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Report of the Board of Stewards
To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for period Wednesday September 2, through Monday September 7, 2015

Wednesday **DARK DAY DUTIES**
09-02-2015[1] Steward Dennis Nevin was present this day for Thursday's scratches, Saturday's Entries and to conduct office hours while the entry process was in progress.

Thursday **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

09-03-2015[1]	2nd - #6 Call Collect, Trainer Cliff Delima Sick-DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$204.70
	3RD - #6 Spirit Light, Trainer Sergio Perez Sick-DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$36.30

09-03-2015[2] **MCMAHON RULING**

#5

In the matter of:

}Case # 13GG0122

Owner, **Myles R. McMahon** }

Having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery in the amount of $1,705.37, the license privileges of Myles R. McMahon are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #7, dated October 24, 2013, suspending Mr. McMahon for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards were informed by Equine sports Medicine that the debt had been paid in full.

09-03-2015[3] **JENNINGS RULING**

#6

Pony Person, **Natalie Ann Jennings**, is hereby summarily suspended pending a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Natalie Ann Jennings** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1529 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after Ms. Jennings appeared for today's hearing and requested a continuance. The reasons she offered to support her request were weak and the Stewards were not inclined to grant a continuance. Instead a compromise was arrived at where a continuance would be granted, but Ms. Jennings would be suspended pending a new hearing; she readily agreed.

09-03-2015[4] **STEWARDS INQUIRY-FIFTH RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident at the 1/8 involving the winner, #2 Chutney, ridden by Silvio Amador, and the place horse, #3 Sterling Wager with Kyle Frey in the saddle. After a thorough review the Stewards affirmed the original order of finish.

Tapes showed that Chutney attempted to pass Sterling Wager using a gap along the rail as the two horses approached the 1/8. Frey allowed Sterling Wager to drift in at that point causing Amador to check his mount and alter course to the outside. Chutney overcame the setback and finished ahead of Sterling Wager so there was no cause for disqualification. Mr. Frey will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

09-03-2015[5] **VOIDED CLAIM-FIFTH RACE**

A claim deposited by Trainer Steve Sherman for the horse Chutney, winner of the fifth race, was voided after Official Veterinarian Forrest Franklin DVM determined the horse was lame in the right foreleg and placed it on the vet's list. Chutney was returned to the barn of John F. Martin.

09-03-2015[6] **HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE**

GGF	851	$185,080.60
NCOT	1,387	$479,687.90
SCOT		$181,906.40
Out of State		$598,842.88
TOTAL		**$1,260,622.20**

Friday **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

09-04-2015[1] 5TH race: #3 Tempest Rising, Trainer Leonard Powell REFUND: $82.70
Sick-DVM Sporer
7th race: #8 St. Somewhere, Trainer Johnathon Wong REFUND: $164.00
Injured-DVM Sporer
8th race: #4 Twenties Jazz, Trainer William Morey REFUND: $98.00
Sick-DVM Sporer

09-04-2015[2] **GONZALEZ RULING**

#7

Jockey **Ricardo Gonzalez** who rode Port Stanley in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on August 23, 2015 is hereby fined Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Rule #1688 (3) (Use of Riding Crop).

*Rule #1532 – Fine shall be paid to the Paymaster within seven calendar days from the date of this ruling or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

09-04-2015[3] **FINANCIAL RESOLVED (CASE # 15GG0104)**

A complaint filed by Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer against Owner Brett Lenderman (DBA Summit Racing, LLC) alleging $4,248.00 due on a training bill was resolved before the matter came to a hearing when Lenderman signed a promissory note to Hollendorfer in the amount of $3,700.00.

09-04-2015[4] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared to review his actions in yesterday's fifth race where his mount was the subject of a Steward's inquiry. Frey admitted he allowed his mount to drift in toward a rival which caused that rider to check. Although the horse he interfered with came on to out finish Frey's mount, it did not absolve Frey from responsibility for causing interference. The following ruling was released.

#8

Jockey **Kyle Frey** who rode **Sterling Wager** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on September 3, 2015 is suspended three (3) racing days (September 11, 12 and 13, 2015) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. A violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

09-04-2015[5] **STEWARD'S INQUIRY-SECOND RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to evaluate an incident just before the finish line involving the winner, Duma Council with Kyle Frey in the irons, and the second placed finisher, #6 Sure Victory ridden by Irving Orozco. After a thorough review the Stewards took no action with respect to placings.

Tapes showed that Frey allowed his mount to drift in just before the wire which caused Orozco aboard Sure Victory to check his mount. The incident did not rise to the level required for a disqualification as Sure Victory was second at the time and was not cost the opportunity at a better placing. Frey will review the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

09-04-2015[6] **LATE SCRATCH-SEVENTH RACE-REFUND**

#4 Declared Innocent, trained by Eric Kruljac, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian, Sara Sporer DVM after she reported that the filly became fractious during the loading process and injured herself. On the vet's list. The refund amounted to $75,947.33.

09-04-2015[7] **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	742	$236,152.80
NCOT	2446	$646,044.40
SCOT		$219,176.20
Out of State		$802,547.19
TOTAL		**$1,903,920.50**

Saturday

09-05-2015[1] **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

5th race: #8 Mucho Blessings, Trainer Armando Lage Stewards re-enter	REFUND:	$74.60
6th race: #4 Ship Mast, Trainer Santiago Medina Sick-DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$101.50
6th race: #7 Adaptability, Trainer Manuel Badillo SICK-DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$444.10

09-05-2015[2] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Kyle Frey appeared once again to explain his actions in late stretch. Frey's mount drifted in just before the finish line during the second race taking the path of a rival and causing that jockey to steady his mount. The placings were not affected.

Frey could not offer an acceptable excuse for his actions and the Stewards, by majority vote, imposed the five day suspension listed below. Steward Nevin felt a seven day suspension was more appropriate under the circumstances.

#9

Jockey **Kyle Frey** who rode **Duma Council** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on September 4, 2015 is suspended five (5) racing days (September 18, 19, 20, 24 and 25, 2015) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. A violation of the California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

09-05-2015[3] **BOAG HEARING (CASE # 15GG0077)**

The Stewards convened a formal hearing for Assistant Trainer Michael J. Boag who was the subject of a complaint for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1530 (Cases Not covered by Rules and Regulations) and #1902 (conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The complaint was filed by California Horse Racing Board Investigator Louis Quesada.

The case involved a verbal altercation between Boag and Trainer Greg James which allegedly escalated when Boag struck James with his fist on July 14, 2015, causing a welt on James' forehead.

Present at the hearing, besides the Board of Stewards, were respondent Boag, his advisor, Trainer Leonard Powell, victim Greg James, Investigator Louis Quezada and Safety Steward Richard Lewis.

Mr. Boag, after being apprised of the allegations, pled guilty as charged. The Stewards received the evidence and testimony into the record and deemed the matter submitted. Decision to follow.

09-05-2015[4] **JENNINGS HEARING (CASE #15GG0078)**

The Stewards opened a formal hearing for Pony Person Natalie Ann Jennings who was charged in a complaint filed by investigator Louis Quesada with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly conduct), #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The matter arose when Jennings allegedly failed to provide a urine sample to Quesada on August 2, 2015, as required by a testing agreement Jennings signed with the California Horse Racing Board.

Present at the hearing besides Jennings, Quesada and the Stewards was Armando

Calero of the Winner's foundation. Jennings had been granted a two day continuance (refer 09-3-15[3]) to gather documentary evidence and seek representation but she appeared today without her evidence or her attorney.

When questioned about the veracity of the allegations Jennings admitted she failed to provide a test sample to Quesada but explained she had a medical emergency and had to take her daughter to the hospital. The documentary evidence to substantiate that hospital visit was at the heart of the continuance but Jennings failed to produce it.

Jennings also failed to abide by the terms of a contract she signed with the winner's foundation to maintain her sobriety. This mandate was required as part of Jennings probation which was contained in Pacific Racing Association ruling #59 dated March 7, 2015, when her license privileges were restored after a suspension for substance abuse.

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

09-05-2015[5] **PROBLEM FREE**

The afternoon's nine race program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

09-05-2015[6] **HANDLE & ATTENDANCE**

GGF	1391	$427,889.30
NCOT	2663	$1,006,847.50
SCOT		$425,183.60
Out of State		$882,390.33
TOTAL		**$2,742,310.70**

Sunday **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

09-06-2015[1]	4th race: #8 Classy Lady Liz, Trainer William Delia Sick- DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$295.90
	6th race: #7 Foolhardy, Trainer Jack Steiner Sick-DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$166.10
	7th race: #3 Aspen Getaway, Trainer Blaine Wright Sick-DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$282.40
	7th race: #7 Hunted Guy, Trainer Armando Lage Sick, DVM Sporer	REFUND:	$244.00

09-06-2015[2] **SAN JUAN RULING (CASE #15GG0063)**

#10

Trainer Louis San Juan, who started the horse Lewkodonia, fourth place finisher in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on May 10, 2015, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars ($500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rules #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Dexamethasone-in excess of permitted level; 127 pg/ml [class 4]) and #1844 (f) (4) (Authorized Medication).

The above ruling was issued after San Juan contacted the Stewards by phone and acknowledged he was responsible for the test result. San Juan didn't have any idea how the substance came to be in the Horse's system but offered that health problems had kept him away from the barn for extended periods.

09-06-2015[3] **JENNINGS DECISION (REFER 09-05-2015[4])**

#11

In the Matter of: { CASE:

Pony Person, **Natalie Jennings** { 15GG007

Having now appeared and a hearing having been held the license privileges of **Natalie Ann Jennings** are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #6, dated September 3, 2015 is set aside.

Further **Natalie Ann Jennings** is hereby suspended for the term of her license, through June 31, 2016, Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License-Possession of Marijuana), #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

Prior to the re-instatement of her license privileges **Ms. Jennings** must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation acceptable to the Board of Stewards.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Natalie Ann Jennings** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1529 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's formal hearing. Ms. Jennings has had an extensive history of failing to comply with the terms of her probation, the terms of a contract with the Winner's Foundation and the terms of testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Testimony indicated that an in-house rehabilitation program was indicated if Ms. Jennings wished to rid herself of her substance abuse problems.

09-06-2015[4] **BOAG DECISION (REFER 09-05-2015[3])**

#12

Assistant Trainer **Michael James Boag** is hereby fined three hundred dollars ($300.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1847 (1) and (2) (Disorderly Conduct-Altercation in the Barn Area).

The above ruling was released following yesterday's formal hearing at which Boag pled guilty.

09-06-2015[5] **SLOAN RULING (CASE #15SW0038)**

#13

Trainer **Nick Sloan**, who started the horse Star Image, second place finisher in the second race at The California State Fair (Sacramento) on July 19, 2015, 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 rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Methylprednisolone-In Excess of Permitted Level, 548 pg/ml [class 4]) and #1844 (f) (10) (Authorized Medication)

The above ruling was issued after Sloan appeared in the Stewards office and plead no contest. Sloan stated he treated the horse's hocks and waited ten days before running the horse as recommended by his veterinarian but the test results still came back positive.

09-06-2015[6] **JOCKEY OBJECTION-SECOND RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the objection sign at the request of Jockey Kyle Frey aboard the place horse, #2 Drink Till You Drop, who claimed a foul against the winner, #5 Monsajem Manege, ridden by Cristobal Herrera. Frey alleged interference in the

stretch. After a thorough review the Stewards disallowed the claim of foul. Tapes show that Herrera's mount took a step in as the field approached the 1/16 which caused Frey to steady his mount momentarily but the incident was minor and neither Frey nor Drink Till You Drop were cost the opportunity of a better placing.

09-06-2015[7] **LATE SCRATCH-THIRD RACE-REFUND**

#7 Champs Law, trained by William Delia was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Dr. Sarah Sporer as the field approached the starting gate after she diagnosed the horse as being unsound. On the Vet's List. The refunded amounted to $18,584.08.

09-06-2015[8] **CLAIMS VOIDED**

Two claims on today's card were voided after official veterinarian Forrest Franklin DVM determined the horses were unsound and placed them on the Veterinarian's List.

In the sixth race #1, Eldorado Prado was returned to John Martin's barn after the claim deposited by Steve Sherman was nullified.

In the seventh race the claim deposited by Blaine Wright was voided and #4, Fighting On went back to the care of trainer R.B. Hess.

09-06-2015[9] **HANDLE & ATTENDANCE**

GGF	4,434	$528,158,20
NCOT	2,315	$848,355.70
SCOT		$502,448.90
Out of State		$1,345,073.64
TOTAL		**$3,224,036.40**

MONDAY **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

09-07-2015[1] 2nd race: #6 Barn Party, trainer Jerry Weaver REFUND: $48.00
Sick-DVM Sporer
3rd race: #3 Sahara Sky, Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer REFUND: $731.25
Sick-DVM Sporer
4th race: #3 Red Hot Rocket, Trainer William Delia REFUND: $9.00
Sick-DVM Sporer
7th race: #5 Elle Woods Too, Trainer Sherri Monroe REFUND: $173.00
Sick-DVM Sporer

09-07-2015[2] **MELARA RULING (CASE #15GG0109)**

#14

Groom, **Reynaldo Melara**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before September 6, 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 to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1924 (Association to Prevent Unauthorized Access to Restricted Area) and #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations)

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Reynaldo Melara** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1529 (Jurisdiction of Stewards). Subject is denied to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was published after Mr. Melara did not make an appearance at a hearing scheduled in his honor. The complaint alleged Melara had an unlicensed, and therefore unauthorized, visitor in his tack room.

09-07-2015[3] **FREY RULING**

#15

Jockey **Kyle Frey** who rode **Drink Til You Drop** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on September 6, 2015, is hereby fined Two Hundred Dollars ($200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The above ruling was issued after Frey appeared and acknowledged he struck the mount more than three times in a row. Frey opined that since he had not un-cocked his crop therefore striking his mount with a backhanded motion, the strikes should not count. Frey was informed that his theory, while creative, lacked a factual foundation and the above penalty was imposed.

09-07-2015[4] **CLEAR SAILING**

The afternoon's nine race program was conducted without noteworthy incident.

09-07-2015[5] **HANDLE & ATTENDANCE**

GGF	1,582	$25,728.00
NCOT	2,609	$1,028,208.00
SCOT		$416,767.50
Out of State		$866,405.11
TOTAL		**$2,337,108.60**

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
09-03-15	2	6	CALL COLLECT	DELIMA	Sick	SPORER	**$204.70**
09-03-15	3	6	SPIRIT LIGHT	PEREZ	Sick	SPORER	**$36.30**
09-04-15	5	3	TEMPEST RING	POWELL	Sick	SPORER	**$82.70**
09-04-15	7	8	ST. SOMEWHERE	WONG	Sick	SPORER	**$164.00**
09-04-15	8	4	TWENTIES JAZZ	MOREY	Sick	SPORER	**$98.20**
09-05-15	5	8	MUCHO BLESSINGS	LAGE	Reenter	STEWS	**$74.60**
09-05-15	6	4	SHIP MAST	MEDINA	Sick	SPORER	**$101.50**
09-05-15	6	7	ADAPTABILITY	BADILLA	Sick	SPORER	**$444.10**
09-06-15	4	8	CLASSY LADY LIZ	DELIA	Sick	SPORER	**$295.00**
09-06-15	6	7	FOOLHARDY	STEINER	Sick	SPORER	**$166.10**
09-06-15	7	3	HUNTED GUY	LAGE	Sick	SPORER	**$282.40**
09-07-15	2	6	BARN PARTY	WEAVER	Sick	SPORER	**$48.00**
09-07-15	3	3	SAHARA SKY	HOLLENDORFER	Sick	SPORER	**$731.25**
09-07-15	4	3	RED HOT ROCKET	DELIA	Sick	SPORER	**$99.75**
09-07-15	7	5	ELLE WOODS TOO	MONROE	Sick	SPORER	**$173.80**
TOTAL							**$3,002.40**

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized/Died (09-06-15 Bigreds Big Show-Track Vet)
Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-nine (90) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick:	18	Injured:	2
Unsound:	7	Shockwave:	86
Bled:	1		

There were twenty-two (48) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick:	22	Injured:	15
Unsound:	8	Bled:	3

Shockwave Therapy: There were five (86) shockwave therapy treatments reported

	9/3	9/4	9/5	9/6 9/7	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	*0*
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	*6*
CLAIMS	2	3	3	7	15	*32*
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	*3*
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	1	1	0	3	*4*
REFUNDS	2	3	3	8	16	*33*
RULINGS	2	0	2	6	10	*23*
CLAIMS VOID	1	0	0	2	3	*4*

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	112	$24,571.50
Bankers Casino	81	$41,497.60
Ferndale	0	$
Fresno	381	$125,828.50
Fresno Club One	71	$84,578
Monterey	180	$67,239.10
Pleasanton	1517	$581,309
Sacramento	1225	$456,751.40
San Jose	1620	$582,985.90
San Mateo	2780	$1,168,050.
Santa Rosa	698	$181,157.70
Stockton	556	$165,659.70
Tulare	0	$0.00
Turlock	318	$116,051.70
Vallejo	745	$285,264.90
So. California	0	$1,745,482.60
Out of State	0	$4,495,259.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

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Darrel McHargue, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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