

California Horse Racing Board

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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, January 1, 2020 through Sunday, January 5, 2020.

WEDNESDAY

1/1/20¹

A NEW YEAR- NEW PERSONNEL

Vice President and General Manager **David Duggan** came into the office today to introduce **Casille Batten DVM**. **Dr. Batten** is representing the **Stronach Group** and will be focusing on horse's workouts and communicating with the morning examining Vets and Safety Steward. She will be reporting to **Dr. Benson** who heads the **Stronach Group** Veterinarians across the country.

1/1/20²

MCCMAHON RULING

Ruling # 10

Owner **Myles R. McMahon**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before December 29, 2019, will be suspended on January 8, 2020 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 rule # 1876 (Financial Responsibility).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Myles R. McMahon** are suspended 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 issued when **Mr. McMahon** failed to appear Sunday, December 29, 2019 on an alleged \$8,132.62 bill owed to **San Francisco Equine Inc.**

1/1/20³

KRIGGER RULING

Ruling # 11

Jockey **Kevin Krigger** who rode **Secret Mania** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, December 29, 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).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Krigger** appeared in the office and plead guilty to a mental lapse causing him to use the crop four consecutive times.

1/1/20⁴

ANTONGEORGI III REPLACEMENT (REF 12/28/19⁶)

Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** is still recovering from bumps and bruises from a spill on December 28, 2019.

Replaced as Follows: 3RD Race – **Kevin Krigger**
 5TH Race – **Francisco Monroy**
 6TH Race – **Brayan Pena**
 7TH Race – **Alejandro Gomez**
 8TH Race – **Ricardo Gonzalez**
 9TH Race – **Kevin Krigger**

1/1/20⁵

PROGRAM SCRATCHES

8TH Race: #5 **Bulletproof One** – (Tr. **Peter Miller**)
 Transportation – Stewards – Refund \$ 109,204.16
 #6 **I'm A Rockette** – (Tr. **William Delia**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ See Above
 #8 **Mischievous Curlin** – (Tr. **Faith Taylor**) Injured–Dr. Sporer–Refund \$See Above

1/1/20⁶

8TH RACE – LATE SCRATCH – NO SHOW WAGERING

#4 **No Cover Charge** trained by **Jonathon Wong** and ridden by **Luis Reyes** reared in the starting gate and was injured. #4 was scratched which reduced the field to four betting interests, which in turn cancels show betting by rule. The show pools remained on the Tote Board even after announcements and numerous phone calls from the Stewards to Tote and Mutual Manager **Doug Gooby** who stated his Am-Tote console showed an entire refund of the Show Pool even though the money still showed on the Tote Board. After the horses raced for approximately ¼ mile the show pools were cleared from the Tote Board. Letters of explanation from the Mutual Department and Am-Tote were requested and attached.

1/1/20⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,565	\$ 650,131.15
GG	1,206	\$ 330,947.46
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,472,775.45
TOTAL	2,771	\$ 2,453,854.06

THURSDAY

1/2/20¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Steward **John Herbuveaux** was in the office to handle any business relating to entries for Sunday, January 5TH.

FRIDAY

1/3/20¹

MILLER RULING

RULING # 12

Trainer **Peter Miller** is 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 the horse **Bulletproof One** on the grounds necessitating a late declaration in the eighth race on Wednesday, January 1, 2020; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1698 (Failure to Start and Run).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Miller** informed the Stewards that he was unable to secure transportation from Southern California for his three-year-old filly. Entries closed on December 27. **Mr. Miller** accepted the penalty without argument.

1/3/20²

HELEN SHELLEY CASE 19BM0061

A formal hearing was conducted today alleging the Arabian horse "**True Grit SA**" was ineligible when the gelding participated in the 1ST race on June 21, 2019 at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.

Present at the hearing were **True Grit SA's** owner and Trainer **Helen Shelley**, Arabian Jockey Club President **Susan Meyer**, the Board of Stewards and the case was presented by California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada**. Testimony was taken from Racing Secretary **Tom "Bomber" Doutrich**, Assistant Racing Secretary **Lisa Jones** and Horse Identifier **Darrel Sparks**.

