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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, December 8, 2021, through Sunday, December 12, 2021**WEDNESDAY**12/8/21¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey** and his staff were on hand today taking entries for Saturday, December 11, 2021. Eleven (11) races were carded, and One Hundred (100) horses are scheduled to start. Golden Gate Fields has changed its first post time from 12:45 p.m. to 11:45 a.m. to accommodate the shorter days of winter. Steward **Will Meyers** was on duty for the California Horse Racing Board.

THURSDAY12/9/21¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Will Meyers** was on duty today overseeing entries for Sunday, December 12, 2021. Another full card will be programmed. Eleven (11) races will be contested with ninety-five (95) horses scheduled to start. There has been a post time change to 11:45 a.m.

FRIDAY12/10/21¹**RUBEN FUENTES FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Ruben Fuentes** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #6 **Talisker Bay**. This horse finished fourth in the ninth race contested at six (6) furlongs, on Sunday December 5, 2021. At issue in today's informal hearing was that Jockey **Fuentes** shifted out and impeded eighth (last) place finisher #8 **Jungle Roar (Catalino Martinez)** who was forced to steady his mount at the ¼ pole location. Just prior to this incident first place finisher #1 **Heat N Reheat (Armando Ayuso)** raced up onto the heels of another horse causing traffic issues with trailing rivals. Jockey **Fuentes** was told to 'take straight back' if possible, in similar situations as opposed to shifting into the path of other horses.

Rueben Fuentes, who was accompanied by Agent **Ramon Silva**, was issued a 'warning' in a unanimous decision.

12/10/21²

ADRIAN OROZCO DECISION (REF: 12/3/21³)

Pony Rider **Adrian Orozco** appeared in our office to receive a decision from us following an informal hearing on December 3, 2021. **Mr. Orozco** was fined \$200.00 by Golden Gate Fields Stewards on July 25, 2021 (Ref: Ruling #3). That case involved a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874. Today's decision (Case #21BM0020) was reached after Pony Rider **Orozco** violated the probation, he received from his first ruling. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** assisted today with translation. The following Ruling was issued.

Ruling #21

Pony Rider **Adrian Orozco** is suspended thirty (30) days, December 13, 2021, through January 11, 2022, inclusive; for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-intoxication while on probation) on October 10, 2021, at The Big Fresno Fair.

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges **Adrian Orozco** must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards and agree to a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board for as long as he is licensed in this jurisdiction.

*During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Adrian Orozco** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/10/21³

EVIN ROMAN FILM REVIEW (REF: 12/5/21³)

Jockey **Evin Roman** appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the seventh race on Sunday, December 5. This race was contested at 5 ½ furlongs. Jockey **Roman** was accompanied by his Agent **Leo Rodriguez**.

Today's film review shows four (4) horses competing in the final one –sixteenth of a mile. From the outside/in they were.

- A. #6 **Twilight Empire** – 1ST Place (**Armando Ayuso**)
- B. #3 **Livin' At The BU** – 2ND Place (**Evin Roman**)
- C. #4 **Zafferana** – Unplaced (**Jose Rodriguez**)
- D. #2 **Clever Chieftess** – 3RD Place (**Adrian Martinez**)

#6 **Twilight Empire** drifted in slightly while passing the other three (3) horses. Jockey **Evin Roman** (#3 **Livin' At The BU**) drifts in while employing a left-handed riding crop. She makes contact with #4 **Zafferana** causing that horse to fall and unseat Apprentice Jockey **Jose Rodriguez**. #2 **Clever Chieftess** (**Adrian Martinez**) was bumped and turned inward.

The Stewards felt Jockey **Romans'** mount may have shied from the winner #6 **Twilight Empire**. While Jockey **Roman** was using his riding crop, one hand was on the reins, and he failed to maintain a straight course. The Stewards determined some mitigating factors weighed into our final unanimous decision, otherwise the penalty could have been more significant.

Ruling #22

Jockey **Evin Roman** who rode **Livin' At The Bu** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 5, 2021, is suspended five (5) racing days December 26, 31, 2021, January 1, 2 & 7, 2022 for altering course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to unplaced; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

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IRVING OROZCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Irving** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride aboard #3 **Affectionto Autism** who finished first in the third race on Sunday, December 5. In this 5 ½ furlong main track event #3 **Affectionto Autism** crossed over in front of second place finisher #1 **Chief Wild Eagle (Frank Alvarado)** around the 4 ½ furlong marker forcing Jockey **Alvarado** to check his mount. Jockey **Orozco** acknowledged that this was not his best effort. In a unanimous decision the Stewards' issued a warning for this ride.

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THIRD RACE INQUIRY/ DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing two (2) incidents inside the final Furlong. Jockey **Assael Espinoza** was aboard the original first place finisher #6 **Capepoint**. Inside the 1/8th mile marker #6 **Capepoint** drifts in and forces sixth (last) place finisher #6 **Cape Point (Assael Espinoza)** to steady his horse sharply. After this first incident #6 **Cape Point** continues to drift inward forcing both fourth place finisher #3 **Charming Vintage (Francisco Monroy)** and fifth place finisher #1 **Cojo (William Antongeorgi III)** to 'check' their mounts.

The Stewards received a patrol judge report, spoke to the jockey's involved and reviewed all replay angles of the incidents. In a unanimous decision #6 **Cape Point** was disqualified and placed sixth (last). Jockey **Assael Espinoza** was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original Order of Finish **6** – 5 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 4

Official Order of Finish 5 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 4 - **6**

12/10/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #4 **Cashlings (Tr. P. DeJesus)** Sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refunds: \$120.24

2ND Race: #5 **Flicflac (Tr. T. Bellasis)** Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

3RD Race: #1 **Cojo (Tr. D. Wayne Baker)** Claimed, **R. France**, trainer

#3 **Charming Vintage (Tr. J. Puentes)** Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

#6 **Cape Point (Tr. A. Mathis)** Claimed, **V. Trujillo**, trainer

4TH Race Declaration #3 **Wink And A Dream (Tr. D. Winick)** Injured- **Casille Batten DVM**

Refunds: \$109.10

4TH Race: #2 **By Moonlight (Tr. I. Tamayo)** Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

5TH Race Declaration #6 **Golden Iris (GB)** Unsound- Post Parade – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refunds: \$30,499.81

6TH Race: #3 **Ice Or Fire (Tr. J. Bautista)** Claimed, **M. Meier**, trainer

6TH Race Void Claim #3 **Ice Or Fire**

7TH Race Declaration #6 **One Last Time (Tr. S. Specht)** Lamé – **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refunds: \$315.14

8TH Race Declaration #11 **Miss Flawless (Fr)** (Tr. **E. Ekstrom**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refunds: \$286.34

8TH Race: #2 **Miss Super Saint (Tr. S. Specht)** Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

8TH Race: #7 **Dutch Painting (GB)** (Tr. **M. Padilla**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

9TH Race Declaration #1 **Robs Lucky Spirit (Tr. I. Tamayo)** Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refunds: \$377.78

9TH Race Cancel #1 Rolling Super High Five

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	467	\$135,290.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,395,373.70
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$187,498.73
Total	1,241	\$2,067,397.62

SATURDAY
12/11/21¹

ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW (Ref: 12/10/21⁵)

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in our office to review his ride aboard #6 **Cape Point** who finished first but was disqualified and placed last for interference in the stretch drive from yesterday Friday, December 10. #6 **Cape Point** drifted inward in the final furlong of this one (1) mile main track event. In the first event #6 **Cape Point** 'shuts off' 6TH (last) place finisher #4 **Sleep Over (Armando Ayuso)**. After this #6 **Cape Point** continues to drift in forcing both #3 **Charming Vintage (Francisco Monroy-4TH place)** and #1 **Cojo (William Antongeorgi – 5TH place)** to steady their mounts.

Jockey **Espinoza** was suspended last month (Ref: GGF Minutes 11/14/21¹) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Ruling #8). The Stewards unanimously voted to issue the following ruling.

Ruling #23

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** who rode **Cape Point** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, December 10, 2021, is suspended five (5) racing days December 26, 31, 2021, January 1, 2 & 7, 2022 for altering course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to sixth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules- Careless Riding- second offense in the last sixty (60) days).

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #7 **Awhitesportscoat (Tr. J. Wong)** - Sick –**Casille Batten DVM**

Refunds: \$427.75

2ND Race: Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

3RD Race: #3 **Good Bye Putin (Tr. C. Gaines)**, Claimed, **O. Heredia**, trainer

4TH Race Declaration #7 **Big Bell (Tr. T. Yakteen)** Sick - **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refunds: \$457.16

5TH Race: #2 **Mohawk King (Ire) (Tr. S. Callaghan)** Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refunds: \$429.03

5TH Race: #3 **Psycho Dar (Tr. E. Truman)** Claimed, **S. Calvario**, trainer

8TH Race: #6 **Isla Rose (Tr. T. McCanna)** Re-enter-Stewards Refunds: \$464.80

8TH Race: #1 **Cultured Pearl (Tr. M. Lenzini)** Claimed, **R. France**, trainer

10TH Race Declarations #5 **Miss Ever Ready (Tr. S. Sherman)** Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM**

#6 **Jacinth (Ire) (Tr. P. Gallagher)** Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refunds: \$600.81

10TH Race: Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

11TH Race Declarations #2 **Foxy Fax (Tr. C. DeLima)** Sick - **Karen Hassan DVM**

#12 **Run D.L.C. (Tr. S. Calvario)** Full Field – Stewards

Refunds: \$322.58

11TH Race: Jockey Change #13 (**I. Orozco**) for **S. Amador** – 2ND Call

11TH Race: #13 **Dino's Heat (Tr. T. Bellasis)** Claimed, **G. Vallejo**, trainer

#14 **Starship Endeavor (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.)** Claimed, **Jose Batista**

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SMOOTH CARD

Today's eleven (11) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections. The Starting Gate crew had a busy day as ninety-four (94) horses participated. As usual, under the guidance of Starter **Todd Stephens**, they did an outstanding job.

12/11/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	654	\$258,926.84
Out of state	n/a	\$3,099,331.15
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$403,667.24
Total	1,799	\$4,384,391.63

SUNDAY
12/12/21¹

ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in the second race yesterday Saturday, December 11. In this 5 ½ furlong main track event #1 **Bigfoot City** (Jockey **Ayuso**) shifts out directly in front of eventual fifth place finisher #4 **Cool Cross** (**Brayan Pena**) forcing that rival to steady sharply. Today's film review shows Jockey **Ayuso** employ his riding crop (left-handed) and while doing so allows his mount to drift out and cause the aforementioned interference.

Jockey **Ayuso** was suspended here at Golden Gate fields last month for careless riding (Ref: GGF Ruling #11-Nov. 21, 2021). In a unanimous decision the following Ruling was issued.

Ruling #24

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** who rode **Bigfoot City** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 11, 2021, is suspended five (5) racing days December 26, 31, 2021, January 1, 2 & 7, 2022 for altering course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules- Careless Riding-second offense in the last 60 days).

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OFFICIAL CHANGE

Racing Official **Steve Martinelli** is filling in today for Placing Judge **Lisa Wilkerson** who is off for personal reasons.

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TENTH RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards announced that a Stewards Review would be conducted into the start of the tenth race. In this one (1) mile event, eighth (last) place finisher #2 **Iz Invincible** (**Francisco Monroy**) sat back on the rear stall door of the starting gate and was off very slowly. There was no formal 'Inquiry' into the start as we unanimously ruled that this horse caused its own problems.

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ELEVENTH RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

Matt Dinerman announced that a Stewards Review would be conducted regarding the actions of ninth (last) place finisher #3 **Ecologist** who dwelt at the start of this one (1) mile race. Film review showed this horse caused his own problems and no further action was required.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #4 **Brittany Breeze** (Tr. **D. Franco**) – Lamé on track- **Casille Batten DVM**

4TH Race Declarations #3 **Luvahappyending** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Sick - **Michael Parker DVM**
#8 **Mo Connelly** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refunds \$ 1,078.18

5TH Race: Off Turf

6TH Race Declaration #3 **Four O'Five** (Tr. **T. Johnson**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refunds \$198.30

6TH Race #6 Twirling Derby (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Claimed, **G. Preciado**, trainer

7TH Race Declaration #9 **Grinningeartoeear** (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Delayed post parade- Stewards

Refunds \$58,693.35

7TH Race: Off Turf

8TH Race Declaration #8 **Big Moon** (Tr. **D. Markle**) Sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refunds: \$188.70

8TH Race #2 **Isla Rose** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Claimed, **M. Stortz**, trainer 'Voided unsound'

9TH Race: Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

9TH Race Declarations #1 **Cordiality** (Tr. **T. Yakteen**) Off Turf – Stewards

#4 **Fairy Tale Bliss** (Tr. **S. Ledezma**) Off Turf – Stewards

9TH Race #7 Northwest Factor (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Flipped in gate-**Casille Batten DVM**

Refunds \$89,404.06

9TH Race: Off Turf

10TH Race Jockey Change #1 **Loafers Boy** – **R. Fuentes** for **J. Couton** 'Office error'

10TH Race Jockey change #7 **Arch Prince** /**B. Pena** for **P. Terrero** – Injured foot

11TH Race Declarations #7 **Muay Thai** (Ire) (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Off Turf – Stewards

#10 Scratchy Apache (Tr. T. McCanna) Off Turf – Stewards

Refunds \$1,170.21

11TH Race: Off Turf

11TH Race: #6 **Final Final** (Tr. **A.Mathis**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

#8 **Push Through** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Claimed, **G. Greiner**

11TH Race: Jockey Change #6 **Final Final** - **E. Roman** for **P. Terrero**- Injured Foot

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/10	Sat 12/11	Sun 12/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	1	6
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	1	10
Claims	8	5	3	16	111
Disqualification	1	0	0	1	5
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	5
Refunds	9	11	11	31	164
Rulings	2	1	1	4	24
Voided Claims	1	0	1	2	8

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
10-Dec	2	4	Cashlings	P. DeJesus	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$120.24
10-Dec	4	3	Wink And A Dream	D. Winick	injured	Dr. Batten	\$109.10
10-Dec	7	6	One Last Time	S. Specht	Lame	Dr. Hassan	\$315.14
10-Dec	8	11	Miss Flawless	E. Ekstrom	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$286.34
10-Dec	9	1	Robs Lucky Spirit	I. Tamayo	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$377.78
11-Dec	2	7	Awhitesportscoat	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$427.75
11-Dec	4	7	Big Bell	T. Yakteen	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$457.16
11-Dec	5	2	Mohawk King (Ire)	S. Callaghan	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$429.03
11-Dec	10	5	Miss Ever Ready	S. Sherman	Sick	Dr. Hassan	See Below
11-Dec	10	6	Jacinth (Ire)	P. Gallagher	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$600.81
11-Dec	11	2	Foxy Fax	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$322.58
12-Dec	4	3	Luvahappyending	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Parker	See Below
12-Dec	4	8	Mo Connelly	S. Miyadi	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$1078.18
12-Dec	6	3	Four O'Five	T. Johnson	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$198.30
12-Dec	8	8	Big Moon	D. Markle	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$188.70

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward