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Report for the period: Tuesday, March 19, through Sunday, March 24, 2019.

TUESDAY

3-19-19¹

DARK DAY

Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** was present for Friday's entries.

WEDNESDAY

3-20-19¹

DARK DAY

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was in attendance for Saturday entries, Friday changes and to conduct office hours until the draw was concluded.

THURSDAY

3-21-19¹

ROMAN RULING

RULING NO # 57

Jockey **Evin A. Roman** is fined the sum of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)*** for reporting late to the Jockeys room on **Sunday, March 17, 2019**; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report).

The above Ruling was issued after **Roman** contacted the Stewards on **Sunday** and admitted he arrived late to the room. He was following guidelines used in **Southern California** which are different than those in place up here.

3-21-19²

EARLY DECLARATIONS:

7TH Race - #1 **Persistence** - (Tr. **Bill Delia**)

Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer.

Refunds - \$ 625.60

#2 **Jager On The Rocks** - (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**)

Vet Injured – Dr. Sporer.

Refund – See Above

3-21-19³

WELL RUN

The afternoon's seven race card was completed in a problem free fashion.

3-21-19⁴**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	908	\$ 289,158.16
GG	356	\$ 95,408.24
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,250,282.33
SCOT	n/a	\$ 165,964.16
TOTAL	1,264	\$ 1,800,812.89

FRIDAY3-22-19¹**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 3RD Race - #5 **Bourbon and Water** – (Tr. **William Morey**)
 Vet - Sick – Dr. Christin. Refunds - \$ 558.70
- 7TH Race - #5 **Empressive Cat** – (Tr. **Cliff Delima**)
 Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer. Refunds - \$ 324.30
- 8TH Race - #7 **Royal Alexis** - (Tr. **Cliff Delima**)
 Vet – Sick - Dr. Sporer. Refunds - \$ 151.30

3-22-19²**PEREZ HEARING (CASE #19GG0048)**

An informal hearing was held for Trainer **Ricardo Perez** who was the subject complaint after California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Mike Alford** located an unlabeled medication during a routine barn inspection. A plastic bottle of **Equisul – SDT (Sulfadiazine/Trimethoprim)** was discovered. **Perez** explained that the medication came with a horse delivered to the barn by the owner. **Ricardo** now understands each medication must be properly labeled. Disposition to follow.

3-22-19³**MARCH/RAMOS FORMAL HEARING (CASE #18GG158; #18GG159; #18GG160 & #18GG161).**

A formal hearing was held to memorialize two stipulated agreements between the California Horse Racing Board and Trainer **Rhoda March** and her Assistant Trainer **Jesus Ramos**. The agreements came about after two horses in the care of **March/Ramos** tested positive for the prohibited class 3 substance **Gabapentin**. The horse **Walk On Water** finished second in the third race at **Golden Gate Fields** on **November 30, 2018**. The horse **La Aguililla** finished second in the eighth race at **Golden Gate Fields** on **November 23, 2018**. Both horses were previously disqualified by this panel on **March 2, 2019**.

The gist of the agreements call for **March** to be suspended for thirty days and **Ramos** forty-five days. Both parties were fined **Three Thousand Dollars** and placed on probation for one year. The Stewards will deliberate over the dates the suspensions will be in effect and issue the rulings in the near future.

3-22-19⁴**JOCKEY OBJECTION – FIRST RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the objection lamp at the behest of jockey **Francisco Duran** who guided #7 **Empire Wicket** to a second place finish. **Duran** felt the winner, #5 **Smiling Matt** with **Hugo Herrera** aboard, drifted in near the 1/16 and bumped his mount. After a thorough review the stewards dismissed the claim of foul as the films revealed that it was **Duran** who initiated the contact between the two horses when he allowed his mount to bear out in late stretch. **Duran** will view the tapes of the race with the stewards on the morning.

3-22-19⁵**STEWARDS INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – THIRD RACE – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards illuminated the inquiry sign to determine why Jockey **Abel Cedillo** and his mount, #7 **Aiden's Harbor**, parted company shortly after the field left the starting gate.

Videos of the start show that **Aiden's Harbor** broke in and made contact with #6 **Mounbach**. The bump caused **Cedillo** to lose his balance which resulted in the jockey having to exit the saddle sooner than planned. **Cedillo** landed on his feet and declined attention from the ambulance crew. **Aiden's Harbor** was captured by the outriders after the finish line and suffered no ill effects from the incident.

3-22-19⁶**LATE SCRATCH – FIFTH RACE – REFUND**

#4 **River House**, trained by **Daniel Franko**, was unruly in the starting gate and injured himself which caused track veterinarian **Dr. William Grantham** to recommend a scratch. The Stewards complied. On Vet's List. The refund amounted to **\$13,716.43**.

3-22-19⁷**CLAIM VOIDED – SIXTH RACE**

A claim deposited by trainer **Isidro Tamayo** for the horse **Boot Scootin Kid** was voided by the Stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forest Franklin** reported the horse was off in the rear and placed him on the Veterinarian's list. **Boot Scootin Kid** was returned to the care of trainer **Ed Moger**.

3-22-19⁸**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,212	\$ 454,568.44
GG	548	\$ 179,493.50
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,659,802.73
SCOT	n/a	\$ 278,318.81
TOTAL	1,760	\$ 2,572,183.48

SATURDAY3-23-19¹**PEREZ RULING (REFER 3-22-19²)****RULING NO # 58**

Trainer **Ricardo Perez**, is fined the sum **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule 1890 (b) (Possession of Contraband - Unlabeled Medication). The above ruling was issued following yesterday's informal hearing.

3-23-19²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockeys **Catalino Martinez**, **Francisco Duran** and **Jorge Velez** met with the stewards to review yesterday's races and each was encouraged to be more alert when riding in close quarters.

3-23-19³**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 ST Race - #6 Social Etiquette – (Tr. Mike Lenzini)	
Vet – Injured – Dr. Christin.	Refunds - \$ 906.42
4 TH Race - #7 Montana Sunset – (Tr. Blain Wright)	
Vet - Injured – Dr. Sporer.	Refunds - \$ 374.60
6 TH Race - #3 Three Karyots - (Tr. Tim McCanna)	
Vet - Sick – Dr. Christin.	Refunds - \$ 640.21
7 TH Race - #3 Sizzling Evening - (Tr. Ellen Jackson)	
Vet – Sick – Dr. Christin.	Refunds - \$1,321.44
#7 On Trust – (Tr. Blaine Wright)	
Sick – Dr. Sporer.	Refunds – See Above
8 TH Race - #6 River Of Champagne – (Tr. Frank Lucarelli)	
Vet – Injured – Dr. Sporer.	Refunds - \$ 421.27

3-23-19⁴**CLAIM VOIDED – SEVENTH RACE**

A claim dropped by trainer **John Martin** for the horse **Hollywood Squares** was deemed void by the stewards following official veterinarian **Forest Franklin's** report that the horse was off in the front. On Vet's list. The horse was returned to the barn of **Jonathan Wong**.

3-23-19⁵**LATE SCRATCH – NINTH RACE – REFUND**

#7 **Ironie Ron**, trained by **John Martin**, was scratched on the recommendation of track veterinarian **William Grantham** after the horse became fractious shortly after leaving the paddock and made contact with the outside rail. That contact rubbed the hide of **Ironie Ron's** hindquarters and while not serious, **Dr. Grantham** felt the horse would not be able to give his best effort. On Vet's list. The refund amounted to **\$21,377.98**

Prior to leaving the paddock **Ironic Ron** had his hind shoes removed because the program listed the horse as racing without hind shoes. Trainer **Martin** will meet with the stewards in the morning to explain why the horse was improperly shod.

3-23-19⁶

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,739	\$ 658,550.70
GG	1,066	\$ 326,558.99
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 2,179,188.77
SCOT	n/a	\$ 536,660.35
TOTAL	2,805	\$ 3,700,958.81

Sunday
3-24-19¹

CASTANEDA RULING

RULING NO # 59

Exercise Rider **Arturo M. Castaneda** having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at **Golden Gate Fields** on or before **March 23, 2019**, is hereby suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental To Horse Racing).

The above Ruling was issued after **Castaneda** failed to attend his scheduled hearing. The complaint alleged he was under the influence of Marijuana and Alcohol while performing his duties in the morning.

3-24-19²

EARLY DECLARATIONS:

5TH - Race #2 **Red Rose Lady** – (Tr. **Cliff Delima**)
Vet - Sick – Dr. Sporer. Refund - \$ 399.25

7TH Race #1 **Believe Indeed** – (Tr. **Michael Pender**)
Vet - Sick – Dr. Sporer. Refunds - \$ 1,620.00

3-24-19³

MARCH/RAMOS RULINGS (REFER 3-22-19³)

RULING NO # 60

In accordance with a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board Trainer **Rhoda J. March** who started the horses **Walk On Water**, second place finisher in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on **November 30, 2018** and **La Aguililla**, second place finisher in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on **November 23, 2018**, is hereby suspended **Sixty (60)** days, fined the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)*** and placed on probation for **One (1)** year from the date of this ruling 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) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances; Unapproved Drug Substance - **Gabapentin** [Class 3]) and #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances).

Pursuant to the stipulated agreement **thirty (30)** days of the **sixty (60)** days of suspension shall be stayed and the **thirty (30)** day suspension shall be served from **April 1, 2019** through **April 30, 2019** inclusive. During the period of probation **Ms. March** must not be in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843, #1843.6 and #1887 regarding Class 1, 2 or 3 drug substances or the above referenced **Thirty (30)** days stayed shall be lifted and be imposed after notice and hearing.

RULING NO # 61

In accordance with a stipulated agreement with the California Horse Racing Board Assistant Trainer **Jesus E. Ramos** who started the horses **Walk On Water**, second place finisher in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on **November 30, 2018** and **La Aguililla**, second place finisher in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on **November 23, 2018**, is hereby suspended **Sixty (60)** days, fined the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00)*** and placed on probation for **One (1)** year from the date of this ruling 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) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances; Unapproved Drug Substance - **Gabapentin** [Class 3]) and #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances).

Pursuant to the stipulated agreement **Fifteen (15)** days of the **sixty (60)** days of suspension shall be stayed and the **Forty-Five (45)** day suspension shall be served from **April 1, 2019** through **May 15, 2019** inclusive. During the period of probation **Mr. Ramos** must not be in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1843, #1843.6 and #1887 regarding Class 1, 2 or 3 drug substances or the above referenced **Fifteen (15)** days stayed shall be lifted and be imposed after notice and hearing.

The above rulings were released following Friday's formal hearing.

3-24-19⁴**IN THE CLEAR**

The afternoon portion of the final race day of the week was conducted without noteworthy incident.

3-24-19⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,576	\$ 604,664.20
GG	3,175	\$ 440,975.80
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,572,022.25
SCOT	n/a	\$ 420,642.45
TOTAL	4,751	\$ 3,038,304.70

Veterinarian's List - There were Twenty-Seven (27) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick:	16	Injured:	7
Unsound:	3	Shockwave:	1

There were Twenty-Seven (27) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick:	23	Injured:	3
Bled:	1		

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	2,818	\$1,191,536.64
Fresno Club One	805	\$997,578.10
Monterey	2,596	\$1,000,074.50
Pleasanton	12,055	\$5,277,428.81
Sacramento	10,415	\$3,839,680.51
San Jose	17,528	\$4,424,700.59
San Mateo	21,487	\$10,345,199.62
Santa Rosa	5,371	\$1,668,919.44
Stockton	8,698	\$3,043,676.75
Tulare	0	0
Turlock	0	0
Vallejo	6,228	\$2,499,235.87
So. California	N/A	\$19,280,795.44
Out of State	154,303	\$146,700,777.54

**SUMMARY
2019**

	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	Total	Meet	
ACCIDENTS	0	2	0	0	2	9	
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	6	
CLAIMS	8	1	6	5	20	62	
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	6	
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	2	0	0	2	11	
REFUNDS	3	7	9	5	24	268	
RULINGS	1	0	1	3	5	61	
CLAIMS VOIDED	0	1	1	0	2	20	

Respectfully submitted,

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