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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**PACIFIC RACING ASSOCIATION**

Golden Gate Fields
Albany, California

Report of the Board of StewardsTo the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday November 11, through Sunday November 15, 2015.

WEDNESDAY DARK DAY ASSIGNMENT

11-11-2015¹ Steward Dennis Nevin was on hand to attend to Thursday's scratches as well as Saturday's entries. He will continue with those duties for the remainder of the week.

THURSDAY**11-12-2015¹ EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1st Race:

#1 –Cross the Line, Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer

Sick-veterinarian Isbell TOTAL \$283.00

4th Race:

#3-Korcha Kid, Trainer Steve Miyadi

Sick-veterinarian Isbell

#5-Sammi B, Trainer Tim Bellasis

Sick-veterinarian Isbell

#6-Almost Free, Trainer Robert Leonard

Injured-veterinarian Isbell TOTAL \$141.00

11-12-2015² OROZCO RULING**#21**

Jockey **Irving Orozco** who rode the horse **Silent Bounty** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 8, 2015, is hereby fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for striking his mount on the head; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop).

The above ruling was published after Orozco met with the stewards and reviewed the tapes of the race. Tapes showed, and Orozco admitted, that he struck the horse on the side of the head as the field came on the backstretch. Orozco stated the horse was acting up and he became frustrated.

11-12-2015³ **MCDANIEL HEARING (CASE #15SW0064 & 15SW0065)**

An informal hearing was held for trainer Wendell McDaniel who was the subject of two complaints filed by California Horse Racing Board investigator Derek Merritt. McDaniel appeared without counsel and waived his right to a formal hearing.

The first case arose because the horse Wild At Best, winner of the tenth race at the San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton) on September 20, 2015 showed the presence of Flunixin in a post race blood sample at a level 96.4 ng/ml. The second issue involved the horse Gunslinger Rules who showed the presence of Flunixin at a level of 38.9 ng/ml in a blood sample after winning the seventh race at the San Joaquin County Fair on September 18, 2015. Wendell McDaniel trained both horses.

McDaniel stated that in both instances he used the paste form of the medication and the groom ended up putting the medication in the feed tub rather than in the horse's mouth. McDaniel added that he had the paste in his truck because he used it at the ranch. He advised that he will no longer use that form of the medication but rather employ the services of a veterinarian. Rulings to follow.

11-12-2015⁴ **SMOOTH GOING**

The afternoon's seven race card was completed without noteworthy incident.

11-12-2015⁵ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	918	\$150,381.40
NCOT	1366	\$469,098.40
SCOT		\$197,933.70
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$635,312.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$1,452,725.50</u>

FRIDAY11-13-2015¹ **ROBINSON HEARING**

Jockey agent Jay Robinson appeared before the stewards as directed and waived his right to a formal hearing. Robinson called the stewards in the stand following the running of the third race on November 6, 2015 to voice his displeasure over the stewards' decision to disqualify the horse Barrel Knot from first to second. Robinson was passionate in his displeasure because the disqualified horse was ridden by his employer. The language used by Robinson went beyond the bounds of decorum, hence the summons to this office. Robinson stated he thought the stewards had hung up the phone before his outburst but such was not the case. Decision to follow

11-13-2015² **DOWNEY HEARING (CASE # 15S0052)**

A formal hearing was held for owner Roger Downey who was charged in a complaint with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1970 (Wagering on a Competing Horse) #1901 (Conflicts of Interests) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The complaint was filed by California Horse Racing Board investigator Derek Merritt. Present at the hearing were Merritt, Downey, his attorney, Brian Pitnick and board counsel, Phil Laird who presented the case.

The charges stem from an incident at the San Joaquin County Fair (Stockton) where Downey was observed handing a \$100.00 winning mutuel ticket to the winning jockey, Jesus Arriaga after the running of a mule race on September 12, 2015. The mutuel ticket was purchased by Downey on the winning mule Jani Nelson, owned by Raymond Montano, though Downey owned another mule in the race, Little Sarah who ran fourth.

During the hearing Downey stipulated that he violated rule #1970 by wagering on a competing mule but stated his motives were altruistic rather than for personal financial gain as the mutuel ticket was for jockey Arriaga. Downey's gesture was his way of thanking the jockey for supporting mule racing. Downey stated he has done this hundreds of times for many jockeys over the last 20 years.

Pitnick and Downey argued that Downey's actions did not constitute a violation of #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and that is among the issues the stewards will determine when considering the facts of the case.

11-13-2015³ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd Race:

#3-Stone Hot, Trainer John F. Martin

Injured, Veterinarian Dr. Isbell TOTAL \$280.30

11-13-2015⁴ **LATE SCRATCH-FOURTH RACE-REFUND**

#1 Macho Marini, trained by Efrain Miranda, was scratched by the stewards on the recommendation of track veterinarian Sarah Sporer who determined the horse was off in the right hind as the field was warming up on the backstretch. On the Vet's list. The refund amounted to \$8,146.48.

11-13-2015⁵ **STEWARDS INQUIRY-SEVENTH RACE-DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to review observed interference in late stretch involving the winner, #1 Smokin' Steve ridden by Frank Alvarado, the place horse, #8 Venetian Mask with Juan Hernandez and #6 Eternal Flame (4th, William Antongeorgi). After a thorough review the stewards disqualified Venetian Mask from second and placed him fourth behind Eternal Flame.

Tapes showed that Venetian Mask bore out near the 1/16 taking Smokin' Steve off his path who in turn caused Eternal Flame to check sharply to avoid heels. Smokin' Steve overcame the interference to out finish Venetian Mask but the stewards determined Eternal Flame was cost the opportunity for a better placing and effected the disqualification. Juan Hernandez will review the race tapes with the stewards in the morning.

Original order of finish 1-(8)-4-6

Official order of finish 1-4-6-(8)

11-13-2015⁶ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	1257	\$239,758.60
NCOT	1820	\$550,538.00
SCOT		\$316,985.05
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$1,098,117.45</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$2,205,399.00</u>

SATURDAY

11-14-2015¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

8th Race

#7 Stylesky, Trainer Sherrie Monroe

Sick, Veterinarian Dr. Isbell REFUND \$98.40

11-14-2015² **ROBINSON RULING (REFER 11-13-2015¹)**

#22

Jockey Agent **Jay J. Robinson** is hereby fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* for abusive language toward a racing official on November 6, 2015; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (2) & (4) (Disorderly Conduct).

The above ruling was issued after Robinson's meeting with the stewards yesterday.

11-14-2015³ **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Juan Hernandez appeared to review yesterday's seventh race in which his mount was disqualified. Hernandez stated he reacted as quickly as possible after his mount bore out in late stretch when he applied a left handed crop.

The stewards noted that Venetian Mask made a similar move at the top of the stretch after Hernandez used a left handed crop and the jockey corrected his mount without incident. The stewards could not absolve Hernandez of responsibility for the interference and issued the following ruling. Steward McHargue felt a three day suspension was appropriate but the majority counted this as a second offense.

#23

Jockey **Juan Hernandez** who rode Venetian Mask in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday November 13, 2015 is suspended five (5) racing days (November 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28, 2015) 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 second to fourth a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

11-14-2015⁴ **LATE SCRATCH-THIRD RACE- REFUND**

#5 Egyptian Empire, trained by Craig Dollase, broke through the starting gate stall door prior to the start, eluded the outrider and ran off through the infield. The horse went through the inner rail of the turf course and jumped some hedges before being captured. The horse required some stitches but escaped serious injury. On the vets list. The refund amounted to \$37,916.75.

11-14-2015⁵ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	1802	\$355,856.40
NCOT	2548	\$861,777.80
SCOT		\$496,632.20
OUT OF STATE		\$1,497,587.47
TOTAL		\$3,211,853.80

SUNDAY11-15-2015¹ **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd Race

#1, El Rey Fernando, Trainer Tirso Rivera

Sick, Veterinarian Dr. Isbell REFUND \$199.40

4th Race

#6, McCann's Half Full, Trainer W. L. McDaniel

Sick, Veterinarian Dr. Isbell REFUND \$75.70

8th Race

#1, Johnnie B., Trainer Kent Molinaro

Sick, Veterinarian Dr. Isbell REFUND \$146.60

11-15-2015² **RODRIGUEZ RULING (CASE #15SW0066)****#24**

Groom, **Jose Rodriguez**, is fined the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1890 (Possession of Contraband-Marijuana) on October 9, 2015.

The above ruling was issued after Rodriguez admitted he possessed less than an ounce of marijuana in the barn area of the Big Fresno Fair.

11-15-2015³ **BONDE RULING****#25**

Trainer **Jeff Bonde** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to follow track policy regarding toe grabs on the turf course on November 14, 2015; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting).

The above ruling was issued after Bonde contacted the stewards by phone. Bonde's horse, Colored Crayon, arrived at the receiving barn prior to the fifth race with toe grabs on its shoes. Track policy calls for only Queens plates or flat shoes on the turf course. Horseshoe inspector Augustine Reyes ground the grabs down and the horse was allowed to start.

11-15-2015⁴ **MCDANIEL DECISION (REFER 11-12-2015³)****#26**

Trainer **Wendell L. McDaniel**, who started the horse Gunslinger Rules , winner of the seventh race at The San Joaquin County Fair on September 18, 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 rule #1843 (a) (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Flunixin-In excess of permitted level: 38.9 ng/ml [class 4]).

#27

Trainer **Wendell L. McDaniel**, who started the horse Wild At Best, winner of the tenth race at the San Joaquin County Fair on September 20, 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: 96.4 ng/ml [class 4]-second offense).

The above rulings were published following Thursday's hearing

11-15-2015⁵ **STEWARDS INQUIRY-FOURTH RACE-NO CHANGE**

The stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review an incident at the 5/16 after observing #2 Danzig Thorn Song (6th, Abel Cedillo) check sharply off the heels of #4 Penporium (4th, Juan Sanchez) who was racing just inside the winner #5, What A Rainbow. After a thorough examination the stewards took no action with respect to the placings. Tapes were inconclusive when attempting to ascertain whether the outside two horses put pressure on Danzig Thorn Song or whether that horse bore out around the turn.

11-15-2015⁶ **STEWARDS INQUIRY-NINTH RACE-NO CHANGE**

The stewards illuminated the inquiry sign to examine the start of #1 Three Strike Rule (6th, Joe Crispin) after that horse got away slowly. After a thorough review the stewards took no action. Tapes showed the horse charged the gate just prior to the stall doors opening and recoiled from the contact. Three Strike Rule then threw his head to the left and the assistant starter worked to get him back into position to exit the gate. Since Three Strike Rule initiated the events which led to the slow start the horse was determined to be a starter.

11-15-2015⁷ **HANDLE-ATTENDANCE**

GGF	3084	\$401,205.70
NCOT	2098	\$676,618.80
SCOT		\$473,571.50
<u>OUT OF STATE</u>		<u>\$1,457,243.06</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>\$3,008,639.00</u>

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
11-12-15	1	1	Cross The Line	Hollendorfer	Sick	Isbell	\$283.00
11-12-15	4	3	Korcha Kid	Miyadi	Sick	Isbell	
11-12-15	4	5	Sammi B	Bellasis	Sick	Isbell	
11-12-15	4	6	Almost Free	Leonard	Injured	Isbell	
							\$141.00
11-13-15	3	3	Stone Hot	Martin	Injured	Isbell	\$280.30
11-14-15	3	7	Stylesky	Monroe	Sick	Isbell	\$98.40
11-15-15	3	1	El Rey Fernando	Rivera	Sick	Isbell	\$199.40
11-15-15	4	5	McCann's Half Full	McDaniel	Sick	Isbell	\$75.70
11-15-15	8	1	Johnnie B	Molinaro	Sick	Isbell	\$146.60

VETERINARY REPORT - Euthanized / Died -0

There were nineteen (19) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 7 Injured: 5
Unsound: 2 Shockwave: 5

There were thirty-one (31) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 25 Injured: 5
Unsound: 1

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

	11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	18
CLAIMS	3	0	1	0	4	51
DISQUALIFICATIONS	1	0	0	0	1	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	1	0	2	3	9
REFUNDS	4	0	2	4	10	63
RULINGS	1	3	1	3	8	37
CLAIMS VOID	0	0	0	0	0	2

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	85	\$19,652.00
Bankers Casino	58	\$16,076.80
Fresno	254	\$83,181.50
Fresno Club One	61	\$41,243.20
Monterey	186	\$59,499.20
Pleasanton	1013	\$350,676.60
Sacramento	925	\$287,919.20
San Jose	1110	\$351,303.50
San Mateo	2000	\$773,769.90
Santa Rosa	609	\$125,651.00
Stockton	695	\$165,714.70
Turlock	295	\$108,704.80
Vallejo	541	\$156,646.60
So. California	0	\$1,485,122.90
Out of State	0	\$4,688,259.80

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Nevin, Steward
Darrel McHargue, Steward