

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS GOLDEN GATE FIELDS Albany, California

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Report for Wednesday, September 20, 2023, through Monday, September 25, 2023.

WEDNESDAY9/20/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Grant Baker was present to assist the Racing Office. An eight race overnight was produced with seventy (70) entrants for Sunday.

THURSDAY9/21/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Grant Baker** was once again at the reins as entries for Monday and changes to Sunday's card were on the agenda.

Monday's card consists of eight races showcasing fifty-four (54) runners. Sunday changes saw two equipment corrections and four rider replacements.

FRIDAY9/22/23¹**ARRIAGA HEARING #23BM0023**

A hearing was conducted to look into violations of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1481, #1489, #1900, #1874 & #1902 by **Jesus Arriaga** who at the time was in possession of an expired Jockey license. Presenting the case on behalf of the board were Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** and now retired Investigator **Noe Longoria**, Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli** documented the proceedings.

The Board of Stewards for this hearing saw **Dennis Nevin** as the chair, along with **Grant Baker** and **Richard Lewis**. **Mr. Arriaga** was present without counsel.

Two items were numbered as exhibits, a non-represented hearing questionnaire and a twenty-one-page complaint. The hearing came to a close after 1 hour and forty-five minutes.

Testimony presented indicted that **Mr. Arriaga** was performing the duties of an Owner and Trainer without the proper license.

The investigative report also indicated **Mr. Arriaga** was acting boisterous towards California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Longoria**.

SATURDAY

9/23/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 3 - #5 **Chic Samarai** to be ridden by **Evin Roman**

Race 6 – Scratch #7 **Anitanewmercedes** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 7 - #3 **No Slo Mo** to be ridden by **Kevin Radke**

Race 7 – Scratch #1 **Jacks Outlaw** (Tr. **Manuel Ortiz Sr.**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 8 –Scratch #8 **Lasmuiga (GB)** (Tr. **Victor Trujillo**) Sick–**Casille Batten, DVM**

9/23/23²

PENA DISCUSSION

Jockey **Brayan Pena** was present to discuss his alleged use of the Riding Crop during training hours. A report to this panel by General Manager **David Duggan** on Monday morning indicated that he witnessed **Pena** working a horse and using the crop.

We contacted Safety Steward **Rainey** to look into this matter. He spoke to outrider **Campoy** and clocker **Wolfe** and neither could confirm the crop use.

Mr. Pena, when asked about the circumstances surrounding this event, readily admitted to using the crop in the underhanded position on the horse's shoulder while his hands were on the reins. A decision to follow.

9/23/23³

DAPHNE COMPLAINT #23GG0072

San Francisco Equine filed a Financial Complaint against owner **Daphne Daphne**. The alleged amount owed is \$2,336.25.

Dr. Ken Allison represented the Veterinarian service. Owner **Daphne** was missing from the proceedings. After a thirty-minute wait we dismissed **Dr. Allison**. A decision will follow by the end of the week.

9/23/23⁴

BLAKE FINANCIAL #23GG0073

An 11:30 a.m. hearing, San Francisco Equine filing against owner **Leslie Blake**, was on the docket. The complaint lists the amount owed as \$3,587.40. **Dr. Allison** again represented the Veterinarian Group in our office. Owner **Leslie Blake** failed to appear as noticed. The Stewards' decision is pending.

9/23/23⁵

VOIDED CLAIM RACE 2

The claim of #2, **Yes He Can**, by Trainer **Reid France** from Trainer **Steve Miyadi** was voided by the Stewards. This action was predicated by State Veterinarian **Franklin Forrest** adding the six year old to the Vet's list as unsound.

9/23/23⁶

RACE 6 – JOCKEY OBJECTION

As the Jockey's were pulling up after the running of the fourth race the Outrider radioed that **Alexander Chavez** aboard #3, **Howdoyoulikemenow**, was lodging an objection against **Assael Espinoza**, the pilot of the winner, #1 **Sugar Beets**. We looked at an incident at the 3/16ths where #1 forced his way out, slightly brushing with #3, in a unanimous decision we disallowed the objection as no horse was a victim of a better placing due to the actions at the head of the lane.

9/23/23⁷

RACE 5 STEWARDS' REVIEW

A review of the start of this race was broadcast to the public. We were looking at #4, **Tribute to M**, leaving this starting barrier. Video shows #4 leaving the gate very slowly of his own accord. It was unanimous that no action was needed by this panel.

9/23/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 1,007 | \$210,771.90 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,544,884.86 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$211,597.67 |
| Total | 1,941 | \$2,446,665.45 |

SUNDAY

9/24/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 – Scratch #3, **Drewy** (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) Injured – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 2 – Scratch #3, **Mr. Clutch** (Tr. **Ruby Thomas**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 5 – Scratch #7, **Titos with a Twist** (Tr. **Steven Miyadi**)

Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 7 – Scratch #1, **Buttonwood Tree** (Tr. **Tim Bellasis**) Full Field – **Stewards**

Scratch #6, **Bid on the Prize** (Tr. **Terri Eaton**) Full Field - **Stewards**

Race 8 – Scratch #3, **Blazing Peme** (Tr. **Cliff DeLima**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Scratch #6 **Majestic Cotton** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Sick–**Casille BattenDVM**

Scratch #7, **Godsend** (Tr. **Doug O'Neill**) Unsound–**Ashley Cloninger DVM**

9/24/23²

DAPHNE RULING #14

The following Ruling was issued after Owner **Daphne Daphne** failed to appear as ordered in written form (REF: 9/23/23⁽³⁾).

GGF RULING #14

Owner **DAPHNE DAPHNE**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before September 23, 2023, is suspended effective Sunday, October 1, 2023, for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

9/24/23³

BLAKE RULING #15

The ruling below was published when Owner **Leslie Blake** was absent from a scheduled hearing (REF: 9/23/23⁽⁴⁾). Before the Board of Stewards for a Financial Responsibility Complaint.

GGF RULING # 15

Owner **LESLIE BLAKE**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before September 23, 2023, is suspended effective Sunday, October 1, 2023, for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

9/24/23⁴

PENA RULING #16

The ruling below was published after speaking with Jockey **Brayan Pena** (REF: 9/23/23⁽²⁾), regarding his use of the riding crop during training hours.

GGF RULING #16

Jockey **BRAYAN PENA** is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop-during a.m. training) at Golden Gate Fields on Monday, September 18, 2023.

9/24/23⁵

FAJARDO – CAMPOY MEETING

Outrider **Ashton Campoy** brought Exercise Rider **Fausto Osuna-Fajardo** before this Board of Stewards due to a morning training incident on the previous day. **Mr. Fajardo** was galloping the wrong way, saying the horse was unruly. Outrider **Campoy** verbally told him to turn and gallop but **Fajardo** continued. The outrider than told him to meet at him at the Stewards’ office with a negative response from the Exercise Rider.

9/24/23⁶

RACE 3 – GATE SCRATCH

#1 **Berry Valley**, was a late scratch when the filly refused to load after several attempts. She was six to one on the board at the time of the scratch. The delay to the start of the race was nine minutes.

9/24/23⁷

RACE 8 – GATE SCRATCH

In the day’s final race #4, **Smiling Felon**, became unruly in the starting gate. After attempting to go over the front doors of his stall, unsuccessfully, **Dr. Cloninger** contacted the Stewards via radio to say that the gelding was injured. We scratched the horse on that advice and contacted all the necessary parties to alert the wagering public.

9/24/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-------|-----------------|
| On track | 1,196 | \$188,280.00 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,550,390.41 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$268,911.39 |
| Total | 1,982 | \$2,356,427.361 |

MONDAY

9/25/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 – Scratch #1 **Extra Innings** (Tr. **R. France**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**

9/25/23²

ARRIAGA RULING #17

The attached ruling was issued as a result of California Horse Racing Board complaint 23BM0023 (REF: 09/22/23⁽¹⁾) which was heard Friday.

GGF RULING #17

Exercise Rider **JESUS V. ARRIAGA** is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1481 (a)(3) & (4) (Occupational Licenses and Fees) and Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) on July 4, 2023, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds (Pleasanton).

9/25/23³

BROUS RULING #18

Ruling #18 was published after Owner **Greg Brous (Rio Del Sol Stables)** failed to appear for a financial hearing (REF: 09/24/23).

GGF RULING #18

Owner **GREG BROUS (RIO DEL SOL STABLES)**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before September 24, 2023, is suspended effective Monday, October 2, 2023, for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

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

9/25/23⁴

RACE 5 – DEAD HEAT/PLACE

A photo was needed to assist in determining the place position. The picture could not show space between the noses of #5, **Smiling Molly** and #7 **Golden Prayer**. The Placing Judges and all Stewards were in agreement that it was a “Dead Heat” for place.

9/25/23⁵

RACE 7 – DEAD HEAT/FIFTH

Once again, the photo finish operator was called to assist the Stewards in determining the order of finish. The first three crossing the line was clear, the next three needed a picture to be accurate. The fourth-place horse was a good neck in front of #2 **Dulas (IRE)** and #7 **Conumdrum**, for whom the picture was needed in order to separate. Both horses' noses were on the wire together. It was unanimous among all the Racing Officials involved in making the final decision.

9/25/23⁶

VOIDED CLAIMS – RACE 1

Due to a clerical error discovered well after the first race, two claims were voided by the Stewards. #2, **Duplication** claimed by **Marcellino Trujillo** from trainer **Jack Steiner** and #5, **Its Thivery**, trained by **Bill McLean**, also claimed by **Marcellino Trujillo** and the ownership of **Nancy Salas-Ibarra or Floriberta Trujillo** were voided per California Horse Racing Board #1652(g) “Claim more than one horse for the account of any one racing interest from any one claiming race...” All parties were contacted and followed orders to return the horses to their original barns.

9/25/23

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------|-----|--------------|
| On track | 373 | \$72,114.20 |
| Out of state | n/a | \$779,031.11 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$47,433.78 |
| Total | 564 | \$958,810.99 |

SUMMARY

| | Wed 9/20 | Thurs 9/21 | Fri 9/22 | Sat 9/23 | Sun 9/24 | Mon 9/25 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 16 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Refunds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 43 |
| Rulings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 19 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 6 |

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

| Date | Race | No. | Horse | Trainer | Reason | Vet | Refund |
|--------|------|-----|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| 23-Sep | 6 | 7 | Anitanewmercedes | I.Tamayo | Sick | Batten | \$717.00 |
| 23-Sep | 7 | 1 | Jacks Outlaw | M.Ortiz Sr | Sick | Batten | \$8,139.06 |
| 23-Sep | 8 | 1 | Lasmuigh (GB) | V.Trujillo | Sick | Batten | \$306.79 |
| 24-Sep | 1 | 3 | Drewy | B.Wright | Injured | Cloninger | \$480.29 |
| 24-Sep | 2 | 3 | Mr Clutch | R.Thomas | Sick | Batten | \$423.50 |
| 24-Sep | 5 | 7 | Titos With a Twist | S.Miyadi | Sick | Cloninger | \$220.70 |
| 24-Sep | 7 | 1 | Buttonwood Tree | T.Bellasis | Full Field | Stewards | See Below |
| 24-Sep | 7 | 6 | Bid on the Prize | T.Eaton | Full Field | Stewards | \$421.87 |
| 24-Sep | 8 | 3 | Blazing Peme | C.DeLima | Sick | Batten | See Below |
| 24-Sep | 8 | 6 | Majestic Cotton | J.Thomas | Sick | Batten | See Below |
| 24-Sep | 8 | 7 | Godsend | D.O'Neill | Injured | Cloninger | \$88,832.06 |
| 25-Sep | 1 | 1 | Extra Innings | R.France | Injured | Batten | \$263.01 |

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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