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

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Report for the period Wednesday, December 14, 2011 through Sunday, December 18, 2011.

Wednesday

12-14-11[1] **DUTY STEWARD**
Steward Darrel McHargue will oversee entries and declarations for this week.

12-14-11[2] **MEIER vs. MARTIN** (11GG227)
The stewards conducted a formal hearing to address a financial complaint filed by trainer **Monty Meier** against owner **Perry Martin**, alleging non-payment ($660.00) of training and transportation fees. Neither Mr. Martin nor Mr. Meier were represented by counsel. C.S.R. Christine Niccoli recorded the proceedings.

The Board of Stewards heard testimony from Mr. Meier, his wife Donna Perrone and Mr. Martin. In addition a number of documents were submitted.
The hearing was adjourned and the Board of Stewards will render their decision shortly.

Thursday

12-15-11[1] **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The Cal-bred race for maiden, three year olds and older, claiming price $18,000 - $20,000, six furlongs, was used open with eight starters.

12-15-11[2] **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1st race:	#2 JOHNNYS PRIZE	(Tr. Richard E. Miller)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: $200.00
3rd race:	#2 SPEED ROUSER	(Tr. Gloria Haley)	off turf
	Stewards		REFUND: $245.30
6th race:	#4 NEMRAC	(Tr. Keith Craigmyle)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: $478.00
8th race:	#5 PEPPERED PRO	(Tr. Alex Paskeicz)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell		REFUND: $442.00

12-15-11[3] **RULING NO. 43 – JESUS VELAZQUEZ**

Jockey **JESUS VELAZQUEZ**, who rode **SUMART TIZZY** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 11, 2011, is suspended five (5) racing days (December 26, 29, 30, 31, 2011 and January 1, 2012) 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 above ruling was issued after Mr. Velazquez, accompanied by trainer A. L. Diaz, met with the Board of Stewards for a review of the fourth race on Sunday, December 11, 2011.

Mr. Velazquez' mount, SUMART TIZZY, was disqualified from first and placed fourth for interference in the stretch.
The young rider acknowledged he erred, stating he was just trying too hard to win the race.

The term of the suspension was escalated to five days as Mr. Velazquez was recently suspended (11-13-11) for three days for a similar riding infraction.

12-15-11[4] **RULING NO. 44 – JOHN W. LUBOW** (09GG200)

In the matter of:
Owner **JOHN W. LUBOW**

Having resolved the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine in the amount of $1,334.38, JOHN W. LUBOW is hereby deemed eligible to be re-licensed and Pacific Racing Association ruling #99, dated June 7, 2009, suspending him for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued upon notification by San Francisco Equine that Mr. Lubow has satisfied his debt ($1,334.38).

12-15-11[5] **INQUIRY – Sixth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race for a review of an incident near the 3/16 pole where #5 PERFECT FLIGHT (Chris Russell) fifth, took back sharply.

After talking with the riders involved, considering the patrol judge's report and reviewing the video of the race, the stewards, in a majority decision (Nevin dissenting), made no change in the original order of finish.
The video shows #5 PERFECT FLIGHT, the second horse from the rail in a four horse spread, take up and lose position.

Steward Herbuveaux opined there was interference by #6 SISTERMARYELEPHANT, however he did not believe it prevented PERFECT FLIGHT the opportunity of better placing.
Steward McHargue was of the opinion the video replays were inconclusive as to who was to blame for the interference.

Steward Nevin voted to disqualify #6 SISTERMARYELEPHANT from second to fifth, believing that horse was responsible for the interference and it did prevent #5 PERFECT FLIGHT from a better placing.

12-15-11[6] **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	917	$	202,718.60
NCOT	1,832	$	559,058.70
SCOT		$	254,714.60
Out of State		$	650,462.51
TOTAL	**2,749**	**$**	**1,666,954.41**

Friday

12-16-11[1] **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for maiden fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming price $18,000 - $20,000, six furlongs, failed to fill.

12-16-11[2] **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3rd race:	#2 TRIBESMAN	(Tr. Roger Hansen)	injured
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: $306.80
7th race:	#9 SOUL PATCH	(Tr. Tim McCanna)	re-enter
	Stewards		REFUND: $618.46

12-16-11[3] **RULING NO. 45 – MARTIN** (11GG227)

Following a formal hearing on December 14, 2011, Owner **PERRY L. MARTIN** is hereby ordered to pay trainer Monty R. Meier the sum of Six Hundred and Sixty Dollars ($660.00) on or before December 25, 2011 for services rendered. Failure to make the payment will result in the suspension of Mr. Perry's license privileges for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility) pending payment to Mr. Meier.

The stewards issued the foregoing ruling following the formal hearing held on December 14, 2011.

12-16-11[4] **FILM REVIEW – JULIEN COUTON**

Jockey **Julien Couton** met with the stewards for a review of the sixth race from December 15, 2011.
Mr. Couton's mount was involved in an inquiry and the stewards wanted to review the veteran rider's effort. (Refer 12-15-11[5])
In a majority decision (Nevin dissenting) no suspension days were issued.

12-16-11[5] **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,256	$	237,629.00
NCOT	2,057	$	569,929.50
SCOT		$	275,043.90
Out of State		$	808,255.37
TOTAL	**3,313**	**$**	**1,890,857.77**

Saturday

12-17-11[1] **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race, Pacific Heights $75,000 Added Overnight Stakes, for fillies and mares, three years old and upward at one mile and one eighth, filled and was used with six.

12-17-11[2] **DECLARATION – REFUND**

3rd race:	#5 KNOWN ASSOCIATE	(Tr. Quentin Miller)	sick
	Examining Veterinarian	Diane Isbell	REFUND: $ 99.80

12-17-11[3] **FORMAL HEARING – NARANJO** (11GG191)

This Board of Stewards opened a formal hearing for groom **LUIS NARANJO**, who has been charged with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board rules #1902

(Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1489 (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License).

Mr. Naranjo requested and was granted a postponement to obtain counsel and this hearing will reconvene on December 29, 2011.

12-17-11[4] **LICENSEES ALTERCATION**

The Board of Stewards met separately with jockey **CHRIS RUSSELL** and trainer **ANGELO TEKOS**, and advised both to cease and desist their disagreements pending an investigation by CHRB investigators.

Mr. Russell and Mr. Tekos were involved in altercations prior to and following the last race on December 16, 2011.
Golden Gate Fields security and CHRB investigators are preparing reports for a hearing before the Board of Stewards.

12-17-11[5] **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	1,799	$ 444,039.90
NCOT	3,350	$1,040,425.50
SCOT		$ 559,596.90
Out of State		$1,257,390.65
TOTAL	**5,149**	**$3,301,452.95**

Sunday

12-18-11[1] **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-Bred race for fillies and mares, three years old and older, claiming price $9,000 - $10,000, one mile and one sixteenth, failed to fill.

12-18-11[2] **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

2nd race: #7 RISING ABOVE (Tr. Frances Henderson) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell
9th race #3 DR. PROCTER (Tr. Bud Klokstad) sick
Examining Veterinarian Diane Isbell

12-18-11[3] **RULING NO. 46 – SYWAK** (Case No. SAC 11-0032) (10GG224)

In the Matter of:
Trainer **ALEXANDER SYWAK** CASE NO: SAC 11-0032

The stay form the Board Decision of November 17, 2011 having been denied and acting on an Order of Remand dated December 1, 2011, the thirty (30) day suspension issued to trainer Alexander Sywak in amended Pacific Racing Association ruling #51, dated May 5, 2011, is hereby ordered to be served beginning on December 29, 2011 through January 27, 2012, inclusive. During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ALEXANDER SYWAK 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 foregoing ruling was issued upon receipt of an Order of Remand from the California Horse Racing Board.

12-18-11[4] **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

GGF	3,191	$ 472,039.00
NCOT	2,643	$ 897,419.40
SCOT		$ 537,937.30
Out of State		$1,200,279.20
TOTAL	**5,834**	**$3,107,674.90**

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. The full Board was also in on the non-racing day (12-14) to hear a scheduled formal hearing.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
15-Dec	1	2	JOHNNYS PRIZE	Miller	sick	Isbell	**$200.00**
	6	4	NEMRAC	Craigmyle	sick	Isbell	**$478.00**
	8	5	PEPPERED PRO	Paszkeicz	sick	Isbell	**$442.00**
16-Dec	3	2	TRIBESMAN	Hansen	injured	Isbell	**$306.80**
17-Dec	3	5	KNOWN ASSOCIATE	Miller	sick	Isbell	**$99.80**
18-Dec	2	7	RISING ABOVE	Henderson	sick	Isbell	**n/a**
	9	3	DR. PROCTER	Klokstad	sick	Isbell	**n/a**

VETERINARY REPORT

Euthanized / Died

12-16-11 Apollo's Song (Tr. Hansen) neurological E.P.M ?

Veterinarian's List

There were ten (10) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 6
Injured: 1
Unsound: 2
Medication: 1

There were fifteen (15) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 11
Injured: 2
Unsound: 1
Medication: 1

Shockwave Therapy: There were two (2) shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	174	$	42,127.20
Bakersfield	775	$	176,815.00
Fresno	500	$	108,932.40
Fresno Club One	192	$	133,657.80
Monterey	733	$	227,383.90
Pleasanton	2904	$	913,669.40
Sacramento	2155	$	616,024.50
San Jose	3095	$	921,727.50
San Mateo	5484	$	1,944,837.90
Santa Rosa	1344	$	269,076.50
Stockton	1568	$	385,447.10
Tulare	409	$	93,485.90
Turlock	673	$	207,341.70
Vallejo	1428	$	408,488.80
So. California		$	3,333,618.20
Out of State		$	8,342,643.58

	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec	18-Dec	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	**0**	*3*
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	**0**	*0*
CLAIMS	0	3	2	1	**6**	*65*
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	**0**	*6*
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	0	0	0	**1**	*17*
REFUNDS	4	2	1	2	**9**	*126*
RULINGS	2	1	0	1	**4**	*46*

END OF MEET SUMMARY

Anderson	748	$187,160.90	San Jose	14,777	$4,173,133.60
Bakersfield	3,387	$828,491.00	San Mateo	25,222	$9,126,341.70
Eureka	0	$0.00	Santa Rosa	5,954	$1,313,735.90
Fresno	2,472	$574,431.60	Stockton	7,145	$1,990,970.80
Fresno One Club	809	$445,808.00	Tulare	1,712	$397,954.40
Monterey	3,429	$1,121,810.60	Turlock	3,149	$1,037,591.70
Pleasanton	13,653	$4,840,966.60	Vallejo	6,280	$1,920,523.40
Sacramento	10,018	$3,099,939.60	Out of State		$40,054,254.71
			So. California		$14,381,949.50

Off Track Totals		
Attendance & Handle	98,755	$85,495,064.01
On Track Totals		
Attendance & Handle	80,148	$14,141,548.10
TOTAL	**178,903**	**$99,636,612.11**
Claims Total -65-		$760,500.00

The above figures include "simulcast only" days

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

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Darrel McHargue, Steward

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