

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 31, 2021 through Sunday, April 4, 2021

WEDNESDAY3/31/21¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to supervise entries and changes.

THURSDAY4/1/21¹**DECLARATIONS:**

1ST Race: #1 **Lucky Lags (Reid France)** Unsound – Dr. Batten – Refund \$633.14

#3 **Moon Ascending (Reid France)** Sick – Dr. Batten – Refund \$See Above

5TH Race: #2 **A Card Short (Tr. Ellen Jackson)** Sick – DVM Franklin – Refunds \$1,158.50

6TH Race: #5 **Gabby Hayes (Steve Miyadi)** Sick – Dr. Parker – Refunds \$470.80

#6 **Forgoodtimecall (Tim McCanna)** Sick – Dr. Parker – Refund \$See Above

4/1/21²**RULING #44-SANTOS RIVERA (REFER 3-28-21³)****Ruling #44**

Apprentice Jockey **Santos Rivera** who rode **Hot Socks** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, March 28, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days April 8, 9 and 10, 2021 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

The above Ruling was issued by a unanimous decision after **Mr. Rivera** and the Stewards reviewed the video replay of the first race from Sunday, March 28, 2021.

Mr. Rivera did not dispute he was responsible for the interference that resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to fourth.

4/1/21³**TRAINER GENARO O. VALLEJO (20BM0003)**

A Microsoft team hearing was held for Trainer **Genaro O. Vallejo**, who has been charged with alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1890 (a) & (b), (Possession of Contraband), #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person), #1489 (10) (Grounds for Denial or

Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), #1902(c) (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1547 (Failure to Appear).

According to the complaint Trainer **Genaro O. Vallejo** had a licensee working for him who he knew had a suspended California Horse Racing Board license for drug use and who was not on Trainer **Vallejo's** work list. Upon conducting an administrative inspection of his personal effects, injectable medications and other medicines and contraband were located inside "Trainer **Vallejo's** vehicle".

It should be noted that **Mr. Vallejo's** California Horse Racing Board license is currently suspended for failing to appear for two prior scheduled hearings to address these charges (Alameda County Fair Ruling #19, dated July 26, 2020).

Evidence and testimony was presented by California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** and **Mr. Vallejo** testified at length on his own behalf. CSR **Christine Niccoli** recorded the proceeding. Decision Forthcoming.

4/1/21⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

4/1/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	122	\$55,535.10
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,080,258.61
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$58,299.73
Total	122	\$1,194,093.44

FRIDAY

4/2/21¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #1 **Island Life** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – DVM Parker Refunds \$204.98

3RD Race: #4 **Smileforme** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – DVM Parker Refunds \$294.80

This Declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and the show pool was canceled (California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954).

5TH Race: #5 **Unusual Secret** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$173.80

7TH Race: #1 **Mister McLean** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) Sick – DVM Parker Refunds \$220.40

8TH Race: #11 **Imperator** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Also Eligible – Stewards Refunds \$130.70

4/2/21²

RULING #45-LEONEL CAMACHO-FLORES

Ruling #45

Jockey **Leonel Camacho-Flores** who rode **Sweet Topper** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, April 1, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days April 9, 10 & 11, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times during a race and overhand once).

The above ruling was issued by unanimous decision after **Mr. Flores** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fifth race from Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Mr. Flores conceded he was in violation of the riding crop rule and wanted to start his suspension immediately. He was advised the suspension would begin one week from today.

4/2/21³

JOSE A. AGUILA (20BM0016)

A Microsoft team hearing was held for Trainer **Jose A. Aguila**, who has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1894 (Duties of Trainer), #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) and #1902 (c) (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

The complaint alleges “The lab report F17953 from UC Davis Maddy Laboratory indicated that Clenbuterol was found in the out of competition hair sample taken from the quarter horse **Thirty Six Curls** at the **Alameda County Fair**. An inquiry into who administered Clenbuterol to the horse uncovered that Trainer **Jose A. Aguila** had never seen nor trained the horse prior to race day. He admitted that he entered the horse to race as favor to a friend and an unlicensed trainer”.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board and testified in support of the charges. **Mr. Aguila** testified on his own behalf and did not deny the allegations. CSR **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings. Decision Forthcoming.

4/2/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	487	\$289,526.60
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,183,083.46
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$126,537.11
Total	487	\$1,599,147.17

SATURDAY

4/3/21¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race: #2 **Field Of Hope** (Tr. **Frank Lucarelli**) Unseated rider and ran off in Post Parade – Stewards. Refunds \$21,388.77

6TH Race: #1 **Rail Hog** (Tr. **Leanna Ekstrom**) Sick-DVM Parker Refunds \$56.80

7TH Race: #3 **Cinderellas Prince** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$123.96

4/3/21²

RULING #46 – ROBERT N. FALCONE

Ruling #46

Trainer **Robert N. Falcone, Jr.** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to have the horse “**Croi Mor**” properly shod for the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, April 2, 2021; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards contacted **Mr. Falcone** by telephone and informed him there would be a penalty for delivering his horse “**Croi Mor**” to the receiving barn with the toe grabs, prior to the sixth race on the turf course, April 2, 2021.

Mr. Falcone was advised that toe grabs are not permitted on the turf and he understood. Horseshoe Inspector **Augustine Rayas** was able to file off the grabs and “**Croi Mor**” went on to win the one mile and one sixteenth turf event.

4/3/21³

CLAIM VOIDED – 1ST RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Dan Markle** for the four year old “**Rock This Star**” (Tr. **Steve Specht**) after the official California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, reported the gelding was unsound in the right foreleg and the left hind leg, “**Rock This Star**” was placed on the veterinarians list and returned to **Steve Specht’s** barn.

4/3/21⁴

ACCIDENT – 10TH RACE

During the running of the five and one half furlong tenth race #5 **Velocemente** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**), fell near the 5/16 pole while trailing the field . Jockey **Assael Espinoza** was thrown clear and escaped with only a bruised thumb. Unfortunately, **Velocemente** suffered multiple fractures and was euthanized by the Track Veterinarian, **Casille Batten, DVM**.

4/3/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	712	\$426,747.93
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,493,187.31
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$236,345.64
Total	712	\$2,156,280.88

SUNDAY
4/4/21¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #2 **Atlantic Strike (Jamey R. Thomas)** Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$1,141.37
#3 **Kitty's Candy (Tim McCanna)** Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$See Above
These two Declarations reduced the field to four wagering interests' and the pool was cancelled.
6TH Race: #9 **Nerves Of Steel (Tr. Peter Miller)** Not eligible at time of entry-Stewards Refunds \$1,078.90
7TH Race: #3 **Party Spirit (Manuel Badilla)** Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$1,094.36
#4 **Queen Molotov (Tr. Jamey Thomas)** Sick – DVM Batten Refunds \$See Above

4/4/21²

RULING #47 – GENARO O. VALLEJO (20BM0003)

Ruling #47

Trainer **Genaro Ornelas Vallejo** having appeared before the Board of Stewards after failing to appear for hearings on July 24, 2020 and October 9, 2020 is restored to good standing. Ruling ACF#19 issued at Pleasanton CA on July 26, 2020 is set aside. Furthermore **Genaro Ornelas Vallejo** is suspended for ninety (90) days April 5 thru July 3, 2021 (Inclusive) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1482 (Employment of Unlicensed Person), Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear), Rule #1890 (a) (b) (Possession of Contraband-Injectable Medications-Second Offense) and #1489 (10) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License-aiding suspended groom in accessing grounds) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards deliberation regarding the merits of the allegations presented against **Mr. Vallejo** during the Microsoft team hearing held on April 1, 2021. **Mr. Vallejo** acknowledged he was responsible for the California Horse Racing Board rules he was charged with and the Board of Stewards decided unanimously to find his actions in violation of all but one of the accusations. **Steward Baker** dissented on the penalty, suggesting a sixty day suspension.

4/4/21³

NO PHOTO – 7TH RACE

Photo finish operator **Susan Tanner** admitted she failed to properly activate the photo finish camera for the seventh race.

Fortunately, there was separation among all five starters in this one mile turf event. The Stewards and placing judges all agreed on the order of finish.

4/4/21⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – 9TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by **Jamie Thomas** for the three year old filly **Quick And Dirty (Tr. Michael McCarthy)** after being notified by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM**. that the filly was lame in the right foreleg. **Quick And Dirty** was placed on the Veterinarian's list and returned to Trainer **Michael McCarthy**.

4/4/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	487	\$253,053.80
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,766,158.07
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$236,583.21
Total	487	\$2,255,795.08

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
1-Apr	1	1	Lucky Lags	R. France	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$633.14
1-Apr	1	3	Moon Ascending	R. France	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Above
1-Apr	5	2	A Card Short	E. Jackson	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$1,158.50
1-Apr	6	5	Gabby Hayes	S. Miyadi	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$470.80
1-Apr	6	6	Forgoodtimecall	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$See Above
2-Apr	2	1	Island Life	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$204.98
2-Apr	3	4	Smileforme	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$294.80
2-Apr	5	5	Unusual Secret	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$173.80
2-Apr	7	1	Mister McLean	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$220.40
3-Apr	6	1	Rail Hog	L. Ekstrom	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$56.80
3-Apr	7	3	Cinderellas Prince	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$123.96
4-Apr	2	2	Atlantic Strike	J. Thomas	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$1,141.37
4-Apr	2	3	Kitty's Candy	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Above
4-Apr	7	3	Party Spirit	M. Badilla	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$1,094.36
4-Apr	7	4	Queen Molotov	J. Thomas	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Above

SUMMARY

	Thurs 4/1	Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	8
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	18
Claims	3	2	2	1	8	113
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	8
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	15
Refunds	5	8	5	6	24	251
Rulings	1	1	1	1	4	47
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	2	17

Respectfully submitted,

 Dennis Nevin, Steward

 Grant Baker, Steward

 Will Meyers, Steward