxide Testing) and #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) regarding Class 1, 2, or 3 drug substances. The term of suspension shall be from February 21, 2015 through June 20, 2015 inclusive. If Mr. Vallejo violates a condition of probation, the above referenced stay of the sixty (60) day suspension shall be lifted, and the remaining actual suspension shall be imposed after notice and hearing.

Further, Owner/Trainer GENARO O. VALLEJO is hereby suspended sixty (60) days, June 21, 2015 through August 19, 2015 inclusive, for violating the terms of probation imposed in Pacific Racing Association ruling #12, dated September 15, 2013. The term of probation shall be served from August 20, 2015 through August 19, 2016.

During the term of this suspension all licenses and license priv-

illeges of GENARO O. VALLEJO are suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

RULING NO.27

Acting on a report from the University of California at Davis Maddy Laboratories, the official Laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post race test sample #GG19907 taken from the horse **TECHWOOD**, third place finisher in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, August 28, 2014 contained the prohibited substance 2- (1-Hydroxyethyl) Promazine (in excess of permitted level- 593ng/ml in the urine and 2.2 ng/ml in the blood [Class 3]), a metabolite of Acepromazine, it is hereby ordered that **TECHWOOD** be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies (\$1350.00) earned or awarded to owner William A. Branch, trainer Genaro O. Vallejo and jockey Russell Baze be returned to the Paymaster of Purses for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

3rd – HERE COMES THE SUN

4th – VISTA RIDES TALL

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

In accordance with CHRB rule #1843.3 (Penalties for Medication Violations) **TECHWOOD** must pass a Board approved examination pursuant to rule # 1846 (Racing Soundness Examination) and, at the owner's expense, test negative for prohibited drug substances as defined in rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) before becoming eligible to be entered.

The foregoing rulings were issued upon review and acceptance by the Board of Stewards of the stipulated agreement negotiated between Mr. Vallejo and the California Horse Racing Board.

02-15-15⁴

RACE DECALRED – NO CONTEST – 1ST RACE

The Stewards declared the first race a no contest as a starting gate malfunction prevented the track crew from moving the gate after the start of the mile race. Disaster was avoided as all six horses pulled up prior to arriving back to the Starting point as the gate was still in position on the track.

Starter Todd Stephens reported that the pin that locks the sleeve connecting the gate to the tractor snapped. Stephens stated that neither the gate nor the tractor carried an extra pin and therefore the gate remained immobile.

Although serious injury was averted the Stewards are concerned that the only warning system available to them to warn the riders is through the announcer and the outriders. The refund amounted to \$192,764.00. More to come.

02-16-15⁵ **MACHINES CLOSED EARLY – 3rd RACE**

The wagering machines were inadvertently closed at post time prior to the horses being loaded into the gate. The mutuel department was asked if the needed more time the machines could be reopened, however it would take a couple of minutes and they said it was not necessary.

02-15-15⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	4345	\$	524,497.90
NCOT	2382	\$	785,373.20
SCOT		\$	481,427.70
Out of State		\$	1,209,614.40
TOTAL		\$	2,839,583.80

Monday02-16-15¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four years old and older, claiming \$18,000-\$20,000., one mile was used open with six entries.

02-16-15² **DECLARATIONS**

1 st race: #5 INSIDE SCOOP	(Tr. Terry Knight)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 558.40
5 th race: #3 NO SLIPPAHS	(Tr. Tim Bellasis)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 126.00
8 th race: #5 CLEVER EXPANSION	(Tr. Terry Knight)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 195.50
9 th race: #6 GOLDEN BABE	(Tr. Sherrie Monroe)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer	REFUND: \$ 269.70

02-16-15³ **RULING #28 – HECTOR R. MEJIA (CASE 15GG0009)**

Groom **HECTOR RODRIGUEZ MEJIA**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before Sunday, February 15, 2015, 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 CHRB rules #1489 (f) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1874.4 (Disorderly Conduct), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), #1989 (a) (1) (6) (Removal or Denial of Access).

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Mejia failed to appear to address the complaint filed against him regarding his ongoing intoxication issues. Golden Gate Fields Security has issued a removal and denial of access (CHRB Rule #1989) notice to Mr. Mejia on January 22, 2015 and his whereabouts is unknown.

02-16-15⁵ **CLAIM VOIDED – 3RD RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer Kristin Mulhall for the gelding DR. WILLIAMS (Tr. Tim McCanna) after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM reported the five year old gelding was lame. DR. WILLIAMS was returned to the Tim McCanna barn.

02-16-15⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1588	\$	392,360.10
NCOT	2271	\$	784,156.60
SCOT		\$	524,324.40
Out of State		\$	1,242,633.16
TOTAL		\$	2,943,474.26

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	102	\$32,281.00
Bankers Casino	92	\$26,848.20
Ferndale	0	\$0.00
Fresno	341	\$124,021.10
Fresno Club One	99	\$75,870.90
Monterey	214	\$74,459.00
Pleasanton	1516	\$581,515.10
Sacramento	1162	\$397,795.80
San Jose	1759	\$520,403.40
San Mateo	2696	\$1,089,731.20
Santa Rosa	777	\$186,648.20
Stockton	838	\$225,204.50
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	354	\$105,750.70
Vallejo	738	\$243,114.10
So. California		\$2,141,718.90
Out of State		\$5,668,564.16

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

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