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Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, December 9, 2009 through Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Wednesday12-09-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$9,500. For California bred or California sired maidens, fillies and mares three years old and upward, claiming \$12,500 at six furlongs. The race was called off with two entries.

12-09-09² **FLORES RACE REVIEW**

Jockey **Pablo Flores**, who rode #5 **RACHEL RACCOON** (6th place) in Sunday's seventh race, reviewed the stretch run with the stewards. The recorded views show Mr. Flores point his mount for an opening and go for that opening while making contact with the horse on his inside. After reviewing the incident Mr. Flores acknowledged making contact after originally being of the opinion his mount did not make contact with the other horse. After reviewing all the recorded views and a brief discussion on the matter, Mr. Flores was informed a three day sanction would be imposed.

12-09-09³ **DECLARATIONS – REFUND**

6th race: #4 MICAH'S SON (Tr. Terry Knight) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 732.10

12-09-09⁴ **RACING PROGRAM**

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

12-09-09⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	937	\$ 217,839.90
NCOT	1,950	\$ 587,205.70
SCOT		\$ 467,122.50
Out of State		\$1,792,510.62
TOTAL	2,887	\$3,064,678.72

Thursday12-10-09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$12,200. For California bred or California sired fillies three years old, claiming price \$10,000 at five and one half furlongs. The race was called off with four Cal-Bred entries.

12-10-09²**RULING NO. 23 – FLORES**

Jockey **PABLO FLORES**, who rode **RACHEL RACCOON** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 6, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (December 17, 18, and 19, 2009) 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).

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

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Flores reviewed the race with the stewards and failed to vindicate himself with his explanation.

12-10-09³**DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3rd race: #3 TEN FORTY FIVE (Tr. Terry Knight) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 461.30

8th race: #7 UNLOCK THE CODE (Tr. W. L. McDaniel) injured
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell REFUND: \$ 322.32

12-10-09⁴**RACE PROGRAM**

All eight races progressed smoothly without noteworthy incident.

12-10-09⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,188	\$ 242,914.50
NCOT	2,143	\$ 629,349.80
SCOT		\$ 426,180.50
Out of State		\$1,479,431.06
TOTAL	3,331	\$2,777,875.86

Friday12-11-09¹**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$11,200. For California bred or California sired three year olds and upward, claiming price \$8,000 at one mile. The race received one entry and was called off.

12-11-09²**INQUIRY – Second Race – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was lit following the running of the second race for a review of observed contact in the stretch between #5 THECHECKRAISED (3rd, Chris Russell) and #2 WAVES OF HONOUR (1st, Julien Couton).

After reviewing the recorded views the race was made official.

The tapes show #5 initiates contact with #2 while being maneuvered outward for racing room. #2 went on to win the race; therefore, no decision to disqualify was necessary.

12-11-09³**INQUIRY – Sixth Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted once again for a review of interference coming into the stretch and at the 3/16 pole involving #1 COWBOY HEART (3rd, Olmedo Pitti) and #5 DEACON SPEAKIN (4th, Leslie Mawing).

After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the recorded views of the race #1 was disqualified from third to fourth.

The recordings show #1 impedes #5 on two occasions. In the first incident coming into the stretch #1 forced #5 off its path, causing #5 to lose ground and then shift out at the 3/16 pole and bump and impede that rival, costing #5 a chance of a better placing.

12-11-09⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,406	\$	289,698.00
NCOT	2,017	\$	619,726.00
SCOT		\$	400,984.60
Out of State		\$	1,201,046.95
TOTAL	3,423	\$	2,511,455.55

Saturday

12-12-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$14,000. For California Bred or California sired three year olds and upward, claiming price \$12,500 at six furlongs. The race was called off with four entries.

12-12-09² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6 th race:	#3 SKYE PIPER	(Tr. Andy Mathis)	off turf course
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 26.00
	#6 SANFRAN	(Tr. D. Wayne Baker)	off turf course
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 319.50
7 th race:	#6 IT'S MY WILD SIDE	(Tr. Leonard Powell)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 204.40
9 th race:	#1 OVERTIME VICTORY	(Tr. Gordon Wells)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 174.90

12-12-09³ **JOCKEY CHRIS RUSSELL WARNED**

Jockey **Chris Russell** was issued a warning after reviewing yesterday's second race with the stewards.

Mr. Russell was informed this incident was close to resulting in a riding sanction; the vote was a majority with Steward Dennis Nevin dissenting. He was also informed that any incidents of this nature in the future would result in days.

12-12-09⁴ **RULING NO. 24 – PITTI**

Apprentice Jockey **OLMEDO PITTI**, who rode **COWBOY HEART** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, December 11, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (December 29, 20, and 26, 2009) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to fourth; 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. Pitti, accompanied by his agent Dennis Patterson and interpreter Augustin Regalado, met with the stewards, reviewed the race and failed to provide a valid reason for failing to make the necessary course corrections.

12-12-09⁵ **UTLEY WARNING**

Trainer **Doug Utley** was issued a warning after meeting with the stewards to address CHRB complaint 09GG355. Mr. Utley was cited after the post race urine sample taken from his horse UPSIZED tested at a Phenylbutazone level of 5.36 ug/ml. Mr. Utley's license history is clear of any medication violations within the previous three years.

12-12-09⁶ **RULING NO. 25 – PEREZ**

Trainer **RICARDO D. PEREZ**, who started the horse I B BAD, third place finisher in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on October 25, 2009, 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 rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances: Phenylbutazone [Class 4] – in excess of permitted level; 7.80 ug/ml).

The ruling listed above was issued after Mr. Perez met with the stewards and pled guilty. Mr. Perez reported the overage was the result of miscommunication between himself and his groom. The fine is in accordance with the penalty guidelines for a trainer with medication violations within the previous three years.

12-12-09⁷ **INQUIRY – Seventh Race – DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the seventh race for a review of an incident inside the 1/16 pole involving #3 **ALWAYSWISE** (2nd, **Francisco Duran**) and #2 LITTLE MORDI (5th, Olmedo Pitti).

After talking to the riders involved and reviewing the tapes of the race, #3 was disqualified from second place to fifth.

The tapes show #3 drift out under left hand whip into the path of #2, forcing the rider of #2 to check, lose momentum and a chance of a better placing.

12-12-09⁸ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,427	\$	481,201.30
NCOT	3,070	\$	936,277.50
SCOT		\$	647,850.80
Out of State		\$	1,854,083.48
TOTAL	5,497	\$	3,919,413.08

Sunday

12-13-09¹ **CAL-BRED REPORT**

Purse \$9,200. For California bred or California sired fillies and mares, three years old and upward, claiming price \$5,000 at one mile. The race was called off with two entries.

12-13-09² **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#2 POINT OF REFERENCE	(Tr. Frank Lucarelli)	off turf
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 592.90
7 th race:	#1 SPOOKY FEARS	(Tr. David Thomas)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: \$ 91.60

12-13-09³ **RULING NO. 26 – DURAN**

Jockey **FRANCISCO DURAN**, who rode **ALWAYSWISE** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 12, 2009, is suspended three (3) racing days (December 20, 26, and 27, 2009) 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 second to fifth; 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 preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Duran reviewed the race with the stewards and acknowledged his mount drifted out. However, he was unaware a horse was on his heels and attempting to go through the opening between his horse and a horse on his outside.

12-13-09⁴ **ACCIDENT - INQUIRY – Third Race – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted following the running of the third race for a review of an accident near the 3/8 pole involving #1 DIXIELAND CLASSIC, ridden by jockey Julio Garcia.

The digitally recorded view shows Mr. Garcia loses his balance and falls from his mount after his right foot slipped out of the stirrup. Mr. Garcia attempted to stay on his horse by bracing himself between his mount and the horse on his outside; however, that attempt did not last long.

The horse was caught by the outriders without further incident.

After being examined by track physician Dr. David Seftel, Mr. Garcia was cleared to ride the remainder of his mounts.

12-13-09⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	2,900	\$	529,776.90
NCOT	2,579	\$	748,304.20
SCOT		\$	655,023.70
Out of State		\$	1,478,546.88
TOTAL	5,479	\$	3,411,651.68

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
9-Dec	6	4	MICAH'S SON	Knight	sick	Isbell	\$732.10
10-Dec	3	3	TEN FORTY FIVE	Knight	sick	Isbell	\$461.30
	8	7	UNLOCK THE CODE	McDaniel	injured	Isbell	\$322.32
12-Dec	7	6	IT'S MY WILD SIDE	Powell	injured	Isbell	\$204.40
	9	1	OVERTIME VICTORY	Wells	sick	Isbell	\$174.30
13-Dec	7	1	SPOOKY FEARS	Thomas	sick	Isbell	\$91.60

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

- None reported for this reporting period -

Veterinarian's List

There were seven (7) horses placed on the Vet's List:

Sick: 4
Injured: 2
Unsound: 1
Bled: 0

There were twenty (20) horses removed from the Vet's List:

Sick: 11
Injured: 3
Unsound: 3
Bled: 0
Medication: 3

Shockwave Therapy: There were four (4) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	124	\$	28,082.20
Bakersfield	376	\$	98,342.70
Eureka	0	\$	-
Fresno	315	\$	96,930.20
Fresno Club One	115	\$	50,012.10
Monterey	294	\$	70,897.30
Pleasanton	1572	\$	460,816.70
Sacramento	1264	\$	402,724.80
San Jose	1665	\$	441,630.50
San Mateo	2997	\$	1,070,364.30
Santa Rosa	710	\$	176,718.10
Stockton	954	\$	249,277.40
Tulare	220	\$	39,352.50
Turlock	443	\$	127,471.80
Vallejo	710	\$	208,242.60
So. California		\$	2,597,162.10
Out of State		\$	7,805,618.99

	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	1	1	5
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CLAIMS	2	2	1	2	2	9	63
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	1	1	0	2	7
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	1	1	1	3	18
REFUNDS	1	2	0	4	2	9	118
RULINGS	0	1	0	2	1	4	26

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel McHargue, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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