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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Pacific Racing Association
 Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro, Chairman
 Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman
 Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member
 Honorable Fred Maas, Member
 Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member
 Honorable Alex Solis, Member
 Rick Baedeker, Executive Director
 Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for the Week of Wednesday, December 11, 2019 through Sunday, December 15, 2019

WEDNESDAY12/11/19¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to supervise entries.

12/11/19²**FORMAL HEARING POSTPONED (19GG0110 & 19GG0089)**

Stewards **Herbuveaux**, **Meyers** and **Nevin** were here along with Deputy Attorney General **Michael Purcell** and supervising Investigator **Louis Quesada** to address complaints filed against Trainer/Owner **William Delia**, Owner **Patricia Anne George** and owner **Michael Joel Stone**. Also, in attendance was **Mr. Delia's** attorney **James Ghidella**. CSR **Christine Niccoli** was present to record the proceedings. When it became apparent there was a deficiency in the notification to owners **Patricia Anne George** and **Michael Joel Stone** this hearing has been rescheduled for January 7, 2020.

THURSDAY12/12/19¹**DECLARATIONS**

4TH Race: #4 **Ca Dreamer** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Unsound – DVM Christin – Refunds - \$ 547.05

8TH Race: #4 **Acrobat** (tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – DVM Christin – Refunds - \$ 206.00

12/12/19²**RULING #37 – LUIS REYES****Ruling # 37**

Jockey **Luis Reyes** who rode **Eurodollar** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on December 8, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop- when the horse is clearly out of the race).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Mr. Reyes** met with the Stewards and acknowledged he should have put the riding crop away in the stretch. **Mr. Reyes'** mount **Eurodollar** was trailing the field and had given his best effort.

12/12/19³

RULING #38 – FRANCISCO MONROY

Ruling # 38

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode **Earnest** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on December 8, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop- when the horse is clearly out of the race).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Monroy** contacted the Stewards and admitted striking his mount with the crop while well back in the stretch.

12/12/19⁴

JOSE B. PUENTES (19BM0048) (REFER 11-15-19) VICTOR M. QUINTANA (19BM0048)

The Stewards reconvened a formal hearing this morning that opened on November 15, 2019 relating to a report from U.C Davis Laboratories that the horse **Corona Spesial** (Tr. **Jose Puentes**-Owner **Victor Quintana**) who finished third in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair on August 10, 2019 submitted a post-race urine sample (F17047) contained **Zilpaterol**. When the session opened on November 15, 2019, **Mr. Puentes** indicated he was confused about the split sample process and requested to have that sample tested.

It was explained to **Mr. Puentes** that his request must be made to the California Horse Racing Board Executive Director **Rick Baedeker**.

That request was granted and **Mr. Puentes** selected **UIC Analytical Forensic Testing Laboratory** in Chicago Illinois. The lab reported to the California Horse Racing Board on November 27, 2019 that **Zilpaterol** was detected in the sample #F17047.

Once all documents were entered into evidence **Mr. Puentes** and **Mr. Quintana** accepted the findings. **CSR Christine Niccoli** recorded the proceeding.

12/12/19⁵

JOSE B. PUENTES (19BM0036); VICTOR M. QUINTANA (19BM0043); SALVADOR N. VIRAMONTES (19BM0042)

A formal hearing was held this morning to address complaints filed against Trainer **Jose Puentes**, Owner **Victor Quintana** and Owner **Salvador Viramontes** relating to their horse **Corona Spesial** testing positive for **Zipaterol** (Class 2) following the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on August 10, 2019. **Mr. Puentes** and **Mr. Quintana** consented to a joint hearing the Stewards accepted documentary evidence into the record and heard testimony from **Mr. Puentes** and **Mr. Quintana**. **Mr. Viramontes** failed to appear in response to the complaint filed against him.

The Stewards will prepare a proposed decision for the California Horse Racing Board's consideration regarding the complaints filed against **Mr. Puentes** and **Mr. Quintana**. A Ruling addressing **Mr. Viramontes'** failure to appear will be issued by this Board of Stewards.

12/12/19⁶

INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 8TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race to review an incident in the stretch involving #6 **Shifty Dancer** (**Luis Reyes**) first and #5 **Diction** (**Ricardo Gonzales**) who finished third. After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the videos, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #6 **Shifty Dancer** from first to third.

The video shows #6 **Shifty Dancer** drift into the path of #5 **Diction** near the 1/8TH pole, forcing the latter to take back lose ground and the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: **6**-7-5-2-3-1-8.

Official Order of Finish: 7-5-**6**-2-3-1-8.