Susan Meyer testified that the new paperwork and microchipping required by the Arabian Association was not completed by Owner **Helen Shelley** prior to the horse racing.

None of the Racing Office personnel seemed to be aware of the new requirements prior to the horse racing and the Identifier verified the identity of the horse which had raced numerous times in California.

Subsequent to the horse racing, the new requirements were made known to the Board of Stewards which prompted them to scratch another Arabian Horse under the same situation.

All evidence was deemed submitted and the matter will be taken under submission. It should be noted that after all the proper paperwork was done it was determined that it was indeed "**True Grit SA**" who ran at Pleasanton.

1/3/20³

PROGRAM CHANGES

8TH Race Declaration #7 **Unstoppable Guy** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**)
Sick-Dr. Sporer-Refund \$ 126.34

1/3/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,395	\$ 525,165.63
GG	623	\$ 192,566.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,614,058.58
TOTAL	2,018	\$ 2,331,790.21

SATURDAY

1/4/20¹

HERRERA RULING

Ruling # 13

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** who rode **Shez A Grinder** in the second race at Golden Gate fields on January 1, 2020 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 Ruling was issued after **Mr. Herrera** appeared and reviewed the films. He used the crop four times in succession, once on the shoulder and three times to the hind quarters. He felt that he paused but the Stewards could not detect any pause.

1/4/20²

VALENZUELA HEARING – CASE 19GG0174

Ruling # 14

Trainer **Thomas N. Valenzuela** is fined the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) * and placed on probation for the term of his license (12-31-2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Intoxication) on September 15, 2019.

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Valenzuela** requested an informal hearing to "Get this behind me".

Golden Gate Security Sergeant **Mike Miles** testified that he smelled alcohol on **Valenzuela's** breath while **Valenzuela** was behind the wheel of his vehicle. **Mr. Valenzuela** left before any impairment tests could be performed.

Mr. Valenzuela did admit to having a few beers hours before the encounter. Due to his admission a minor fine and probation were issued for hopefully preventing further incidents.

1/4/20³

PROGRAM SCRATCHES

1ST Race: #3 **Earnest** – (Tr. **O.J. Jauregui**) Injured – Dr. Christin – Refund \$169.66

9TH Race: #8 **Sugar Crush** – (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 207.30

1/4/20⁴

THIRD RACE STEWARDS REVIEW

The Stewards reviewed the stretch run of the top two finishers in the third race. #3 **Augure** (**Juan Hernandez**, 1ST) and #8 **Mylittlerunaway** (**Francisco Monroy** 2ND) were observed bumping in deep stretch. It was determined #8 was the aggressor and since #3 beat #8 there was no reason for an Inquiry. Jockey **Francisco Monroy** will visit the Stewards in the morning.

1/4/20⁵

FIFTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM

The claim submitted by Trainer **Victor Trujillo** for the gelding "**Refractometer**" was deemed void after State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** reported him off in both front legs.

"**Refractometer**" was returned to the barn of **Jonathan Wong**.

1/4/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	2081	\$ 813,739.44
GG	856	\$ 298,827.46
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,712,277.69
TOTAL	2,937	\$ 2,824,844.59

SUNDAY

1/5/20¹

TRUE GRIT SA – DIQUALIFICATION – CASE 19BM0061

Ruling # 15

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARTICIPATION OF THE HORSE TRUE GRIT SA IN THE FIRST RACE AT THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR AT PLEASANTON ON JUNE 21, 2019.

Following a formal hearing on January 3, 2020 it is determined that the Arabian horse **TRUE GRIT SA**, who finished second in the first race at the Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton) on June 21, 2019, participated in violation of California Horse Racing board rule #1588 (a) (1) & (2) (Horse Ineligible to Start in a Race) and is hereby disqualified from all purse monies and deemed unplaced pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1592 (Ineligible Horse to be Disqualified). It is further ordered that all purse monies earned, Thirteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,300.00) by Owner/Trainer **Helen Shelley** and Jockey **Pedro Flores** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses on or before January 31, 2020 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:

- 2ND DREAM PEARL
- 3RD Z YOYO GO
- 4TH MY THUNDER BOLT

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 above Ruling was issued after it was determined that **True Grit SA** had not been properly re-registered and identified in accordance with the Arabian Registry Guidelines implemented effective January 1, 2019.

1/5/20²

MCMAHON REINSTATEMENT (REF 1/1/20²)

Ruling # 16

Owner **Myles R. McMahon**, having made arrangements to satisfy the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, Inc. is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association ruling #10, dated January 1, 2020 suspending **Myles R. McMahon** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. McMahon** reached an agreement with **San Francisco Equine Inc.** for a payment plan of \$ 2,500.00 a month plus new expenses. The total amount owed as of this writing is \$ 9,547.00. Failure to comply with the agreement may result in further action taken on **Mr. McMahon's** license.

1/5/20³

HERNANDEZ REINSTATEMENT (REF 12/7/19¹)

Ruling # 17

Owner **Francisco Hernandez**, having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, Inc. is restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association Ruling #33, dated December 7, 2019 suspending **Francisco Hernandez** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

The above Ruling was issued after written confirmation was received that **Mr. Hernandez** paid the \$1,018.00 owed to **San Francisco Equine, Inc.**

1/5/20⁴

PROGRAM SCRATCHES

4TH Race: #1 **Irrefutable** (Tr. **Michael Lenzini**) Injured – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$243.92

9TH Race: #4 **Manila Mischief** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – Dr. Sporer – Refund \$ 550.20

1/5/20⁵

RACING CASUALTY – SECOND RACE

#1 **Elegant Sundown** trained by **Sheldon Paldanius** was injured near the eighth pole of this one-mile maiden allowance race. The four-year-old ridgling was euthanized by Track Veterinarian **Bill Grantham**.

1/5/20⁶

STEWARDS REVIEW – FIFTH RACE

The Stewards reviewed the start of the fifth race for the benefit of the wagering public. Of concern was the start of #1 **Intimidate (Kevin Krigger)**. After watching all angles of the start, it was determined #1 reared just as the gates opened causing him to be left a couple of lengths behind the field. Since he caused his own problem there was no reason for an inquiry.

1/5/20⁷**8TH RACE INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident mid turn nearing the ¼ pole. #2 **Successful Command (Frank Alvarado)** appeared to clip heels with #5 **American Farmer (William Antongeorgi)**. #6 **Doctrinaire (Luis Reyes)** was on the far outside, #5 was inside of #6 and #2 was near the rail on the inside of both horses. Although all angles were reviewed it was impossible to determine culpability and no change was ordered in a unanimous decision.

1/5/20⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,513	\$ 600,348.82
GG	1,758	\$ 330,843.40
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 1,586,952.59
TOTAL	3,271	\$ 2,518,144.81

SUMMARY

	Wed 1/1	Fri 1/3	Sat 1/4	Sun 1/5	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	1	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	2
Claims	2	2	2	2	8	18
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	1	2
Refunds	3	3	4	6	16	41
Rulings	2	1	2	3	8	17
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	4

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
1-Jan.	8	6	I'm A Rockette	W. Delia	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 109,204.16
1-Jan.	8	8	Mischievous Curlin	F. Taylor	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ See Above
3-Jan.	8	7	Unstoppable Guy	S. Miyadi	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 126.34
4-Jan.	1	3	Earnest	O.J. Jauregui	Injured	Dr. Christin	\$ 169.66
4-Jan.	9	8	Sugar Crush	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 207.30
5-Jan.	4	1	Irrefutable	M. Lenzini	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 243.92
5-Jan.	9	4	Manila Mischief	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 550.20

WM/DD