

**California Horse Racing Board**

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

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**Report for the Week of Monday, March 9, 2020 through Sunday, March 15, 2020.**

**MONDAY**  
3/9/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** was present to oversee the draw for the races on Thursday March 12, 2020.

**TUESDAY**  
3/10/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

**Richard Lewis** was once again present to oversee entries for Friday March 13, 2020.

**WEDNESDAY**  
3/11/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was on duty to oversee entries for Saturday March 14, 2020.

**THURSDAY**  
3/12/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Music Babe** (Tr. **Reid France**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 238.00  
This declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1954 (Pari-Mutuel Pools), the show pool was canceled.  
7<sup>TH</sup> Race: #1 **Sassy and Hot** (Tr. **Leonard Powell**) Full Field – Stewards – Refunds \$ 464.49

3/12/20<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **William Antongeorgi** met with the Stewards for a review of his ride in the seventh race on Sunday, March 8, 2020. **Mr. Antongeorgi's** mount, #9 **Code Gray**, was disqualified from seventh to eighth position and even though his mount did step in near the 1/8 pole and resulted in #1 **Matson (Kent Desormeaux)** clipping heels, he was held blameless, as it was ill advised of **Mr. Desormeaux** to drive into a narrow opening.

Jockey's **Hugo Herrera** also met with the Stewards for a review of the ninth race on Sunday March 8, 2020. **Mr. Herrera's** mount #2 **Gold N Grand** (2<sup>ND</sup>) swerved out from the rail and made contact with #9 **Glenroy (Kevin Krigger)** (3<sup>RD</sup>) who he beat by a nose. He offered little excuse but was issued a warning by majority decision (**Nevin** Dissenting).

3/12/20<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #54 – TROY W. THOMAS (19GG0184)**

**Ruling # 54**

Owner/Stable Foreman **Troy W. Thomas** is hereby suspended ninety (90) days March 13, 2020 through June 10, 2020 inclusive, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1902.5 (Animal Welfare) on December 22, 2019.

The foregoing Ruling was issued following the hearing held on Saturday March 7, 2020. The **Stewards** considered the serious nature of the accusations and **Mr. Thomas'** involvement that resulted in an Equine injury.

3/12/20<sup>4</sup>

**NO PUBLIC ACCESS**

The **Stewards** were informed that the public will be denied access beginning tomorrow, Friday March 13, 2020. Only personnel necessary to ensure the safety of the horses and riders will be present. All Racing Officials, Medical Staff (Equine and Human), Track Maintenance, Grooms and other Licensees required to protect the integrity of the sport.

/12/20<sup>5</sup>

**HORSE EUTHANIZED – 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

During the running of the sixth race #6 **Get Like Me** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) was injured near the ½ mile pole and was pulled up by Jockey **Francisco Monroy**. The Track Veterinarian, **Bill Grantham DVM** reported a sesamoid injury in the right foreleg and the six-year-old gelding was given a ride to his barn in the horse ambulance.

It was later reported that **Get Like Me** was euthanized having suffered a fractured sesamoid.

3/12/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	441	\$ 152,325.41
GG	470	\$ 110,302.75
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 1,273,846.24
TOTAL	911	\$ 1,536,474.40

**FRIDAY**

3/13/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

7<sup>th</sup> Race: #4 **May Song** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 325.97

#6 **Heatsky** (Tr. **Sherrie Monroe**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ See Above

These two declarations reduced the field to four starters and the show post was cancelled (CHRB rule #1854).

3/13/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING # 55- MANUEL C. GOMEZ (20GG0025)**

**Ruling #55**

Groom **Manuel C. Gomez**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before March 12, 2020, 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 rule #1489 (8) (Grounds For Denial or

Refusal of License), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1900 (Grounds For Suspension or Revocation) and #1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing).

The above Ruling was issued as **Mr. Gomez** failed to appear for the scheduled hearing.

3/13/20<sup>3</sup>

**OWNER JAMES MARSDEN (20GG0003)**

Owner **James Marsden** has failed to abide by a payment agreement he reached with **San Francisco Equine Inc.** to satisfy an acknowledged outstanding debt for veterinary services rendered. **Mr. Marsden** is currently under suspension for failing to appear for a hearing scheduled at Santa Anita (Ruling #010) issued January 12, 2020. **Mr. Marsden** must satisfy this debt to **San Francisco Equine** (\$8,000.00) prior to reinstatement.

3/13/20<sup>4</sup>

**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

3/13/20<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	431	\$ 196,565.44
GG	0	\$ 6,321.10
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 1,224,502.50
TOTAL	431	\$ 1,427,389.04

**SATURDAY**

3/14/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #4 **Morning Dove** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 73.25

5<sup>TH</sup> Race: #4 **Envy** (Tr. **R.B. Hess**) Injured - Starting Gate – Stewards – Refunds \$ 48,124.85

9<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Trina** (Tr. **Holly Evans**) Sick – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ 610.90

3/14/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #56 – BRAYAN PENA**

**Ruling # 56**

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **How's My Hero** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday March 13, 2020 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 past sixty days).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Mr. Pena** and the Steward reviewed the video of the eighth race form March 13, 2020.

**Mr. Pena** acknowledged he did not pause between strikes of the riding crop and accepted the penalty imposed.

3/14/20<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

The **Stewards** posted the Inquiry Sign following the second race to review an incident in the stretch involving #2 **Secretly Paranoide** (**Alejandro Gomez**) third and #5 **Hope Wins** (**Anne Sanguinetti**) who finished fifth.

The video shows #2 **Secretly Paranoide** come out into the path of #5 **Hope Wins** near the 1/8 pole forcing the latter to check off heels.

In a unanimous decision the **Stewards** made no change to the order of finish as, although there was interference, #5 **Hope Wins** was tiring, and the incident did not prevent that horse from achieving a better placing.

3/14/20<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	796	\$ 412,125.23
GG	0	\$ 11,124.70
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 1,461,785.24
TOTAL	796	\$ 1,885,035.17

**SUNDAY**  
3/15/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATION:**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race: #4 **Fruitfully** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – DVM Christin – Refunds - \$ 309.80

3<sup>RD</sup> Race: #3 **Magic Mosco** (Tr. **Eddie Rich**) Injured Starting Gate – DVM Grantham – Refunds \$ 22,084.03

These two Declarations reduced the field to four wagering interests and the show pool was cancelled (CHRB Rule #1954).

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: #3 **Luck Is My Name** (Tr. **L. Rivera**) Injured – DVM Sporer – Refunds - \$ 158.00

3/15/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #57 – ALEJANDRO GOMEZ**

**Ruling # 57**

Jockey **Alejandro Gomez** who rode **Secretly Paranoide** in the second race at **Golden Gate Fields** on Saturday, March 14, 2020 is suspended three (3) racing days March 22, 26, and 27, 2020 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).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Gomez** and the **Stewards** revised the video of the second race from Saturday March 14, 2020.

**Mr. Gomez** admitted he erred in drifting out into the path of a rival, forcing the latter to take back and avoid clipping heels. The **Stewards** decided unanimously the Veteran rider's performance warranted a suspension.

3/15/20<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the third race for a review of an incident in the stretch involving #2 **Major Kong** (**Alejandro Gomez**) first and #1 **Unusually Handsome** (**Ricardo Gomez**) who finished third.

The video shows #2 **Major Kong** drifts into the path of #1 **Unusually Handsome** inside the 1/16 pole forcing the latter to steady back.

Although there was interference, the **Stewards** decided unanimously that the incident did not prevent #1 **Unusually Handsome** a better placing.

3/15/20<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS REVIEW – 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The **Stewards** conducted a video review of the start of the sixth race for the benefit of the wagering public. The video shows #4 **Big Cheddar** made a late run and finished second in this five- and one-half furlong event.

3/15/20<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	658	\$ 320,555.33
GG	0	\$ 10,529.00
OUT of STATE	N/A	\$ 1,682,683.44
TOTAL	658	\$ 2,013,767.77

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thurs 3/12</b>	<b>Fri 3/13</b>	<b>Sat 3/14</b>	<b>Sun 3/15</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	1	0	1	0	2	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Claims</b>	2	2	0	3	7	110
<b>Disqualification</b>	0	0	0	0	0	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	1	2	10
<b>Refunds</b>	6	3	6	6	21	232
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	1	1	4	57
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	11

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
12-Mar.	4	5	Music Babe	R. France	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 238.00
13-Mar.	7	4	May Song	E. Moger	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 325.97
13-Mar.	7	6	Heatsky	S. Monroe	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ See Above
14-Mar.	2	4	Morning Dove	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 73.25
14-Mar.	9	5	Trina	H. Evans	Sick	Dr. Sporer	\$ 610.90
15-Mar.	1	4	Fruitfully	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Christin	\$ 309.80
15-Mar.	3	3	Magic Mosco	E. Rich	Injured	Dr. Grantham	\$ 22,084.03
15-Mar.	6	3	Luck Is My Name	L. Rivera	Injured	Dr. Sporer	\$ 158.00

Respectfully submitted,

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