12/12/19⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	930	\$ 268,881.03
GG	448	\$ 119,264.92
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,299,080.01
TOTAL	1,378	\$ 1,687,225.96

FRIDAY
12/13/19¹

DECLARATIONS:

3RD Race: #2 **Beautiful Babe** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 733.85
#4 **Go Vaidagirl** (Tr. **Angelo Tekos**) Sick – DVM Franklin – Refunds- See Above
#10 **Desert Fog** (Tr. **D Wayne Baker**) Full Field – Stewards – Refund - See Above
13 **Kayla’s Cowgirl** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Also Eligible–Stewards–Refund
7TH Race: #1 **Tahoe Blue** (Tr. **Quentin Miller**)
Injured in Paddock – DVM Grantham – Refunds - \$2,962.41
#9 **Miss Ski** (Tr. **William Delia**) Full Field – Stewards – Refunds - See Above
#14 **Chieftess** (Tr. **K. Desormeaux**) Also Eligible – Stewards – Refunds- See Above

12/13/19²

RULING # 39 REYES

Ruling # 39

Jockey **Luis Reyes** who rode **Shifty Dancer** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on December 12, 2019 is suspended three (3) racing days December 26, 27 and 28, 2019 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to third; a violation of California Horse Racing board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Reyes** and the Stewards reviewed the eighth race from December 12, 2019. Mr. Reyes acknowledged he erred by allowing his mount to drift into the path of a rival.

12/13/19³

RULING # 40 – QUINTANA – PUENTES – ESPINOZA

Ruling # 40

Acting on a report from the University of California at Davis Maddy Laboratories, the official laboratory for the California Horse Racing Board, that the post-race urine sample # F17047, taken from horse **Corona Special**, third place finisher in the second race at the Sonoma County Fair (**Santa Rosa**) on August 10, 2019, contained the prohibited substance **Zilpaterol (Class 2)** it is hereby ordered that **Corona Special** be disqualified from all purse monies earned and deemed unplaced in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1859.5 (Disqualification Upon Positive Test Finding). It is further ordered that all purse monies Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$780.00) earned or awarded to owner **Victor Quintana**, Trainer **Jose Puentes** and Jockey **Juan Espinoza** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses on or before January 10, 2019 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to be Withheld).

The revised order of finish is as follows:

3RD **ANASTASIA BOND**
4TH **ACTION SPORT**
5TH **FM CORITAS LEAVING U**

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) this ruling shall not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs. The foregoing Ruling was issued subsequent to the hearing held on December 12.

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RULING #41 ESPINOZA

Ruling # 41

Apprentice Jockey **Juan Espinoza** who rode **Hit Movie** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on December 12, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-when the horse is clearly out of the race). **Mr. Espinoza** met with the Stewards for a review of the first race

from December 12, 2019. **Mr. Espinoza** was observed using his riding crop when his mount was trailing the field and well out of contention. The young rider is aware of his mistake and stated it will not happen again.

12/13/19⁵

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

12/13/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,092	\$ 468,966.57
GG	603	\$ 170,193.70
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,583,194.34
TOTAL	1,695	\$ 2,222,354.61

SATURDAY

12/14/19¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #3 **Friend Of Autism** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick - DVM Sporer – Refunds - \$ 232.34

9TH Race: #11 **Gregs City Zip** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) Also Eligible – Stewards – Refunds

#12 **Fredericktown** (Tr. **M. McCarthy**) Also Eligible–Stewards–Refunds \$ 236.22

11TH Race: #5 **Say It With Roses** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 90.08

12TH Race: #8 **Heatseeker Baby** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 298.67

12/14/19²

RULING #42 COUTON - RULING # 43 AMADOR

Ruling # 42*

Jockey **Julien Couton** who rode “**Olive You More**” in the sixth race on Thursday, December 12, 2019 is suspended Thirty (30) days, December 16, 2019 through and including January 14, 2020 for soliciting and gaining control of a rival jockey’s crop in the stretch. A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey).

Ruling # 43*

Jockey **Silvio Amador** who rode “**Belle Magie**” in the sixth race on Thursday, December 12, 2019 is suspended Thirty (30) days December 16, 2019 through and including January 14, 2020 for failure to give his best effort by voluntarily relinquishing his riding crop to a rival jockey in the stretch. A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey).

*The above Rulings were issued after both riders met with the Stewards for a recorded hearing regarding an incident during the running of the sixth race on December 12, 2019. **CSP Christine Niccoli** recorded the proceedings.

