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Report for the period: Wednesday, March 13, through Sunday, March 17, 2019.

WEDNESDAY

3-13-19¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to oversee the entry process and other office matters.

THURSDAY

3-14-19¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #4 **Plateside** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**)
 Injured - DVM Sporer. Refunds - \$ 772.02
 6TH Race: #3 **Storming Lady** (Tr. **Alfredo Marquez**)
 Sick – DVM Sporer. Refunds - \$ 567.48
 7TH Race: #7 **Poet Scout** (Tr. **Rodney Cone**)
 Injured - DVM Sporer. Refunds – \$ 108.55

3-14-19²

RULING #48 HERIBERTO FIGUEROA

RULING NO # 48

Apprentice Jockey **Heriberto Figueroa** is fined the sum of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)*** for striking the horse **Orca** after it had obtained it's maximum placing during the running of the sixth race on **Sunday, March 10, 2019**; A violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b) (4) (Use of Riding Crop).

RULING #49 HERIBERTO FIGUEROA

RULING NO # 49

Apprentice Jockey **Heriberto Figueroa** who rode **Zestful** in the tenth race at Golden Gate Fields on **Sunday, March 10, 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 **Mr. Figueroa** and the **Stewards** reviewed the races noted and he admitted he violated the crop Rule on both occasions.

3-14-19³**CHRISTOPHER LUGAR (18SW0042)**

The Stewards held a formal hearing for association employee **Christopher Lugar**, who has been charged with violating California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874, #1489(8), #1890(a), #1900 and #1902 while employed as the Starting Gate Driver at the **Cal Expo Harness Meeting**.

Mr. Lugar appeared with his adviser **Kate Phariss**. Also present were **Robert Brodnik** (California Horse Racing Board Staff Counsel) and California Horse Racing Board Investigators, **Louis Quesada** and **Jennifer Tolman**. CSR **Kelly Zollars** recorded the proceeding.

The charges against **Mr. Lugar** include a Saliva Swab Test taken from him following his duties as the Starting Gate Driver on **November 10, 2018**, that tested positive for **Methamphetamine** and **Marijuana**. In addition he is charged with possession of **Methamphetamine, Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia** and **Four Plastic Syringes** that were found in his living quarters (Tackroom).

The Stewards will deliberate and consider the evidence and testimony presented.

3-14-19⁴**CLAIM VOIDED**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Sam Calvario** for five-year-old Gelding **Bitte** (Tr. **William Delia**) after the official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin**, reported the gelding will be placed on the Veterinarians list for being unsound. **Bitte** was returned to the **Delia** barn.

3-14-19⁵**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	930	\$ 286,558.51
GG	575	\$ 90,076.40
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,230,453.75
SCOT	n/a	\$ 183,495.50
TOTAL	1,505	\$1,790,584.16

FRIDAY3-15-19¹**DECLARATIONS:**

1 ST Race:	#3 Call Me Soul – (Tr. Sergio Ledezma)	
	Sick – DVM Christin.	Refunds - \$ 422.33
3 RD Race:	#4 Wicked Sunset – (Tr. Marcia Stortz)	
	Sick - DVM Sporer.	Refunds - \$ 115.63
4 TH Race:	#3 Qafilah – (Tr. Manuel Badilla)	
	Sick - DMV Sporer.	Refunds - \$ 341.80
5 TH Race:	#9 Waverly Way (Tr. Tim McCanna)	
	Full Field – Stewards.	Refunds - \$ 261.40
6 TH Race:	#4 Independent Indy (Tr. Cliff Delima)	
	Sick – DVM Sporer.	Refunds – 169.90
9 TH Race:	#9 Baby You Got It (Tr. Tim Bellasis)	
	Re- Enter – Stewards.	Refunds - \$68.80

3-15-19²**HERIBERT MARTINEZ (19GG0029)**

The Stewards conducted an informal Hearing to address a complaint filed against Jockey **Heribert Martinez** for alleged violations of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) on **February 3, 2019**.

Present, in addition to **Mr. Martinez**, were California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria**, Golden Gate Fields Security Sergeant **William Contrell** and Jockey **Silvio Amador**.

According to the complaint, **Sergeant Contrell** was clearing the Jockeys quarters for the evening and a confrontation ensued with **Mr. Martinez**, with the latter using foul language, failing to produce his California Horse Racing Board license and claiming to be a valet. Decision Forthcoming...

3-15-19³**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 6TH RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the sixth race to review an incident inside the 1/16 pole involving #6 **Oracle Of Omaha (Heriberto Figueroa)**, second and #9 **Eighty Proof (Abel Cedillo)** who finished third.

After reviewing the video and talking to the riders involved, the Stewards decided unanimously to let the original order of finish stand. The video shows the two three year olds make slight contact as #6 **Oracle Of Omaha** steps out and #9 **Eighty Proof** step in just inside the 1/16 pole.

3-15-19⁴**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	1,190	\$ 457,986.24
GG	647	\$ 156,268.10
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,749,970.33
SCOT	n/a	\$ 304,958.62
TOTAL	1,837	\$ 2,669,183.29

SATURDAY3-16-19¹**DECLARATIONS:**

1 ST Race:	#3 Princessdiane – (Tr. William Morey)	
	Sick – DMV Christin.	Refunds - \$ 869.01
3 RD Race:	#3 You Play The Bench – (Tr. Rene Amescua)	
	Sick - DVM Sporer.	Refunds - \$ 595.10
5 TH Race:	#1 Bright Autism Mind – (Tr. Rene Amescua)	
	Unsound - DMV Grantham.	Refunds - \$ 26,022.45
10 TH Race:	#5 Misty Moni (Tr. Robert Lucas)	
	Sick – DVM Sporer.	Refunds - \$ 125.25

3-16-19²**RULING #50 – HERIBERTO FIGUEROA****RULING NO # 50**

Jockey **Heriberto Figueroa** is fined the sum of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)*** pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered By Rules and Regulations) for reporting late to the paddock for the sixth race on **March 15, 2019**.

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Figueroa** met with the Stewards and apologized for being late to the Paddock for the Sixth Race on **March 15, 2019**.

3-16-19³**RULING #51 – FRANCISCO DURAN****RULING NO # 51**

Jockey **Francisco Duran** who rode **Vacaville Special** in the Third race at Golden Gate Fields on **Friday, March 15, 2019** is fined the sum of **One Hundred (\$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 Stewards issued the foregoing Ruling after **Mr. Duran** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the third race from **Friday, March 15, 2019**. **Mr. Duran** acknowledged he violated the crop Rule.

3-16-19⁴**CLAIM VOIDED – 5TH RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Gary Greiner** for the four year old **Turnaround (Tr. D. Wayne Baker)** after the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM** reported the gelding was placed on the Veterinarians list for being unsound in the right foreleg. **Turnaround** was returned to the **Baker** barn.

3-16-19⁵**TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 6TH RACE**

Trainer **Jamey Thomas** (#2 **That's Bind Babe** – Second) lodged a claim of foul against #4 **One Salty Dog** (**Catalino Martinez**), the Winner, alleging interference in the stretch.

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows #2 **That's Bind Babe** (**Cristobal Herrera**) racing along the rail behind #4 **One Salty Dog** and although he had room to continue, Jockey **Herrera** decided to steady back and go around the leader.

3-16-19⁶**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 8TH RACE**

The Stewards conducted an Inquiry following the running of the eighth race for a review of an incident approaching the finish line involving #7 **Inquisition** (**Luis Ocasio**) second and #8 **Roman Rocket** (**Silvio Amador**), who finished fourth.

After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #7 **Inquisition** from second to fourth.

The video shows #7 **Inquisition** bear in under the right handed use of the crop by Jockey **Ocasio**, bump and impede #8 **Roman Rocket**, preventing the latter the opportunity of a better placing.

Original order of finish: 3-7-9-8-6-5-2-4

Official order of finish: 3-9-8-7-6-5-2-4

3-16-19⁷**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 10TH RACE**

The Stewards put up the Inquiry sign following the tenth race for a review of an incident inside the 1/16 pole involving #8 **Phantomista** (**Hugo Herrera**) fourth and #9 **Excentra** (**Dick Cardenas**) who finished fifth.

After reviewing the video and interviewing the riders involved, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official.

The video shows #8 **Phantomista** swing out inside the 1/16 pole into #9 **Excentra** but the Stewards decided the interference did not prevent the latter the opportunity of a better placing.

3-16-19⁸**ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	2,048	\$ 865,133.50
GG	1,118	\$ 319,495.00
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,832,765.80
SCOT	n/a	\$ 442,879.73
TOTAL	3,166	\$ 3,460,274.03

Sunday3-17-19¹**DECLARATIONS:**

3RD Race: #2 **Badger Boy** – (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**)

Sick – DMV Sporer. Refunds - \$ 639.15

4TH Race: #2 **Punaluu** – (Tr. **Blaine Wright**)

Sick - DVM Sporer. Refunds - \$ 1,707.34

#6 **Brilliant Richie** – (Tr. **Jonathon Wong**)

Sick - DVM Christin. Refunds – See Above

The foregoing two declarations reduced the field to four wagering interests and the show pool was cancelled.

6TH Race: #1 **Wasco** – (Tr. **Steve Sherman**)

Sick - DMV Sporer. Refunds - \$ 281.25

8TH Race: #2 **Sure Magic** - (Tr. **William Delia**)

Injured in Starting Gate – DVM Grantham. Refunds - \$ 125,278.68

#7 **My Three Kids** (Tr. **Andreas Psarras**)

Injured in Starting Gate – DVM Grantham. Refunds – See Above

10TH Race: #6 **Madam Marini** - (Tr. **Ricardo Perez**)

Injured – DVM Sporer. Refunds - \$ 315.15

- 11TH Race: #3 **Song Of Thorns** (Tr. **Samuel Calvario**)
 Unseated Rider In Post Parade and Ran Off – Stewards
 Refunds – \$37,737.57
- 12TH Race: #1 **Miss Bravo** (Tr. **Frank Lucarelli**)
 Injured – DVM Sporer. Refunds \$373.75

3-17-19² **RULING #52 – DARYN L. CHARLTON (19GG0018)**

RULING NO # 52

Assistant Starter **Daryn L. Charlton**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at **Golden Gate Fields** on or before **March 16, 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 #1489(7) (Grounds For Denial or Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1900 (Grounds For Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Daryn L. Charlton** 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 as **Mr. Charlton** failed to appear for his scheduled Hearing.

3-17-19³ **RULING #53 – HERIBERT N. MARTINEZ (19GG0029)**

RULING NO # 53

Jockey **Heribert N. Martinez** is fined the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)*** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) on **February 3, 2019**.

The above Ruling was issued after the Stewards considered all the testimony heard during the **March 15, 2019** Hearing.

3-17-19⁴ **RULING #54 – LUIS OCASIO**

RULING NO # 54

Jockey **Luis Ocasio** who rode **Inquisition** in the eighth race at **Golden Gate Fields** on **March 16, 2019** is suspended **five (5)** racing days (**March 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31, 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 second to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e). (Riding Rules - Careless Riding - Second Offense in the past 60 days).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Mr. Ocasio** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the eighth race from **March 16, 2019**.

Mr. Ocasio is now aware that the use of the riding crop right handed on a horse that is drifting in, is not acceptable.

3-17-19⁵ **RULING #55 – HUGO HERRERA**

RULING NO # 55

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** who rode **Phantomista** in the tenth race at **Golden Gate Fields** on **March 16, 2019** is suspended **Five (5)** racing days (**March 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31, 2019**) for failure to make a proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing

interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e). (Riding Rules - Careless Riding - Second Offense in the past 60 days).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

The Stewards issued the above ruling after a review of the Tenth race from **March 16, 2019** with Jockey **Hugo Herrera**. **Mr. Herrera** acknowledged he should have kept his mount on a straight course.

3-17-19⁶

RULING #56 – CHRISTOPHER B. LUGAR (18SW0042)

RULING NO # 56

Association Employee **Christopher B. Lugar** is hereby suspended sixty (60) days, **March 21, through May 19, 2019** inclusive and placed on probation for the term of his license (01/31/2021) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1489 (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License - use of Methamphetamine and Marijuana), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1890 (a) (Possession of Contraband) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing) on **November 10, 2018**.

Further, prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges, **Mr. Lugar** must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Board of Stewards. Conditions of probation include signing a contract with the Winners Foundation and abiding by the terms of a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of **Christopher B. Lugar** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule # 1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards) subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

This Ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented at the formal hearing held on **March 14, 2019**.

3-17-19⁷

CLAIM VOIDED – 2ND RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Caesar De Alba** for **Goghetto** (Tr. **R.B. Hess Jr.**) after the official veterinarian, **Forest Franklin, DVM** informed them that the six year old gelding was placed on his list for being unsound. **Goghetto** was returned to **Hess Jr**, barn.

3-17-19⁸

CLAIM VOIDED – 5TH RACE

Trainer **Tim McCanna's** claim for **Coronado Cool** (Tr. **Jerry Puertas**) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, that the six year old mare was unsound in the left foreleg and was placed on the vets list. **Coronado Cool** was returned to the **Puertas** barn.

3-17-19⁹

STEWARDS REVIEW – 6TH RACE

The Stewards showed a review of the start several times for the benefit of the wagering public. The video shows #4 **Grand Air (Hugo Herrera)** rear up as the stall doors opened for the start of the sixth race and the four year old gelding was considered a Starter.

3-17-19¹⁰

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,685	\$ 615,868.52
GG	3,840	\$ 494,553.09
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 2,201,307.86
SCOT	n/a	\$ 513,209.83
TOTAL	5,525	\$ 3,824,939.30

Veterinarian's List - There were Thirty (30) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 17 Injured: 5
 Unsound: 6 Shockwave: 2

There were Twenty-one (21) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 17 Injured: 4

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Fresno	2,619	\$1,117,445.14
Fresno Club One	765	\$960,262.60
Monterey	2,402	\$921,584.50
Pleasanton	11,177	\$4,950,716.60
Sacramento	9,714	\$3,599,721.21
San Jose	16,672	\$4,192,748.71
San Mateo	20,012	\$9,708,732.72
Santa Rosa	5,000	\$1,536,792.90
Stockton	8,114	\$2,854,688.45
Vallejo	5,803	\$2,322,604.52
So. California	N/A	\$17,879,209.64
Out of State	N/A	\$70,263,328.77

	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	Total	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	6
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	6
CLAIMS	2	0	2	5	9	146
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	6
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	0	0	0	0	0	9
REFUNDS	6	9	7	11	33	234
RULINGS	2	0	2	5	9	56
CLAIMS VOIDED	1	0	1	2	4	18

Respectfully submitted,

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