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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, November 24, 2021, through Sunday, November 28, 2021

TUESDAY

11/22/21¹**PANEL STEWARD**

Steward **Richard Lewis** represented the Stewards on the Entry Panel conference call for the review of the races for Friday, November 26, 2021.

WEDNESDAY

11/24/21¹**ENTRY STEWARD**

Steward **Richard Lewis** was present to supervise Entries for Saturday, November 27, 2021.

THURSDAY

11/25/21¹**DECLARATIONS:**

4TH Race: #6 **Bacalar** (Tr. **Efrain Miranda**) Injured – **DVM Batten** Refunds \$349.97

8TH Race: #3 **Roaring Tiger** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Sick – **DVM Batten** Refunds \$386.89

11/25/21²**RULING #12 WONG****Ruling #12**

Trainer **Jonathan Wong** is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for failure to have the horse **Bandeena** properly shod for the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, November 21, 2021; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above Ruling was issued after Trainer **Jonathan Wong's** Assistant Trainer **Francisco Rodriguez** met with the Stewards regarding the filly **Bandeena** arriving at the receiving barn with toe grabs on all four shoes. **Bandeena** was entered in the sixth race, a mile on the Turf, where the grabs are prohibited.

Mr. Rodriguez explained his regular shoer was absent and his replacement unfortunately put on shoes with toe grabs.

11/25/21³

AM-TOTE ISSUE – 3RD RACE

When the Stewards activated the close of wagering button (12:18 pm) for the third race, they were advised that wagering had already been closed for two to three minutes. The Stewards have requested Mutuel Manager **Douglas Gooby** and General Manager **David Duggan** to research the situation and obtain an explanation from Am-Tote.

This is not the first time wagering has been closed prior to the start of a race at Golden Gate Fields (Re: 9-24-21³) and the Stewards have requested the California Horse Racing Board Investigative Staff for an in-depth investigation.

11/25/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	545	\$174,793.58
Out of state	n/a	\$1,201,647.60
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$180,007.30
Total	1,173	\$1,890,722.41

FRIDAY

11/26/21¹

DECLARATIONS:

5TH Race: #2 **Exclusive Speaker** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** Refunds \$280.61

6TH Race: #3 **Miss Union** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Injured – **DVM Batten**

#5 **Rose Maddox** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Sick – **DVM Parker** Refunds \$841.30

9TH Race: #6 **Meet Miss Kitty** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** Refunds \$211.00

11/26/21²

AM-TOTE ISSUE MEETING (REFER 11-25-21³)

Golden Gate Fields Manger **David Duggan** met with the Stewards to discuss the unfortunate premature closing of wagering prior to yesterday's third race. **Mr. Duggan** indicated he has asked for a full explanation from Am-Tote and at this moment it appears the company "fail-safe" system closed wagering at projected post time.

Mr. Duggan was advised that this Board of Stewards has requested a thorough investigation by the California Horse Racing Board Investigative Staff into the offsite issues with Am-Tote especially the closing of wagering by anyone other than the Stewards.

11/26/21³

CLAIM VOIDED – 4TH RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer **Monty Meier** for the four year old gelding **K P D Day** (Tr. **Greg James**) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin DVM**, that **K P D Day** was lame in the right foreleg and placed on the Veterinarians list. **K P D Day** was returned to the **Greg James** barn.

11/26/21⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	704	\$209,620.32
Out of state	n/a	\$1,603,857.45
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$260,703.51
Total	1,576	\$2,664,853.30

SATURDAY

11/27/21¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #1 **What A Feeling** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick DVM Batten Refunds: \$462.53

4TH Race: #8 **Big Mama Thornton** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Sick – **DVM Batten**

#11 **Blue Wildcat** (Tr. **Andy Mathis**) Also Eligible – Stewards Refunds \$522.93

7TH Race: #6 **Holy Ghost** (Tr. **Steve Specht**) Injured – **DVM Hassan** Refunds \$447.06

11/27/21²

RULING #13 FRANCISCO MONROY

Ruling #13

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode **Oyster Shooter** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, November 26, 2021, is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than six times).

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** met with the Stewards regarding his ride on **Oyster Shooter** in the ninth race on Friday, November 26, 2021. **Mr. Monroy** was observed striking his mount seven times with the riding crop in the stretch. He lost count and accepted the penalty imposed.

11/27/21³

CARLOS MUNOZ MARTINEZ (21GG0086)

Exercise Rider **Carlos Munoz Martinez** appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the Complaint (21GG0086) filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board Investigative Staff based on a Golden Gate Fields Security Report. **Mr. Martinez** waived his right to a formal hearing and this informal session was tape recorded. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented the case and Golden Gate Fields Security Lieutenant **Camelo Lopez** was present on behalf of Golden Gate Fields. According to the Security Report **Mr. Martinez** and Jockey Agent **Serjio Garcia Vasquez** were allegedly involved in a speed contest (20-25-mph) along the west frontage road on Golden Gate Fields property. Lieutenant **Lopez** noted that **Mr. Martinez** was fully cooperative with Security Guard Corporal **Jay Fitch** and was issued a verbal warning. Decision Forthcoming.

11/27/21⁴

CLEAR DAY

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

11/27/21⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	578	\$267,770.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,356,336.74
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$263,078.95
Total	1,741	\$2,590,629.82

SUNDAY

11/28/21¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race: #6 **Barbarius** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refunds \$263.32

4TH Race: #1 **Muchtomysurprise** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Unsound – **Dr. Hassan**
Refunds \$227.88

11/28/21²

RULING #14 LEANNA EKSTROM

Ruling #14

Trainer **Leanna Ekstrom** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to have the horse **J And K Express** properly shod for the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, November 27, 2021; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required).

Trainer **Leanna Ekstrom** met with the Stewards to explain why her filly **J And K Express** arrived at the receiving Barn with no hind shoes. **Ms. Ekstrom** explained she had intended to have the first time starter go without hind shoes but forgot to note that information on her entry. Horseshoe Inspector **Agustin Rayas** was able to put shoes on behind at **Ms. Ekstrom's** request. **Mr. Rayas** was rewarded as the filly ended up in the Winners Circle in her first outing.

11/28/21³

RULING #15 ASSAEL ESPINOZA

Ruling #15

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** who rode **Freeport Joe** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, November 27, 2021, is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop- used more than six times).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Espinoza** contacted the Stewards by telephone, waived his right to a hearing and acknowledged he struck his mount more than the maximum six times.

11/28/21⁴

RULING #16 ADRIAN MARTINEZ

Ruling #16

Apprentice Jockey **Adrian Martinez** who rode **Gordy's Boy** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, November 27, 2021, is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop- used more than six times).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after Apprentice Jockey **Adrian Martinez** met with the Stewards and admitted he used his riding crop more than six times.

11/28/21⁵

SERJIO GARCIA VASQUEZ (21GG0086) (REFER 11-27-21³)

A tape recorded hearing was held for Jockey Agent **Serjio Garcia Vasquez** who was the subject of a Golden Gate Fields Security report. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented the case and Lieutenant **Camelo Lopez** represented Golden Gate Fields Security. **Mr. Garcia Vasquez** was the other individual involved in the speed contest (Refer 11-27-21³) along the west frontage road on Golden Gate Field property.

According to the Security Report and testimony presented by Lieutenant **Lopez**, unlike the other individual (**Carlos Munoz Martinez**), **Mr. Garcia Vasquez** was not cooperative, and the odor of Marijuana emanated from his vehicle. Lieutenant **Lopez** noted that **Mr. Garcia Lopez** was denied access to the Golden Gate Fields property for one day as a result of his failure to cooperate with security. Decision Forthcoming.

11/28/21⁶

CLEAR DAY

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

11/28/21⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	579	\$232,407.90
Out of state	n/a	\$1,350,206.79
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$274,874.02
Total	1,551	\$2,394,943.53

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
25-Nov	4	6	Bacalar	E. Miranda	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$349.97
25-Nov	8	3	Roaring Tiger	DW Baker	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$386.89
26-Nov	5	2	Exclusive Speaker	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$280.61
26-Nov	6	3	Miss Union	I. Tamayo	Injured	Dr. Batten	See Below
26-Nov	6	5	Rose Maddox	S. Miyadi	Sick	Dr. Parker	\$841.30
26-Nov	9	6	Meet Miss Kitty	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$211.00
27-Nov	2	1	What A Feeling	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$462.53
27-Nov	4	8	Big Mama Thorton	S. Miyadi	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$522.93
27-Nov	7	6	Holy Ghost	S. Specht	Injured	Dr. Hassan	\$447.06
28-Nov	1	6	Barbarius	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$263.32
28-Nov	4	1	Muchtomysurprise	D. Franko	Unsound	Dr. Hassan	\$227.88

SUMMARY

	Thur 11/25	Fri 11/26	Sat 11/27	Sun 11/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	0	1	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	2	2	8
Claims	2	3	3	4	12	53
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	3
Refunds	6	7	7	4	24	114
Rulings	1	0	1	3	5	16
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	4

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward