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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 February 24, 2016 through Sunday February 28, 2016

#### WEDNESDAY

02-24-2016<sup>1</sup>

#### DARK DAY DUTY

Steward Will Meyers was present to supervise entries and declarations.

#### THURSDAY

02-25-2016<sup>1</sup>

#### CAL-BRED REPORT

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four years old and older, claiming \$4,000.00, one mile failed to fill.

02-25-2016<sup>2</sup>

#### DECLARATIONS:

4 <sup>TH</sup> Race: #2 She's A Charmer (Trainer Tim Bellasis)	
Injured-DVM Isbell	See Below
4 <sup>th</sup> Race: #4 Class Divine (Trainer O.J. Jauregui)	
Injured- DVM Isbell	<u>\$359.76</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> Race: #8 Sammi B (Trainer Tim Bellasis)	
Injured-DVM Isbell	\$45.84
7 <sup>th</sup> Race: #3 Boleadoras (Trainer Eric Kruljac)	
Sick-DVM Isbell	\$74.34

02-25-2016<sup>3</sup>

#### GLORIA BUCKRIDGE (CASE #15GG0153) RULING #34

#### #34

Trainer **Gloria Buckridge** who started the horse Tizfit in the 1<sup>st</sup> race at Golden Gate Fields on November 28, 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 CHRB rule #1843 (A, B & D) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drugs and Other Substances-Guafenesen 34 ng/ml).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Ms. Buckridge stated she has no knowledge of a Guiafenesen treatment, but as the trainer of record accepts responsibility.

02-25-2016<sup>4</sup> **CERAPIO FIGUEROA RULING #35**

**#35**

Apprentice Jockey **Cerapio Figueroa** who rode **Grumpy** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, February 21, 2016 is suspended three (3) racing days (March 3, 4, & 5, 2016) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course and causing interference in the stretch. 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. Figueroa and the Stewards reviewed the video of the sixth race from February 21, 2016. The young rider admitted he erred in allowing his mount to drift in and cause interference.

02-25-2016<sup>5</sup> **WILLIAM E. MOREY RULING #36**

**#36**

Trainer **William E. Morey** is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for failure to follow proper procedures when declaring the horse **Pat's Gray Ray** will race unshod in the ninth race on Sunday, February 21, 2016: a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Morey accepted responsibility for failing to follow the guidelines regarding the entry of unshod horses.

02-25-2016<sup>6</sup> **LATE DECLARATION-2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

#4 Our Princecharming (Trainer Jeff Bonde) was declared on the recommendation of the track veterinarian Sara Sporer, who reported the gelding failed to warm up and was off in the right foreleg resulting in a total refund of \$10,759.75.

02-25-2016<sup>7</sup> **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE:**

GGF	643	\$199,529.60
NCOT	1472	\$488,162.10
SCOT		\$259,819.50
OUT OF STATE		\$724,099.42
TOTAL		\$1,671,610.60

**FRIDAY**

02-26-2016<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for four year olds and older, claiming \$4,000.00, one mile, failed to fill.

02-26-2016<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS:**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #3 Beswick (Trainer Rodney Cone)  
Unsound-DVM Isbell \$96.92

This declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and no show wagering was offered.

4<sup>th</sup> Race: #2 Latin's Watch (Trainer Natalie Houle)  
Sick-DVM Isbell \$93.30  
8<sup>th</sup> Race: #6 Seeking Asylum (Trainer Gordon Wells)  
Sick-DVM Isbell \$117.53

02-26-2016<sup>3</sup> **ROBIN VASQUEZ-ORTIZ (CASE #16GG0010) RULING #37****#37**

Groom **Robin Vasquez-Ortiz** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Intoxication).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Vasquez-Ortiz appeared in response to the complaint filed against him by California Horse Racing Board Investigator Louis Quezada.

Mr. Vasquez-Ortiz admitted having too many beers after working on January 22, 2016. His employer, Trainer Rhoda March, appeared on his behalf and stated he is a reliable employee and has never been observed or shown signs of drinking while working.

02-26-2016<sup>4</sup> **INQUIRY-DISQUALIFICATION-6<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race to review an incident near the 3/16 pole involving #4 Danzig Thorn Song (Richard Oliver) second, #2 Stormin Belle (Juan Hernandez) fourth and #5 Nellie Gail (Catalino Martinez) who finished sixth.

After interviewing the rides involved and reviewing all video angles, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #4 Danzig Thorn Song from second to fourth for altering course and forcing #2 Stormin Belle to take up sharply and lose the opportunity of a better placing. #5 Nellie Gail was slightly inconvenienced, but not to the extent of costing her a better placing.

02-26-2016<sup>5</sup> **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE:**

<b>GGF</b>	<b>911</b>	\$245,089.70
NCOT	1829	\$611,889.10
SCOT		\$301,006.60
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$913,290.92</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 2,071,276.30</b>

**SATURDAY**02-27-2016<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for fillies and mares, four years old and older, claiming \$14,000.00-\$16,000.00, six furlongs, failed to fill.

02-27-2016<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS:**

5 <sup>th</sup> Race: #6 Emma's Joy (Trainer Ed Moger)	
Injured-DVM Sporer	\$71.21
8 <sup>th</sup> Race: #7 Outdoorsman Gene (Trainer Gary Greiner)	
Sick-DVM Sporer	\$25.26

02-27-2016<sup>3</sup> **SHAWN SPIKES RULING #38****#38**

Jockey **Shawn Spikes** who rode **Game Seeker** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 26, 2016 is 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 Stewards issued the foregoing ruling after Mr. Spikes readily admitted he violated the crop rule by striking his mount more than three consecutive times.

**#39**

Apprentice Jockey **Richard Oliver** who rode **Danzig Thorn Song** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 26, 2016 is suspended three (3) days (March 5, 6, & 10, 2016) for altering course without sufficient clearance and causing interference in the stretch resulting in a disqualification of his mount from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. 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. Oliver and the Stewards reviewed the video of the sixth race from Friday, February 26, 2016.

Mr. Oliver was very candid in acknowledging he erred and accepted the penalty imposed.

02-27-2016<sup>5</sup> **FERNANDO SARMIENTO AMEZCUA (CASE # 6GG0013)**

Mr. Amezcua appeared in the response to a complaint filed by California Horse Racing Board Investigator Louis Quezada. Chaplain Rob Cochran assisted Mr. Amezcua, who requested an informal hearing.

Mr. Amezcua was apprehended on the Golden Gate Fields barn on January 31, 2016, while under a thirty-day suspension (Golden Gate ruling #12 issued 01-18-2016) for being under the influence of Methamphetamine and Marijuana. Golden Gate Fields security transported Mr. Amezcua to the California Horse Racing Board investigator's office when apprehended and although not tested, displayed objective symptoms of stimulant influence and admitted to Methamphetamine use the previous night. Decision forthcoming.

02-27-2016<sup>6</sup> **CLAIM VOIDED-8<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim in eighth race submitted by trainer Jack Steiner for the gelding Quackin (Trainer Manual Calvario) after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM reported the six year old was lame in the left foreleg. Quackin was returned to the Calvario barn.

02-27-2016<sup>7</sup> **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE:**

GGF	1471	\$445,222.70
NCOT	2915	\$578,486.40
SCOT		\$301,006.60
OUT OF STATE		<u>\$1,244,088.02</u>
TOTAL		\$ 2,568,803.72

**SUNDAY**

02-28-2016<sup>1</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The Cal-bred race for three year olds, claiming \$7,000.00-\$8,000.00, one mile, failed to fill.

02-28-2016<sup>2</sup> **DECLARATIONS:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #6 Quick Gun (Trainer Jeff Bonde)  
Sick-DVM Isbell  
5<sup>th</sup> Race: #1 The Bounty Man (Trainer Blaine Wright)  
Injured in starting gate-DVM Sporer

02-28-2016<sup>3</sup> **FERNANDO AMEZCUA (CASE #15GG0151) RULING #40**

**#40**

Groom **Fernando Amezcua** is hereby suspended thirty (30) days, February 29, 2016 through March 29, 2016 and placed on probation for one year from the date of this ruling, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-

Under Influence of Methamphetamine) and violation of probation imposed in Pacific Racing Association ruling #12 issued January 18, 2016.

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges **Fernando Amezcua** must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to this Board of Stewards. The conditions of probation are that **Mr. Amezcua** must sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board and a contract with the Winners Foundation. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be grounds for action against **Mr. Amezcua's** license privileges.

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Fernando Amezcua** 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 preceding ruling was issued subsequent to the hearing held on February 27, 2016.

02-28-2016<sup>4</sup> **CLAIM VOIDED**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Gary Greiner for the mare Spending Plan (Trainer Steve Sherman) after State Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM reported the six year old bowed a tendon in the right foreleg and was placed on the Veterinarian's List.

Spending Plan was returned to the Sherman barn.

02-28-2016<sup>5</sup> **HORSE EUTHANIZED**

Salah Loves Tegan (Trainer George Papaprodromou) broke down near the 3/16 pole and was pulled up by Jockey Felipe Martinez. Track Veterinarian Sara Sporer, DVM reported the three year old gelding severely injured his right foreleg and was given a ride home in the horse ambulance.

It was later reported that Salah Loves Teagan was euthanized at the Papaprodromou barn by Veterinarian Steve Boyer, DVM.

02-28-2016<sup>6</sup> **ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE:**

GGF	3882	\$563,264.40
NCOT	2572	\$989,133.60
SCOT		\$640,480.80
OUT OF STATE		\$1,276,067.74
TOTAL		\$3,468,946.50

**W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y**

**VETERINARY REPORT - Euthanized/Died-1**

Salah Loves Teagan, Trainer George Papaprodromou) Ninth rate Jockey, Felipe Martinez pulled up at the head of the lane and took horse to outside rail. Rider Dismounted and horse was Euthanized due an injury to third carpal in the right knee.

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

DATE	RACE	NO	HORSE	TRAINER	REASON	REFUND
02-25-16	4	2	She's A Charmer	Bellasis	Inj	See Below
02-25-16	4	4	Class Divine	Jauregui	Inj	<u>\$359.75</u>
02-25-16	5	8	Sammi B.	Bellasis	Inj	\$45.84
02-25-16	7	3	Boleadoras	Kruijac	Sick	\$74.34
02-26-16	1	3	Beswick	Cone	Unsound	\$96.92
02-26-16	4	2	Latin's Watch	Houle	Sick	\$93.30
02-26-16	8	6	Seeking Asylum	Wells	Sick	\$117.53
02-27-16	5	6	Emma's Joy	Moger	Inj	\$71.21
02-27-16	8	7	Outdoorsman Gene	Greiner	Sick	\$25.26
02-28-16	2	6	Quick Gun	Bonde	Sick	\$176.61
02-28-16	5	1	Bounty Man	Wright	Inj	\$48,902.48

**Veterinarian's List**

**There were twenty eight (28) horses placed on the vet's list:**

Sick: 7  
 Injured: 5  
 Unsound: 6  
 Shockwave: 9  
 Bled: 0  
 Medication: 1

**There were twenty eight (28) horses removed from the vet's list:**

Sick: 13  
 Injured: 11  
 Unsound: 1  
 Medication: 1  
 Bled: 1  
 Exhausted: 1

**Shockwave Therapy: There were nine (9) shockwave therapy treatments reported.**

	02/25	02/26	02/27	02/28	TOTAL	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	1	1	7
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	3
CLAIMS	3	4	2	3	12	123
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	1	0	0	1	7
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	0	0	1	19
REFUNDS	4	4	2	12	22	95
RULINGS	3	1	2	1	7	41
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	1	1	2	9

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES**

Anderson	81	\$19,509.90
Bankers Casino	68	\$20,799.30
Fresno	284	\$115,871.40
Fresno Club One	70	\$43,487.50
Monterey	202	\$67,237.70
Pleasanton	1268	\$492,752.00
Sacramento	943	\$306,332.40
San Jose	1452	\$428,860.60
San Mateo	1886	\$890,569.10
Santa Rosa	646	\$153,293.80
Turlock	354	\$105,750.70
Vallejo	738	\$243,114.10
So. California	0	\$2,141,718.90
Out of State	0	\$5,668,564.10

Respectfully submitted,

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**Dennis Nevin, Steward**

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**Richard Lewis, Steward**

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**Will Meyers, Steward**