Mr. Amador was observed passing his riding crop to **Mr. Couton** near the 1/8 pole and testified he thought the latter was in trouble as he yelled for help and reached out for the crop. **Mr. Couton** who had dropped his crop near the 5/16 pole, admitted he called for help. And without asking for the crop from **Mr. Amador** his intent was clear as he reached out for the crop.

12/14/19³

RULING # 44 MONROY

Ruling # 44

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode **Missionelle** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on December 13, 2019 is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding-Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond). **Mr. Monroy** contacted the Stewards and

waived his right to a hearing. He acknowledged he used his riding crop more than three times consecutively without allowing his mount to respond.

12/14/19⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The twelve-race program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

12/14/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,899	\$ 785,451.09
GG	1,449	\$ 347,293.69
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 2,203,456.44
TOTAL	3,348	\$ 3,336,201.22

Sunday

12/15/19¹

DECLARATIONS:

4TH Race: #1 **Donveras Cat** (Tr. **Felix Rondan**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds - \$ 803.57

#8 **Tapezoid** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Sick – DVM Franklin – Refunds- See Above

8TH Race: #6 **Arno's Mane Man** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – DVM Christin – Refund \$ 505.82

10TH Race: #6 **Tiny Tina** (Tr. **Philip D'Amato**) Sick – DVM Christin – Refunds - \$ 1,459.73

#11 **Chocolate Speights** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick-DVM Christin–Refund See Above

#12 (**Music Babe** (Tr. **Reid France**) Sick - DVM Sporer - Refunds - See Above

11TH Race: #1 **Tomahawk Tuesday** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick–DVM Sporer–Refunds \$289.28

12TH Race: #11 **Lil' Chieftain** (Tr. **Quinn Howey**) Also Eligible – Stewards – Refunds \$ 469.68

#12 **Play Hard To Get** (Tr. **Ian Kruljac**) Also Eligible–Stewards–Refunds \$ See Above

12/15/19²

RULING # 45 GUTIERREZ

Ruling # 45

Jockey **Mario Gutierrez** who rode **La Shirimp** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 14, 2019 is fined the sum of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Mr. Gutierrez** met with the Stewards to address his use of the riding crop during the running of the third race on December 14, 2019.

Although **Mr. Gutierrez** believed he was in compliance with the crop rule the video clearly shows there was no pause in his rhythm while using the crop more than three times in succession.

12/15/19³

RULING #46 MONROY

***Ruling # 46**

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode **Shari** in the eleventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 14, 2019 is fined the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond-second offense in last sixty days).

RULING # 47 HERNANDEZ

***Ruling # 47**

Jockey **Juan Hernandez** who rode **Continental Union** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 14, 2019 is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used more than three times without giving the horse a chance to respond).

*The above Rulings were issued after both riders contacted the Stewards, acknowledged they violated the riding crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

12/15/19⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The afternoon racing program had no reportable incidents.

12/15/19⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,706	\$ 612,094.77
GG	1,964	\$ 410,968.47
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 2,184,778.60
TOTAL	3,670	\$ 3,207,841.84

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
12-Dec.	4	4	Ca Dreamer	S. Miyadi	Unsound	Dr. Christin	\$ 547.05
12-Dec.	8	4	Acrobat	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 206.00
13-Dec.	3	2	Beautiful Babe	C. Delima	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 733.85
13-Dec.	3	4	Go Vaidagirl	A. Tekos	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ See Above
13-Dec.	7	1	Tahoe Blue	Q. Miller	Injured	Dr. Grantham	\$ 2,962.41
14-Dec.	2	3	Friends Of Autism	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 232.34
14-Dec.	11	5	Say It With Roses	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 90.08
14-Dec.	12	8	Heatseeker Baby	J. Steiner	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 298.67
15-Dec.	4	1	Donveras Cat	F. Rondan	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 803.57
15-Dec.	4	8	Tapezoid	J. Thomas	Sick	Dr. Franklin	\$ See Above
15-Dec.	8	6	Arno's Mane Man	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 505.82
15-Dec.	10	6	Tiny Tina	P. D'Amato	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 1,459.73
15-Dec.	10	11	Chocolate Speights	J. Wong	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ See Above
15-Dec.	10	12	Music Babe	R. France	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ See Above
15-Dec.	11	1	Tomahawk Tuesday	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 289.28

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12/12	Fri 12/13	Sat 12/14	Sun 12/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	0	1	5
Claims	2	3	0	0	5	52
Disqualifications	1	1	0	0	2	7
Inquiries	1	1	0	0	2	21
Refunds	6	6	8	10	30	205
Rulings	2	3	3	3	11	47
Voided Claims	0	1	0	0	1	16

DN/DD