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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Pacific Racing Association**

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California

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Report for the Week of Thursday, April 26, 2023, Through Sunday, April 30, 2023.**Wednesday**4/26/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was present to supervise entries for Saturday April 29, 2023.**THURSDAY**4/27/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was once again present, this time to supervise entries for Sunday April 30, 2023.4/27/23²**STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**Stewards **Grant Baker**, **Richard Lewis**, and **Dennis Nevin** were online for the Microsoft Teams Stewards Committee Meeting.

Topics of the discussion included the procedure for the cancellation of racing programs and the Stewards exercising their authority to approve trainer transfers.

4/27/23³**ISIDRO TAMAYO – (22GG0142)**Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** failed to appear for the scheduled hearing to address the California Horse Racing Board complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Medication Treatment Records), #1846.6(d) (Postmortem Examination Review) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers). The Stewards contacted **Mr. Tamayo** by phone, and he apologized as he forgot and was off the grounds. He stated one of his grooms was injured and he was taking him to the hospital. The hearing is rescheduled for tomorrow April 28, 2023.

FRIDAY
4/28/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race: #1 **Daredevil Princess** (Tr. **Steven Specht**) Injured – **DVM Hassan**

Refunds: See Below

1ST Race: **Laura Branigan** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: See Below

1ST Race: **Dark Intent** (Tr. **Victor Trujillo**) Unsound – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$792.30

These declarations reduced the field to three wagering interests and in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954 (Parimutuel Pools), the place and show pools were cancelled.

2ND Race: #3 **Happy Is** (Tr. **Quinn Howey**) Sick – **DVM Hassan**. Refunds: \$280.95

6TH Race #3 **Dawn the Torpedoes** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Sick – **DVM Hassan**. Refunds: See Below

6TH Race #8 **Don't Tell Hyde** Insufficient works – **Stewards**. Refunds: \$450.38

7TH Race #6 **Yoderando** (Tr. **Steven Specht**) Unsound – **DVM Hassan**. Refunds: See Below

7TH Race #7 **She's So Fancy** (Tr. **Manuel Badilla**) Injured – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$379.50

4/28/23²

JULIEN H. COUTON (23GG0030)

Jockey **Julien H. Couton** appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to the complaint filed against him alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1485(a)(d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) and #1547 (Failure to Appear).

Mr. Couton was originally scheduled to appear on April 20, 2023, but was in the State of Washington. The Board of Stewards issued Pacific Racing Association Ruling #48 on April 21, 2023, suspending **Mr. Couton** for failure to appear per California Horse Racing Board #1547.

Present at this tape recorded hearing were **Mr. Couton**, California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** and Stewards **Grant Baker, Richard Lewis, and Dennis Nevin**. The complaint alleges “**Julien Couton** failed to submit to a urine drug test after his name was selected during a Random Jockey Testing,” prior to the races on March 3, 2023.

During the hearing **Mr. Couton** and Investigator **Smith** testified that the rider fell in the steam room, was attended to by the track ambulance staff and was on his way to the hospital when ordered to submit to a urine test.

Mr. Couton subsequently submitted a urine sample on March 9, 2023, and reported by Quest Lab to be negative for any illicit substance. **Mr. Couton** has not been on horseback since the March 3, 2023, incident and is still not medically cleared to ride due to the shoulder injury. Decision Forthcoming

4/28/23³

CLAIM VOIDED – 9TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Ellen Jackson** for **Asano's Back** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** that the four year old gelding bled and was placed in the Veterinarian's List.

4/28/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	292	\$145,501.69
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,342,982.51
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$174,278.56
Total	1,064	\$2,068,802.41

SATURDAY
4/29/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #1 **Turiat** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$280.95

3RD Race: #3 **I'll Do It For You** (Tr. **Quentin Miller**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$183.70

4TH Race: #7 **Dumb Luck** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Wrong Horse–Identifier–**Stewards**. Refunds: \$275.55

8TH Race: #3 **Lovesick Blues** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Stake – **Stewards**. Refund: \$1,335.50

4/29/23²

ISIDRO TAMAYO (22GG0142)

Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the complaint filed against him for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Medication Treatment Records), #1846.6(d) (Postmortem Examination Review) and #1930 (Obedience Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

Present for the tape recorded were **Mr. Tamayo**, California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria**, who presented the case and the Board of Stewards **Grant Baker**, **Richard Lewis**, and **Dennis Nevin**.

According to the complaint "On 11/16/22, the horse "**Dub Town**" developed colic and was humanly euthanized. **Isidro Tamayo** is the Trainer of Record. During the investigation, Trainer **Tamayo** failed to provide California Horse Racing Board Investigators or the Fatality Board with any medication records for "**Dub Town**." He also failed to provide medication records for any of his other horses as requested by California Horse Racing Board Investigators.

Mr. Tamayo admitted he failed to respond to numerous requests by the California Horse Racing Board Investigative Staff for the medication records on "**Dub Town**", but stated he notified his attending Veterinarian, **Ken Allison, DVM** to provide the records and the latter did as requested. Decision Forthcoming.

4/29/23³

MICHELE SANTORO (23GG0034)

Owner **Michele Santoro** met with the Board of Stewards for a tape recorded hearing to address the complaint filed against him for being in possession of and smoking marijuana in his car in the Owner/trainer Parking Lot on March 16, 2023. Additionally, a "Billy Club," was in his car.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case in front of Stewards **Richard Lewis**, **Grant Baker**, and **Dennis Nevin**. **Mr. Santoro** did not contest the allegations and was willing to accept the penalty imposed. Decision Forthcoming.

4/29/23⁴

RULING #50 – MELVIN A. SOLARES (REFER: 4/13/23⁴)

GGF RULING #50

Groom **MELVIN A SOLARES** is hereby suspended thirty (30) days, May 01, 2023, through May 30, 2023, and is placed on probation for the term of his license for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Under the influence of Methamphetamine) and Rule #1890 (a) (Possession of Contraband – Methamphetamine & Glass Pipe).

The conditions of probation are that **MELVIN A SOLARES** sign a contract with the Winners Foundation and sign a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to comply with the terms of probation will be grounds for action against **MELVIN A SOLARES** license privileges.

During the term of suspension all license privileges of **MELVIN A SOLARES** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) he is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Groom **Melvin A. Solares** appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the complaint filed against him for being under the influence and possession of Methamphetamine.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Louis Quezada** presented the case for this tape recorded hearing. **Mr. Solares** did not dispute the charges filed against him.

The young groom did provide two documents indicating his desire to rehabilitate and return to good standing if suspended.

Darin Scharer, Executive Director of the Winners Foundation wrote that **Mr. Solares** enrolled in "**SiSe Puede**" outpatient alcohol and drug counseling program a component of La Familia Treatment Center on April 3, 2023, and will be in a program for three to six months. The other

document from La Familia Counselor **Lorena Zaragoza** also confirmed that **Mr. Solares** enrolled in the program on April 3, 2023.

4/29/23⁵

ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – 8TH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the eighth race for a review of an accident in the stretch.

The review clearly shows that #7 **Crazy Dreams** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) went wrong and unseated Jockey **Irving Orozco** near the 1/16 pole. The horse ambulance was likewise quick to arrive, and **Crazy Dreams** was given a ride off the track.

Early reports indicated **Mr. Orozco** may have suffered some rib injuries and **Crazy Dreams** was humanely euthanized.

4/29/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,211	\$454,256.75
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$3,624,935.81
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$559,160.43
Total	2,405	\$5,447,679.50

SUNDAY

4/30/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race: #4 **Unbridled Jazz** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) Injured – **DVM Hassan**. Refunds: \$353.07

4TH Race: #5 **Lady in a Hurry** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$209.50

8TH Race: #7 **Fast Per Se** (Tr. **Angelo Tekos**) Injured – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$247.35

4/30/23²

RULING #51 – JULIEN COUTON (23GG0030) (REFER: 4/28/23²)

GGF RULING #51

Jockey **JULIEN COUTON**, having now appeared for a hearing held at Golden Gate Fields on April 28, 2023, PRA Ruling #48 which was issued on April 21, 2023, for failure to appear is hereby set aside and **Mr. Couton** is restored to good standing.

The above ruling was issued by unanimous decision following the hearing held on April 28, 2023.

4/30/23³

RULING #52 – ISIDRO TAMAYO (23GG0142)

GGF RULING #52

Trainer **ISIDRO TAMAYO** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – failure to provide records in a timely manner).

The above ruling was issued by unanimous decision following the hearing held on April 29, 2023.

4/30/23⁴

RULING #53 – MICHELE SANTORO (23GG0034)

GGF RULING #53

Owner **MICHELE SANTORO** is hereby fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Marijuana) on March 16, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

This ruling against **Mr. Santoro** was issued by unanimous decision following the hearing held on April 29, 2023.

4/30/23⁵

CLAIM VOIDED 0 6TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer **Gary Greiner** for the five year old **“Phantom Drop”** (Tr. **Victor Trujillo**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM** that the gelding was unsound behind and placed on the Veterinarians List. **Phantom Drop** was returned to **Mr. Trujillo’s** barn.

4/30/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	780	\$231,451.65
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$2,162,358.91
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$362,123.46
Total	1,724	\$3,289,518.38

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
28-Apr	1	1	Daredevil Princess	S.Specht	Injured	Hassan	See Below
28-Apr	1	2	Laura Branigan	S. Miyadi	Sick	Batten	See Below
28-Apr	1	4	Dark Intent	V. Trujillo	Unsound	Batten	\$792.30
28-Apr	2	3	Happy Is	Q. Howey	Panel	Stewards	\$225.85
28-Apr	6	3	Dawn the Torpedoes	E.Moger	Sick	Hassan	See Below
28-Apr	6	8	Don’t Tell Hydee	J. Thomas	Stewards	Stewards	\$450.38
28-Apr	7	6	Yoderando	S. Specht	Unsound	Hassan	See Below
28-Apr	7	7	She’s So Fancy	M. Badilla	Injured	Batten	\$379.50
29-Apr	2	1	Turiaf	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$280.95
29-Apr	3	3	I’ll Do It For You	Q. Miller	Sick	Batten	\$183.70
29-Apr	4	7	Dumb Luck	I.Tamayo	Wrong Horse	Stewards	\$275.55
29-Apr	8	3	Lovesick Blues	S. Miyadi	Stake	Stewards	\$1,335.50
30-Apr	1	4	Unbridled Jazz	S. Sherman	Injured	Batten	\$353.07
30-Apr	4	5	Lady In A Hurry	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$209.50
30-Apr	8	7	Fast Per Se	A.Tekos	Injured	Batten	\$247.35

SUMMARY

	Wed 4/26	Thurs 4/27	Fri 4/28	Sat 4/29	Sun 4/30	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	1	2	3	6	155
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0	1	11
Refunds	0	0	4	4	3	11	210
Rulings	0	0	0	1	3	4	49
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	2	31

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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