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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, August 4, 2010 through Sunday, August 8, 2010.

Wednesday

08-04-10¹ **PEDRO GONZALEZ HEARING** (Case No. 10GG169)

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) filed a complaint against Exercise Rider **PEDRO SOLIS GONZALEZ** for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and CHRB rule 1930 (Obedience to Security Officers). On June 24, 2010 Gonzalez was arrested by CHRB Investigator Carol Ann Nolan in the stable area of the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton). Gonzalez was sent to Santa Rita County Jail (Dublin, CA) and booked for alleged violation of California Penal Code section 647(f) (Public Intoxication) and section 148(a) (Resisting or obstructing a police officer).

Along with the stewards and Investigator Nolan, present today were Winners Foundation representatives Armando Calero and Nora Lee, who were present as observers only. Also present was respondent Pedro Gonzalez, interpreter/trainer/brother Jose Gonzalez and court reporter Karen Lillard. Mr. Gonzalez has worked on the racetrack for about ten (10) years according to his testimony and is employed by trainer Jose Godinez.

Testimony during the hearing stated that Pedro Gonzalez consumed about ten (10) beers prior to the alleged incident (approx. 4:30 p.m.). He stated he was trying to help his friend Hector Mejia who was injured in a separate altercation. Pedro Gonzalez stated he did not know Carol Ann Nolan was a CHRB investigator even though she identified herself as such and was wearing a very visible CHRB issued badge. Ms. Nolan stated her knee was slightly injured while she and Alameda County Fair stable superintendent Jim Burns physically brought Gonzalez to the ground until Alameda County Fair Sheriff Deputies arrived to assist. Decision to follow.

08-04-10² **APRIL BOAG FILM REVIEW** (Refer 08-01-10⁶)

Jockey April Boag was unable to attend film review of the third race on Sunday, August 1st. She sent jockey Barrington Harvey to the film review to represent her. Jockey Boag rode the quarterhorse #4 A WRANGLERS CHOICE, who finished seventh but was disqualified and placed ninth (last).

Race replays show #4 A WRANGLERS CHOICE break in very sharply and impede three (3) rivals to the inside of her severely. Jockey Boag was held blameless for this incident as she appeared to make a good effort.

08-04-10³ **EIGHTH RACE DELAY**

There was an approximate ten (10) minute delay prior to the running of the eighth race. #3 PENA (Jockey Pablo Flores, Trainer W. R. Whitehouse) reared in the starting gate and then became loose and raced down the track. Track outriders Nancy Barney and Mike Waite, along with 3/8th pole patrol judge Myra Truitt, helped corral the bridleless horse outside of the backside rail.

08-04-10⁴ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's nine (9) race card went relatively smooth as there were no stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

08-04-10⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#1 RECRUITS IRISH	(Tr. Ramon Pulido)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 109.20
8 th race:	#1 LADY FROM DENVER	(Tr. Holly Evans)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 655.00
	#3 PENA	(Tr. W. R. Whitehouse)	ran off / injured
	Stewards		REFUND: \$13,761.39

08-04-10⁶ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

2nd race - #6 Charlie More – A. Cedillo for J. Ayarza (injured)
 3rd race - #3 Tizzy Bet – M. Linares for M. Martinez (sick)
 5th race - #2 Pagan Baby – R Baze for F. Alvarado (personal)
 #6 Wicked Sea – A. Cedillo for J. Ayarza (injured)
 #10 Sipnzin – J. Hernandez for M. Martinez (sick)
 8th race - #8 Endless Sweep – D. Lopez for J. Ayarza (injured)
 9th race - #3 Anzisong – J. Hernandez for M. Martinez (sick)
 #6 Mt. Orient – L. Martinez for F. Alvarado (personal)

08-04-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,734	\$ 228,940.60
NCOT	2,391	\$ 743,817.80
SCOT		\$ 410,648.20
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$1,133,243.22</u>
TOTAL	5,125	\$2,516,649.82

Thursday

08-05-10¹ **QUINN HOWEY COMPLAINT** (Case No. 10GG0159)

An informal hearing was held for trainer Quinn Howey. The Howey trained SOUTHERN RETIREAT finished second in the sixth race on May 20, 2010. A post race blood sample taken from this horse was reported to contain Phenylbutazone in the amount of 5.66 ug/ml according to U. C. Davis Maddy Laboratories.

Along with the stewards and trainer Howey, present today was CHRB Senior Special Investigator Gabe Palomar who prepared the complaint for today's hearing. Trainer Howey told the stewards that he personally administered a bute paste to his horse closer to race time than he normally would. He was not shocked about the overage in this case and states that corrective measures would take place. An official warning will be entered onto trainer Howey's CHRB license history file as he has a clean medication record.

08-05-10² **RULING NO. 5 – GONZALEZ** (Ref: 08-04-10¹)

Exercise Rider **PEDRO S. GONZALEZ** is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) and placed on probation for the term of his license (09-30-2012) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication; impeding others) and

#1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers)
on June 24, 2010.

The Santa Rosa stewards informed exercise rider **Pedro S. Gonzalez** of the ruling above through his brother trainer Jose Gonzalez. This ruling was the result of a hearing held here yesterday at Santa Rosa (August 4).

08-05-10³ **CHRB STAFF VISIT**

CHRB Executive Director Kirk Breed, Assistant Executive Director Richard 'Bon' Smith and Chief Counsel Robert Miller visited the judges' stand today at Santa Rosa. The stewards were updated on several racing matters.

08-05-10⁴ **SUSPENDED LICENSEE APPEARS** (Ref: CSF 07-24-10²)

The stewards received word today that suspended (2010 Sacramento Ruling#11) pony person **Adan G. Chavez** was seen on a pony preparing to work this afternoon's racing card. CHRB investigators told him this would not be possible. A report from Golden Gate Fields security stated that earlier this morning Chavez was escorted off the grounds from their Albany backstretch area. Chavez has recently been issued an order from Golden Gate Fields citing CHRB rule #1989 (Removal or Denial of Access) denying him access to its premises. More to follow.

08-05-10⁵ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

08-05-10⁶ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#2 AUNTIE RUBY	(Tr. David Thomas)	no rider available
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 97.80
6 th race:	#4 AWARENESSOFAUTISM	(Tr. Genaro Vallejo)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$644.70
7 th race:	#3 MISS OOPS	(Tr. Ed Moger, Jr.)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$546.70
8 th race:	#5 GREAT AUNT NORA	(Tr. Jeff Bonde)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$717.00

08-05-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,615	\$ 219,406.20
NCOT	2,778	\$ 854,735.30
SCOT		\$ 330,752.90
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 739,159.96</u>
TOTAL	5,393	\$2,144,054.36

Friday

08-06-10¹ **OOYTIP JOHNSTON HEARING** (Case 10GG0156)

Owner **OOYTIP JOHNSTON** failed to appear today to answer charges alleging that she violated California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The veterinary group, **San Francisco Equine**, alleges that Ms. Johnston owes them \$1,297.45 for treatment of the horse TRUCKEES ROSE. More to follow.

08-06-10² **NO SHOW WAGERING**

Two (2) late mule scratches in what was originally a six (6) mule field led to the loss of show wagering in the first race today.

08-06-10³ **INQUIRY – Third Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing an incident about thirty (30) yards after the start of this six furlong race. This incident involved third place finisher #2 SIX VOTES (Chad Schvanevelt) who ducked inward and bumped fifth (last) place finisher #1 MILES ARMY (Leslie Mawing). The bump was somewhat significant, knocking #1 MILES ARMY off balance slightly. However, this horse didn't appear to lose much ground and he was beaten 4½ lengths for a better placing.

The stewards received a patrol judge report, spoke with both riders involved and conducted a film review. In a unanimous decision, no change was made in the order of finish.

08-06-10⁴ **OBJECTION / INQUIRY – Sixth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign to view an incident involving fourth place finisher #4 SEEMED SWEET (Luis Martinez) going into the far turn. Jockey Luis Martinez also lodged a jockey's objection in this race against third place finisher #5 MY LEADING LADY (Rosario Montanez) for alleged interference at the same location. During film review the stewards determined that #4 SEEMED SWEET bore out and steadied sharply without any interference from #5 MY LEADING LADY. The stewards unanimously ruled to make no change in the order of finish.

08-06-10⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

1 st race:	#4 BAR JF LUCKYTICKET (Tr. Ruby Thomas)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$ 247.50
	#6 CALI MCGEE (Tr. Ruby Thomas)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$ 65.00
3 rd race:	#3 FIRE SEEKER (Tr. Lloyd Mason)	identification
	Stewards	REFUND: \$ 305.90
4 th race:	#3 TOP OF THE RAINBOW (Tr. Greg James) injured/flipped in Receiving Barn	
	Official Veterinarian Sidney Gustafson	REFUND: \$1,189.24
8 th race:	#2 FISHIN WITH TBALL (Tr. Terry Knight)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$ 507.70
	#3 CONTESSA'S IMAGE (Tr. William E. Morey)	sick
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$ 334.00

08-06-10⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	2,256	\$ 236,688.80
NCOT	3,160	\$ 895,591.50
SCOT		\$ 216,841.40
Out of State		\$ 538,958.38
TOTAL	5,416	\$1,888,080.08

SATURDAY

08-07-10¹ **RULING NO. 6 – JOHNSTON**

Owner **OOYTIP M. JOHNSTON**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on or before Friday, August 6, 2010, to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility), is hereby suspended pending appearance before the Board of Stewards for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of OOYTIP M. JOHNSTON 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 ruling above was issued after owner OOYTIP JOHNSTON failed to appear for a hearing scheduled for yesterday, August 6th. (Ref: 08-06-10¹) The complaint in this matter was filed by the veterinarian group – **San Francisco Equine**. The complaint stated that Ms. Johnston owed them \$1,297.45 for unpaid veterinarian services.

08-07-10² **WILLIAM WILBUR (Case No. 10SW0135) and ANTHONY BAZE (Case No. 10SW134) COMPLAINTS**

Hearings were scheduled today for owner **WILLIAM 'BILL' WILBUR** and jockey room racing colors (silks) attendant **ANTHONY BAZE**. The California Horse Racing Board has filed complaints against both of these individuals for alleged violations of the following five (5) rules.

The allegations in both of these complaints read as follows:

On or about July 15, 2010, Colors Man, Anthony 'Tony' Baze, received financial consideration and conspired to aid and abet with owner William 'Bill' Wilbur, for allowing colors to be worn that did not belong to Wilbur, on the horse "Mute Rudolph" during the 4th race at Cal Expo. The colors change was not reported to the Clerk of the Course prior to the start of the race.

Present today for a pre-hearing meeting with the stewards were owner William 'Bill' Wilbur, Wilbur's lawyer J. Patrick McCarthy (Sacramento, CA), jockey room colors attendant Anthony 'Tony' Baze, Court Reporter Christine Niccoli along with CHRB Senior Special Investigator Barbara Chimero and Senior Special Investigator Carol Ann Nolan, who prepared the complaint packets.

Shortly after the pre-hearing meeting commenced Anthony 'Tony' Baze made a request for legal counsel. A continuance was granted in this matter. A new hearing date of August 26, 2010 at Golden Gate Fields has been slated; 9:30 a.m. is the scheduled start time.

08-07-10³ **JOCKEY/TRAINER FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Julien Couton** and trainer **Quinn Howey** came to the stewards' office for an informal film review of yesterday's (August 6) fifth race. Jockey Couton was aboard #6 MIAMI HOUSE, who finished third in this mile and one-sixteenth turf event. Couton felt first place finisher #5 FIRE BREAK (Russell Baze) compromised his chances of finishing in a higher position. After film review, both Couton and trainer Howey seemed satisfied with the stewards' interpretation of this event.

08-07-10⁴ **FORMER OFFICIAL VISITS**

Retired starter Chuck Burkes visited the stewards' office today. Burkes ably served as head starter at Golden Gate Fields, Bay Meadows and here at Santa Rosa for several years.

08-07-10⁵ **OBJECTION – First Race – NO CHANGE**

Following the running of this race trainer Bret Layne lodged an objection against first place finisher #5 CHECK THIS DREAM (Jesus Arriaga). Layne trains second place finisher #2 DASH DECISION (Olivo Maldonado).

Race replays show #2 DASH DECISION veer inward at the midway point of this 350 yard quarterhorse race. The clearance at the time of crossing over was questionable after the stewards viewed four (4) separate camera angles. The films of this race were inconclusive. After speaking with the jockeys involved, the stewards unanimously ruled to make no change in the order of finish.

08-07-10⁶ **INQUIRY – Ninth Race – NO CHANGE**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign after viewing first place finisher #7 VENOM G (Catalino Martinez) make contact with #8 SNUFFY SMITH (Leslie Mawing) inside the 1/8 pole. The contact was minor in nature and #8 SNUFFY SMITH was tiring when the incident took place. After speaking with both riders involved the stewards unanimously ruled to make no change in the order of finish.

08-07-10⁷ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

5 th race:	#1 SOFIA BELLA MIA	(Tr. Theo Loving)	did not ship
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 378.10
6 th race:	#8 REDONKULOUS	(Tr. Roger Hansen)	unsound
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 46.00
11 th race:	#1 VEZUVIY	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	injured
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$ 306.50

08-07-10⁸ **JOCKEY CHANGES**

7th race - #1 MAJALY – C. Russell for F. Alvarado (sick)

9th race - #2 SIGNATURE MOVE – J. Hernandez for F. Alvarado (sick)

08-07-10⁹ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	4,343	\$ 492,092.90
NCOT	4,443	\$1,659,205.70
SCOT		\$ 642,369.50
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 702,709.69</u>
TOTAL	8,786	\$3,496,377.79

Sunday

08-08-10¹ **MARTY WENTZ HEARING** (Case No. 10GG141)
Exercise Rider **MARTY WENTZ** failed to appear at a hearing today to answer charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule 1874 (1) (2) (4) (Disorderly Conduct). Mr. Wentz was suspended on July 23, 2010 (Ref: California State Fair Ruling #9) by California State Fair stewards for failing to appear at a hearing there on July 22. (Ref: 07-23-10²) Mr. Wentz remains suspended after failing to appear at this new hearing date that he requested.

08-08-10² **ANTHONY AYALA FILM REVIEW**
Jockey **Anthony Ayala** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride on mule #4 SIS-Q LO-SO-ME in yesterday's (August 7) second race. Jockey Ayala was victorious in this race; however, it was his use of the whip that was being reviewed. Warning issued.

08-08-10³ **RACING BOARD CHAIRMAN VISITS**
California Horse Racing Board Chairman Keith Brackpool visited the Sonoma County Fair today. Making the climb to the judges' stand along with Mr. Brackpool were Sonoma County Fair manager Tawny Tesconi and Director of Racing Richard Lewis. Racing and steward matters were discussed.

08-08-10⁴ **SMOOTH CARD**
Today's eleven (11) race card went well as it was free of steward inquiries and/or jockey objections.

08-08-10⁵ **JOCKEY CHANGE**
1st race - #5 IDAHO BY NIGHT – G. Ortiz for J. Arriaga (Stewards)

08-08-10⁶ **DECLARATION – REFUND**
8th race: #8 TAKIN CLASS (Tr. Gil Matos) sick
Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$ 295.70

08-08-10⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	3,792	\$ 393,094.60
NCOT	3,975	\$1,399,411.70
SCOT		\$ 624,777.30
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 809,513.90</u>
TOTAL	7,767	\$3,226,797.50

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 office business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
4-Aug	1	1	RECRUITS IRISH	Palido	sick	Connolly	\$109.20
	8	1	LADY FROM DENVER	Evans	sick	Connolly	\$655.00
5-Aug	6	4	AWARENESS OF AUTISM	Vallejo	sick	Connolly	\$644.70
	7	3	MISS OOPS	Moger	sick	Connolly	\$546.70
	8	5	GREAT AUNT NORA	Bonde	sick	Connolly	\$717.00
6-Aug	1	4	BAR JF LUCKY TICKET	Thomas	sick	Connolly	\$247.50
		6	CALI MCGEE	Thomas	sick	Connolly	\$65.00
	4	3	TOP OF THE RAINBOW	James	injured in Rec Barn	Gustafson	\$1,189.24
	8	2	FISHIN WITH TBALL	Knight	sick	Connolly	\$507.70
		3	CONTESSA'S IMAGE	Morey	sick	Connolly	\$334.00
7-Aug	6	8	REDONKULOUS	Hansen	unsound	Connolly	\$46.00
	11	1	VEZUVIY	Hollendorfer	injured	Connolly	\$306.50
8-Aug	8	8	TAKIN CLASS	Matos	sick	Connolly	\$295.70

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

08-04-10 Rhetorically (Tr. D. Offield) bilateral right front sesamoid fractures;
training, Tapeta (GGF)

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-one (21) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 10
Injured: 3
Unsound: 8
Bled: 0
Medication: 0

There were eighteen (18) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 9
Injured: 9
Unsound: 0
Bled: 0
Medication: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	109	\$26,503.80
Bakersfield	469	\$106,253.00
Eureka	0	\$0.00
Fresno	356	\$124,132.50
Fresno One Club	129	\$75,447.10
Golden Gate Fields	3694	\$1,189,637.90
Monterey	330	\$118,758.30
Pleasanton	1870	\$738,938.40
Sacramento	1512	\$479,910.60
San Mateo	3617	\$1,326,197.50
San Jose	2005	\$573,786.40
Stockton	1084	\$322,488.60
Tulare	212	\$61,420.70
Turlock	467	\$137,889.60
Vallejo	893	\$271,397.20
So. California		\$2,225,389.30
Out of State		\$3,923,584.84

	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	Week	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	1	0	2	4	0	7	17
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	2	2	0	4	10
REFUNDS	3	4	6	3	1	17	33
RULINGS	0	1	0	1	0	2	6

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

John B. Herbuveaux, Steward

Darrel McHargue, Steward

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