

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 14, 2021 through Sunday, April 18, 2021

WEDNESDAY4/14/21¹**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Steward **Grant Baker** was on duty to handle any issues relating to entries for Saturday.

THURSDAY4/15/21¹**ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY CHANGES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward **Grant Baker** attended to entries and changes this morning.

FRIDAY4/16/21¹**RODRIGUEZ RULING****Ruling #56**

Apprentice Jockey **Jose Elias Rodriguez** who rode **Collusion Delusion** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, April 11, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days April 23, 24 & 25, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times during a race).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Rodriguez** reviewed the race with the Stewards. He realized his mistake and said he would do better in the future.

4/16/21²**HECTOR GONZALEZ HEARING – CASE #20BM0002**

A hearing was held today concerning the future licensing eligibility of Groom **Hector Gonzalez**. **Gonzalez** has struggled with addiction to Methamphetamine. The Microsoft Teams hearing was chaired by Steward **Dennis Nevin** and recorded by **Christine Niccoli**. Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada** presented the case. Chaplain **Rob Cochran** acted as interpreter for **Mr. Gonzalez**.

Mr. Gonzalez was working at Pleasanton under a suspended license and in possession of and under the influence of Methamphetamine according to the complaint. The alleged violation occurred on June 18, 2020.

This case has been delayed partly from COVID 19 and partly because **Mr. Gonzalez** needed to satisfy license issues in Southern California before this complaint could be addressed. As the hearing progressed it came to light that **Mr. Gonzalez** had cleared his name in Southern California including a four month residential inpatient treatment and a signed contract with the Winners Foundation. Decision to Follow.

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PROGRAM CHANGES

3RD Race Declaration #1 **Silver Lyric** (Tr. **D. Offield**) Re-enter–Stewards–Refund \$1,037.56
#10 **Don't Rub It** – (Tr. **B. Wright**) Injured–**Dr. Batten**–Refund \$See Above
4TH Race #8 **Blackout** (FR) (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Unsound - **Dr. Batten** – Refund \$720.26
5TH Race #2 **La Gata Elegante** – (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**)
Sick – **Dr. Batten** – Refunds \$752.76
#6 **Galwalksintoabar** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick–**Dr. Batten**–Refund \$See Above

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5TH RACE – NO SHOW WAGERING

Two late scratches reduced the field to four wagering interests resulting in no show wagering. An unusual minus place pool of \$4,703.51 was reported by Mutuel Manager **Doug Gooby**.

4/16/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	525	\$248,986.50
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,451,529.23
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$149,662.74
Total	635	\$1,850,178.47

SATURDAY

4/17/21¹

PENA RULING

Ruling #57

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **Please Me** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, April 16, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days April 24, 25 & 29, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six (6) times during a race).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Pena** met with the Stewards and reviewed the race in question. **Mr. Pena** agreed he went over the limit and accepted the penalty like a professional.

4/17/21²

GENERAL MANAGER AND STRONACH GROUP VETERINARIAN MEETING

General Manager **David Duggan** and Veterinarian **Dionne Benson** met with the Stewards, Chief Steward and Safety Steward to discuss equine health and welfare and safety areas of interest.

Of Note: **Dr. Benson** relayed that U.C. Davis is planning on having a PET (Positron Emission Tomography) scan brought to Golden Gate on hopefully a weekly basis. There is also talk of the **Stronach** Group banning certain drugs on the backside. Other items concerning the Tapeta, and Turf Course were discussed. A good meeting all in all.

4/17/21³

2ND RACE CLAIM VOIDED

The claim submitted by **Jonathan Wong** for the mare "**Papaya**" was deemed void after State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** reported her lame in the left front leg. "**Papaya**" was returned to the barn of **Jack Steiner**.

4/17/21⁴

JOCKEYS OFF

5TH Race - Jockey **Julien Couton** reported in sick. Replaced by **Hugo Herrera**
8TH Race – Jockey **David C. Lopez** reported in injured. Replaced by **Francisco Monroy**.

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PROGRAM SCRATCHES

4TH Race #3 **Imissbaymeadows** (Tr. **Dan Blacker**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** – Refund \$963.86
5TH Race #6 **Kaline** (Tr. **Bill McLean**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** – Refund \$554.10
9TH Race #5 **Envy** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Injured Gate – Stewards – Refund \$33,576.40

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	775	\$419,649.24
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,459,936.25
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$238,417.47
Total	964	\$2,118,002.96

SUNDAY
4/18/21¹

DURAN RULING

Ruling #58

Jockey **Francisco Duran** is fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) on April 17, 2021 at Golden Gate Fields. The above ruling was issued after **Duran** appeared and said he just plain forgot to call in late.

4/18/21²

ALVARADO RULING

Ruling #59

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** who rode **Arouse N Go** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, April 17, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days April 25, 29 and 30, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than six (6) times in race).

The above ruling was issued after **Alvarado** reviewed the race with the Stewards. **Mr. Alvarado** was over the six strike limit for the second time in sixty days.

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GOMEZ RULING

Ruling #60

Jockey **Alejandro Gomez** who rode **Midnight Flower** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, April 17, 2021 is suspended three (3) racing days April 25, 29 and 30, 2021 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-more than two times in succession).

The above ruling was issued after **Gomez** and his agent **Ramon Silva** appeared and reviewed all angles with the Stewards. The video left no doubt that **Mr. Gomez** used the crop three consecutive times in a row. Although not pleased, the penalty was accepted by **Gomez & Silva**.

4/18/21⁴

ROLANDO CAMACHO SALAZAR HEARING CASE 21GG0018

A hearing was held today to establish whether **Mr. Camacho Salazar** violated provisions of his probation. The complaint reads as follows:

*Groom **Rolando Camacho Salazar** was asked to submit to a urine drug screen test as requested by the Golden Gate Fields Board of Stewards after he had just completed a 90 day residential rehabilitation. He failed to provide the test sample as agreed upon in his "Agreement to Test". During this investigation, it was also discovered that he had not been complying with his signed agreement with the Winner's Foundation.*

The hearing was held through Microsoft Teams with Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli** at an outside location. Present in the Stewards office were the Stewards, **Mr. Camacho Salazar** with interpreter/exercise rider **Jacob B. Aguilar**. The case was presented by Investigator **Jerry Smith** with help from Investigator **Noe Longoria**. Trainer **Tim McCanna's** assistant **Maryellen Silva** testified on **Mr. Camacho Salazar's** behalf.

Testimony revealed that part of the non-compliance issues stem from **Mr. Camacho Salazar's** inability to read or write in either English or Spanish.

Mr. Camacho Salazar produced an AA-NA attendance sheet showing signatures of members of "**Grupo Solo Por Hoy**" in San Pablo. The nine attended meetings were from March 13, 2021 thru March 30, 2021 according to that document. Interpreter **Aguilar** volunteered that he has seen **Camacho Salazar** on Alcoholics Anonymous Zoom meetings at other times, and you cannot get signatures from Zoom meetings.

Both **Aguilar** and **Ms. Silva** said they would help **Mr. Camacho Salazar** keep in contact with the Winners Foundation. It should be noted that **Mr. Camacho Salazar** has also recently submitted a clean urine sample. Deposition to follow.

4/18/21⁵

2ND RACE ACCIDENT

#1 **Lady Of The House** (Tr. **Miguel Ramirez**) injured her left front fetlock entering the first turn in this 1 mile and 1/16 turf race. Jockey **Assael Espinoza** dismounted and was uninjured. Unfortunately, "**Lady Of The House**" could not be saved and was euthanized by **Dr. Batten**.

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JOCKEY REPLACEMENTS

David C. Lopez reported in injured, replaced as follows:
 2ND Race - **Irvine Orozco**, 4TH Race - **Erik Lopez**
 5TH Race – **Catalino Martinez**, 7TH Race – **Erik Lopez**

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PROGRAM SCRATCHES

3RD Race #2 **Ghostly Gal** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** – Refund \$389.22
 No Show Wagering

9TH Race #6 **Texas Bob** (**C. DeLima**) Lamé Post Parade – **Dr. Batten** – Refund \$23,591.67

4/18/21⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off Track	683	\$381,158.27
Out of State + ADW	n/a	\$1,555,825.51
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$240,408.60
Total	968	\$2,177,392.38

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
16-Apr	3	10	Don't Rub It	B. Wright	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$1,037.56
16-Apr	4	8	Blackout	S. Miyadi	Unsound	Dr. Batten	\$720.26
16-Apr	5	2	La Gata Elegante	DW Baker	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$752.26
16-Apr	5	6	Galwalksintoabar	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$See Above
17-Apr	4	3	Imissbaymeadows	D. Blacker	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$963.86
17-Apr	5	6	Kaline	B. McClean	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$554.10
18-Apr	3	2	Ghostly Gal	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$389.22

SUMMARY

	Fri 4/16	Sat 4/17	Sun 4/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	9
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	20
Claims	5	2	1	8	129
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	8
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	15
Refunds	5	5	4	14	291
Rulings	1	1	3	5	60
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	18

Respectfully submitted,

 Will Meyers, Steward

 Grant Baker, Steward

 Dennis Nevin, Steward