

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Ninety-Seven (97 days) – December 26, 2019 through June 14, 2020,
Thursday through Sunday.

Entries: 48 to 168 hours in advance

Scratch Times: 10:00 a.m. race day

Post Times: 12:45 p.m. daily

Wagering Offered: Win, Place and Show; Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Rolling Super High Five,
Rolling Double, Pick 2, Pick 4, Pick 5 & Pick 6.

Northern California Satellite Facilities:

Fresno, Fresno Club One, Monterey, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San Mateo,
Santa Rosa, Stockton, San Jose and Vallejo.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

*Dennis Nevin *Will Meyers *John Herbuveaux
*Richard Lewis - Safety Steward

Report for the Week of Thursday, December 26, 2019 through Sunday, December 29, 2019.

PRE-MEET ENTRIES

Entries and Scratches were conducted on December 20, 21 and 22, for the **Winter/Spring** meet opening on the 26TH of December. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was in attendance the first two days while **John Herbuveaux** handled Sunday, December 22, 2019.

THURSDAY
12/26/19¹

OPENING DAY

After a ten-day hiatus racing resumes here at **Golden Gate** and while a majority of the crew will hit the ground running some of us will require retraining before attaining a high level of productivity.

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FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Pedro Flores** appeared, and agent **Fernando Navarro** came in on behalf of his employer Jockey **Luis Reyes** to watch tapes of races from December 15, 2019.

Both riders appeared to have violated crop regulations and after viewing the tapes **Flores** and **Navarro** both agreed with the penalties listed below:

Ruling # 48

Jockey **Pedro Flores** who rode **D's Two Thumbs Up** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 15, 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 the last sixty days).

Ruling # 49

Jockey **Luis Reyes** who rode **Blushing Bay** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on December 15, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) * for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop-used excessively).

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TRUJILLO RULING

Ruling # 50

Trainer **Victor Trujillo** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to follow the proper procedure, declaring shoes off, when entering the horse **Ride Into The Sky** for the eighth race on December 15, 2019; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above ruling was issued after **Trujillo** met with the Stewards and pled guilty.

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VIRAMONTES NO SHOW

Ruling # 51

Expired licensee owner **Salvador Viramontes**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before December 12, 2019, is hereby deemed ineligible for relicensing 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 # 1843 (a) (b) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and other Substances), #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances) # 1844 (a) (Authorized Medication) and #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

During the term of ineligibility all licenses and license privileges of **Salvador Viramontes** are ineligible for relicensing and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was released after **Mr. Viramontes** disregarded a notice to appear.

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EARLY DECLARATIONS

4TH Race: #5 **Run For A Million** (Tr. **Joe Brook**) Vet– Sick– Dr. Christin– Refund \$ 131.48

5TH Race: #3 **Shez A Grinder** (Tr. **Robert Allen**)

Stewards – No Insurance – Refund \$ 155.26

7TH Race: #3 **Sizzling Grace** (Tr. **Cliff DeLima**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 221.88

9TH Race: #1 **Cattering** (**Jose Bautista**) Stewards – Re-enter – Refund \$ 302.49

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VOIDED CLAIM – SIXTH RACE

A claim deposited by **Jonathan Wong** for the filly **Senorita Cometa** was deemed void after Official Veterinarian **Forest Franklin** reported she was off on the right front and was placed on the Vet’s list. Trainer **Guillermo Preciado** retained possession.

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COMMISSIONER VISITS

Recently annointed California Horse Racing Board Vice Chairman **Oscar Gonzalez** stopped by the Steward’s stand this afternoon to meet the Stewards. Topics facing the California Horse Racing Board in particular and racing in general were discussed and **Mr. Gonzalez** encouraged the Stewards to participate in the on-going dialogue involving the industry.

12/26/19⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,191	\$ 439,118.65
GG	723	\$ 191,926.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,449,138.24
TOTAL	1,914	\$ 2,080,182.89

FRIDAY

12/27/19¹

FLORES RULING

Jockey **Pedro Flores** was back in this office to once again review the tapes over a crop issue. Tapes showed he failed to alter his routine after a third application of the crop and the following Ruling was published.

Ruling # 1

Jockey **Pedro Flores** who rode **Acadia Fleet** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, December 26, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* 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-third offense in the last sixty days).

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ALLEN RULING

Ruling # 2

Owner/Trainer **Robert O. Allen** is hereby fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration), for failure to have a valid Worker’s Compensation policy, California Horse Racing Board rule #1501 (Workers Compensation Insurance Required) necessitating a late declaration for the horse **Shez A Grinder** in the fifth race on December 26, 2019.

The above ruling was issued after **Allen** contacted the Stewards and admitted he let his insurance lapse in anticipation of his retirement from training. He will still retain his owner’s license.

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CAMACHO HEARING (CASE #'s 19GG0126, 19GG0127, 19GG0128, 19GG0129, 19GG0084)

An informal hearing was conducted for exercise rider **Juan Luis Camacho** who ran afoul of security last spring after being found in possession of and use of **Methamphetamine** and **Marijuana**. He was also charged with trespassing after ignoring an ejection notice from management.

Camacho waived his right to a formal hearing and pled guilty to all the charges. He explained he has spent three months in an in-house rehab center and is currently in a halfway house and plans to remain in that environment for the next year. **Camacho** wants to put the past behind him and start over. He would like to come back to the track when the time is right.

The Stewards took the matter under submission and will reach a decision in the near future.

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PROBLEM FREE

The afternoon's nine race card was contested without noteworthy incident.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,171		\$ 411,089.32
GG	592		\$ 186,124.30
OUT OF STATE	n/a		\$ 2,084,443.98
TOTAL	1,763		\$ 2,681,657.60

SATURDAY

12/28/19¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS:

3RD Race: #3 **Typhon Harry** (Tr. **Rene Amescua**) Vet– Sick– Dr. Sporer– Refund \$ 448.50
 5TH Race: #4 **Zero Bucks Given** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Vet– Sick– Dr. Christin– Refund \$424.28
 6TH Race: #4 **Gemagine** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Vet – Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 334.50
 7TH Race: #7 **Secret Paranoia** (**Daniel Franko**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christin – Refund \$ 235.50
 9TH Race: #2 **Donveras Cat** (**Felix Rondan**) Vet – Unsound – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 314.69

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DOMINGUEZ HEARING (CASE # 19GG0102; 19GG0112; 19GG0113; 19GG0114)

An informal hearing was held for Jockey/Exercise Rider **Jose Dominguez** who was charged with smoking Marijuana. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented the case.

Dominguez admitted he smoked the substance and was told it was not allowed to be in his system while he was on horseback. The cases came to the fore last May and June and finally came for hearing today. One complaint was for the initial positive test and the others arose when **Dominguez** tested to see if his system was clear. Disposition to follow...

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M^CCANNA RULING

Ruling # 3

Trainer **Tim McCanna** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)* for failure to follow the proper procedure, declaring shoes off, when entering the horse **Colormemoney** for the eighth race on December 26, 2019; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1853 (Examination Required).

The above Ruling was issued after **McCanna** contacted the Stewards. He entered the horse without shoes and then the horse appeared in the Receiving Barn with hind shoes on. Horseshoe Inspector **Augustin Rayas** noticed the discrepancy. **McCanna** was contacted, the shoes were removed, and the horse was allowed to start.

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FILM REVIEW – CROP USE

Jockeys **William Antongeorgi** and **Francisco Monroy** appeared to review race tapes. **Antongeorgi** came in on behalf of **Mario Gutierrez** who had returned to Southern California. After viewing the various races both agreed the rule had been violated and the following rulings were issued.

Ruling # 4

Jockey **Mario Gutierrez** who rode **Shinny** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 15, 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 the last 60 days).

Ruling # 5

Jockey **Mario Gutierrez** who rode **Getaloadofthis** in the eleventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 15, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* 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-third offense in last sixty days).

Ruling # 6

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** who rode **Captain Way** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, December 27, 2019 is fined the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00)* 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-third offense in the last sixty days).

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VOIDED CLAIMS

Official Veterinarian **Forest Franklin** placed two horses on the Vet's list following post-race examinations.

Steve Sherman held on to #4 **Elevate** in the third race after left hind tenderness was detected. In the fourth race #5 **Hey Sequoia** was returned to **Jack Steiner's** barn after being diagnosed as being off in the right front.

Frank Lucarelli and **Sergio Ledezma** were the unsuccessful claimants respectively.

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STEWARDS INQUIRY – ACCIDENT – SEVENTH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to determine why #2 **Tiz Always Music** ridden by **William Antongeorgi** clipped the heels of #3 **Acclaim The Queen** ridden by **Brayan Pena** as the two approached the 5/16. The incident caused **Antongeorgi** to lose his balance and fall. After a thorough review the Stewards, by majority vote, disqualified **Acclaim The Queen** from first to unplaced for causing interference around the far turn.

Tapes showed **Antongeorgi** steadying his horse around the turn while racing inside of **Acclaim The Queen**. **Tiz Always Music** subsequently clipped **Acclaim The Queen's** heels and it was determined the latter stepped in to cause the accident.

Tiz Always Music raced on with the field, was captured by the outrider as horses pulled up and suffered no ill effects from the incident. **Antongeorgi** was transported to the hospital via ambulance suffering from hip and elbow pain.

Steward **Herbuveaux** was in the minority as available camera angles did not allow him to place the blame solely on **Acclaim The Queen**. Jockey **Brayan Pena** will view the race tapes with the Stewards in the morning.

Original Order of Finish - (3) - 5 – 1 - 6 - 4
Official Order of Finish – 5 – 1 – 6 – 4

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	2,178	\$ 951,611.89
GG	974	\$ 325,394.40
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,524,369.96
TOTAL	3,152	\$ 2,801,376.25

SUNDAY

12/29/19¹

EARLY DECLARATION

9TH Race: #8 **Fairy Tale Bliss** (Tr. **Sergio Ledezma**) Vet– Sick– Dr. Christin– Refund \$ 224.36

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CAMACHO RULING

Ruling # 7

Exercise Rider **Juan Luis Camacho** is hereby suspended Ninety (90) days December 30, 2019 to March 28, 2020 inclusive and placed on probation for the term of his license (November 30, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Use of and possession of Marijuana and Methamphetamine), #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), and #1989 (b) (Removal or Denial of Access).

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges **Mr. Camacho** must submit evidence of continued sobriety while under suspension along with a proposal to maintain same. Terms of probation include adherence to a testing program with the California Horse Racing Board and compliance with a program provided by the Winners Foundation.

The above ruling was issued following an informal hearing on Friday. **Camacho** completed a rehab program and is currently living in a halfway house and plans to remain there until next November.

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DOMINGUEZ RULING

Ruling # 8

Exercise Rider/Jockey **Jose L. Dominguez** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) * and placed on probation for the term of his license (9-30-2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1874 (Disorderly Conduct) – Use of Marijuana) on May 11, 2019. **Dominguez** must also abide by terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

The above ruling was issued following yesterday's informal hearing. **Dominguez** was cited for testing positive for Marijuana on May 11, 2019. Other complaints were filed for informational purposes or when **Dominguez** subsequently was tested to see if the Marijuana had cleared his system. Those complaints were dismissed.

12/29/19⁴

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Brayan Pena** appeared to review yesterday's seventh race in which his mount was disqualified for interference around the far turn. Pena could not offer an acceptable explanation why his mount applied outside pressure and cause a rival to clip heels, so the following ruling was issued:

Ruling # 9

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **Acclaim The Queen** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 28, 2019 is suspended ten (10) racing days January 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 24, 2020 for failure to maintain a true course around the far turn and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to

unplaced; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule # 1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

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IN THE CLEAR

The afternoon's nine race program was completed in a problem free fashion.

12/29/19⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,592	\$ 590,972.03
GG	1,411	\$ 288,945.86
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$1,732,609.09
TOTAL	3,003	\$ 2,612,526.98

SUMMARY

	Thurs 12/26	Fri 12/27	Sat 12/28	Sun 12/29	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	1	1	2	2
Claims	5	1	2	2	10	10
Disqualification	0	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	0	1	1
Refunds	8	5	9	3	25	25
Rulings	4	2	4	3	13	9
Voided Claims	1	0	2	0	3	3

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
26-Dec.	4	5	Run For A Million	J. Brook	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 131.48
26-Dec.	7	3	Sizzling Grace	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 221.88
28-Dec.	3	3	Typhon Harry	R. Amescua	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 448.50
28-Dec.	5	4	Zero Bucks Given	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 424.28
28-Dec.	6	4	Gemagine	V. Trujillo	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 334.50
28-Dec.	7	7	Secret Paranoia	D. Franko	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 235.50
28-Dec.	9	2	Donveras Cat	F. Rondan	Unsound	Dr. Sporer	\$ 314.69
29-Dec.	9	8	Fairy Tale Bliss	S. Ledezma	Sick	Dr Christin	\$ 224.36

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