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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**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 December 2, 2015 through Sunday December 6, 2015

WEDNESDAY

12-02-2015¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Steward Dennis Nevin was present for Thursday's scratches along with entries for Saturday. Mr. Nevin will continue in that capacity for the balance of the week.

12-02-2015²

DARK DAY HEARINGS (CASE #15SW0049, #15SW0072 & #15SW0073)

Individual formal hearings were conducted for trainer Helen Shelley, assistant trainer Ramon S. Pulido and owner Harold McPherson. The complainants appeared and waived their right to be represented by counsel. The cases were presented by California Horse Racing Board counsel Philip Laird and investigator Louis Quezada.

The complaints were filed after Quezada conducted a barn search at the San Joaquin county Fair in Stockton on September 9, 2015. Quezada searched a tack room assigned to trainer Helen Shelley in company with Shelley's assistant trainer Ramon Pulido. During the search two bottles of unlabeled injectable medications were found along with four hypodermic needles and syringes. During the investigation Quesada learned that owner McPherson supplied one bottle of injectable medication to Pulido to use on one of McPherson's mules and Pulido brought the needles, syringes and the other injectable medication on to the racetrack. Neither Pulido nor McPherson denied the allegations and Shelley admitted she employed Pulido as her assistant but maintained Pulido took complete control over the mules. Disposition to follow.

THURSDAY

12-03-2015¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS**1st Race**

#3-Strawberry Gulch, Trainer Jeff Bonde

Sick-Dr. Sporer, examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$279.54

7th Race

#1-Tangere, Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer

Stewards, off turf. **REFUND:** \$758.56

12-03-2015² **RIVERA RULING (CASE # 14GG0109)**

#37

In the Matter of:

Expired Licensee Assistant Starter Travis C. Rivera

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Having now appeared and a hearing having been held, the license privileges of Assistant Starter **Travis. C. Rivera** are restored to good standing and **Mr. Rivera** is deemed eligible for relicensing. Further Pacific Racing Association ruling #28 dated December 5, 2014 suspending **Mr. Rivera** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after Rivera appeared and explained the circumstances of his case. He was cited to appear before the Stewards after the Board was notified of his arrest in a criminal case in Richmond, California. Today Rivera brought documentation from the court that all charges have been dismissed, hence the restoration of his license privileges.

12-03-2015³ **CLAIM VOIDED-SEVENTH RACE**

A claim deposited by William E. Morey for the horse Almost Free was voided by the Stewards after official veterinarian Forest Franklin determined the filly was lame in the right foreleg. Almost Free was returned to the barn of trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

12-03-2015⁴ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	551	\$146,727.50
NCOT	1370	\$413,076.70
SCOT		\$253,858.00
OUT OF STATE		\$922,392.88
TOTAL		\$1,736,055.00

FRIDAY

12-04-2015¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1ST Race

#1-Cross The Line, Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer

Sick, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$431.96

4th Race

#2-Fortyate Hi Points, Trainer Rene Amescua

Stewards, off turf. **REFUND:** \$4,160.46

4th Race

#7-Lucky G A, Trainer Lloyd Mason

Injury, Dr. Isbell examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$148.20

5th Race

#5-Daddy's Sweetie, Trainer Jeff Bonde

Stewards, owner not licensed. **REFUND:** \$717.76

7TH Race

#2-Hotnable, Trainer Brian Pitnick

Injured, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$178.60

12-04-2015² **AMESCUA RULING (CASE# 15GG0129)**

#38

Trainer **Rene Amescua**, who started the horse **Seattls Cutie**, winner of the second race at The Big Fresno Fair on October 15, 2015, is fined the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00)* 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: Flunixin in excess of permitted level, 360 ng/ml [class 4]).

The above ruling was issued after Amescua met with the Stewards, waived his right to a formal hearing and pled guilty. Amescua explained he mixed up two tubes of paste-one was Flunixin and the other Omeprazole. He gave the Flunixin the day before the race when he intended to administer the Omeprazole.

12-04-2015³ **LATE SCRATCH-SECOND RACE-REFUND**
#2 Unusually Divine, trained by Jamey Thomas, was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Sarah Sporer about four minutes to post after she diagnosed the filly as off in the right front. On the Veterinarian's List. The refund amounted to \$4,160.46.

12-04-2015⁴ **JOCKEY OBJECTION-SECOND RACE-NO CHANGE**
Following the running of the second race jockey Kyle Frey, aboard the third place finisher #5 Renegade Run, lodged an objection against the place horse, #4 Classy N' Cool with Hugo Herrera in the saddle. Frey alleged interference around the far turn. After talking to the riders and reviewing the replays the Stewards dismissed the claim of foul. Replays showed close quarters between the two horses as they raced around the far turn along with minor contact but nothing that would rise to a level requiring disqualification.

12-04-2015⁵ **ATTENDANCE- HANDLE**

GGF	812	\$234,292.50
NCOT	1743	\$535,292.50
SCOT		\$313,714.10
OUT OF STATE		\$1,298,523.94
TOTAL		\$2,381,823.00

SATURDAY

12-05-2015¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**
2nd Race
#3-Possible Spider, Trainer Candi Tollett
Sick, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$32.00

6th Race
#8- Anointed Waters, Trainer Jonathon Wong
Sick, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$205.20

8th Race
#7-Melinda's Girl, Trainer John Martin
Sick, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$87.80

9th Race
#2, Anytime Magic, trainer Jamey Thomas
Sick, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. **REFUND:** \$75.40

12-05-2015² **ALVARADO RULING**

#39

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** who rode **He's Cagey** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, December 4, 2015 is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* 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 released after Alvarado appeared, stated he was in the midst of a heated stretch duel for the win and reverted to his old ways.

12-05-2015³ **PROBLEM FREE**
The afternoon's nine race program was completed without an incident worthy of note.

12-05-2015 ⁴	<u>ATTENDANCE-HANDLE</u>		
	GGF	1425	\$362,989.00
	NCOT	2907	\$1,062,020.10
	SCOT		\$2,704,510.30
	OUT OF STATE		\$868,921.40
	TOTAL		\$4,998,440.80

SUNDAY

12-06-2015 ¹	<u>EARLY DECLARATIONS</u>		
	<u>4th Race</u>		
	#7-Roman Wild, Trainer Jamey Thomas Injured, Dr. Sporer examining veterinarian. <u>REFUND:</u> \$264.25		
	<u>5th Race</u>		
	#4-Lindy Hoppin, Trainer Robert Leonard Stewards, off turf		
	#5-Valdoura's Command, Trainer Greg James Stewards, off turf. <u>REFUND:</u> \$288.55		
	<u>7TH Race</u>		
	#7-Mahogany Run, Trainer Melanie McDonald Stewards, off turf. <u>REFUND:</u> \$241.11		

12-06-2015² **HERNANDEZ RULING****#40**

Jockey **Juan Hernandez** who rode **Justa Splash** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 5, 2015 is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* 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 composed after Hernandez appeared and acknowledged he struck his winning mount more times than allowed by rules and regulations.

12-06-2015³ **MECHANICAL MALFUNCTION**

Shortly before the fourth race the crew from the human ambulance reported a problem with the vehicle's transmission while on station near the $\frac{3}{4}$ chute. The ambulance was stuck in park and could not be moved. The ambulance crew transferred their equipment to the track veterinarian's truck and followed the field for the fourth race from that vehicle.

The corporation yard dispatched a repair crew to the scene after the fourth race and determined the ambulance could not be repaired in place and had to be removed from the track. With the transmission locked a forklift was employed to raise the rear end and the ambulance was unceremoniously pushed up the $\frac{3}{4}$ chute and off the track.

While the disabled carrier was being attended to the medical crew transferred their equipment to the back-up ambulance in the corporation yard and returned to their station. The incident resulted in a fifteen minute delay in the fifth race post time.

12-06-2015⁴ **STEWARDS INQUIRY-NINTH RACE-NO CHANGE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to evaluate an incident in the first turn of this one mile event. The Stewards observed #6 Seeking The Stitch (8th, Luis Medina) cross over entering the 7/8 turn and take the path of #3 High Greeley (#4, Abel Cedillo) causing that horse to clip heels. Since High Greeley out finished Seeking The Stitch a disqualification was unwarranted but jockey Luis Medina will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards on Thursday.

12-06-2015 ⁵	<u>ATTENDANCE-HANDLE</u>		
	GGF	1872	\$372,062.20
	NCOT	2177	\$761,408.40
	SCOT		\$421,107.70
	OUT OF STATE		\$951,307.11

TOTAL**\$2,505,885.40****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
12-03-15	1 3	Strawberry Gulch	Bonde	Sick	Sporer	\$279.54
12-03-15	7 1	Tangere	Hollendorfer	Off turf	Stews	\$758.56
12-04-15	1 1	Cross The Line	Hollendorfer	Off turf	Stews	\$431.96
12-04-15	4 2	Fortyate Hi Points	Amescua	Off turf	Stews	\$4,160.46
12-04-15	4 7	Lucky G A	Mason	Injury	Isbell	\$148.20
12-04-15	5 5	Daddy's Sweetie	Bonde	Owner not licensed	Stews	\$178.60
12-04-15	7 2	Hotnable	Pitnick	Injured	Sporer	\$178.60
12-04-15	2 3	Possible Spider	Tollett	Sick	Sporer	\$32.00
12-05-15	6 8	Anointed Waters	Wong	Sick	Sporer	\$205.20
12-05-15	8 7	Melinda's Girl	Martin	Sick	Sporer	\$87.80
12-05-15	9 2	Anytime Magic	Thomas	Sick	Sporer	\$75.40
12-06-15	4 7	Roman Wild	Thomas	Injured	Sporer	\$264.25
12-06-15	5 4	Lindy Hoppin	Leonard	Off Turf	Stews	
12-06-15	5 5	Valdoura's Command	James	Off Turf	Stews	\$288.55
12-06-15	7 7	Mahogany Run	Mcdonald	Off Turf	Stews	\$241.11

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized/Died –1, Democracy Rules, Saturday, December 5, 2015. Pulled up past wire after 3/8th working. Fractured both sesamoids, euthanized inside horse ambulance by Dr. Matuszak.

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty (20) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 9 Injured: 2
Unsound: 4 Shockwave Therapy: 5

There were twenty-three (23) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 17 Injured: 1
Unsound: 5

Shockwave Therapy: There were five (5) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

	12/03	12/04	12/05	12/06	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	1	0	1	3
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	22
CLAIMS	0	3	2	4	9	92
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	0	1	1	10
REFUNDS	2	5	4	3	14	95
RULINGS	1	1	1	1	4	44
CLAIMS VOID	1	0	0	0	1	6

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	56	\$18,702.10
Bankers Casino	55	\$15,498.20
Ferndale	0	\$0
Fresno	254	\$74,459.00
Fresno Club One	73	\$45,131.90
Monterey	195	\$59,173.90
Pleasanton	1115	\$416,543.50
Sacramento	927	\$311,486.80
San Jose	1290	\$338,885.10
San Mateo	1715	\$920,530.20
Santa Rosa	652	\$123,232.40
Stockton	671	\$170,537.70
Tulare	0	\$0.00
Turlock	256	\$78,104.50
Vallejo	586	\$173,705.90
So. California	0	\$1,085,545.50
Out of State	0	\$4,041,145.10

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbuveaux

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward