

California Horse Racing Board

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

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Report for the Week of Tuesday, January 7, 2020 through Sunday, January 12, 2020.

TUESDAY
1/7/20¹

DELIA HEARING (19GG0089)

Formal Hearings were held today for Owners, **Patricia A. George, Michael J. Stone** and **William J. Delia**, to address the Complaint (19GG0110) filed by the California Horse Racing Board regarding the University of California Davis report their horse **Angelo's Pride** showed the presence of **Xylazine (Rompun)** [Class 3] in the post-race blood sample obtained following the seventh race on March 28, 2019 at Golden Gate Fields.

The second hearing addressed complaint 19GG0089 filed against Trainer **William J. Delia** as the trainer of record for the horse **Angelo's Pride** on March 28, 2019.

Those present for the hearings in addition to Stewards **Herbuveaux, Meyers** and **Nevin** were Deputy Attorney General **Michael Purcell**, California Horse Racing Board Staff Counsel **Amanda Brown, Sharyn Jolley** (Administrative Hearings), California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada, Ben Moeller, PHD.** (U.C. Davis) who were representing the California Horse Racing Board.

Also present were **William J. Delia, Patricia A. George**, her husband **Anthony George, Kim Kuhlmann DVM.** and their Attorney **James Ghidella** who also represented the absent **Mr. Stone**, who did not appear for today's hearings. **CSR Christen Niccoli** recorded today's proceedings.

WEDNESDAY
1/8/20¹

DUTY STEWARD

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

THURSDAY
1/9/20¹

DUTY STEWARD

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

FRIDAY
1/10/20¹

DECLARATIONS

5TH Race: #1 **Quick And Silver** (Tr. **Jesus Ramos**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 205.08
6TH Race: #3 **Miss Dalai** (Tr. **Jacqui Navarre**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 732.88
#6 **Tizwellwithmysoul** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Injured DVM Sporer - Refunds See Above

1/10/20²

RULING #18 (19GG0110)

Ruling # 18

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 blood sample # GG33818, taken from horse **Angelo's Pride**, winner of the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on March 28, 2019, contained the prohibited substance **Xylazine** (Class 3) in excess of the permitted level it is hereby ordered that **Angelo's Pride** 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 Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$ 13,680.00) awarded to owners **Patricia A. George, Michael J. Stone** and **William Delia**, Trainer **William Delia** and Jockey **Silvio Amador** 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:

1ST KICHIRO
2ND BLAME IT ON KITTY
3RD NOLONGERAHOBBY
4TH POPPY'S C NOTE
5TH RED CLEM
6TH ANITANEWMERCEDES
7TH LUCKY GENERAL
8TH LINGUA FRANCA
9TH CLASSY CHASIE

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 after this board of Stewards considered all the testimony and evidence presented during the formal hearing held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

1/10/20³

RULING #19 (19BM0055)

Ruling # 19

Trainer **Isauro M. Guillen** who started the horse **National Nicole**, second place finisher in the first race at **The Big Fresno Fair** on October 11, 2019, is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances- **Phenylbutazone** [Class 4]).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Guillen** contacted the Stewards and waived his right to a hearing. **Mr. Guillen** accepted responsibility and the penalty imposed.

1/10/20⁴

RULING #20 (19GG0160)

Ruling # 20

Trainer **Greg James** who started the horse **Highly Committed**, winner of the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on October 19, 2019 is fined the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a) & (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances- Betamethasone [Class 4]).

Trainer **Greg James** appeared in response to the complaint filed against him for the presence of **Betamethasone** [Class 4] detected in the post-race blood sample taken from his horse **Highly Committed**, the winner of the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on October 19, 2019. **Mr. James** was at a loss to explain the finding as neither he nor his attending veterinarian (**Steve Boyer DVM**) administered **Betamethasone** to **Highly Committed** at any time. The

concentration of 63pg/ml found in the post-race blood sample is not permitted at any level at this time.

1/10/20⁵

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The eight-race afternoon program had no noteworthy incidents.

1/10/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,245	\$ 449,480.12
GG	548	\$ 208,534.20
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,404,853.31
TOTAL	1,793	\$ 2,062,867.63

SATURDAY

1/11/20¹

DECLARATIONS:

3RD Race: #6 **Sizzling Evening** (Tr. **Ellen Jackson**) Sick - DVM Christin – Refunds \$ 289.72

#7 **Legendary Night** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) Sick – DVM Christin – Refunds See Above

4TH Race: #4 **Splashing** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$181.74

7TH Race: #7 **Desert Fog** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Injured – DVM Franklin – Refunds \$ 898.54

8TH Race: #8 **Meet Miss Kitty** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$152.80

9TH Race: #12 **Backstreet's Back** (Tr. **Greg James**) Full Field – Stewards – Refunds \$ 232.32

1/11/20²

VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** met with the Stewards for a review of the seventh race from January 10, 2020. At issue was **Mr. Monroy's** use of the riding crop and whether he exceeded the three-strike portion of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688. The majority voted for a warning with **Steward Nevin** dissenting, as he believed a penalty was warranted.

1/11/20³

STEWARDS REVIEW – 2ND RACE

The Stewards showed a video review of the start of the second race for the wagering public. The video shows #3 **Aalsmeer (Pedro Flores)** broke in the air and was off to a poor start. The nine-year-old gelding caused his own problem and came back to finish a creditable third in the six-horse field.

1/11/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,750	\$ 649,955.50
GG	842	\$ 225,775.62
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 1,419,620.24
TOTAL	2,592	\$ 2,295,351.33

SUNDAY

1/12/20¹

DECLARATIONS:

7TH Race: #9 **Go Smiley Go** (Tr. **O.J. Jauregui**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 4.00

9TH Race: #1 **Prince Giovanni** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 485.18

1/12/20²

RULING #21 – LUIS REYES

Ruling # 21

Jockey **Luis Reyes** who rode **Wonder Of Autism** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 11, 2020 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 60 days).

Jockey **Luis Reyes** met with the Stewards for a review of his use of the riding crop in the ninth race on Saturday, January 11, 2020.

Mr. Reyes acknowledged he exceeded the three-strike limit and agreed that a change of rhythm in his use of the crop will prevent further violations.

1/12/20³

INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 4TH RACE

The Stewards posted the Inquiry Sign following the fourth race to determine the cause of the poor start afforded #6 **Hawthorne Lane (Pedro Flores)**.

After a thorough review the Stewards declared **Hawthorne Lane** a Starter. The video shows the six-year-old gelding drop his head and break in the air as the stall doors opened, causing his own problem.

1/12/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	1,454	\$ 539,660.36
GG	1,667	\$ 289,457.16
OUT of STATE	n/a	\$ 1,832,012.77
TOTAL	3,121	\$ 2,661,130.29

SUMMARY

	Fri 1/10	Sat 1/11	Sun 1/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	2
Claims	5	1	4	10	28
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	1	1	3
Refunds	4	8	5	17	58
Rulings	3	0	1	4	21
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	5

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
10-Jan.	5	1	Quick and Silver	J. Ramos	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 205.08
10-Jan.	6	3	Miss Dalai	J. Navarre	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 732.88
10-Jan.	6	6	Tizwellwithmysoul	J. Wong	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ See Above
11-Jan.	3	6	Sizzling Evening	E. Jackson	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 289.72
11-Jan.	3	7	Legendary Night	T. McCanna	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ See Above
11-Jan.	4	4	Splashing	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 181.74
11-Jan.	7	7	Desert Fog	D.W. Baker	Injured	Dr. Franklin	\$ 898.54
11-Jan.	8	8	Meet Miss Kitty	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 152.80
12-Jan.	7	9	Go Smiley Go	O. J. Jauregui	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 481.39
12-Jan.	9	1	Prince Giovanni	T. McCanna	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 485.18

DN/DD