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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, January 12, 2021, through Monday, January 17, 2022**WEDNESDAY**1/12/22¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey** and his staff were on hand today accepting entries for Saturday, January 15. Nine (9) races were drawn by Clerk of the Course **Tina Walker-Bryant** and Patrol Judge **Jamey Thomas Jr.** Fifty-seven (57) horses are scheduled to start Steward **Dennis Nevin** oversaw matters for the California Horse Racing Board.

THURSDAY1/13/22¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday, January 16. Nine (9) races are scheduled to be run. Fifty-five (55) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty.

FRIDAY1/14/22¹**SIMON CALLAGHAN RULING (CASE #21GG0098)**

Southern California based Attorney **Darrell Vienna** called our Stewards' office on January 7, 2022. We had a hearing scheduled for his client **Simon Callaghan** on January 13, 2022. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** prepared a forty-eight (48) page complaint for this case. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows.

The official blood sample #GG39276 taken on November 6, 2021, at Golden Gate Fields was reported by **Dr. Ben Moeller, PHD** of the Maddy EACL at U.C. Davis to contain Methocarbamol (5.6ng/ml). The sample was obtained from the horse "**IL Capitano**" which ran in the 4th race on November 6, 2021, finishing 1st. The trainer of record is **Simon A. Callaghan**. A split sample analysis was not requested. Methocarbamol is a prohibited Class 4, penalty Class C violation.

Attorney **Vienna** told the Stewards that his client, Trainer **Callaghan** wished to plead guilty to the charges filed by the California Horse Racing Board. The Stewards faxed a copy of California Horse Racing Board form 119 (Ref. 12/98- Optional Waiver of Appearance). The Stewards told Attorney **Vienna** that the penalty in this matter would not exceed \$1,000.00. This was agreeable to **Mr. Vienna** and he and **Mr. Callaghan** electronically signed the form and returned it to the Stewards Office. The following Ruling was issued.

Ruling #5

Trainer **Simon Callaghan** who started the horse "**IL Capitano**", who finished first in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, November 6, 2021 is fined the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)*; pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a), (b) & (d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (b), (Methocarbamol-in excess of permitted level 5.6 ng/ml [Class 3]) (Penalty Class C).

Furthermore, Trainer **Simon Callaghan** is assessed (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations).

1/14/22²

SMOOTH CARD

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

1/14/22³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #2 **Danny Michael** (Tr. **W. Delia**) No Insurance-Stewards.

Refunds: \$696.75

2ND Race #5 **Awesome Dude** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) claimed, **M. Trujillo**, trainer

6TH Race Declaration #5 **Storming Warrior** (Tr. **J. Wong**) sick-treated-**Casille Batten** DVM

Refunds: \$616.77

6TH Race #2 **Big City Bane** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

6TH Race Cancel #1 Rolling Super High Five

7TH Race Declarations: #1 **Brookys Tapit** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) sick-**Michael Parker** DVM

#3 **IL Bellator** (Tr. **J. Batista**), injured – **Michael Parker** DVM

#5 **Love Candy** (Tr. **E. Moger Jr.**) Loose Post Parade – Stewards

Refund Total: \$7,415.68

1/14/22⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	292	\$127,462.64
Out of state	n/a	\$720,477.14
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$156,693.98
Total	1,023	\$1,460,206.62

SATURDAY

1/15/22¹

IRVING OROZCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Irving Orozco** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in yesterday's (January 14) second race. Jockey **Orozco** was aboard first place finisher #4 **Sugar Beets** in this one (1) mile main track event. In the stretch drive of this race Jockey **Orozco** and #4 **Sugar Beets** drift in and #3 **Hammering Lemon** (**Armando Ayuso**) was forced to steady. Two (2) rivals, #5 **Awesome Dude** (**Pedro Terrero**-3rd place) and #6 **Mount Pelliari** (**Brayan Pena**) also

wandered, as opposed to staying straight. The mitigating factor led to the issuance of a 'warning' to Jockey **Irving Orozco**.

1/15/22²

FRANCISCO MONROY RULING

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** appeared in our office this morning. Jockey **Monroy** last rode at Golden Gate Fields on December 26, 2021. In the seventh race that day Trainer **Blaine Wright** requested that **Monroy** be removed from his riding assignment on #7 **Power Surge** in the seventh race. This horse was programmed at 119 lbs. and Jockey **Monroy** weighed out at 125 lbs. Jockey **Monroy** told the Stewards that he gained weight during the thirteen (13) day holiday break (Dec 13-Dec 25). He took himself off his assigned mounts here on December 31, 2021, January 1, and January 2, 2022. **Monroy** has told us he has his weight under control. The following Ruling is now issued.

Ruling #6

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight) necessitating a late Jockey change in the Seventh Race on Sunday December 26, 2021.

1/15/22³

SEVENTH RACE DELAY

There was a ten (10) minute delay prior to today's seventh race. As the six (6) horse field was being loaded for this 5 ½ furlong event #5 **Sonora Sermon (Frank Alvarado)** reared in the gate, unseated his rider, and exited out the rear doors of the Starting Gate. This horse trotted around loose for several minutes before being gently grabbed by some 'good Samaritans' on the ground. After the other horses waited patiently the field was dispatched and #3 **Autism Blue (Alejandro Gomez)** finished first at odds of 4/5.

Track paramedics reported that Jockey **Frank Alvarado** was fit to ride the rest of the afternoon.

1/15/22⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race #6 **Bernalinho** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

2ND Race Declaration #5 **Start A Runnin** (Tr. **J. Wong**) sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refund: \$399.20

2ND Race #6 **Continental Union** (Tr. **J. Wong**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

3RD Race #4 **This Is The One** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer – voided – lame

6TH Race Jockey Change #6 **Lying Ghost, A. Gomez** for **S. Amador** – no show – Stewards

7TH Race Declaration #5 **Sonora Sermon** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) reared gate-loose on track - Stewards

Refund: \$43,849.69

7TH Race #3 **Autism Blue** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

9TH Race Declaration #2 **Elcondor** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) injured – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$344.76

9TH Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5

1/15/22⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	455	\$192,520.30
Out of state	n/a	\$1,531,155.43
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$292,403.03
Total	1,465	\$2,541,202.85

SUNDAY

1/16/22¹

PEDRO FLORES FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Pedro Flores** appeared in our office to review his ride aboard #1 **Hardy Chisel (Pedro Flores)** in yesterday's second race which was contested at six (6) furlongs on the main track. #1 **Hardy Chisel**, who finished second drifted out after the start. Even though his horse didn't make any contact the Stewards cautioned Jockey **Flores** to make a swifter effort to correct his mount's errant path.

1/16/22²

RACING OFFICIAL MEETING

Clerk of Scales **Ken Sjoldal** and Assistant Clerk of Scales **Steve Fisher** came to our office at our request today to discuss two (2) incidents.

They were: (A) A mix up in Jockey saddles in the paddock prior to yesterday's fourth race.

(B).The failure to inform us that Jockey **Silvio Amador** was late to report to the Golden Gate Fields Jockey room to ride his only assigned mount of the day; #6 **Lying Ghost**- 6th race.

The Stewards are optimistic that today's informal meeting will result in smoother procedures in the Jockey's room. Safety Steward **George Yniguez** also attended this meeting.

1/16/22³

SILVIO AMADOR MEETING (REF: 1/16/22¹)

Jockey **Silvio Amador** appeared in our office along with his Agent **Luis Fierro**. The Stewards wanted to know why he didn't report to the 'Jockey's Room' to ride #6 **Lying Ghost** in yesterday's (January 15) sixth race. We found out that

(A) **Silvio Amador** appeared on the overnight as an Alternate Jockey following the draw for this race on Wednesday, January 12.

(B) Jockey Agent **Fierro** went to Trainer **Faith Taylor's** barn the following day to see if his rider (**Amador**) could remain on her horse for race day. **Ms. Taylor** told **Mr. Fierro** 'no', she was going to make a Jockey change.

(C) We contacted the Golden Gate Fields Racing Office and they informed us that Trainer **Taylor** never made a Jockey change on her trainee **Lying Ghost**. We thanked Jockey **Amador** and Jockey Agent **Fierro** for their time. It appears, at this time, that they handled their business properly. More to follow.

1/16/22⁴

EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the final furlong of this race. Fifth place finisher #2 **Imperial Creed (Irving Orozco)** drifts out and makes contact with sixth place finisher #1 **Going Away Party (Alejandro Gomez)**, forcing that rival to also steady and lose ground. The Stewards' received a Patrol Judge Report, reviewed various camera angles and spoke to both Jockeys involved.

In a unanimous decision #2 **Imperial Creed** was disqualified and placed sixth. Jockey **Irving Orozco** was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

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

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

In this race #5 **Mugaritz (Silvio Amador)** was injured at the ½ mile marker and was pulled up. The Equine Ambulance was called for transport.

1/16/22⁵

DECLARATIONS CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race #4 **Hayden's Angel** (Tr. **G. James**) claimed, **M. Meier**, trainer

4TH Race Declaration #2 **Loving Spirit** (Tr. **J. Wong**) sick – **Michael Parker DVM**

Refund: \$361.46

1/16/22⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	560	\$215,477.10
Out of state	n/a	\$1,474,754.14
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$302,332.01
Total	1,424	\$2,414,262.24

MONDAY

1/17/22¹

KERON THOMAS RULING (REF: 10/3/21³)

Jo Ann McMahon, from the equine medical group, San Francisco Inc. contacted the Stewards this morning. She notified us that the original debt (\$3,612.13) owed to **Kenneth Allison DVM** has now been paid in full. The following Ruling reinstates his license privileges.

Ruling #7

Owner **Keron Thomas** having satisfied his outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, Inc., his license privileges are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association Ruling #17 dated October 3, 2021, is hereby set aside.

1/17/22²

IRVING OROZCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Irving Orozco** appeared in our office to review his ride aboard #2 **Imperial Creed** who finished fifth and was disqualified and placed sixth in yesterday's eighth race (Ref: 1/16/22⁴). Today's film session shows Jockey **Orozco** use his riding crop (left-handed), drift out and make contact with original sixth place finisher #1 **Going Away Party (Alejandro Gomez)**. Jockey **Orozco** told the Stewards he was trying too hard. He was in our office on January 15 (Ref: 1/15/22¹) and received a warning for a sub-par ride here on January 14.

The following Ruling was issued in a unanimous decision.

Ruling #8

Jockey **Irving Orozco** who rode **Imperial Creed** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, January 16, 2022, is suspended three (3) racing days January 28, 29 & 30, 2022 for altering course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to sixth: a violation of California Horse racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

1/17/22³

FAITH TAYLOR MEETING

Trainer **Faith Taylor** appeared in the Stewards' office at our request. Her trainee #6 **Lying Ghost** won the sixth race Saturday, January 15. **Silvio Amador** was the programmed rider for this horse. **Alejandro Gomez** actually rode the horse as a result of a comedy of errors that wasn't so funny.

Jockey **Amador** wasn't in the Jockey's room on this day. Trainer **Faith Taylor** told Jockey **Gomez** that his agent (**Ramon Silva**) she wanted **Gomez** to ride the horse. She told Jockey **Amador** and his agent (**Luis Fierro**) that their services were not wanted. Trainer **Taylor** did not check a racing 'overnight' after her trainee had been drawn to a race. We've had four (4) other licensees that have been in our office regarding this matter. Two (2) Racing Officials, one (1) Jockey and one (1) Jockey Agent (Ref: 1/16/22² & 1/16/22³).

On this same matter we told **Ms. Taylor** that horseplayers rely on accurate Jockey information before making their wagers. No racing officials, Stewards or gamblers were notified until after the races had started. The following Ruling was issued. Our decision was unanimous.

Ruling #9

Trainer **Faith Taylor** who started the horse **Lying Ghost** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, January 15, 2022, is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer) –failure to conduct business in a proper manner.

1/17/22⁴

ASSAEL ESPINOZA RULING

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the third race on January 16, 2022. This race was contested at 5 ½ furlongs. Today's film review shows #1 **O'Neill's Legacy** being hustled away the starting gate from its inside post. Jockey **Espinoza**

also used his riding crop five (5) times in the home stretch. His last violation for California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) was issued here on November 28, 2022. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following Ruling.

Ruling #10

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** who rode **O'Neill's Legacy** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, January 16, 2022, is fined the sum of Seven Hundred-Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Excessive use of riding crop).

1/17/22⁵

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race **Martin Luther King Jr.** card went well. There were no Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey objections this afternoon.

1/17/22⁶

PLUSMIC CORP. INC.

Tammy Boag, who primarily works in Southern California, served as the photo finish operator here the last three (3) weeks. The regular operator needed some time off and we were fortunate to have the experienced **Ms. Boag** fill in.

1/17/22⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race: #3 **Luck Is Golden** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed, **M. Meir**, trainer
 #6 **Excessive Cat** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer
 4TH Race: #3 **Concise Advice** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) claimed, **M. Stortz**, trainer – voided-lame
 #6 **Seaside Dancer** (Tr. **J. Wong**) claimed, **T. Bellasis**, trainer
 5TH Race Declaration #2 **Brannigan** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) late – leg over starting gate –**Casille Batten** DVM. Refunds: \$55,103.65
 5TH Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five
 6TH Race: #1 **Bigfoot City** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer
 #3 **Prince De Prince** (Tr. **J Steiner**) claimed, **V. Trujillo**, trainer
 8TH Race Declaration #5 **North Dawn** (Tr. **G. Haley**) sick – **Michael Parker** DVM
 Refunds: \$144.78. 8TH Race Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High 5

1/17/22⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	299	\$122,940.30
Out of state	n/a	\$1,065,959.69
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$257,716.38
Total	978	\$1,745,747.58

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
14-Jan	6	5	Storming Warrior	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$616.77
14-Jan	7	1	Brookys Tapit	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Parker	See Below
14-Jan	7	3	Bellator	J. Batista	Injured	Dr. Parker	\$7,415.66
15-Jan	2	5	Start A Runnin	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$399.20
15-Jan	9	2	Elcondor	J. Ramos	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$344.76
16-Jan	4	2	Loving Spirit	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$361.46
17-Jan	8	5	North Dawn	G. Haley	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$144.78

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16	Mon 1/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	2
Claims	2	3	1	5	11	42
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	0	1	3
Refunds	5	5	3	6	19	64
Rulings	1	1	0	4	6	6
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	2	4

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward