

California Horse Racing Board

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, July 15, 2020 through Sunday, July 19, 2020

WEDNESDAY

7/15/20¹ &

THURSDAY

7/16/20

DARK DAY SUPERVISION

Steward Will Meyers was present to supervise entries and scratches for Friday and Saturday and to conduct office hours should any racing related matters arise.

FRIDAY

7/17/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race: #2 PREMIUM FOREST (Tr. I. Tamayo) Vet – Sick – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$150.00
3rd Race: #3 SCARLET IRIS (Tr. D. Offield) Vet – Injured – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$134.80
4th Race: #1 MUCHO RUNNER (Tr. D. Franko) Vet - Sick – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$39.80

7/17/20²

ELLIS HEARING (CASE #20GG0060)

A telephonic hearing was held for Trainer Ron Ellis regarding a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board Investigator Noe Longoria after the horse WHY THE LONG FACE showed the presence of both Phenylbutazone and Flunixin in a post- race urine sample following a race on May 14, 2020. WHY THE LONG FACE won the eighth race on that date.

Mr. Ellis testified that he sent the horse from his home base in southern California to Trainer Jonathan Wong at Golden Gate Fields on May 12, 2020 two days before the horse competed. The Phenylbutazone level was 180Ng/ML and Banamine was reported at a level of 40Ng/ML.

Mr. Wong's shedrow was subsequently searched by Investigator Longoria and no Phenylbutazone or Flunixin was found at the barn. Wong stated that all his medications are administered by his veterinarians.

Mr. Ellis stated that he wanted to send a groom on the van with WHY THE LONG FACE but was prevented by the travel restrictions imposed by the COVID mandates. The Stewards took the matter under submission and will render a decision tomorrow.

7/17/20³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Catalino Martinez reviewed the start of last Sunday's seventh race where his mount broke in and made contact with a rival. Martinez attempted to correct his horse in a rapid fashion, but a long rein hindered his efforts. Catalino was admonished to correct his style of leaving the gate or face the consequences.

7/17/20⁴

JOCKEY'S ROOM MEETING

The Stewards attended a meeting in the Jocks room where the riders expressed their concern over riding on Saturday and Sunday with fellow jockey Frank Alvarado. Alvarado rode last Sunday in Del Mar where certain individuals at that facility tested positive for COVID. Alvarado tested negative for the Corona virus on Tuesday, but some members of the local jockey colony were concerned that his test results were too close to his exposure date to be conclusive.

The Stewards informed the riders that we had no authority to remove Alvarado from his weekend mounts as his license was in good standing but that anyone who opted not to ride a race with Alvarado would be allowed to take off their mount. California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Director of Racing Larry Swartzlander who was also in attendance promised to look into the matter and have it resolved by tomorrow.

7/17/20⁵

IN THE CLEAR

Today's seven race card was conducted without noteworthy incident.

7/17/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off track		\$12,297.60
SCOTWinc		\$18,026.60
Out of state + ADW		\$654,860.71
Total		\$685,184.91

SATURDAY

7/18/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race: #6 AA POCKET ROCKET (Tr. A. Borg) Vet – Sick – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$45.10

4th Race: #1 ANA LISA (Tr. M. Pineda) Vet - Unsound – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$295.45

7th Race: #6 WINNING APPROVAL (Tr. E. Moger) Vet – Sick – Dr. Grantham – Refund:\$110.80

7/18/20²

ELLIS RULING (refer 7/17/20²)

#15

Trainer **RONALD F. ELLIS**, who started the horse WHY THE LONG FACE, winner of the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on May 14, 2020, is hereby fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer To Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule

#1843 (a) (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances: more than one approved NSAID -Phenylbutazone and Flunixin).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered all the testimony gathered at yesterday's hearing and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances surrounding the incident.

7/18/20³

SMOOTH AFTERNOON

The day's nine race card was completed in a problem free fashion.

7/18/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off track		\$16,360.10
SCOTWinc		\$29,727.30
Out of state + ADW		\$1,041,438.60
Total		\$1,087,526.00

SUNDAY

7/19/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race: #6 CHARLOTTE LOUISE (Tr. A. Mathis) Vet – Sick – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$24.00
7th Race: #2 CLEVER EMMA (Tr. E. Moger) Vet – Sick – Dr. Grantham – Refund: \$82.50
9th Race: #3 COLONEL DEERING (Tr. T. McCanna) Vet– Sick–Dr. Grantham– Refund: \$506.30

7/19/20²

AMESCUA HEARING

A tape-recorded telephonic hearing was conducted for trainer Rene Amescua when the horse JU JU GUY showed the presence of methocarbamol in a post-race blood sample taken on May 25, 2020. JU JU GUY won the first race of the day at Golden Gate Fields. California Horse Racing Board Investigator Noe Longoria presented the case and Amescua waived his right to a formal hearing.

Amescua surmised that the high level (3.3Ng/ML) was caused by administering the medication four days prior to the race instead of five along with an unintentional build up of the medication in the horse's system. He stated he will take the necessary steps to prevent a recurrence. Amescua has not had a Class 4 violation in the last year. The Stewards will take the matter under advisement and come to a decision in the near future.

7/19/20³

VOIDED CLAIM – SECOND RACE

A claim deposited by trainer Isidro Tamayo for the horse CLEM LABINE was declared void by the Stewards after official Veterinarian Forrest Franklin reported the horse was off on the left front and would be placed on the Vet's List. Pablo DeJesus retained possession of the horse.

7/19/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

Off track		\$19,207.60
SCOTWinc		\$32,570.00
Out of state + ADW		\$1,405,496.02
Total		\$1,457,273.62

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
17-Jul.	2	2	PREMIUM FOREST	I. Tamayo	Sick	Grantham	\$ 150.00
17-Jul.	3	3	SCRALET IRIS	D. Offield	Injured	Grantham	\$ 134.80
17-Jul.	4	1	MUCHO RUNNER	D. Franko	Sick	Grantham	\$ 39.80
18-Jul.	1	6	AA POCKET ROCKET	A. Borg	Sick	Grantham	\$ 45.10
18-Jul.	4	1	ANA LISA	M. Pineda	Unsound	Grantham	\$ 295.45
18-Jul.	7	6	WINNING APPROVAL	E. Moger	Sick	Grantham	\$ 110.80
19-Jul.	1	6	CHARLOTTE LOUISE	A. Mathis	Sick	Grantham	\$ 24.00
19-Jul.	7	2	CLEVER EMMA	E. Moger	Sick	Grantham	\$ 82.50
19-Jul.	9	3	COLONEL DEERING	T. McCanna	Sick	Grantham	\$ 506.30

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/17	Sat 7/18	Sun 7/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	1	0	1	1
Claims	4	3	4	11	44
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	4
Objection	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	3	3	3	9	57
Rulings	3	3	3	9	23
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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