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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, July 22, 2015 through Sunday, July 26, 2015.

Wednesday

07-22-15¹ **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES FOR FRIDAY**

No scratch cards were submitted at scratch time for Friday. Four rider changes were accepted along with one blinker change.

07-22-15² **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY**

Ten races are on tap for Saturday including the Jack Clifford Quarter Horse stake which has a full field of 12 vying for a piece of the \$20,000 pot.

Thursday

07-23-15¹ **HERNANDEZ WARNING (REF: 07-19-15²)**

Jockey Juan Hernandez was issued a warning in a majority vote. Mr. Hernandez's mount was disqualified for interference near the finish line of last Sunday's 8th race. Steward Baker felt Mr. Hernandez could have made better effort while the majority felt Hernandez's reaction was timely in straightening his mount.

07-23-15² **RULING NO. 18 – DIAZ RULING (REF: 07-18-15³)**

Trainer **ANTONIO L. DIAZ**, who started the horse **BEHRY TRICKY** who finished second in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on June 4, 2015, is hereby fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)* and is hereby suspended fifteen (15) days July 26th thru August 9th, 2015 inclusive pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer in Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of CHRB rule #1843 (a) (b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: Unapproved Substance – Dexamethasone 1,064pg/ml [Class 4] – Second Offense) and rule 1845 (d) (Authorized Bleeder Medication – Unsecured Stall).

The above ruling was issued after due deliberation over Mr. Diaz's second overage of Dexamethasone in less than two months. Very little in mitigating circumstances were uncovered. Diaz has since clamped down on medication procedures in his barn according to investigator Derek Merritt.

07-23-15³ **NAVARRO HEARING (CASE: 15GG0047)**

A case originally scheduled to be heard April 30, 2015 and then delayed to May 15, 2015 was finally reconvened today concerning Jockey Dionicio Navarro's fitness to hold a license in California.

Navarro failed to provide a urine sample as requested on April 9, 2015 in violation of a signed testing agreement with the board and was suspended per ruling #64. Mr. Navarro admitted to investigator Louis Quezada to using both marijuana and crystal methamphetamine.

A hearing was scheduled at Golden Gate on April 30, 2015 at which time Navarro appeared and requested time to secure legal counsel. The request was granted and a hearing date of May 15, 2015 at Golden Gate was set at that time. Mr. Navarro failed to appear at that scheduled hearing and ruling #81 was issued at Pacific Racing Association (Golden Gate Fields) on May 16, 2015 continuing the suspension of Mr. Navarro for failure to appear.

Mr. Navarro appeared briefly at Pleasanton in late June to ask the stewards what was needed for him to get reinstated. He was told that the first step was to provide a clean test following which a hearing could be held to address the issues surrounding his current suspension.

Mr. Navarro appeared at Cal Expo (Sacramento) on July 11, 2015 and requested to be tested. Investigator Derek Merritt conducted a field test which was negative and a sample was sent to Quest Diagnostics. Quest reported that the test was negative for drugs.

Mr. Navarro waived his right to a ten day notice and a hearing date was set for today at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Navarro was not in attendance at the 10:30 a.m. scheduled time. At 10:45 a.m. the record was opened to memorialize the complaint. Mr. Navarro arrived at approximately 11:00 a.m. and after a brief recess, the stewards decided to allow Navarro his day in court. The CHRB had provided interpreter Robert Chavez and court reporter Wendy Fraizer was recording the hearing as well.

Testimony was taken from Navarro and investigator Louis Quezada presented the case for the state. All documents were marked and placed in evidence.

Mr. Navarro testified that he would agree to any conditions the stewards would place on him including evaluations and recommendations from the Winners Foundation.

The issues raised in ruling #81 to wit: failing to appear and failing to submit a test, shall also be addressed. The record was closed and a decision will follow.

07-23-15⁴ **TIMER WORKING**

Director of Racing Larry Swartzlander reported that Director of Maintenance Paul Gillingham investigated the electronic timer problem personally and discovered the switch on the gate to be the problem. Mr. Gillingham rebuilt the switch and the timer was tested at 350, 400 and 440 yards, working at all points. The 1st and 2nd races were started at 350 yards and the timer worked for both races.

07-23-15⁵ **RACE #2 –INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 350 YARD QUARTER HORSE**

The inquiry sign was posted to review the actions of #3 LA BRIANNA LADY JC (Marcial Ramirez, 7th), #4 JESS MY ANGEL (Luis Lira, 8th) and #5 SARA TOGA (Pablo Flores, 5th). Tapes show #5 come in sharply causing #4 to check and duck into #3 causing that rival to check sharply as well. Jockey's Lira and Ramirez both blamed #5 for the incident.

#5 was disqualified from 5th and placed 8th for interference.

Original Order of Finish: 6 – 8 – 1 – 7 – 5 – 2 – 3 – 4

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 8 – 1 – 7 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5

07-23-15⁶ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

7th race: #4 SOURDOUGH SAM (Tr. J. Bumgardner) Sick
Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM REFUND: \$ 377.70
8th race: Jockey Pablo Flores for Erik Lopez – Sick

07-23-15⁷ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	1,376	\$	152,690.20
NCOT	1,531	\$	509,401.40
SCOT		\$	158,398.10
Out of State		\$	<u>316,695.68</u>
TOTAL	2,907	\$	1,137,185.38

Friday

07-24-15¹ **PABLO FLORES EXONERATED (REF: 07-23-15⁴)**

Jockey Pablo Flores was given a pass after review of yesterday's 2nd race in which his mount was disqualified. Mr. Flores made every effort to control his mount who was racing erratically.

07-24-15² **RULING NO. 19 & 20 – WHIP VIOLATIONS**

Jockey **LUIS GODOY** who rode **IHOP THRU FIRE** in the second race at the California State Fair (Sacramento) on Thursday, July 23, 2015 is hereby fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

Jockey **JESUS ARRIAGA** who rode **CESNA** in the second race at the California State Fair (Sacramento) on Thursday, July 23, 2015 is hereby fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of CHRB rule #1688, (Use of Riding Crop – used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond – Second Offense).

The above rulings were issued when both jockeys came in and reviewed the race in question. Both riders realized their mistake and vowed to try harder to remember the rule.

07-24-15³ **RACE #2 – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – ARABIAN**

The inquiry sign was posted to review possible interference midway in the final turn. After review no change was ordered. The decision was unanimous.

Tapes show #2 ONE HOT CHICK (Pablo Flores, 1st) and #6 SO BIG IS BETTER (C.C. Lopez, 2nd) aiming for the same hole between horses. #3 MY KALIBER (Hugo Herrera, 7th) steps out tightening the hole which shifts #6 to the outside in a chain reaction. The stewards felt #2 did not contribute significantly to the shift.

07-24-15⁴ **RACE #8 – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident at the top of the stretch involving third place finisher #5 RAHY'S SHADOW (Pablo Flores) and fifth place finisher #2 SEVENS LUCKY (Pedro Flores). Video replays show #5 come in sharply causing jockey Pedro Flores to check the #2 horse to avoid heels. Jockey Pedro Flores felt #5 cost him a chance at a better placing. The stewards voted unanimously to disqualify #5 from third to fifth for interference.

Original Order of Finish: 3 – 7 – 5 – 6 – 2 – 4 – 1

Official Order of Finish: 3 – 7 – 6 – 2 – 5 – 4 – 1

07-24-15⁵**KYLE FREY OFF**

Jockey Kyle Frey called and said he was in a car accident and could not make it in to ride today. Replaced as follows: 5th Irving Orozco, 6th Sylvio Amador, 7th Irving Orozco, 8th Frank Alvarado.

07-24-15⁶**PROGRAM CHANGES**

5 th race:	#2 CELESTIAL IMAGE	(Tr. S. Miyadi)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$	191.90
8 th race:	#2 HEAVENELEVEN	(Tr. A. Mathis)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$	157.40

07-24-15⁷**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	3,036	\$	163,972.60
NCOT	2,024	\$	732,446.70
SCOT		\$	191,246.80
Out of State		\$	255,257.53
TOTAL	5,060	\$	1,342,923.63

Saturday07-25-15¹**RULING NO. 21 – NAVARRO RULING (REF: 07-23-15³)**

Having now appeared and a hearing having been held, the license privileges of Jockey **DIONICIO G. NAVARRO** are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association rulings #64, dated April 10, 2015 summarily suspending Mr. Navarro for violation of CHRB rule #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements) and #81, dated May 16, 2015 for violation of CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) are set aside.

Further, Jockey **DIONICIO G. NAVARRO** is hereby suspended one hundred and twenty (120) days, July 27, 2015 through November 23, 2015 inclusive and placed on probation for the term of his license (09-30-2017) pursuant to CHRB rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of rules #1489 (h) (Grounds for Denial and Refusal of License; Use of Methamphetamines – Second Offense) and #1485 (d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements – Failure to abide by the terms of a test agreement).

As conditions of probation **DIONICIO G. NAVARRO** must submit to an evaluation by the Winners Foundation, abide by any recommendations from that organization and comply with the terms of a testing agreement with the CHRB. Prior to reinstatement of his license privileges Mr. Navarro must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be cause for suspension of Mr. Navarro's license privileges.

*During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of Dionicio Navarro 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 above ruling was issued after deliberating over the evidence presented on Thursday.

07-25-15²**RULING NO. 22 – LOMA CASE #15SW0034 / GARDUNO CASE #15SW0033**

Exercise rider Faustino Garduno ponied a horse for trainer Humberto Loma. Garduno was

working freelance with an expired license. After both complaints were heard simultaneously, the following ruling was issued:

Exercise rider **FAUSTINO GARDUNO** is hereby fined Fifty (\$50.00)* for violation of CHRB rule #1481, (Occupation Licenses and Fees – Working on Expired License) on July 11, 2015 at the California State Fair (Sacramento).

07-25-15³ **PABLO FLORES (REF: 07-24-15⁴)**

Jockey Pablo Flores was given a pass after review of yesterday's eighth race in which his mount was disqualified. The majority felt Pablo straightened his mount in a timely manner when his mount ducked in. Steward Baker felt days were in order.

07-25-15⁴ **RACE #3 – RUNAWAY – QUARTER HORSE STAKE – LATE SCRATCH**

#5 ONE MORE FIRE, ridden by Cesar Moreno and trained by Isauro Guillen, flipped behind the starting gate unseating jockey Moreno and landing on its back. Dr. Franklin immediately recommended a scratch which was granted. #5 got to its feet and ran off for over ¾ of a mile. Both rider and horse were reported uninjured.

07-25-15⁵ **RACE #8 – DOG ON TRACK**

As the horses were passing the ½ mile pole a dog ran onto the track behind the field. Safety steward Tom McCarthy tracked down the owner which was trainer Miranda Gramlich. Ms. Gramlich contacted the stewards and apologized profusely. She was told to be in our office around 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

07-25-15⁶ **RACE #10 – STEWARDS REVIEW**

The stewards reviewed the start of the tenth race. #3 HASTA SWAYGO (Silvio Amador) dwelt and #7 JACKSON STRUTT (Barrington Harvey) bolted. No reason for inquiry since they both created their own problems.

07-25-15⁵ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

2 nd race:	#1 FASTANDFURIOUS	(Tr. R. LaFleur)	Sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$ 56.02
3 rd race:	#5 ONE MORE FIRE	(Tr. I. Guillen)	Stewards
	Flipped behind gate, runaway at post.		REFUND: \$ 3,995.24
	Jockey Irving Orozco for Jaico Rangel – No Show		
5 th race:	#2 A GOLDEN JET	(Tr. S. Howard)	Injured
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$ 35.60
6 th race:	#1 DANCERS EVENT	(Tr. W.L. McDaniel)	Sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$ 19.82
8 th race:	#4 DR WILLIAMS	(Tr. M. Meier)	Sick
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian Forrest Franklin, DVM		REFUND: \$ 264.12

07-25-15⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	6,324	\$	291,289.30
NCOT	2,929	\$	1,125,824.50
SCOT		\$	271,386.50
Out of State		\$	336,788.62
TOTAL	9,253	\$	2,025,288.92

Sunday

07-26-15¹ **RACE #3 – NO SHOW WAGERING**

The late scratch of #2 PECOS BUD (trainer Clifford DeLima) reduced the field to four wagering interests and show wagering was cancelled in conformance with CHRB rule 1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools).

07-26-15² **RULING NO. 23 – GRAMLICH (REF: 07-25-15⁵)**

Trainer **MIRANDA GRAMLICH** is fined the sum of One Hundred

Dollars (\$100.00)* for permitting a dog to run loose on the race track during the running of the eighth race at the California State Fair (Sacramento) on Saturday, July 25, 2015; a violation of CHRB rule #1897 (Interference with Horses, Racing Participants or Racing Operations).

The above ruling was issued after Ms. Gramlich appeared, apologized and accepted the penalty. She realizes what a catastrophe it could have been had her dog made it into the middle of the field. Luckily nothing happened.

07-26-15³ **RACING PROGRAM**

The eight races on the program progressed smoothly without incident.

07-26-15⁴ **PROGRAM CHANGES**

3 rd race:	#2 PECOS BUD	(Tr. C. DeLima)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian	Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	240.00
5 th race:	#2 STYLESKY	(Tr. S. Monroe)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian	Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	20.00
	#7 MEDICINE GAL	(Tr. V. Trujillo)	Sick	
	Fitness/Track Veterinarian	Forrest Franklin, DVM	REFUND: \$	77.30

07-26-15⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SAC	3,250	\$	205,659.10
NCOT	2,737	\$	1,019,350.50
SCOT		\$	174,487.30
Out of State		\$	283,645.39
TOTAL	5,987	\$	1,683,142.29

M E E T 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
23-Jul.	7	4	SOURDOUGH SAM	J. Bumgardner	Sick	Franklin	\$ 377.70
24-Jul.	5	2	CELESTIAL IMAGE	S. Miyadi	Sick	Franklin	\$ 191.90
24-Jul.	8	2	HEAVENELEVEN	A. Mathis	Sick	Franklin	\$ 157.40
25-Jul.	2	1	FASTANDFURIOUS	R. LaFleur	Sick	Franklin	\$ 56.02
25-Jul.	5	2	A GOLDEN JET	S. Howard	Injured	Franklin	\$ 35.60
25-Jul.	6	1	DANCERS EVENT	W.L. McDaniel	Sick	Franklin	\$ 19.82
25-Jul.	8	4	DR WILLIAMS	M. Meier	Sick	Franklin	\$ 264.12
26-Jul.	3	2	PECOS BUD	C. DeLima	Sick	Franklin	\$ 240.00
26-Jul.	5	2	STYLESKY	S. Monroe	Sick	Franklin	\$ 20.00
26-Jul.	5	7	MEDICINE GAL	V. Trujillo	Sick	Franklin	\$ 77.30

VETERINARY REPORT - Euthanized / Died – NONE

Veterinarian's List

There were (14) horses placed on the vet's list:

- Sick: 9
- Injured: 2
- Unsound: 2
- Bled: 1

There were (24) horses removed from the vet's list:

- Sick: 15
- Injured: 7
- Unsound: 1
- Medication: 1

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	\$ 35,524.10
Banker's Casino	\$ 29,731.60
Fresno	\$ 86,852.00
Fresno Club One	\$ 71,053.40
Golden Gate	\$ 799,316.90
Monterey	\$ 80,233.20
Pleasanton	\$ 442,762.30
San Jose	\$ 440,465.50
San Mateo	\$ 988,129.60
Santa Rosa	\$ 111,745.20
Stockton	\$ 228,399.40
Turlock	\$ 91,358.00
Vallejo	\$ 243,427.40
So. California	\$ 795,518.70
Out of State	\$ 1,192,387.22

	23-July	24-July	25-July	26-July	WEEK	MEET
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	4
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	3	1	2	2	8	18
DISQUALIFICATIONS	1	1	0	0	2	5
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	2	0	0	3	10
REFUNDS	1	2	5	3	11	38
RULINGS	1	2	2	1	6	23

Respectfully submitted,

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John Herbuveaux, Steward