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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, March 10, 2021 through Sunday, March 14, 2021

WEDNESDAY3/10/21¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to supervise entries and the draw for Saturday March 13th.

THURSDAY3/11/21¹**DECLARATIONS**

1ST Race: #3 **Youjustdon'tgetit** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Entered and listed as a colt but is a Gelding Stewards Refunds \$1,902.78

6TH Race: #1 **Becca Taylor** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Sick – DVM Batten. Refunds \$1,287.92

6TH Race: #4 **Maggie's Magic** (Tr. **Miguel Ramirez**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$ See Above

6TH Race: #5 **Emma's Dance** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Sick – DVM Parker Refunds \$ See Above

7TH Race: #1 **Cal's Girl** (Tr. **Reina Gonzalez**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$888.06

7TH Race: #3 **Lis La Victoire** (Tr. **Jesus Ramos**) Re-enter – Stewards Refunds \$ See Above

7TH Race: #4 **Triskaideka** (Tr. **Angelo Tekos**) Unsound – DVM Batten Refunds \$ See Above

3/11/21²**RULING #32 – SANTOS RIVERA****Ruling #32**

Apprentice Jockey **Santos Rivera** who rode **Trash Talkin Cat** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, March 7, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days March 18, 19 & 20, 2021; for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (7) & (8) (Use of Riding Crop- more than two (2) times in succession & more than six (6) times during a race).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Rivera** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the second race from Sunday, March 7, 2021. **Mr. Rivera** acknowledged he used his riding crop more than the allowed six times in the stretch. In addition, it appeared **Mr. Rivera** used his crop three times in succession and there were no mitigating circumstances for his action.

3/11/21³**VIDEO REVIEW – BRAYAN PENA**

Jockey **Brayan Pena** met with the Stewards for a review of the fifth race from Sunday, March 7, 2021.

Mr. Pena's mount #2 **Doghouse** was disqualified from fourth to sixth for interference at the start of the five and one half furlong event. After a thorough review it was clear that **Mr. Pena's** mount ducked out sharply leaving the gate and **Mr. Pena** reacted quickly controlling **Doghouse**. Unfortunately, the damage was done, and **Doghouse** was disqualified but, **Mr. Pena** will not be penalized.

3/11/21⁴

DVM KENNETH ALLISON (20GG0191)

A tape recorded hearing was held for Veterinarian **Kenneth Allison**, who has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report) and Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications). Evidence was received and testimony was heard from California Horse Racing Board Investigators **Tolman, Aguilar** and Respondent **Dr. Allison**. The Stewards will deliberate and render their decision in a timely fashion.

3/11/21⁵

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

3/11/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|--------------|
| Off Track | 107 | \$44,659.40 |
| Out of State + ADW | n/a | \$694,469.58 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$50,262.60 |
| Total | 107 | \$789,391.58 |

FRIDAY

3/12/21¹

DECLARATIONS

2ND Race: #4 **Falcone** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) Unsound – DVM Batten Refunds \$185.40

6TH Race: #5 **Mitsuo** (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) Injured – DVM Batten Refunds \$291.42

3/12/21²

RULING #33-KENNETH C. ALLISON

Ruling #33

Veterinarian **Kenneth C. Allison** is fined the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications-repeat offenses). The foregoing Ruling was issued as a result of the hearing held on Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Dr. Allison was very forthright during the hearing and acknowledged he was doing a favor for Trainer **John Martin** by using his label (**San Francisco Equine**) on **Phenylbutazone** container tubs that were purchased off the track. The labels were lacking relevant dates and the prescribing veterinarian.

3/12/21³

OWNER EDGAR BAYEH (21GG0012)

The financial complaint filed against owner **Edgar Bayeh** by **David Hatanaka** (dba-**Dave's Hay Barn**) has been dismissed. The Stewards were notified by Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** that **Mr. Hatanaka** has received total payment (\$6,509.40) from **Mr. Bayeh** and the complaint has been withdrawn.

3/12/21⁴

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 8TH RACE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the eighth race for a review of an incident near the 1/8 pole involving #6 **Missed The Boat** (**Kyle Frey**) third, #5 **Kincaid Park** (**Catalino Martinez**) fifth and #4 **Mister McLean** (**Armando Ayuso**), who finished sixth.

After considering the patrol judges report interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows **Mr. Ayuso** aboard #4 **Mister McLean** attempt to enter a very narrow opening between #5 **Kincaid Park** and #6 **Missed The Boat**, bumping and impeding both horses. #4 **Mister McLean** finished behind both #5 **Kincaid Park** and #6 **Missed The Boat**, therefore negating a disqualification.

3/12/21⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|----------------|
| Off Track | 456 | \$233,511.90 |
| Out of State + ADW | n/a | \$913,890.06 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$105,927.65 |
| Total | 456 | \$1,253,329.61 |

SATURDAY3/13/21¹**DECLARATIONS:**5th Race: #3 **After Sundown** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$189.503/13/21²**MATUSZAK RULING****Ruling #34**

Veterinarian **Steven Matuszak** is fined the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1842 (Veterinarian Report) and Rule #1864 (Labeling of Medications).

The above ruling was issued after **Dr. Matuszak** appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to a complaint filed against him by California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman**.

Dr. Matuszak acknowledged he failed to complete the labeling of medication (**Dantrolene**) dispensed to Trainer **Juan Pena**. **Dr. Matuszak** also conceded he failed to file a confidential veterinarian report in a timely fashion.

3/13/21³**RULING # 35 – JOCKEY ARMANDO AYUSO (REFER 3-12-21⁴)****Ruling #35**

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** who rode **Mister McLean** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, March 12, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days (March 20, 21 & 25, 2021) for causing interference in the stretch; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Mr. Ayuso met with the Stewards for a review of the eighth race from Friday, March 12, 2021.

Mr. Ayuso acknowledged he should have used better judgement when attempting to drive through a narrow opening between two rivals. The Board of Stewards decided unanimously that a suspension was warranted, and the above ruling was issued.

3/13/21⁴**PHOTO FINISH CAMERA MALFUNCTION – 3RD RACE**

Photo Finish Operator **Susan Tanner** notified the placing judges immediately following the third race that neither the primary photo finish camera nor the backup camera produced a picture of the finish. Fortunately, there was clear separation for all five horses in race three. The Stewards and placing judges all agreed on the order of finish and race three was made official. The Stewards have requested a report from **Plusmic Corporation**, Inc. on what may have caused the malfunction and an assurance that it will not recur.

3/13/21⁵**START DELAYED – 5TH**

There was a six minute delay for the start of the fifth race as #6 **Glitter Lake** (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) unseated her rider, **Armando Ayuso**, near the starting gate and ran off. The outrider caught the filly and after being examined by the Track Veterinarian, **Casille Batten, DVM**, she was approved to participate. **Glitter Lake** finished second in this seven horse field.

3/13/21⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| Off Track | 644 | \$385,016.40 |
| Out of State + ADW | n/a | \$1,150,248.32 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$130,194.14 |
| Total | 644 | \$1,665,458.86 |

SUNDAY3/14/21¹**DECLARATIONS:**

1ST Race: #1 **Royal Alexis** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$210.76
 6TH Race: #4 **Coolcross** (Tr. **Monty Meier**) Sick – DVM Batten – Refunds \$186.36
 7TH Race: #3 **Tiz Fake News** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$781.06
 #6 **Princess Vivian** (Tr. **Sergio Ledezma**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$ See Above
 8TH Race: #5 **Hotsocks** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$569.26

3/14/21²

TRAINER RENE AMESCUA (21GG0023)

Trainer **Rene Amescua**, who was scheduled to appear in response to a financial complaint filed against him by **David Hatanaka** (dba- **Dave's Feed Barn**) alleging an overdue feed bill totaling \$16,417.20.

Mr. Hatanaka was present for the hearing and **Mr. Amescua** called in from Southern California (**Santa Anita**).

A lengthy discussion ensued, after **Mr. Amescua** acknowledged he owed the debt, regarding some form of payment plan.

It became apparent they were far apart in resolving the issue, but willing to negotiate and the Stewards decided to allow them one week (March 21, 2021) to reach an equitable agreement or action may be taken against **Mr. Amescua's** California Horse Racing Board license.

More to come.

3/14/21³

CLAIM VOIDED – 2ND RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer **Victor Trujillo** for the mare **Splashing** (Trainer **Reid France**) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, that she was unsound in the right hind leg and placed on the Veterinarian's list. **Splashing** was returned to **Reid France's** barn.

3/14/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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| Off Track | 491 | \$255,099.80 |
| Out of State + ADW | n/a | \$1,080,380.56 |
| SCOTWinc | n/a | \$124,615.08 |
| Total | 491 | \$1,460,095.44 |

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

| Date | Race | No. | Horse | Trainer | Reason | Vet | Refund |
|--------|------|-----|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------|--------------|
| 11-Mar | 6 | 1 | Becca Taylor | S. Miyadi | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$1,287.92 |
| 11-Mar | 6 | 4 | Maggie's Magic | M. Ramirez | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$ See Above |
| 11-Mar | 6 | 5 | Emma's Dance | E. Moger | Sick | Dr. Parker | \$ See Above |
| 11-Mar | 7 | 1 | Cal's Girl | R. Gonzalez | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$888.06 |
| 11-Mar | 7 | 4 | Triskaideka | A. Tekos | Unsound | Dr. Batten | \$ See Above |
| 12-Mar | 2 | 4 | Falcone | J. Steiner | Unsound | Dr. Batten | \$185.40 |
| 12-Mar | 6 | 5 | Mitsuo | B. Wright | Injured | Dr. Batten | \$291.42 |
| 13-Mar | 5 | 3 | After Sundown | C. DeLima | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$189.50 |
| 14-Mar | 1 | 1 | Royal Alexis | C. DeLima | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$21076 |
| 14-Mar | 6 | 4 | Coolcross | M. Meier | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$186.36 |
| 14-Mar | 7 | 3 | Tiz Fake News | J. Wong | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$781.06 |
| 14-Mar | 7 | 6 | Princess Vivian | S. Ledezma | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$ See Above |
| 14-Mar | 8 | 5 | Hotsocks | J. Wong | Sick | Dr. Batten | \$569.26 |

SUMMARY

| | Thurs 3/11 | Fri 3/12 | Sat 3/13 | Sun 3/14 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Claims | 0 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 13 | 84 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| Refunds | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 19 | 183 |
| Rulings | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 35 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 11 |

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward