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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Pacific Racing Association**  
 Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California  
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, February 10, 2021 through Monday, February 15, 2021**

**WEDNESDAY**2/10/21<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY-CHANGES FOR SUNDAY**

Steward **Grant Baker** handled entry and change duties. Nine races were drawn at 3:50 p.m. including the **El Camino Real Derby** which drew nine entrants.

**THURSDAY**2/11/21<sup>1</sup>**DISQUALIFICATION HEARING – (CASE 20BM0014)**

A hearing concerning a purse-disqualification for a **Zilpaterol** positive on the Quarter Horse **Fastrak Required** was scheduled for today. **Fastrak Required** finished first in the first race at the **Alameda County Fair** on July 17, 2020. Owner **Ramon Esquiviz**, Trainer **Juan Arriaga** and Jockey **Martin Arriaga** were given the opportunity to appear and all declined to be present. A decision will be forthcoming.

2/11/21<sup>2</sup>**COVID 19-UPDATE (REF 2/7/2021<sup>2</sup>)**

General Manager **David Duggan** reported that, due to a surplus of vaccine, roughly one hundred-fifty backside and front side personnel have been inoculated as of this date.

2/11/21<sup>3</sup>**3<sup>RD</sup> RACE STEWARDS REVIEW TURNED INQUIRY – REFUND**

The Stewards reviewed the start of the third race concerning #4 **Susy's Heart (Armando Ayuso)**. After a short review the inquiry sign was posted. The **Blaine Wright** mares head was being held behind the stall bar by the **Assistant Starter** when the field was dispatched by Starter **Todd Stephens**. The **Assistant Starter** failed to straighten the horse before the gates were opened resulting in an unfair start. The Stewards were unanimous in declaring "**Susy's Heart**" a non-starter.

2/11/21<sup>4</sup>**LATE SCRATCHES**

6<sup>TH</sup> Race - #1 **Idiot In Love**–(Tr. **E. Jackson**) Injured in Paddock–Dr. Batten–Refund \$4,146.55.

2/11/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	84	\$30,213.50
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$838,951.15
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$41,114.80
Total	84	\$910,279.45

FRIDAY  
2/12/21<sup>1</sup>

**“FASTRAK REQUIRED” DISQUALIFICATION (REF 2/11/21<sup>1</sup>)**

**Ruling #16**

Acting on a report from the University of **California at Davis Maddy Laboratories**, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post-race urine sample #F17952, taken from horse **Fastrak Required** who finished first in the first race at the **Alameda County Fair** on Friday, July 17, 2020, contained the prohibited substance **ZILPATEROL** [Class II] it is hereby ordered that **Fastrak Required** be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding).

It is further ordered that all purse monies \$3,575.00 earned or awarded to Owner **Ramon Esquivex**, Trainer **Juan Arriaga** and Jockey **Martin Arriaga** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses on or before March 1, 2021 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

1<sup>ST</sup> **Doriann**  
2<sup>ND</sup> **Thirty Six Curls**  
3<sup>RD</sup> **Elite Prize**  
4<sup>TH</sup> **Kellies Winner**  
5<sup>TH</sup> **Tio Pepe Balvoa**

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs.

The above ruling was issued to memorialize the unchallenged disqualification of the Quarter Horse “**Fastrak Required**” for testing positive for the [class II] substance **Zilpaterol**.

2/12/21<sup>2</sup>

**D. C. LOPEZ RULING**

**Ruling #17**

Jockey **David C. Lopez** who rode **Gem State** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, February 11, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days, February 19, 20 and 21, 2021; for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six times during race).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Lopez** appeared and candidly admitted to overusing the crop. He accepted the penalty without argument.

2/12/21<sup>3</sup>

**MINTEN FINANCIAL SETTLED (CASE 21GG0013)**

Owner **Craig Minten** satisfied his debt in full to **San Francisco Equine, Inc.** per a letter from **JoAnn McMahon** of **San Francisco Equine, Inc.** The complaint listed the amount owed as \$5,243.50.

2/12/21<sup>4</sup>

**STARTER IN (REF. 2/11/21<sup>3</sup>)**

Starter **Todd Stephens** appeared with apologies for yesterday’s third race start. He explained that the **Assistant Starter** handling #4 **Susy’s Heart** was new. In order to keep the horse calm while the other horses loaded, the **Assistant** had moved the horses head behind the stall bar. The **Assistant** mistakenly thought there were more horses loading when **Stephens** dispatched the field and he failed to move the horses head to point down the track.

2/12/21<sup>5</sup>

**PROGRAM SCRATCHES**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #1 **The Henrietta** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Unfit – Dr. Batten – Refund \$345.30.  
#2 **Ms Big** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) On Vets List at Entry–Dr. Franklin–Refund \$ See Above

3<sup>RD</sup> Race (No Show Wagering) #5 **Sweetly Spoken** (Tr. **Sergio Ledezma**)  
Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$240.43

2/12/21<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	257	\$115,692.50
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$755,746.57
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$88,880.60
Total	257	\$960,319.67

**SATURDAY**

2/13/21<sup>1</sup>

**BAYEH RULING**

**Ruling #18**

Owner **Edgar Bayeh** (dba **Scaronias Stable**), having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before February 12, 2021, is hereby suspended 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).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Bayeh** failed to appear on a financial complaint filed by **Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery** in the amount of \$3,613.57 allegedly owed for services rendered.

2/13/21<sup>2</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration - #3 **Brock On By** (Tr. **Frank Lucarelli**)

Unsound – Dr. Batten – Refund \$282.60

3<sup>RD</sup> Race (No show Wagering) - #1 **Night Gig** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**)

Injured – Dr. Batten – Refund \$569.00

#3 **Bam Bam Again** (Tr. **Reed Saldana**)

Injured – Dr. Franklin – Refund \$ See Above

8<sup>TH</sup> Race - #1 **Positivity** – (Tr. **Patrick Gallagher**) Stake – Stewards – Refund \$827.57

2/13/21<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

This afternoon's program was conducted without incident. Southern California invader and favorite "**Rombauer**" won the "**El Camino Real Derby**". The **Michael McCarthy** trainee ran the one mile and one eighth in 1:51.64.

2/13/21<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	409	\$199,945.40
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,774,893.26
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$159,269.28
Total	409	\$2,134,107.94

**SUNDAY**

2/14/21<sup>1</sup>

**SPECHT HEARING CASE 2 (GG0001)**

A hearing was held today for Trainer **Steve Specht** concerning a **Dantrolene** overage.

**Mr. Specht** worked the mare "**Miss Super Saint**" on January 9, 2021. A blood sample was drawn and sent to U.C. Davis Laboratories. On January 15, 2021, **Ben Moeller PHD** assistant professor for EACL U. C. Davis reported a concentration of 39.1 NG/ML in blood sample well above the 0.1 NG/ML limit.

**Mr. Specht** could only assume that his longtime assistant **Juan Pena** made a mistake in treating "**Miss Super Saint**" too close to the workout which caused the overage. **Mr. Specht** acknowledged that "**Miss Super Saint**" had a tendency to "tie up" and she was treated with **Dantrolene** to remedy her muscle issues. Decision forth coming.

2/14/21<sup>2</sup>

**FIRST RACE STEWARDS REVIEW**

The start concerning #2 “**Too Hot For Curlin**” (Irving Orozco) was reviewed for the public benefit. Replays show #2 was very tardy in leaving the starting gate. The gates opened properly, and no interference was detected. No reason for an inquiry.

2/14/21<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Galloping Uno** – (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick–Dr. Batten–Refund \$411.84  
4<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Hot Socks** – (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$595.80  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 **Spun Away** – (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$210.90

2/14/21<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	288	\$155,178.15
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,589,102.39
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$131,460.18
Total	288	\$1,875,740.72

**MONDAY**

2/15/21<sup>1</sup>

**SPECHT RULING (REF 2/14/21<sup>1</sup>)**

**Ruling #19**

Trainer **Steven A. Specht** who worked “**Miss Super Saint**” for removal from the Veterinarian’s List at Golden Gate Fields on January 9, 2021, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)\*; pursuant to California Horse Racing rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1844 (D) (1) (Authorized Medication-**Dantrolene** in excess of permitted level; 39.1 NG/ML [Class 4]) and #1866 (e) (Veterinarian’s List).

The above ruling was issued following deliberation over yesterday’s hearing.

**Mr. Specht** good record and candid responses led to the minimal penalty.

2/15/21<sup>2</sup>

**BAYEH RULING (REF 2/13/21<sup>1</sup>)**

**Ruling #20**

Owner **Edgar Bayeh** (dba **Scaronias Stable**) having satisfied his outstanding financial obligation to Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Inc., his license privileges are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #18 dated February 13, 2021 is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards received a letter from Office Manager **Lynnette Thompson** stating that **Mr. Bayeh** paid his bill in full to **Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Center**.

2/15/21<sup>3</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #6 **Club Champ** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick–Dr. Batten– Refund \$408.20  
5<sup>TH</sup> Race #2 **Itainteasybeingray** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick–Dr. Batten– Refund \$306.74  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Family Trips** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$298.10  
7<sup>TH</sup> Race #2 **Autumn Isabella** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) Injured–Dr. Batten–Refund \$173.02  
8<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **Will Dancer** (Tr. **Eddie Truman**) Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$294.40

2/15/21<sup>4</sup>

**SMOOTH MONDAY**

This afternoon’s eight race card was conducted without incident.

2/15/21<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

Off Track	238	\$120,163.50
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,505,036.54
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$100,769.04
Total	238	\$1,725,969.08

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
12-Feb	3	5	Sweetly Spoken	S. Ledezma	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$240.43
13-Feb	2	3	Brock On By	F. Lucarelli	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$282.60
13-Feb	3	1	Night Gig	I. Tamayo	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$569.00
13-Feb	3	3	Bam Bam Again	R. Saldana	Injured	Dr. Franklin	\$See Above
14-Feb	3	1	Gallopung Uno	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$411.84
14-Feb	4	1	Hot Socks	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$595.80
14-Feb	6	6	Spun Away	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$210.90
15-Feb	3	6	Club Champ	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$408.20
15-Feb	5	2	Itainteasybeingray	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$306.74
15-Feb	6	4	Family Trips	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$298.10
15-Feb	7	2	Autumn Isabella	M. Lenzeni	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$173.02
15-Feb	8	4	Will Dancer	E. Truman	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$294.40

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 2/11	Fri 2/12	Sat 2/13	Sun 2/14	Mon 2/15	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	1	0	0	0	1	7
<b>Claims</b>	3	2	2	0	5	12	49
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
<b>Refunds</b>	2	3	6	6	8	25	103
<b>Rulings</b>	0	2	1	0	2	5	20
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Respectfully submitted,

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Will Meyers, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward