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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, February 24, 2021 through Sunday, February 28, 2021

WEDNESDAY2/24/21¹**ENTRY DAY**

The Racing office was open accepting entries for Saturday, February 27, 2021. Nine (9) races were drawn, and sixty-five (65) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty to oversee the day's activities.

THURSDAY2/25/21¹**HUGO HERRERA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the fifth race on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Jockey **Herrera** was aboard #6 **Pogo**, who finished fifth in this one (1) mile main track event.

At this morning's informal review films show #6 **Pogo** saving ground by racing along the rail approaching the 5/16ths marker. Jockey **Herrera**, at this point, shifts his path outward between horses and makes significant contact (3 times) with fourth place finisher #3 **Afleeting Life (Irving Orozco)**. The Stewards told Jockey **Herrera** that this ride was unsafe. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #26

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** who rode **Pogo** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, February 21, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days March 4, 5 and 6, 2021 for causing interference in the turn; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

2/25/21²**SMOOTH CARD**

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

2/25/21³

RACING OFFICIAL'S

Linda Anderson is working as a paddock and patrol judge this week. **Lisa Wilkerson** will work with **Nancy Barney** in the placing judge stand.

2/25/21⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST #1 **Where's Frankie** (Tr. **E. Freeman**) claimed, **P. De Jesus**, trainer

2ND Race Declaration #5 **They're Grrreat** (Tr. **O.J. Jauregui**) failed to load - Stewards

Refund: \$30,082.83

3RD Race Declaration #1 **D's Two Thumbs Up** (Tr. **A. Ordonez**) injured – Casille Batten DVM

Refund: \$138.00

3RD Race Cancel Show Wagering

3RD Race #3 **Meritocracy** (Tr. **D. Franko**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer – Void-Lame

4TH Race #6 **Dee Gee** (Tr. **E. Moger**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer, Forrest Franklin DVM

5TH Race Declarations #1 **Tanners Pride** (Tr. **J. Wong**) injured – Casille Batten DVM

#2 **Chico Baby** (Tr. **B. Pitnick**) unsound – Casille Batten DVM

5TH Race - Cancel Show Wagering. Refund Total: \$478.94

5TH Race #3 **Sound Judgement** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer – Forrest Franklin DVM – Void lame

6TH Race #2 **Sequentially** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

2/25/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	74	\$40,160.70
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$559,363.02
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$32,187.30
Total	74	\$631,711.02

FRIDAY

2/26/21¹

KEVIN OROZCO INFORMAL HEARING

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** appeared in the Stewards' office to discuss his ride in yesterday's (February 25) seventh race. Jockey **Orozco rode #2 Grazen Road**, who finished third in this one (1) mile main track event. The stewards ruled that Jockey **Orozco** used his riding crop nine (9) times in this race. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #27

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** who rode '**Grazen Road**' in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, February 25, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days March 5, 6 and 7, 2021; for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times in a race).

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CRISTOBAL HERRERA FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #5

Impossible who finished second in the fifth race which was contested at six (6) furlongs.

Trainer **Jose Batista** accompanied Jockey **Herrera** to this meeting. It was determined that Jockey **Herrera** used his riding crop nine (9) times in this race. The following ruling was issued.

Ruling #28

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** who rode '**Impossible**' in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, February 25, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days March 5, 6 and 7, 2021; for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times in a race).

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TWO WINNERS

There was a dead heat for the 'win' in today's first race which was contested at 5 ½ furlongs.

#1 **Ranger Molly** (**Brayan Pena**-Odds 1/5) and #3 **Island Life** (**Evin Roman**-odds 5/1) finished on 'even terms'.

2/26/21⁴

THIRD RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident shortly after the start of this six (6) furlong event. #1 **Tama's Arch (William Antongeorgi III)** ducked in sharply leaving the chute, ran into the extension rail, unseated her rider, and ran loose on the racetrack traveling the wrong way. #1 **Tama's Arch** ran to the gap area and jumped the gap and went into the stable area. Jockey **Antongeorgi** walked away from the incident traveled and was examined by Track Physician **David Seftel**. He will be re-examined tomorrow. #1 **Tama's Arch** had some abrasions and was examined in the receiving barn by California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin**. After receiving a Patrol Judge Report and reviewing all camera angles the Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declarations #4 **Okoye (Tr. I. Tamayo)** Casille Batten DVM Refund Total: \$592.18
#5 **Canam Gal (Tr. B. McLean)** Injured – Casille Batten DVM
6TH Race Jockey Change #6 **Chieftess Aine - B. Pena** for **A. Espinoza** – sprained wrist
7TH Race Declaration #5 **Maxinamillion (Tr. R. France)** Sick – Casille Batten DVM
Refund: \$443.90
8TH Race Declaration #2 **And Do When (Tr. R. Gonzalez)** Sick – Casille Batten DVM
Refund: \$121.42
8TH Race Jockey Change #6 **Errigal – K. Orozco** for **A. Espinoza** – sprained wrist
8TH Race Wagering Change Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

2/26/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	256	\$120,037.90
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$866,488.60
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$75,698.38
Total	256	\$1,062,224.88

SATURDAY

2/27/21¹

MARVIN OSORIO COMPLAINT (CASE #20GG0151)

The California Horse Racing Board Enforcement Unit filed two (2) complaints against Groom (expired license) **Marvin Osorio**. Both of these hearings were heard today employing the Microsoft Teams format. Along with the Stewards present today, at different locations, were Groom **Marvin Osorio** and Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who served as an interpreter. California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** and California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** also participated in today's hearings.

Court reporter **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings from an off-track location. This complaint packet consisted of twenty-one (21) pages and included the following alleged rule violations.

1. Rule #1530 - Cases Not Covered by Rules or Regulations
2. Rule #1874 – Disorderly Conduct
3. Rule #1902 - Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing

These events allegedly took place on or about September 29, 2020. The cover page of this first complaint reads as follows.

*Southern California Horse Racing Investigators requested that Golden Gate Fields California Horse Racing Board make contact with Groom **Marvin H. Osorio** after methamphetamine was found in his vacated tack room at Santa Anita. An inspection of his tack room at Golden Gate Fields resulted in more methamphetamine being found. A urine analysis by Quest Diagnostics verified the presence of methamphetamine in Groom **Osorio's** urine.*

Steward **Will Meyers** chaired both hearings. Testimony was given and documents were marked for identification and submitted in evidence. Decision to follow.

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SECOND MARVIN OSORIO COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 21GG0010)

The same individuals that participated in the prior hearing were involved with the second **Marvin Osorio** complaint. Twenty-seven (27) pages were included in this complaint. The alleged rule violations in this complaint read as follows.

1. Rule #1874 – Disorderly Conduct
2. Rule #1489 – Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License
3. Rule #1900 - Grounds for suspension or Revocation

The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

*Groom **Marvin H. Osorio** went into the California Horse Racing Board Investigators office at Golden Gate Fields in order to pick up paperwork for a hearing in front of the Board of Stewards. The hearing was regarding him being in possession and under the influence of methamphetamine while on the grounds of Golden Gate Fields (Case #20GG0151). While conversing with investigators, he displayed several symptoms of recent methamphetamine usage at which time he was compelled to provide a urine sample. The sample was subsequently sent to Quest Diagnostics Laboratory where it was confirmed that he had both amphetamine and methamphetamine in his system.*

The Stewards will now deliberate on all of the documents and testimony involved in today's formal hearing. Decision to follow.

2/27/21³

NINTH RACE ACCIDENT/INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing #1 **Barhopsky** duck in sharply leaving the six (3/4) furlong chute and unseat Jockey **Armando Ayuso**. After this accident #1 **Barhopsky** raced riderless, the wrong way, before being captured by Outrider **Ashton Campoy** in what was a display of excellent horsemanship. Jockey **Ayuso** walked away from the incident. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** will complete a more comprehensive review of this incident and that report will be attached to this week's minutes. Following a film review and a Patrol Judge report 'no change' was made in the order of finish.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2ND Race Medication Changes #2 **Queen Molotov** - should read 'First Time Lasix'

#3 **Clear Win** – should read 'First Time Lasix'

#4 **Goodnewsonlygirl** – should read 'First Time Lasix'

4TH Race Medication Changes #3 **Run It To Win** – should read 'First Time Lasix'

#5 **Clever Emma** – should read 'First Time Lasix'

5TH Race #2 **Year Of The Ox (J. Wong)** claimed, **B. Wright**, trainer, Void-Lame, Forrest Franklin DVM

#4 **Supreme Fashion** (Tr. **A. Tekos Jr.**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

6TH Race Declaration #1 **Diamond Blitz** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) unsound – Forrest Franklin DVM

6TH Race Wagering Change – Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five Wagering Refunds: \$379.66

2/27/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	407	\$218,686.70
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,181,798.59
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$130,501.70
Total	407	\$1,530,986.99

SUNDAY

2/28/21¹

GENERAL MANAGER VISIT

Golden Gate Fields General Manager **David Duggan** made one of his frequent visits to the Stewards' office this morning. Of primary concern were two (2) separate incidents.

(Ref: 2/22/21⁴ & 2/27/21³) we have had in six (6) furlong races on February 26 & 27.

Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** also attended this meeting.

Discussions took place regarding possible adjustments to the inside temporary rail (height, length, markings) leaving the ¾ chute and entering the main track.

2/28/21²

MARVIN OSORIO RULING (REF: 2/27/21¹ & 2/27/21²)

Groom (Expired) **Marvin Osorio** was suspended ninety (90) days by Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Stewards on May 7, 2017 (Ref: Ruling #114) for use of methamphetamine and possession of contraband. On September 29, 2020 California Horse Racing Board Enforcement found methamphetamine and glass pipes of **Mr. Osorio** in his tack room last fall in the Golden Gate Fields stable area.

Mr. Osorio completed a ninety (90) day residential treatment program. Subsequent to that however, he failed to meet the terms of a contract he had with the **Winners Foundation**. This was relayed to us by **Darrin Scharer** who is Executive Director of that organization. Details of reconsideration of licensing for **Mr. Osorio** are included in the following ruling which was issued by the Stewards in a unanimous decision.

Ruling #29

Unlicensed Groom **Marvin H. Osorio** is hereby deemed ineligible for relicensing, for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1489 (a) (8) (Under the Influence [9/27/2020 and 1/28/2021] and Possession of Methamphetamine [9/27/2020]) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

Prior to consideration for relicensing **Mr. Osorio** must complete a ninety (90) day in house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards and submit to further evaluation by the **Winner's Foundation** upon completion.

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SEVENTH RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

Track Announcer **Matt Dinerman** broadcast that a 'Stewards' Review' would be conducted into the start of this 5½ furlong main track event. Ninth (last) place finisher #4 **Logatha (Francisco Duran)** dwelt at the start and lost all chance to be competitive in this sprint race. Race replays showed #4 **Logatha** received a fair dispatch and after speaking with Starter **Todd Stephens** was deemed a 'starter' in the unanimous opinion of the Stewards.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 5TH Race Declaration #4 **Fort York** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Re-Enter – Stewards
- 5TH Race Wagering Change Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five Refund: \$208.06
- 9TH Race Declaration #5 **Ramoncita Light** (Tr. **A. Torres**) Unsound – Forrest Franklin DVM
- 9TH Race #8 **Family Trips** (Tr. **J. Wong**) claimed, **S. Ledezma**, trainer. Refund: \$414.35

2/28/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	357	\$177,482.42
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,799,855.46
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$142,468.72
Total	357	\$2,119,806.60

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
25-Feb	3	1	D's Two Thumbs Up	A. Ordonez	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$138.00
25-Feb	5	1	Tanners Pride	J. Wong	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$478.94
25-Feb	5	2	Chico Baby	B. Pitnick	Unsound	Dr. Batten	See Above
26-Feb	1	5	Canam Gal	B. McLean	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$592.18
26-Feb	7	5	Maxinamillion	R. France	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$443.90
26-Feb	8	2	And Do When	R. Gonzalez	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$121.42
27-Feb	6	1	Diamond Blitz	J. Ramos	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$379.66
28-Feb	9	5	Ramoncita Light	A. Torres	Unsound	Dr. Franklin	\$414.35

SUMMARY

	Thurs 2/25	Fri 2/26	Sat 2/27	Sun 2/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	1	0	2	7
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	1	1	3	13
Claims	3	0	1	1	5	59
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	0	1	1	0	2	10
Refunds	5	5	3	6	19	143
Rulings	1	2	0	1	4	29
Voided Claims	2	0	1	0	3	4

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward