

California Horse Racing Board

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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 17, 2021 through Sunday, March 21, 2021

WEDNESDAY3/17/21¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Patrick Mackey** and his staff were on hand in the racing office to work on a racing program for Saturday, March 20. Nine (9) races will be carded. Seventy (70) horses will be scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty in the Stewards office overseeing matters for the California Horse Racing Board.

THURSDAY3/18/21¹**SELWYN LAGRONE (CASE #GG0022) & RONNIE WALLACE SR. (CASE #21GG0025) COMPLAINTS**

The Stewards held an informal hearing this morning for Trainer **Selwyn Lagrone** and Owner **Ronnie Wallace Sr.** They trained and owned the horse **Hardy Chisel**, who finished fifth in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 30, 2021.

The official urine sample #GG38169 taken at Golden Gate Fields was reported to contain 30 ng/ml of Flunixin and 130 ng/ml of Phenylbutazone. No split-sample was requested. Flunixin and Phenylbutazone are both [class 4] penalty violations. The alleged rule violations filed against **Mr. Lagrone** and **Mr. Wallace** are Rule #1843 (a) (b) (c) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), Rule #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug substances) and Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

Along with **Mr. Lagrone** and **Mr. Wallace** present at today's hearing was California Horse Racing Board Senior Special Investigator **Louis Quezada** who presented both complaints in front of the Stewards. Steward **Will Meyers** chaired the proceedings. Testimony was given and documents were then marked as exhibits. Decision to follow.

3/18/21²**GOOD RACING**

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

3/18/21³**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1ST Race: #2 **Boyson** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick, Casille Batten, DVM, Refund \$1,164.74

2ND Race: #4 **Eskimo Roses** (Tr. **Milton Pineda**) Injured, Casille Batten, DVM
 #6 **Smile For Ashley** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick, Casille Batten, DVM
 Refund Total \$84.29. No Show Wagering

3RD Race: #3 **Arma D'Oro** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) Injured, Michael Parker, DVM, Refund \$1,463.26

4TH Race: #4 **Mithqaal** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM

5TH Race: #3 **Miss Ski** (Tr. **W. Delia**) Claimed, **I.Tamayo**, trainer
 #4 **Papaya** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) Sick, Michael Parker, DVM, Refund \$421.22

6TH Race: #3 **Colavito** (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) Injured, Casille Batten, DVM, Refund \$318.30
 Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

7TH Race: #5 **She's Expensive** (Tr. **Ed Moger Jr.**) Sick, Michael Parker, DVM, Refund \$521.88
 #10 **Passionate Road** (Tr. **M. Ramirez**), Claimed, **L. Ribera**, trainer

3/18/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	115	\$48,140.10
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$654,357.31
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$34,019.95
Total	115	\$736,517.36

FRIDAY

3/19/21¹

FINANCIAL COMPLAINT UPDATE (REF: 3/14/21²)

David Hatanaka (dba **Dave's Hay Barn**) stopped by the Steward's office to update us on a complaint he filed against Trainer **Rene Amescua** for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). After conducting an informal hearing on March 14, 2021 these two (2) gentlemen were given six (6) days to come to an agreement and sign a 'Financial Complaint Agreement' (CHRB-51).

The Stewards will keep individual copies of this agreement in their files for future reference, if needed.

3/19/21²

DAN MARKLE COMBINED HEARING (CASE # 21GG0003 & CASE #21GG0004)

Trainer **Dan Markle** appeared in our office to address two (2) separate complaints today. This hearing was chaired by Steward **Will Meyers**. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented a forty-five (45) page complaint packet (Case #21GG0003) in today's first matter. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

*The official blood sample #NC33963 taken on 1/09/2021 at Golden Gate Fields was reported by **Dr. Ben Moeller**, PHD of the Maddy EACL at U.C. Davis Laboratories, to contain Hydroxydantrolene 15.6 ng/ml. The sample was obtained from the horse "**Real Trouble**" which worked for removal from the Veterinarian's List. The trainer of record is **Dan L. Markle**. No split sample request was made. Dantrolene is a Prohibited Drug [Class 4], Penalty [Class C] violation.*

The second complaint (Case #21GG0004) was introduced by California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** and was forth-nine (49) pages in total. It reads as follows.

*The official blood sample #NC33962 taken on 1/09/2021 at Golden Gate Fields was reported by **Dr. Ben Moeller**, PHD of the Maddy EACL at U.C. Davis Laboratories, to contain Hydroxydantrolene 9.4 ng/ml. The sample was obtained from the horse "**Ima Happy Cat**" which worked for removal from the Veterinarian's List. The trainer of record is **Dan L. Markle**. No split sample request was made. Dantrolene is a Prohibited Drug [Class 4], Penalty [Class C] violation.*

The following rules were allegedly violated in both cases.

1. Rule #1843 - Medication, Drugs and Other Substances
2. Rule #1843.1 - Prohibited Drug Substances
3. Rule #1844 - Authorized Medication
4. Rule #1866 - Veterinarians List

Both complaints were marked as evidence Trainer **Markle** testified on his own behalf. The Stewards told **Mr. Markle** that they will contact him in the near future regarding our decision.

3/19/21³

LAGRONE/WALLACE DECISIONS (REF: 3/18/21¹)

The following ruling was issued following a combined hearing heard yesterday, March 18 in the Golden Gate Fields Stewards Office.

Ruling #36

Trainer/Owner **Selwyn L. Lagrone**, who started the horse **Hardy Chisel**, fifth place finisher in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, January 30, 2021, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* 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 (a, b, c, & d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances and #1843.1 (b) Prohibited Drug Substances-Flunixin 30 NG/ML, Phenylbutazone 130 NG/ML).

A separate complaint filed against Owner **Ronnie Wallace** (Case #21GG0025) was dismissed. Both decisions were made following unanimous votes.

3/19/21⁴

NEW POST TIME

First race post time, on this last day of winter, changed to 1:20 p.m. It is expected that this post time remain the same with the possible exceptions of any of the 'Triple Crown' race days.

3/19/21⁵

GOOD CARD

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

3/19/21⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration: #4 **Awesome Amanda** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Injured- Casille Batten DVM Refund \$454.66

3RD Race: #1 **In The Wind** (Tr. **C. Vaccarezza**) Claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

#6 **Made In Karoo** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

4TH Race: #1 **Mark Whats Mine** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Claimed, **M. Trujillo**, trainer

6TH Race: #2 **Lolo Paniolo** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) Claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

3/19/21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	469	\$272,428.95
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$750,641.85
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$79,965.90
Total	469	\$1,103,036.70

SATURDAY

3/20/21¹

JOSE PUENTES INFORMAL MEETING

The Steward asked Trainer **Jose Puentes** if he could stop by the Stewards office this morning. We had an informal discussion with him, which Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** also attended. Trainer **Puentes** has his horses headquartered alongside the stable of **Greg James**.

We spoke with Trainer **James** recently about the oversight of his own stable. Trainer **Puentes** told us today he assists **Mr. James** somewhat with the oversight of **Mr. James'** horses. This Board of Stewards has not seen **Mr. James** this year as he seems to be located out of state. The Stewards now have more information and will contact Trainer James regarding this subject. More to follow.

3/20/21²

DAN MARKLE RULING (REF: 3/19/21²)

Ruling #37

Trainer **Dan L. Markle** who worked "**Real Trouble**" and "**Ima Happy Cat**" for removal from the Veterinarian's List at Golden Gate Fields on January 9, 2021, is fined the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)*; pursuant to California Horse Racing Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to

Insure Condition of Horse) for violations of California Horse Racing Rule #1844 (d) (1) (Authorized Medication-Dantrolene in excess of permitted level; **Real Trouble**-15.6 ng/ml, **Ima Happy Cat** 9.4 ng/ml [Class 4]) and #1866 (e) (Veterinarian's List).

The Stewards contacted Trainer **Dan Markle** this afternoon and informed him of the penalty listed above which issued following a hearing of two (2) separate complaints. Our decision was unanimous.

3/20/21³

SECOND RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing two (2) incidents in the stretch drive of this one (1) mile race that had four (4) participants. Approaching the 3/16 marker early race leader #1 **Street Dancing (Cristobal Herrera-3RD place)** steps in slightly causing Jockey **Irving Orozco (#4 Champagne Pegasus-4TH place)** to check his mount slightly while racing along the rail. Jockey **Herrera** employs his riding crop (right handed) and subsequently his mount drifts in and again forces #4 **Champagne Pegasus** to steady; this time more significantly at the 1/16 marker.

The Stewards received a patrol judge report, reviewed all camera angles, and spoke to both jockeys involved. In a unanimous decision #1 **Street Dancing** was disqualified and placed fourth (last). Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

Original order of finish 2 – 3 – **1** – 4

Official order of finish 2 – 3 – 4 – **1**

3/21/21⁴

THIRD RACE WAGERING/TOTE PROBLEM

The Stewards were informed of a problem regarding the wagering system after the start of the third race. The following events took place.

1. Our placing judges said their placing console did not make the unique beeping sound it typically makes.
2. We were on the phone with the Santa Anita Tote department when the five horses for this race were dispatched from the gate. They told us wagering had already been stopped for roughly two (2) minutes. **Note**-The totalizator mechanisms that control **Golden Gate Fields** wagering are located at **Santa Anita Park**.
3. A **Amtote** technician at **Santa Anita** told us wagering stopped at 2:33 p.m.
4. The field of five (5) starters was dispatched at 2:35 p.m.
5. The Stewards spoke with Golden Gate Fields General Manager **David Duggan** and Mutuel Manager **Doug Gooby** shortly after this race.
6. At 2:52 p.m. the Stewards called the California Horse Racing Investigative office located here on the backstretch at Golden Gate Fields. A letter of explanation from Bob Sloan (Amtote-California Manager) is included with these minutes.

3/20/21⁵

LARGE SHOW PAYOFFS-3RD RACE

There were extraordinarily large payoffs for show wagering in today's third race. #2 **Jumping Jill Flash (Irving Orozco)** finished fourth (last) going off at odds of one to nine (1/9). The following were the Win/Place/Show payoffs for this race.

1 ST - #5 Bee Einstein	\$13.40	\$5.20	\$14.60
#6 Clochard Street	\$10.00	\$24.00	
#3 Ice Kitty		\$25.20	

Mutual Manager **Doug Gooby** reported that \$30,700.00 out of the \$35,619.00 wagered in the show pool was bet on #2 **Jumping Jill Flash**.

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SIXTH RACE DELAY

California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** informed the Stewards after the fifth race that #6 **Governor's Gamble (Tr. Faith Taylor)** was not wearing shoes behind. There was no mention of a shoeing change on today's official program, Horseshoe Inspector

Augustin Reyes tacked on two (2) hind shoes in the receiving barn. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** assisted the Stewards with contacting Trainer **Taylor** and also getting #6 **Governor's Gamble** to the front side paddock as soon as possible. The field for this race stepped onto the track at four (4) minutes to post in what amounted to a six (6) minute delay. More to follow.

3/20/21⁷

SEVENTH RACE JOCKEY OBJECTION

Following the running of this 5 ½ furlong main track event Jockey **Kevin Orozco** (#5 **Clem Labine**-5TH place) lodged a Jockey's 'claim of foul' against second place finisher #9 **Sequentially** (**Frank Alvarado**) and third place finisher #6 **Real Trouble** (**Evin Roman**) for alleged interference approaching the ¼ pole.

Film review shows #5 '**Clem Labine**' 'getting out' slightly while approaching an opening along the rail. At the point of entry to that opening #5 '**Clem Labine**' steadies sharply. The Stewards found no culpability on the part of either #4 **Sequentially** or #6 **Real Trouble**.

After speaking to all jockey's involved, receiving a patrol judge report and speaking to jockey's involved the Stewards made no change in the order of finish. Our decision was unanimous.

3/20/21⁸

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race: #1 **Universally** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM. Refund: \$1,258.82

1ST Race: #3 **Miss Arrowhead** (Tr. **J. Navarre**) Claimed, **A. Ordonez**, trainer

2ND Race Declaration: #5 **Roaring Tiger** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM, Refund: \$177.00

2ND Race: No Show Wagering

3RD Race Declaration: #4 **It's Big Aine** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM, Refund: \$206.40

4TH Race: #2 **OMG It's Jessica** (Tr. **C. Dollase**) Injured, Michael Parker DVM
#7 **Closed Circuit** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) Injured, Casille Batten DVM.

Refund Total: \$4,791.19

4TH Race: Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

6TH Race Declarations: #4 **Fine Red Reserve** (Tr. **A. Tekos Jr.**) Flipped in Paddock, Casille Batten DVM

#7 **Kazio** (Tr. **J.B. Josephson**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM, Refund Total: \$2,062.18

#1 **Effective Union** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Claimed, **S. Miyadi**, trainer

7TH Race: #2 **Harvest A Storm** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) Injured, Casille Batten DVM

#3 **Square Deal** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Re-enter- Stewards

#4 **Admirably** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM Refund Total: \$747.59

7TH Race: #1 **Facts Matter** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Claimed, **R. Amescua**, trainer

#7 **Oiseau De Guerre** (Tr. **L. Mora**) Claimed, **R. France**, Trainer

7TH Race Wagering: #1 Rolling Super High Five Wagering

9TH Race Declaration: #1 **Indianera** (Tr. **R. Hansen**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM Refund: \$455.62

3/20/21⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	597	\$355,607.75
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,225,497.59
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$167,566.65
Total	597	\$1,748,671.99

SUNDAY

3/21/21¹

JULIEN COUTON FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Julien Couton** appeared in the Stewards' office this morning to review his ride aboard #2 **Seahawk Cody** who finished first in the second race yesterday, March 20.

In this one (1) mile main track event Jockey **Couton** properly used his crop in an underhanded position. He violated Rule #1688 (Using the Crop) however more than six (6) times.

This is Jockey **Couton's** third riding crop violation since October 2020. (Ref: Golden Gate Fields Ruling #4 -10/4/20 & Ruling #22 -2/19/21).

Ruling #38

Jockey **Julien Couton** who rode "**Seahawk Cody**" in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, March 20, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days March 28, April 1 & 2, 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 in yesterday's (March 20) second race. He was accompanied by Trainer **Jose Batista** who acted as a representative and interpreter.

Jockey **Herrera** was aboard third place finisher #1 **Street Dancing** in this one (1) mile main track race. Today's film review shows #1 **Street Dancing** drift in (twice) in the stretch drive of this race. This interference led to a disqualification from third to fourth (last) position. The second foul in this race was more significant and came after Jockey **Herrera** employed his riding crop with the right hand. The Stewards unanimously felt this was a careless ride and issued the following ruling in what was a unanimous decision.

Ruling #39

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** who rode "**Street Dancing**" in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, March 20, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days March 28, April 1 & 2, 2021 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules and Careless Riding).

3/21/21³

GOOD CARD

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or jockey's objections.

3/21/21⁴

DECLARATIONS:

4TH Race: #3 **Regal Lady** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) Claimed, **T. Bellasis**', trainer

5TH Race: #6 **Concur** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM Refund: \$450.12

5TH Race: #2 **Tanners Pride** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Claimed, **S. Naranjo** – Void - Unsound Forrest Franklin DVM

7TH Race: #3 **Talisker Bay** (Tr. **G. Haley**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM Refund: \$144.38

9TH Race: #3 **Idiot In Love** (Tr. **T. Johnson**) Sick, Casille Batten DVM

9TH Race: #7 **No Parking Here** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Claimed, **S. Calvario**, trainer Refund: \$169.52

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	540	\$367,861.56
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,384,564.84
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$179,311.21
Total	540	\$1,931,737.61

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
18-Mar	1	2	Boyson	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$1,164.74
18-Mar	2	4	Eskimo Roses	M. Pineda	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$84.24
18-Mar	2	6	Smile For Ashley	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Above
18-Mar	3	3	Arma D'Oro	T. McCanna	Injured	Dr. Parker	\$1,463.26
18-Mar	4	4	Mithqaal	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$494.02
18-Mar	5	4	Papaya	J. Steiner	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$421.22
18-Mar	6	3	Colavito	B. Wright	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$318.30
18-Mar	7	5	She's Expensive	E. Moger Jr.	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$521.88
19-Mar	2	4	Awesome Amanda	J. Wong	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$454.66
20-Mar	1	1	Universally	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$1,258.82
20-Mar	2	5	Roaring Tiger	D.W. Baker	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$177.00
20-Mar	3	4	It's Big Aine	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$206.40
20-Mar	4	2	OMG It's Jessica	C. Dollase	Injured	Dr. Parker	\$4,791.19
20-Mar	4	7	Closed Circuit	D.W. Baker	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$See Above
20-Mar	6	7	Kazio	J. Josephson	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$2,062.18
20-Mar	7	2	Harvest A Storm	S. Calvario	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$747.59
20-Mar	7	4	Admirably	J. Thomas	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Above
20-Mar	9	1	Indianera	R. Hansen	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$455.62
21-Mar	5	6	Concur	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$450.12
21-Mar	7	3	Talisker Bay	G. Haley	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$144.38
21-Mar	9	3	Idiot In Love	T. Johnson	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$169.52

SUMMARY

	Thurs 3/18	Fri 3/19	Sat 3/20	Sun 3/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	2	1	3	17
Claims	2	4	5	1	12	96
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	7
Inquiries	0	0	2	0	2	14
Refunds	7	2	9	7	25	208
Rulings	0	1	1	2	4	39
Voided Claims	0	0	0	1	1	12

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward_____
Will Meyers, Steward_____
Dennis Nevin, Steward