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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, November 4, 2020 through Sunday, November 8, 2020

WEDNESDAY11/4/20¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty today overseeing entries for Saturday, November 7, 2020. Eight (8) races were formulated by Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey's** staff. Seventy-one (71) horses are slated to face Starter **Todd Stephens**.

THURSDAY11/5/20¹**PETER MILLER RULING**

Southern California based Trainer **Peter Miller** called our office to inform us he was unable to secure transportation to Golden Gate Fields for #4 **Silardi** who was scheduled to start in the third race Sunday November 1. For this declaration off the 'Official Program' the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #16

Trainer **Peter Miller** who was scheduled to start **Silardi** in the third race on November 1, 2020 at Golden Gate Fields is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty For Late Declaration-Transportation).

11/5/20²**SANTOS PEREZ FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice Jockey **Santos Rivera** appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride aboard #5 **Grazen Deb** who finished second in this five (5) furlong main track event. Apprentice **Rivera** employed his riding crop nine (9) or ten (10) times in the stretch drive of this race. The majority voted to issue the following ruling. Steward **Nevin** dissented, voting for a three (3) day riding suspension.

Ruling #17

Apprentice Jockey **Santos Rivera** who rode **Grazen Deb** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 1, 2020 is fined Two Hundred (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six (6) times in race).

11/5/20³

JONATHAN WONG RULING

Horseshoe Inspector **Augustin Rayas**, informed State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** that the **Jonathan Wong** trained #4 **Autism Savant** showed up at the receiving barn improperly shod prior to the second race on Sunday November 1, 2020. Inspector **Rayas** corrected the issue before #4 **Autism Savant** went on to a first-place finish. The Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #18

Trainer **Jonathan Wong** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to have the horse **Autism Savant** properly shod when reporting to the receiving barn for the second race at Golden Gate Fields on November 1, 2020; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1555 (Duties of Horse Shoe Inspector) and #1437 (Conditions of a Race Meeting-no toe grabs allowed on turf course).

11/5/20⁴

STATE VETERINARIAN CHANGE

California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** is off this week for personal reasons. Long time Golden Gate Fields examining Veterinarian **Diane Isbell** will be the replacement.

11/5/20⁵

JOSE VELASCO HEARING (REF 9/17/20⁴ & 10/12/20⁴)

Today was the final day of a formal hearing which was conducted over three (3) separate days commencing September 17, 2020. This matter (Case 19GG0157) was conducted using a video conferencing (Microsoft Teams) format. Owner **Jose Velasco** has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489(a) (Grounds For Denial or Refusal of License), Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), Rule #1594 (Registration Certificates to Reflect Correct Ownership), Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Suspension) and Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** was present at today's hearing. She prepared the one hundred four (104) page complaint packet for this case. California Horse Racing Board Chief Counsel **Robert Brodnick** participated in the hearing from California Horse Racing Board headquarters (Sacramento). **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings under our video configurations. **Amanda Drummond** and **Bill Glaholt** also listened to the hearing from California Horse Racing Board Headquarters in Sacramento. Trainer **Jorge Rosales**, a witness in this case, also participated in today's hearing. Decision to Follow.

11/5/20⁶

TWO WINNERS

There was a dead heat for win in today's first race which was contested (Trainer of at one (1) mile on the main track. #4 **Sizzling Jamie (Pablo Flores)** and #5 **Linfield (Kyle Frey)** finished on even terms.

11/5/20⁷

SMOOTH CARD

Today's seven (7) race card went well as it was free of Stewards inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

11/5/20⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration: #3 **Jazz Street** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund \$549.35

1ST Race: Jockey Change #4 **Sizzling Jamie, Pablo Flores** for **Pedro Flores** (Injured)

3RD Race: #4 **Buttie** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Claimed **J. F. Martin**, Trainer

#6 **Avalon Ride** (Tr. **J.B. Josephson**) Claimed, **M. Stortz**, Trainer

4TH Race Declaration: #3 **Woodford Surprise** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Unsound, **Emily Putt DVM** Refund \$169.75

#5 **Gooch Express** (Tr. **R. Amescua**) Claimed, **F. Rondan**, Trainer

6TH Race Declaration: #7 **Sittin And Thinkin** (Tr. **B. McLean**) Injured **Casille Batten DVM** Refund \$116.60

7TH Race: #10 **Midnight Luck** (Tr. **A. Kitchingham**) Claimed, **S. Calvario**

11/5/20⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	191	\$64,760.20
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,086,789.01
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$39,339.00
Total	191	\$1,190,888.21

FRIDAY

11/6/20¹

ROLANDO SALAZAR- CAMACHO COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0152)

Present at today's hearing were groom **Rolando Salazar-Camacho**, California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria**, and Assistant Chaplain **Rob Cochran** (Racetrack Chaplaincy of America) who helped with interpreting. **Mr. Salazar-Camacho** admitted to smoking Methamphetamine on the morning of September 29, 2020 in the stable area of Golden Gate Fields. Steward **Will Meyers** chaired the proceedings.

The complaint in this case reads as follows:

*While conducting barn inspections and walking past Groom **Rolando Salazar's** tack room, a strong odor of cigarette smoke was observed emitting from inside. Contact was made at which time he displayed several objective symptoms of stimulant influence. In plain sight, several glass methamphetamine pipes and other narcotic indicia were observed on top of his bed. Groom **Salazar** admitted to having smoked some Methamphetamine a few hours earlier. A Quest Diagnostics Laboratory analysis was conducted on his urine which confirmed the presence of Amphetamine/Methamphetamine in his system.*

Mr. Salazar did not dispute the contents of the Complaint Packet that was presented at today's hearing. Decision to follow.

11/6/20²

GEORGE HANSON RULING

Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Inc. contacted the Stewards Office and informed us that the outstanding debt in Case #20GG0195 has been paid. The following ruling sets our October 30, 2020 ruling against owner **Hanson** aside.

Ruling #19

Owner **George H. Hanson** having satisfied his debt to **Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery, Inc.** Ruling #8 issued at the **Pacific Racing Association** on October 30, 2020 is hereby set aside.

11/6/20³

POST TIME CHANGE

Post time for today (November 6) and tomorrow (November 7) is 1:15 p.m. due to **Breeders' Cup** racing in Kentucky. We return to our Fall/Winter post time of 12:45 this Sunday.

11/6/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1ST Race: Jockey Change #7 **Olive You More D. Lopez** for **F. Alvarado**- Injured

2ND Race Declaration: #3 **Pearl Dragon** (Tr. **D. Markle**) Injured-**Casille Batten DVM**
Refund: \$327.70

2ND Race: #6 **Boundforjamaica** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Claimed, **R. B. Hess**, Trainer

3RD Race Declaration: #6 **Heat Seeking Leta** (Tr. **G. Haley**) Unsound-**Casille Batten DVM**
Refund \$105.50

3RD Race: Wagering Change Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

4TH Race: Jockey Change #4 **Pour On The Cole C. Martinez** for **F. Alvarado**- Injured

5TH Race Declaration: #2 **Neptune's Spear** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Unsound-**Casille Batten DVM**
Refund \$167.60

5TH Race: Jockey Change #3 **Manitou E. Lopez** for **Pedro Flores** – Injured

5TH Race: Wagering Change Cancel #1 Rolling Super High Five

7TH Race: Jockey Change #7 **Vronilla Parfait D. Lopez** for **F. Alvarado**- Injured

8TH Race Declaration: #9 **Sweet Hussar** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Sick-**Casille Batten DVM**
Refund \$286.90

11/6/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	797	\$479,192.32
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,861,335.98
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$117,118.87
Total	797	\$2,457,647.17

SATURDAY

11/7/20¹

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Placing Judge **John Leon** is off today. Stakes Coordinator **Lisa Jones** will replace him

11/7/20²

FOURTH RACE DELAY

There was a considerable delay prior to the start of today's fourth race. The primary reason for the slowness of the loading process were the actions of #8 **I'm A Blockbuster (Catalino Martinez)**-eighth place). Following this race, the Stewards contacted Starter **Todd Stephens** and requested a meeting before tomorrow's races.

11/7/20³

ROLANDO SALAZAR-CAMACHO RULING (Ref: 11/6/20¹)

Ruling #20

Groom **Rolando Salazar- Camacho** is suspended thirty (30) days, November 12 through December 11, 2020 inclusive; for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-under the influence of Methamphetamine) on September 29, 2020.

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges **Mr. Salazar-Camacho** 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.

The Stewards issued the ruling above in what was a unanimous decision. **Mr. Salazar-Camacho** was given the contact information of **Omar Lizarraga** who is a Spanish speaking employee of 'The Winner's Foundation' in Southern California.

11/7/20⁴

DR. KIM KUHLMANN COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0108)

Private Veterinarian **Kim Kuhlmann** appeared in the Stewards' Office to answer to alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report) and Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications). The complaint in this matter reads as follows.

Dr. Kuhlmann's Assistant Juan Landeros gave a trainer a tube of Flunixin paste that did not have proper prescription labeling on it. There was no corresponding Veterinarian Confidential showing that the medication was prescribed or given to said trainer.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** attended the hearing and presented her seven (7) page complaint at today's informal hearing. **Dr. Kuhlmann** testified at the hearing and accepted responsibility for the actions of himself and his Assistant **Juan Landeros**. **Dr. Kuhlmann** has been previously fined \$200.00 for two (2) separate violations of Rule #1864 in 2018. In a majority vote the following ruling was issued. Steward **Baker** voted for a \$300.00 penalty.

Ruling #21

Veterinarian **Kim Kuhlmann** is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications).

11/7/20⁵

SATURDAY DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2ND Race: #5 **Sarni** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Claimed, **J. Batista**, Trainer
#7 **Hydrogen** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) Claimed, **O.J. Jauregui**, Trainer

4TH Race Declaration: #3 **Edinburgh Express** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Sick- **Pam Hullinger DVM**

Refund: \$265.56

6TH Race Declaration: #2 **Friday's At Shady** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick- **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund: \$362.31

8TH Race Declaration: #1 **Spirit Lake** (Tr. **D. Offield**) Full Field- Stewards

#6 **Beautiful Babe** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Full Field- Stewards

#8 **Go Vaidagirl** (Tr. **A. Tekos**) Injured- **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$751.95

11/7/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	1,076	\$831,093.74
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$2,423,505.70
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$199,287.73
Total	1,076	\$3,453,887.17

SUNDAY

11/8/20¹

BONNIE MARSZALEC INFORMAL HEARING

Veterinarian Assistant **Bonnie Marszalec** appeared in the Stewards Office at our request. She was accompanied by California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Diane Isbell** who is filling in for regular Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** this week. Earlier this week an unhappy trainer called the Stewards and told us that **Ms. Marszalec**, who takes TCO2 samples in the receiving barn, reached into the mouth of a horse to adjust the tongue tie that she felt was improperly applied. Of obvious concern to local horsemen/horsewomen is possible contamination to a horse and a potential test sample that would be obtained from that horse.

Ms. Marszalec has been warned previously regarding potentially compromising the 'chain of custody' that surrounds equine drug testing. Once again today she was told to contact the State Veterinarian who will then determine the path going forward regarding **Ms. Marszalec's** concerns.

11/8/20²

JAMEY THOMAS INFORMAL HEARING – RULING #22

Trainer **Jamey Thomas** appeared in the Stewards' Office at our request this morning. The Stewards wanted to discuss Trainer **Thomas'** actions following the fourth race Saturday November 7. **Mr. Thomas** conditioned second place finisher #2 **'It's My House'** (**Kyle Frey**) in this race. The loading process for this six (6) furlong event took much longer than normal due to the pre-race actions of #8 **I'm A Blockbuster** (**Catalino Martinez**-eighth place). This race was won by #1 **One Last Time** (**David Lopez**) who was off very slowly from his inside post.

Mr. Thomas was upset about the long loading process and felt the Stewards involvement should have been stronger by ordering a scratch. **Mr. Thomas** called the Stewards from the winners' circle telephone and began the conversation with an explicative. The Stewards told him that Starter **Todd Stephens** would be appearing in our office to review the incident the following day. The conversation went from bad to worse when **Mr. Thomas** told a Steward "You don't care because you probably bet on the race". **Mr. Thomas** apologized for yesterday's incident and denied making the aforementioned quote. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #22

Owner/Trainer **Jamey Thomas** is hereby fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for abusive language toward a racing official on November 7, 2020; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (2) & (4) (Disorderly Conduct).

11/8/20³

JOSE DEJESUS VELASCO RULING

The following ruling was issued after three (3) separate days of hearings that were held before the races (Ref. 9/17/20⁴, 10/12/20⁴ & 11/5/20⁵). Owner **Velasco** was not the trainer or caretaker of **Miss Brewski** the horse involved in this matter. However, the Stewards agreed with California Horse Racing Board Chief Counsel **Robert Brodnick** that the information flow to other licensees' regarding this horses' health stopped with **Mr. Velasco** by not passing along a private veterinarian's recommendation for rest. Our decision was unanimous.

Ruling #23

Owner **Jose De Jesus Velasco** having now appeared, and a hearing being held, Pacific Racing Association Ruling #49, dated March 6, 2020 suspending **Mr. Velasco** for failing to appear for a scheduled hearing is set aside.

Further Owner **Jose Velasco**, who owned the horse **Miss Brewski** who worked out at Golden Gate Fields on September 22, 2019 is suspended ninety (90) days retroactively (August 10, 2020 to November 7, 2020) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare) and Rule #1594 (Registration Certificates to Reflect Correct Ownership).

11/8/20⁴

KENNETH ALLISON DVM HEARING (CASE #20GG0140)

Private Veterinarian **Ken Allison** appeared in our office for an informal hearing today. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** prepared an eight (8) page complaint packet for this hearing. The complaint reads as follows.

*Veterinarian **Kenneth Allison** gave a bottle of **Dantrolene** that did not have the proper prescription labeling on it. There was no corresponding Veterinarian Confidential showing that the medication was prescribed or given to said trainer either.*

Dr. Allison pled guilty to violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications). **Dr. Allison** took full responsibility and blamed the violation on being busy. **Dr. Allison** received a warning from California Horse Racing Board enforcement on May 16, 2020 about labeling medication. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #24

Veterinarian **Kenneth C. Allison** is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications).

11/8/20⁵

BRAYAN PENA FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Brayan Pena** appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride aboard #9 **Boomchicaboom** who finished first in the 3RD race yesterday November 7. In this 5½ furlong main track event #9 **Boomchicaboom** angled in sharply after the start forcing jockey **Kyle Frey**, who rode seventh place finisher #8 **Thunder Woman** to steady his mount when #9 **Boomchicaboom** lacked sufficient clearance.

Jockey **Pena** was issued a warning in this matter. He agreed his effort was sub-par and understands a similar incident in the near future will not be handled with the same tolerance.

11/8/20⁶

STARTER MEETING (REF: 11/7/20²)

The Stewards met with Starter **Todd Stephens** regarding the load process for yesterday's (November 7) fourth race which was contested at six (6) furlongs on the main track. The main focus today was the amount of time given to #8 **I'm A Blockbuster** (eighth place). The Stewards and Starter **Stephens** agreed to communicate via two-way earlier when horses are significantly delaying the loading process.

11/8/20⁷

OFFICIAL CHANGE

Placing Judge **John Leon** is off today. Jack of all trades **Steve Martinelli** (Assistant Racing Secretary-Odds Maker) will fill in.

11/8/20⁸

FIRST RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards' posted Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the final sixty (60) yards of this main track event. Film review this morning shows first place finisher #1 **Mercy Rule (Evin Roman)** drift out and make contact with second place finisher #4 **Debt Monger (Armando Ayuso)**. Prior to the contact #4 **Debt Monger** was leading this competitive stretch duel. After the contact #1 **Mercy Rule** went to the lead and prevailed in the narrowest of margins at the finish.

7-Nov.	6	2	Friday's At Shady	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$362.31
7-Nov.	8	8	Go Vaidagirl	A. Tekos	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$751.95
8-Nov.	3	6	Power Times Two	J.F. Martin	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$1,253.11
8-Nov.	3	7	Terrible Ted	J.F. Martin	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$ See Above
8-Nov.	7	2	Scarrazano	B. Wright	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$529.50
8-Nov.	9	1	It's Big Aine	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Hullinger	\$265.16

SUMMARY

	Thurs 11/5	Fri 11/6	Sat 11/7	Sun 11/8	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	4
Claims	5	2	2	4	13	26
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	1	4
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	5
Refunds	5	8	7	8	28	63
Rulings	3	1	2	3	9	24
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward