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Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, March 11, 2015 through Sunday, March 15, 2015.

Wednesday03-11-15¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dennis Nevin was on hand for entries, scratches and routine office matters.

Thursday03-12-15¹**EARLY DECLARATION**

4 th race: #SPECIAL SUMMER	(Tr. Tim McCanna)	sick
Examining Veterinarian Forest Franklin	REFUND: \$ 1,382.90	
6 th race: #2 YOUR CHEATIN HEART	(Tr. Steve Miyadi)	injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell	REFUND: \$ 98.36	

03-12-15²**BENNETT RAE JAMACA RULING – (CASE #15GG0006)**RULING NO.45

Groom **BENNETT RAE JAMACA** is hereby fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* and placed on probation for the term of his license (05-31-15) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Use of Marijuana) on January 24, 2015.

The above ruling was issued following last Sunday's formal hearing. Bennett admitted using marijuana, but not on the grounds. He does have a medical marijuana card, but can't be under the influence while on the grounds.

03-12-15³ **TIM BELLASIS RULING – (CASE #14GG0025)**

RULING NO.46

Acting on a Order of Remand (SAC 15-0012) from the California Horse Racing Board Pacific Racing Association ruling #10, dated September 14, 2014 fining trainer **TIM BELLASIS** the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (Medication, Drugs and other Substances) is hereby rescinded as Mr. Bellasis was not properly notified in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1413 (Notice to Licensee).

The above ruling was issued after it was determined Bellasis was not notified in writing within the time period required by the rules.

03-12-15⁴ **LOPEZ HEARING (CASE #15GG0033)**

The Stewards conducted an informal hearing for room ALFREDO LOPEZ who was cited by security for repeated intoxication. Although Lopez has not created disturbance in the barn area, those around him believe his alcohol consumption is inhibiting his ability to perform his duties to the best of his capacity. The Stewards took the matter under submission and will render a decision forthwith.

03-12-15⁵ **QUIET AFTERNOON**

The day's seven race card was completed without noteworthy incident.

03-12-15⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	809	\$ 166,206.30
NCOT	1385	\$ 430,085.00
SCOT		\$ 246,847.40
Out of State		\$ 708,648.00
TOTAL		\$1,551,786.70

Friday

03-13-15¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3 rd race: #5 JOHNNY BE MINE	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)		sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	418.60
5 th race: #3 SUN KISS	(Tr. Armando Lage)		sick
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	144.50
7 th race: #9 GATHAN'S SPIRIT	(Tr. Louis San Juan)		injured
Examining Veterinarian Sara Sporer		REFUND: \$	86.60

03-13-15² **PEREZ DECISION (REFER 3-7-15⁴)**

RULING#47

Groom **ISABEL S. PEREZ** is hereby suspended thirty (30) days, March 9 through April 7, 2015 inclusive and placed on probation for the term of his license (11-30-15) for violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication, second offense) on February 1, 2015.

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges Perez must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards. Terms of Probation include adherence to a testing agreement with the CHRB and abiding by the terms of a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will result in action taken against Mr. Perez' license privileges.

The above ruling was issued following last week's hearing. Perez acknowledged he has a drinking problem and voluntarily entered the rehab program under the auspices of the Winners Foundation.

03-13-15³ **LOPEZ DECISION (REFER 3-12-15⁴)**

RULING#48

Groom **ALFREDO H. LOPEZ, JR.** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) and placed on probation for the term of his license (04-31-2015) for violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication) on January 31, 2015.

Terms of probation include adherence to a testing agreement with the CHRB and abiding by the terms of a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will result in action taken against Mr. Lopez' license privileges.

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's informed hearing. Lopez stated he will work with the Winners Foundation to address his use of alcohol.

03-13-15⁴ **NOLAN HEARING RECONVENED (REFER 3-5-15⁴)**

A second session of the William Nolan matter was addressed this morning. The record had been left open to receive a recommendation from the Winners Foundation concerning Nolan's use and possession of a controlled substance. Nolan was evaluated by that organization in the interim and that recommendation was entered into the record. Disposition to follow.

03-13-15⁵ **JENNINGS HEARING (CASE #15GG0034)**

A formal hearing for pony person Natalie Jennings was scheduled for this morning, but during a pre-hearing conference it was determined that Ms. Jennings had not brought along the necessary documentation she needs to present her case.

Jennings is currently under suspension for failure to abide by the terms of probation with respect to a contract she signed with the Winners Foundation.

Today's hearing was continued until March 26, in order to allow Ms. Jennings the opportunity to produce the records necessary to present her case.

03-13-15⁶ **EATON HEARING (CASE #15GG0032)**

A formal hearing was convened for Owner-Trainer Terry Eaton who was cited for alleged violation of CHRB rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers). Ms. Eaton is currently under suspension for failure to appear at a hearing scheduled on March 7, to address this issue.

The complaint was generated by GGF security personnel after Ms. Eaton allegedly left her truck and trailer unattended in the barn area in contravention of written stable area regulations prohibiting such practice.

Eaton was cited by security on several occasions and in the latest instance became abusive to the officers and tore up the citation.

The Stewards took the matter under advisement and will arrive at a decision in the near future.

The following ruling was issued to restore Ms. Eaton's license privileges to good standing:

RULING#49

Owner/Trainer **TERRI D. EATON** having now appeared for a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #44, dated March 8, 2015, suspending Ms. Eaton for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

03-13-15⁷

SMOOTH SAILING

The day's seven race program was completed in a problem free fashion.

03-13-15⁸

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

GGF	813	\$ 199,134.10
NCOT	1650	\$ 517,439.50
SCOT		\$ 247,651.00
Out of State		\$ 701,196.19
TOTAL		\$1,665,420.79

Saturday

03-14-15¹

EARLY DECLARATION

9th race: #8 COCHINERO (Tr. Greg James) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 265.50

03-14-15²

NOLAN DECISION (REFER 3-5-15⁴ & 3-13-15⁴)

RULING#50

Trainer **WILLIAM J. NOLAN** is hereby suspended sixty (60) days and placed on probation for the term of his license (12-31-2015) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for use and possession of methamphetamine on the grounds of the Alameda County Fairgrounds on May 28, 2014; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) and #1874 (4) (Disorderly Conduct).

For cause, thirty (30) days of the sixty (60) day suspension are stayed pending successful completion of probation. Terms of probation include adherence to a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and abiding by the terms of a contract with the Winners Foundation. The thirty (30) day suspension

shall be served from March 16 through April 14, 2015 inclusive. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will result in the imposition of the remaining thirty (30) days of suspension in addition to any action taken against Mr. Nolan's license privileges.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **WILLIAM J. NOLAN** 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 penalty was imposed following a formal hearing. While all Stewards were in agreement on the suspension, Steward Herbuveaux felt an in-house rehabilitation program was also appropriate.

03-14-15³ **EATON RULING (REFER 3-13-15⁶)**

RULING#51

Owner/Trainer **TERRI D. EATON** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)* for violation of CHRB rules #1874 (3) & (4) (Disorderly Conduct) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) on February 15, 2015.

The above ruling was issued after yesterday's hearing. Eaton should have heeded previous warnings from security personnel and refrained from the abusive behavior she employed after failing to heed those warnings.

03-14-15⁴ **STEWARDS INQUIRY – 7th RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the 5/8 involving the place horse #5 MARKS MINE ridden by Frank Alvarado and the fifth place finisher, #2 FAST AND FOXY with Abel Cedillo in the saddle. After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed that MARKS MINE drifted towards the rail after the start of the six furlong event and crowded FAST AND FOXY who was racing along the rail. Cedillo steadied his mount but the Stewards were not convinced the incident cost FAST AND FOXY the opportunity to finish fourth. Alvarado will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

03-14-15⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1536	\$ 402,281.90
NCOT	2784	\$1,005,565.10
SCOT		\$ 500,711.40
Out of State		\$ 959,986.37
TOTAL		\$2,868,544.77

Sunday

03-15-15¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2nd race: #2 FLEET EAGLE (Tr. Paula Capestro) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 94.00

The declaration of #2 reduced the field to four wagering interests which resulted in the cancellation and refund of the show pool per CHRB rule #1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools).

8th race: #5 NELLIE FOX (Tr. Steve Miyadi) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 205.00

03-15-15²**FILM REVIEWS**

Jockeys Dennis Carr and Frank Alvarado were in to review races from yesterday's card. Both riders acknowledged they could have and should have done a better job keeping their mounts straight. The following rulings were issued:

RULING NO.52

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** who rode **MARKS MINE** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, March 14, 2015 is suspended three (3) racing days (March 22, 26 and 27, 2015) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course on the backstretch and causing interference. A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

RULING NO.53

Jockey **DENNIS CARR** who rode **DOWNTOWN C.T.** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, March 14, 2015 is suspended three (3) racing days (March 22, 26 and 27, 2015) 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).

03-15-15³**PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon's nine race program was completed without an incident worthy of note.

03-15-15⁴**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3766	\$ 546,283.50
NCOT	2316	\$ 846,049.60
SCOT		\$ 535,981.50
Out of State		\$1,139,690.00
TOTAL		\$3,068,004.60

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
03-12-15	4	4	SPECIAL SUMMER	McCanna	Sick	Franklin	\$1,382.90
03-12-15	6	2	YOUR CHEATIN HEART	Miyadi	Injured	Isbell	\$98.36
03-13-15	3	5	JOHNNY BE MINE	Hollendorfer	Sick	Sporer	\$418.60
03-13-15	5	3	SUN KISS	Lage	Sick	Sporer	\$144.50
03-13-15	7	9	GATHAN'S SPIRIT	San Juan	Injured	Sporer	\$86.60
03-14-15	9	8	COCHINERO	James	Sick	Isbell	\$265.50
03-15-15	2	2	FLEET EAGLE	Capestro	Sick	Isbell	\$94.00
03-15-15	8	5	NELLIE FOX	Miyadi	Injured	Isbell	\$205.00

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized/Died – None**Veterinarian's List** - There were eight (8) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 5 Injured: 3

There were twenty-nine (29) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 18 Injured: 5
Unsound: 4 Medication: 2**Shockwave Therapy:** There were two (2) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

	3/12	3/13	3/14	3/15	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	6
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	3
CLAIMS	1	2	1	1	5	106
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	10
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	0	1	22
REFUNDS	2	3	1	2	8	116
RULINGS	2	3	2	2	9	42
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	0	0	0	11

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	82	\$21,635.90
Bankers Casino	74	\$25,266.80
Ferndale	0	\$0.00
Fresno	308	\$130,794.70
Fresno Club One	93	\$55,391.50
Monterey	224	\$71,996.70
Pleasanton	1,172	\$430,338.50
Sacramento	933	\$332,726.50
San Jose	1,376	\$384,901.50
San Mateo	2,170	\$875,085.30
Santa Rosa	588	\$119,507.90
Stockton	677	\$188,817.10
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	256	\$78,922.70
Vallejo	625	\$232,501.80
So. California	0	\$1,531,191.30
Out of State	0	\$3,509,520.56

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Nevin, Steward_____
Darrel McHargue, Steward