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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Thursday, October 15, 2020 through Sunday, October 18, 2020

THURSDAY
10/15/20¹

ENTRY DAY

Steward **Richard Lewis** was on duty this morning in the Stewards' Office overseeing entries for Saturday, October 18, 2020. A solid nine (9) race card was constructed by Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey** and his staff. Seventy-eight (78) horse are scheduled to start. The draw for this weekend card was completed at 3:15 p.m.

FRIDAY
10/16/20¹

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Steward **Will Meyers** is off today, tomorrow, and Sunday, October 18, 2020. Steward **Dennis Nevin** will replace him.

10/16/20²

GENARO VALLEJO COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 20BM0007)

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** prepared a Complaint against Trainer **Genaro Vallejo** for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1501 (Worker's Compensation Insurance Required), Rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer), Rule #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and Rule 1902.5 (Animal Welfare). The complaint in this matter reads as follows.

*California Horse Racing Board Trainer **Vallejo** failed to appear for today's hearing. **Mr. Vallejo** also failed to appear at a formal hearing scheduled for him on another matter (Case #20BM0003) on October 9, 2020. Alameda County Fair Stewards suspended **Mr. Vallejo** on July 26, 2020 (Alameda County Fair Ruling #19) for failing to appear for a hearing in Pleasanton (also Case #20BM0003). He remains suspended by the California Horse Racing Board.*

10/16/20³

EVIN ROMAN FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Evin Roman** appeared in the Stewards Office for a film review of his ride in the third race Monday, October 12, 2020. Jockey **Roman** rode third place finisher #2 **Lesedi** in this one (1) mile main track event. The Stewards unanimously determined that Jockey **Roman** used his riding crop eight (8) times in this race in an underhanded position. Golden Gate Fields Stewards fined Jockey **Roman** \$100.00 for violation of Rule #1688 (Use Of Riding Crop) on September 7, 2020 (Ruling #59). Steward **Baker** voted for a \$200.00 fine following today's informal hearing. The majority voted to issue the following ruling.

Ruling #59

Jockey **Evin Roman** who rode **Lesedi** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Monday, October 12, 2020 is suspended three racing days October 23, 24 and 25, 2020 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop- more than six times during the running of the race).

10/16/20⁴

FIFTH RACE INQUIRY/OBJECTION

Following the running of this six (6) furlong main track event the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to investigate the actions of the first two finishers. There was also a jockey's objection in this race. The rider of second place finisher #6 **Perry Street (Frank Alvarado)** lodged a claim of foul against the first-place finisher #4 **Flat White (Armando Ayuso)** for alleged interference at the 1/16TH mile marker.

#4 **Flat White** was leading #6 **Perry Street** by a little over a length with a half a furlong to race. #4 **Flat White** shifts out at this point forcing Jockey **Alvarado** on #6 **Perry Street** to alter course. The margin between these two (2) rivals at the finish was 1 1/4 lengths.

The Stewards reviewed all camera angles, spoke to both jockeys involved and received a patrol judge report. In a unanimous decision the Stewards allowed the original placings to stand. Jockey **Armando Ayuso** was ordered to film review with the Stewards tomorrow Sunday, October 17.

10/16/20⁵

EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the 1/16TH mile marker in this one (1) mile turf event. Of primary focus were the actions of first place finisher #6 **Whoa Nessie (Kevin Orozco)** and second place finisher #5 **Lady Brexit (Brayan Pena)**.

At approximately the 1/16TH mile marker #5 **Lady Brexit** and Jockey **Pena** attempt to split a tight opening between the leader at the time, #3 **Lea's Reward (Evin Roman)** and another rival to his outside #6 **Whoa Nessie**. **Lady Brexit** then makes significant contact with #6 **Whoa Nessie**. This 'jolt' from behind led to Jockey **Orozco** spinning his head around in an attempt to see who made significant contact with his mount.

The Stewards received a Patrol Judge report, spoke to both jockeys involved and reviewed all camera angles. The Stewards unanimously determined that the second-place finisher #5 **Lady Brexit** fouled the first-place finisher #6 **Whoa Nessie** and there was nothing to warrant a change in the original order of finish. Jockey **Brayan Pena** was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

10/16/20⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race: #3 **Kayda (Tr. S. Sherman)** – Claimed - (Tr. **J. Thomas**)

2ND Race Declaration: #2 **Tip Top Gal (Tr. Q. Miller)** – Sick – **Emily Putt DVM**
Refund Total \$74.04

2ND Race Wagering Change: No Show Wagering

3RD Race Declaration: #4 **Two Terms (Tr. J. Bonde)** – Sick – **Emily Putt DVM**
Refund Total \$238.96

6TH Race: Ownership Change #5 **Changing Image**, Ownership should read-**River Bend Farm**

6TH Race: Jockey change #6 **Cash Limit - A. Ayuso** for **I. Orozco** – Sick
7TH Race: #6 **Plum Wild** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) – Claimed - (Tr. **E. Moger**)
7TH Race: Jockey Change #6 **Plum Wild** – **K. Orozco** for **I. Orozco** – Sick
8TH Race: Jockey Change #4 **Lacey's Rainbow** – **A. Ayuso** for **I. Orozco** – Sick

10/16/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	419	\$266,778.82
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,210,263.36
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$98,973.00
Total	419	\$1,576,015.18

SATURDAY

10/17/20¹

BRAYAN PENA FILM REVIEW (REF: 10/16/20⁵)

Jockey **Brayan Pena** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the eighth race which was contested at one (1) mile on the turf course. There was a Stewards Inquiry in this race. Jockey **Pena** rode second place finisher #5 **Lady Brexitt** who fouled eventual winner #6 **Whoa Nessie** by fouling that rival from behind while attempting to split horses inside the one-sixteenth pole. Jockey **Pena** was issued a ruling for careless riding earlier this month (Ref: 9/24/20²).

The Stewards unanimously ruled this effort yesterday October 16, constituted careless riding. The following ruling was issued.

Ruling #60

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode Lady Brexit in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, October 16, 2020 is suspended five (5) racing days October 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31, 2020 for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch causing interference. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding-second violation in the last sixty (60) days).

10/17/20²

ARMANDO AYUSO FILM REVIEW (REF: 10/16/20⁴)

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** appeared in the Stewards' Office today to review the fifth race yesterday October 16. Jockey **Ayuso** finished first and was part of a Stewards' Inquiry and Jockey's Objection in this race. Jockey **Ayuso** was aboard first place finisher #4 **Flat White** who drifted out in the stretch forcing second place finisher #6 **Perry Street (Frank Alvarado)** to check his mount in the final one hundred (100) yards.

Things were fine for **Ayuso** when he had his riding crop in his right hand. When he switched his riding crop to the left hand his steering became sub-par and subsequently drifted out leading to the interference. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following Ruling.

Ruling #61

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** who rode Flat White in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, October 16, 2020 is suspended three (3) racing days October 24, 25 and 29, 2020 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

10/17/20³

EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ INFORMAL HEARING

Hot Walker **Eduardo Rodriguez**, who is employed by Trainer **Jonathan Wong**, made an informal appearance in the Stewards Office this morning. Also present was **Edwardo Miles** (Golden Gate Fields Stable Security). **Mr. Miles** testified that Hot Walker **Rodriguez** was spotted working without a mask at Trainer **Wong's** barn. He also told us that **Mr. Rodriguez** had been previously issued a warning. In a unanimous decision, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #62

Hot Walker **Eduardo Rodriguez** is fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)*; for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting-failure to properly wear face mask in the stable area).

10/17/20⁴

LILY AI INFORMAL MEETING

Assistant Trainer/ Exercise Rider **Lily Ai** was sent to the Stewards' Office by Golden Gate Fields Security Personnel this morning. **Ms. Ai** was on a **Victor Trujillo** trained horse after the racetrack was closed for morning renovation association employee **Hugo Batista** was also at today's informal meeting along with Golden Gate Fields General Manager **David Duggan**.

Mr. Batista's job is directing equine traffic on the main road during training hours. He told **Ms. Ai** to ride her horse back to the barn. Exercise Rider **Ai** continued on the track gap where a Golden Gate Fields uniformed security guard also told her the track was closed. She then took her horse to the three-quarter (3/4) chute and rode her mount onto the racetrack thru an open gate. After deliberation, the Stewards will issue a ruling tomorrow.

10/17/20⁵

MICHAEL LENZINI COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0094)

Trainer **Michael Lenzini** appeared in the Stewards Office to answer was charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Personal), Rule #1843 (a) (b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances), Rule #1866 (Veterinarians List) and Rule #1887(a) (Trainer Or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). The complaint in this case reads as follows.

*The official blood sample #NC42167 was reported by **Dr. Ben Moeller** of the **Maddy EACL** at **UC Davis** to contain **Phenylbutazone** (12,600 ng/ml). This sample was obtained from the horse "**Skelton Pass**" which for removal from the Veterinarian's List at Golden Gate Fields. The trainer of record is **Michael Lenzini**. A split sample analysis was not requested. This violation is a [Class 4] drug with a Penalty Category C.*

During a barn inspection conducted by California Horse Racing Board enforcement an unlicensed employee was found working at the barn for Trainer **Lenzini**.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented a comprehensive forty-one (41) page complaint packet at this morning's informal hearing. After deliberating today, the Stewards will issue a ruling tomorrow.

10/17/20⁶

POST TIME CHANGE

Today's first post time was changed from the normal 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Golden Gate Fields carded nine (9) races today and Santa Anita Park carded ten (10) races. In order to tie in the \$1.00 Golden Hour Pick 4 and \$5.00 Golden Hour Double wagers, that take place between the two (2) racetracks, a request to change post times was made to the California Horse Racing Board.

10/17/20⁷

SECOND RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards asked Track Announcer **Matt Dinerman** to broadcast that a 'Stewards Review' would be conducted into the start of this one (1) mile race. The Stewards wanted to view the actions of the second-place finisher #4 '**One Eyed Robin**' (**Catalino Martinez**) who was off very slowly. Film review showed that #4 '**One Eyed Robin**' caused his own problems and no human or starting gate malfunction of any sort took place.

10/17/20⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2ND Race Declarations: #2 **Mercy Rule** (Tr. **J. Metz**) -Sick – **Forest Franklin DVM**
#6 **Shark Cat** (Tr. **J. Wong**) – Sick – **Forest Franklin DVM**
Refund Total \$441.57

2ND Race: #1 **Linfield** (Tr. **E. Harty**) Claimed - (Tr. **J. Wong**)
#4 **One Eyed Robin** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed - (Tr. **J. Steiner**)

4TH Race: #5 **Sound Judgement** (Tr. **G. James**) Claimed - (Tr. **V. Trujillo**)

5TH Race Declarations: #2 **Second Bold** (Tr. **I. Becerra**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**
#6 **Texas Bob** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**
Refund Total \$660.01

5TH Race: #9 **Seventh Wave** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Claimed - (Tr. **R. France**)

8TH Race: #5 **Arch Prince** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) Claimed - (Tr. **E. Moger**)

#9 **Premium Forest** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Claimed - (Tr. **B. Wright**)

10/17/20⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	545	\$346,991.40
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,756,882.33
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$169,880.49
Total	545	\$2,273,754.22

SUNDAY

10/18/20¹

AI RULING #63

The following Ruling was issued to Exercise Rider Lily Ai in what was a unanimous decision. This is the second morning training related penalty issued to her in the last thirty (30) days (Ref.09/27/20²).

Ruling #63

Exercise Rider **Lily Ai** is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)* for entering the racetrack when closed on October 17, 2020: a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

The following ruling was issued to Exercise Rider **Lily Ai** in what was a unanimous decision.

10/18/20²

MICHAEL LENZINI RULING (REF' 10/17/20⁵)

Trainer **Mike Lenzini** was issued the ruling below in what was a unanimous decision. Trainer **Lenzini** told the Stewards he had no idea why his trainee '**Skelton Pass**' had a very high **Phenylbutazone** level following an official workout on August 30, 2020 at Golden Gate Fields. While California Horse Racing Board Investigators were conducting a search at **Mr. Lenzini's** barn they discovered that an individual doing work at his barn was unlicensed. The following ruling that was issued in a unanimous decision, addresses both of those rule violations of California Horse Racing Board rules.

Ruling #64

Trainer **Michael Lenzini**, who worked the horse **Skelton Pass** for removal from the Veterinarian's List at Golden Gate Fields on August 30, 2020, is fined the total sum of Eight Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$850.00)*; Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843 (Medication Drugs and Other Substances), #1866 (e) (Veterinarian's List), #1868 (a) (1) (Authorized Medication During Workouts- **Phenylbutazone**-in excess of permitted level (12,600 ng/ml) [Class4]) and One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person).

10/18/20³

TERRY JOHNSON COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0134)

Trainer **Terry Johnson** appeared in the Stewards office for an informal hearing this morning. The California Horse Racing Board alleges that Trainer **Johnson** violated Rule #1840 (Veterinary Practices and Treatments Restricted), Rule #1843 (c) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and Rule #1890 (b) (Possession of Contraband). The complaint in this matter reads as follows.

*While conducting a barn inspection at areas assigned to Trainer **Terry Johnson**, non-prescribed medications were located. Investigators located **Acepromazine** pills hidden inside a plastic syringe tube. Trainer **Johnson** admitted completely to both knowledge of the contraband. He further admitted to using the **Acepromazine** on a horse which was not prescribed the medication.*

California Horse Racing Board Investigators conducted a barn inspection of Trainer **Johnson's** barn on September 24, 2020. There they found **Acepromazine** pills that were originally prescribed in 2012. The horse that they were prescribed for is no longer in training. Also discovered in the search were expired **Phenylbutazone** tablets. With regards to the expired **Acepromazine**, Trainer **Johnson** stated, "I forgot about it, I never used it". With regards to the expired **Phenylbutazone** pills, he said that it was an oversight. Decision to follow.

10/18/20⁴

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Clerk of Scales **Ken Sjoldal** is off today for personal reasons. Assistant Racing Secretary/Odds Maker **Steve Martinelli** will replace him.

10/18/20⁵

LARGE JACKPOT

Today is the thirty-sixth (36) and final day of the 2020 summer/fall meet. The jackpot in today's \$0.20 **Golden Pick 6** is \$329,460.07. The payoff for six (6) winners on a twenty (20)-cent ticket was \$1,125.80. When the 2020 California racing dates were originally announced today was scheduled to have been closing day of The Big Fresno Fair.

10/18/20⁶

FIRST RACE OBJECTION

Jockey **Kyle Frey**, who rode fourth place finisher #1 **Keena Is Spicy** lodged a rider's claim of foul against third place finisher #2 **Desert Fog**, (**Armando Ayuso**) for alleged interference at the start of this five (5) furlong main track event. Race replays show #2 **Desert Fog** duck inward and bump #1 **Keena Is Spice** at the start dropping this rival back to last position in the races opening three-eighths of a mile of the race. A fast closing #1 **Keena Is Spicy** finished a half (1/2) length behind #2 **Desert Fog**.

After a film review, patrol judge report and speaking to both jockeys involved #2 **Desert Fog** was disqualified and placed fourth. Jockey **Armando Ayuso** was ordered to film review with the Stewards on our next racing days Thursday, October 22.

Original Order of Finish **6-4-2-1-5-3-7-8**

Official Order of Finish **6-4-1-2-5-3-7-8**

10/18/20⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2ND Race: #1 **St. Annie's Indy** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Claimed (Tr. **S. Calvario**) – **Casille Batten DVM**

4TH Race Declaration: #1 **Proof of Jazz** (Tr. **E. Jackson**) Off Feet Post Parade – **Casille Batten DVM**

#9 **Boho** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) Off Feet Post Parade – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$90,389.13

5TH Race: Jockey Change #2 **Breaking The Code** – **W. Antongeorgi** for **F. Duran** – Sick

6TH Race Declarations: # **Zakkiyyah** (Tr. **W. Delia**) Injured at Gate – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$24,645.82

7TH Race Declaration #2 **Simply Charming** (Tr. **G. Preciado**) Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$284.51

8TH Race Declaration: #4 **Queens Map** (Tr. **P. De Jesus**) – Unsound – **Forrest Franklin DVM**

Refund Total: \$571.20

9TH Race Declaration: #4 **Malibu June** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – **Forrest Franklin DVM**

Refund Total: \$142.60

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

10TH Race Declaration: #8 **Praise Loudly** (Tr. **D. Franko**) – Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$73.30

10TH Race: #7 **Ocean Fury** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed (Tr. **J. Ramos**)

10/18/20⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	487	\$314,638.55
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$3,338,790.50
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$151,488.90
Total	487	\$3,804,917.95

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
16-Oct	2	2	Tip Top Gal	Q. Miller	Sick	Dr. Putt	\$74.04
16-Oct	3	4	Two Terms	J. Bonde	Sick	Dr. Putt	\$238.96
17-Oct	2	2	Mercy Rule	J. Metz	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$441.57
17-Oct	2	6	Shark Cat	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ See Above
17-Oct	5	2	Second Bold	I Becerra	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$660.01
17-Oct	5	6	Texas Bob	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$ See Above
18-Oct	7	2	Simply Charming	G. Preciado	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$284.51
18-Oct	8	4	Queens Map	P. De Jesus	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$571.20
18-Oct	9	4	Malibu June	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$142.60
18-Oct	10	8	Praise Loudly	D. Franko	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$73.30

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/16	Sat 10/17	Sun 10/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	8
Claims	2	7	2	11	96
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	5
Inquiries	2	0	0	2	13
Refunds	3	5	7	15	213
Rulings	1	3	2	6	65
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	13

Respectfully submitted,

 Grant Baker, Steward

 Dennis Nevin, Steward

 Richard Lewis, Steward