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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 22, 2021, through Sunday, September 26, 2021.

WEDNESDAY9/22/21¹**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY – CHANGES FOR FRIDAY**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty to handle morning business including transfers and license issues. Nine races were drawn at approximately three p.m. for Saturday's card.

THURSDAY9/23/21¹**ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY – CHANGES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward **Nevin** was again on hand to handle morning business; nine races are carded for Sunday. **Mr. Nevin** also participated in a "Teams" Meeting with the Stewards Committee.

FRIDAY9/24/21¹**ANTONGEORGI EXONERATED (REFER 9/19/21⁸)**

Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** was in to review last Sunday's 7th race in which his mount was disqualified. After review, it was unanimously concluded that blame could be placed on his mount "**Reiwa**" who shied from a passing rival causing the interference. No penalty to **Mr. Antongeorgi** was warranted.

9/24/21²**NEW TRACK VETERINARIAN**

Karen Hassan DVM was introduced to the Board of Stewards today. **Dr. Hassan** will help ease the workload of **Dr. Casille Batten** who has been doing morning pre-race examinations, watching workouts and handling Track Veterinarian afternoon duties.

9/24/21³

MEETING WITH MANAGEMENT

Vice President and General Manager **David Duggan** along with Mutuel Manager **Douglas Gooby** met with the Stewards concerning **Tote** issues including the need for an onsite **Tote Operator**.

When the **COVID** outbreak hit, **Am-Tote** moved its main base of operations to **Santa Anita** on what the Stewards were told at the time was an emergency basis. Racing was cancelled April 2, 2020 and resumed May 15, 2020. Racing was again closed down by the Health Department from November 13, 2020, until January 15, 2021, and has remained open since.

Since January of 2021 seven major issues with **Am-Tote** have been noted in the Golden Gate Minutes, (Refer, 1/16/21², 1/17/21², 3/21/21⁴, 4/29/21³, 8/6/21², 9/17/21³ and 9/19/21⁷). Some of those issues have cost the association hundreds of thousands in handle. Along with those issues which deal mainly with mechanical malfunction, there are numerous times when the phone numbers assigned are busy or get no response and have to be redialed to get a connection.

Having a **Tote Operator** on grounds with a direct phone line like **Golden Gate** used to have would eliminate the phone problem. Having a **Tote Operator** on grounds would also make sure the equipment is maintained on a consistent basis.

The emergency basis is over. This Board of Stewards informed **Mr. Duggan** and **Mr. Gooby** that a **Tote Operator** must be at **Golden Gate** when the track reopens following the **Fresno Fair** meet on October 22, 2021.

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JACKIE NAVARRE MEETING

State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** wished the Stewards to be aware that he has told Trainer/Pony Person **Jackie Navarre** to stop using a tie down that keeps her ponies head below its withers. The Stewards agreed and **Ms. Navarre** said it would not happen again.

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PROGRAM CHANGES

2ND Race Declaration: #7 **Passionate Road** (Tr. **Leobardo Rivera**) Sick – **Dr. Batten**
Refunds \$112.56

5TH Race Declaration: #5 **Poso Creek** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Unsound Post Parade – **Dr. Batten**
Refunds \$8,384.15

8TH Race Declaration: #4 **Curry Nation** (Tr. **William Delia**) Sick – **Dr. Batten**
Refunds \$322.84

Jockey **David C. Lopez** off sick, replaced as follows:

2ND - **Francisco Monroy** 8TH - **Francisco Monroy**

9/24/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	315	\$145,802.61
Out of state	n/a	\$1,128,263.95
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$176,259.99
Total	953	\$1,450,326.55

SATURDAY
9/25/21¹

OROZCO RULING

Ruling #12

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** who rode **Dr Pescado** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, September 24, 2021, is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of the Riding Crop-used more than six times).

The above Ruling was issued after **Kevin** appeared and reviewed the race in question. He agreed that he used the crop seven times, a violation of Rule #1688.

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DE JESUS RULING

Ruling #13

Trainer **Pablo De Jesus** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to have the horse **Malibu Ghost** properly shod for the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, September 24, 2021; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. De Jesus** came in and apologized for not having toe grabs filed off of the hind shoes of his 2 year old colt "**Malibu Ghost**". Horseshoe Inspector **Augustin Rayas** filed them off in the Receiving Barn which allowed the horse to race.

9/25/21³

MCCORMICK HEARING – CASE 21BM0012

A "Teams" Hearing was held today for Assistant Starter **Matthew McCormick** who was cited for possession and use of **Marijuana** at the Humboldt County Fair in **Ferndale**. The case was presented by Investigator **Hunter Bartholomew**.

Mr. McCormick admitted that the **Marijuana** confiscated by Investigator **Bartholomew** was his and that he had smoked some that day. A Quest Diagnostic Laboratory analysis confirmed the presence of **Marijuana Metabolites**. Decision to follow.

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5TH RACE VOIDED CLAIM

The claim submitted by **O.J. Jauregui** for the gelding "**Magic Is Flying**" was deemed void after State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** reported him lame in the left hind leg. "**Magic Is Flying**" was returned to the barn of **Arnold Torres**.

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PROGRAM CHANGES

1ST Race Declaration: #3 **Dream Of Money** (Tr. **Miguel Ramirez**)

Injured Post Parade – **Dr. Batten** Refunds \$2,107.22

2ND Race Declaration: #3 **Mickey Dobbs** (Tr. **Steven Specht**) Injured – **Dr. Batten**

Refunds \$150.16

8TH Race Declarations: #6 **Toni Two Pockets** (Tr. **Ed Moger Jr.**) Full Field – Stewards

#11 **Smiling Spirit** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**)

Full Field – Stewards. Refunds \$146.88

Jockey **David C. Lopez** off sick replaced as follows:

2ND – **Pedro Terrero** and 9TH – **Francisco Monroy**

9/25/21⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	680	\$203,383.00
Out of state	n/a	\$1,284,715.20
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$261,459.37
Total	1,765	\$1,749,557.57

SUNDAY

9/26/21¹

MCCORMICK RULING

Ruling #14

Assistant Starter **Matthew C. McCormick** is hereby fined the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (a) (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License-Marijuana) on August 21, 2021, at the Humboldt County Fairgrounds.

The above Ruling was issued following deliberations over yesterday's hearing. **Mr. McCormick** understands that **Marijuana** is not permitted on the racetrack backside.

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GOOD RACING

This afternoon's racing was conducted without incident.

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RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS

Long time Golden Gate Fields employee **John Mastrangelo** was honored in the winner's circle following the fourth race.

Racing Form/Equibase Trackman **Steve Reed** was honored in the winner's circle following the 6th race. Both gentlemen were outstanding in their fields and horseracing will miss them.

9/26/21⁴

PROGRAM CHANGES

1ST Race Declaration: #5 **Smiling Melanie** (Tr. **Manuel Badilla**)

Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refunds \$229.87

4TH Race Declaration: #3 **Civil Suit** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **Dr. Parker** Refunds \$577.30

4TH Race Jockey **Silvio Amador** for **David C. Lopez** - Sick

9/26/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	547	\$204,224.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,220,910.53
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$1,887,639.38
Total	1,447	\$3,312,774.41

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
24-Sept	2	7	Passionate Road	L. Rivera	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$112.56
24-Sept	8	4	Curry Nation	W. Delia	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$322.84
25-Sept	2	3	Mickey Dobbs	S. Specht	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$150.16
26-Sept	1	5	Smiling Melanie	M. Badilla	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$229.87
26-Sept	4	3	Civil Suit	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$577.30

SUMMARY

	Fri 9/24	Sat 9/25	Sun 9/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	3
Claims	5	2	2	9	38
Disqualification	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	3
Refunds	6	4	4	14	47
Rulings	0	2	1	3	14
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	11

Respectfully submitted,

Will Meyers, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward