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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 15, 2021, through Sunday, September 19, 2021

WEDNESDAY
9/15/21[1] **DUTY STEWARD**
Steward **Richard Lewis** was present as entries were taken for Saturday, September 18, 2021.

THURSDAY
9/16/21[1] **DUTY STEWARD**
Steward **Richard Lewis** was once again present as entries were taken for Sunday, September 19, 2021.

FRIDAY
9/17/21[1] **DECLARATIONS:**
3RD Race: #2 **Regal Lady** (Tr. **Tim Bellasis**) Injured – **DVM Batten** Refunds $172.80
6TH Race: #l **Torrey's Girl** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Injured – **DVM Batten** Refunds $274.60
8TH Race: #5 **Uber Star** (Tr. **Gary Greiner**) Sick – **DVM Batten** Refunds $176.50

9/17/21[2] **RULING #8 – BRAYAN PENA (REFER 9-12-21[6])**

Ruling #8

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **Party Spirit** (**GB**) in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, September 12, 2021, is suspended three (3) racing days September 24, 25 & 26, 2021 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Mr. Pena** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the eighth race from Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Mr. Pena was very candid in acknowledging an error in allowing his mount to drift out while using his riding crop left handed and accepted the penalty imposed.

9/17/21[3] **TRAINER ARNOLD TORRES (CASE #21BM0009)**

Trainer **Arnold Torres** appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to the complaint filed against him regarding a permitted medication (Methocarbamol) in excess of the 1.0 ng/ml permitted level. The level detected in blood sample #F19467 obtained from his horse, **Ramoncita Light**, following the fourth race at the Alameda County Fair on July 17, 2021, was 8.0 ng/ml.

Evidence and testimony were offered during this tape recorded hearing and when California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** rested his case, the hearing was closed. Decision Pending Deliberation.

9/17/21[4] **POOL CLOSING CONFUSION – 4TH RACE**

The Stewards did not receive confirmation from the offsite Tote Technician that the wagering pools closed when we activated the close button at the start of the fourth race. The technician indicated he would manually close the pools and then stated he was unable to as the pools did in fact close at the start of the race. The Stewards have requested an explanation from **Am-Tote International**.

9/17/21[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	266	$135,739.10
Out of state	n/a	$973,036.70
SCOTWinc	n/a	$158,168.69
Total	1,008	$1,266,944.49

SATURDAY

9/18/21[1] **DECLARATIONS:**

3RD Race: #2 **Charming Girl** (Tr. **Sherrie Monroe**)
Refused to load in the Starting Gate – Stewards. Refunds $30,488.36

6TH Race: #3 **Rousing Rainstorm** (Tr. **Jose. Puentes**) Unsound – **DVM Parker**
Refunds $206.56

7TH Race: #3 **Swift As I Am** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **DVM Batten** Refunds $1,705.34

9/18/21[2] **RULING #9 ARNOLD TORRES – (REFER 9-17-21)**

Ruling #9

Owner/Trainer **Arnold Torres** who started the horse **Ramoncita Light**, who finished fourth in the fourth race at the Alameda County Fair on Friday, July 17, 2021 is fined the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($750.00)* and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843 (a) & (d) (Medications, Drugs and Other Substances), #1844 (d) (5) (Authorized Medication-Methocarbamol (8.0 ng/ml)) and #1842.5 (Trainer to Maintain Medication Treatment Records).

Furthermore, Owner/Trainer **Arnold Torres** is assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations). The above Ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing held on September 17, 2021.

Mr. Torres acknowledged he treated his horse **Ramoncita Light** with Methocarbamol (Robaxin) four days prior to the July 17, 2021, race at the Alameda County Fair that was dispensed for another horse in his barn.

9/18/21[3] **TRAINER MANUEL P. BADILLA (21GG0072)**

Trainer **Manuel P. Badilla** appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to the complaint filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board regarding an authorized medication (Methocarbamol) in excess of the 1.0 ng/ml permitted level. The level detected in blood sample #GG38439 obtained from his horse, **Smiling Patrick**, following the first race at Golden Gate Fields on July 30, 2021, was 6.4 ng/ml.

Evidence and testimony were offered during this tape recorded hearing and when California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** rested his case, the hearing was closed. Decision Pending Deliberation.

9/18/21[4] **STEWARDS REVIEW – 6TH RACE**

The Stewards conducted a review for the wagering public regarding an incident near the 5/16th pole involving #1 **Scratchy Apache** (**Francisco Monroy**) first, #2 **Perseverance** (**Jose Rodriguez**) fourth and #6 **Big Discount** (**Santos Rivera**) who finished third.

The video shows #2 **Perseverance** initiated the contact with #1 **Scratchy Apache** while attempting to avoid running up on the heels of #7 **Amity Harbor** (**Irving Orozco**) and was bumped outward, forcing #6 **Big Discount** to race wide. As #2 **Perseverance** finished behind those that were bothered, no inquiry was necessary.

9/18/21[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	610	$243,411.20
Out of state	n/a	$833,077.37
SCOTWinc	n/a	$195,658.74
Total	1,697	$1,272,147.31

SUNDAY

9/19/21[1] **DECLARATIONS:**

1ST Race: #6 **Mervi Masterpiece** (Tr. **Reid France**) Sick – **DVM Batten** Refunds $335.92
2ND Race: #6 **Next Flight** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Veterinarian Panel – Stewards Refunds $457.52
7TH Race: #1 **Prance** (Tr. **Neil Drysdale**) Unsound – **DVM Batten** Refunds $326.46
9TH Race: **Linfield** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Main Track Only – Stewards Refunds $166.36

9/19/21[2] **RULING #10 – MANUEL P. BADILLA (21GG0072)**

Ruling #10

Trainer **Manuel P. Badilla** who started the horse **Smiling Patrick**, who finished fourth in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, July 30, 2021 is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843(a) (b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (b) (Prohibited Drug Substances), and #1844(d) (5) (Authorized Medication- Methocarbamol (6.4 ng/ml)).

Furthermore, Trainer **Manuel P. Badilla** is assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations-expires 9/19/2022).

The above Ruling was issued after the Board of Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented during the tape recorded hearing held on September 18, 2021.

Mr. Badilla testified during the hearing that he treated **Smiling Patrick** the same way he has for all of the four year olds races and was at a loss as to why the sample was over the permitted levels. **Mr. Badilla** further explained he understands his responsibility and accepts the penalty the Board of Stewards may impose.

9/19/21[3] **RULING #11 WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI III**

Ruling #11

Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** who rode **Respect The Hustle** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, September 18, 2021, is fined the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Mr. Antongeorgi** met with the Stewards and acknowledge he exceeded the limit (six) for use of the Riding Crop.

9/19/21[4] **VIDEO REVIEW – JOSE RODRIGUEZ**

Apprentice Jockey **Jose Rodriguez** met with the Stewards for a review of his ride in the sixth race on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

The young rider was once again cautioned about placing his mounts in tight situations, more specifically about how to extricate his mount from trouble. In this incident he should have been aware there was a rival inside next to the rail when he moved in slightly to avoid running up on the heels of another. Although his mount got the worst of it on this occasion, he was issued a stern warning about his alertness.

9/19/21[5] **CLAIM VOIDED – 1ST RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Jack Steiner** for the filly **Nite Sale**, after being notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM** that she had a bowed tendon and was placed on the Veterinarian's List. **Nite Sale** was returned to the barn of Trainer **Felix Rondan**.

9/19/21[6] **CLAIM VOIDED – 2ND RACE**

The claim submitted by Trainer **Jonathan Wong** for the gelding **Leadville**, was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM** that the five year old was lame in the left hind leg and placed on the Veterinarian's list. **Leadville** was returned to **Felix Rondan's** barn.

9/19/21[7] **ANOTHER POOL CLOSING INCIDENT - 5TH RACE (REFER 9-17-21[4])**

Prior to the start of the fifth race, the Stewards initiated a call to the Am-Tote Hub located at Santa Anita. As has been procedure since the onset of the offsite tote location began the call is made with two or three horses remaining to be loaded into the starting gate.

When the field was dispatched and the Stewards activated the close wagering button, no response was given affirming that wagering was closed. When the Santa Anita contact was questioned whether or not they in fact closed, the response was yes, they had been closed for more than one minute.

Unacceptable to say the least. The number of wagers that failed to get in that last minute or so has yet to be determined. The Stewards will meet with Golden Gate Fields General Manager **David Duggan** and Mutuel Manager **Doug Gooby** on Friday, September 24, 2021, and attempt to rectify the major issue. The Stewards have once again requested an explanation from **Am-Tote International**.

9/19/21[8] **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 7TH RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the seventh race to review an incident near the 3/16th pole involving #2 **Clearly Gone** (**Armando Ayuso**) first, #5 **Reiwa** (**William Antongeorgi III**) third and #4 **Scherzo** (**Pedro Terrero**) who finished fourth.

After interviewing the riders involved, considering the patrol judges report and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #5 **Reiwa** and place her fourth behind #4 **Scherzo**. The video shows #2 **Clearly Gone** drift in slightly near the 3/16 pole and although

remaining clear, #5 **Reiwa** shied away into the path #4 **Scherzo**, who took back and lost the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish 2 – 6 – **5** – 4 – 3
Official Order of Finish: 2 – 6 – 4 – **5** - 3

9/19/21[9] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	590	$195,347.50
Out of state	n/a	$708,733.64
SCOTWinc	n/a	$173,541.00
Total	1,549	$1,077,622.14

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-Sept	3	2	Regal Lady	T. Bellasis	Injured	Dr. Batten	$172.80
17-Sept	6	1	Torrey's Girl	J. Thomas	Injured	Dr. Batten	$274.60
17-Sept	8	5	Uber Star	G. Greiner	Sick	Dr. Batten	$176.50
18-Sept	6	3	Rousing Rainstorm	J. Puentes	Unsound	Dr. Parker	$206.56
18-Sept	7	3	Swift As I Am	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	$1,705.34
19-Sept	1	6	Mervi Masterpiece	R. France	Sick	Dr. Batten	$335.92
19-Sept	7	1	Prance	N. Drysdale	Unsound	Dr. Batten	$326.46

SUMMARY

	Fri 9/17	Sat 9/18	Sun 9/19	**Week**	**Meet**
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	3
Claims	4	2	4	10	38
Disqualification	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	3
Refunds	8	5	7	20	77
Rulings	1	1	2	4	11
Voided Claims	0	0	2	2	10

Respectfully submitted,

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Will Meyers, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward