

**California Horse Racing Board**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Pacific Racing Association**  
 Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California

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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, April 1, 2020 through Sunday, May 17, 2020.**

**WEDNESDAY**

4/1/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to oversee entries for Saturday, April 4, 2020.

**THURSDAY**

4/2/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #5 **Felony One** (Tr. **Joseph Brook**) Injured – DVM Christin – Refunds \$ N/A

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: #1 **Marjorie E.** (Tr. **Patrick Gallagher**) Sick – DVM Sporer- Refunds \$ N/A

#2 **Ruby Bradley** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Injured – DVM Christin – Refunds \$ N/A

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: #2 **Blushing Bay** (Tr. **Jacqui Navarre**) Unsound – DVM Sporer – Refunds \$ N/A

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: #2 **Railsplitter** (Tr. **Doug O'Neill**) Injured – DVM Christin – Refunds \$ N/A

#9 **AI Million Bob** (Tr. **Reina Gonzalez**) Sick – DVM Christin – Refunds \$ N/A

4/2/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING # 66 WILLIAM J. DELIA (19GG0089)**

**Ruling # 66**

Owner/Trainer **William J. Delia**, who started the horse "**Angelo's Pride**", winner of the seventh race at **Golden Gate Fields** on March 28, 2019 is hereby suspended fifteen (15) days April 6, 2020 through April 20, 2020 inclusive and fined the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$ 3,000.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules 1843 (a) & (d) (Medications Drugs and Other Substances, **Xylazine**, in excess of permitted level-719 pg/ml [Class3] ), 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances).

For good cause Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)\* of the fine is stayed, provided that during the term of probation, **Mr. Delia** is not in violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843, #1843.6 and 1887 regarding [Class 1, 2, or 3] drug substances. If **Mr. Delia** violates a condition of his probation, the above

referenced Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)\* stay shall be lifted, and the remaining fine shall be imposed after notice and hearing and shall be in addition to any penalty for the underlying rule violations.

**RULING # 67 ANGELO TEKOS JR. (19BM0014)**

**Ruling # 67**

Trainer **Angelo Tekos Jr.**, who started the horse "**Papa Do Run**", winner of the fifth race at **Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)** on June 29, 2019 is hereby suspended thirty (30) days April 6, 2020 through May 5, 2020 inclusive and fined the sum of Three Thousand dollars (\$ 3,000.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule 1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules 1843 (a) & (d) (Medications Drugs and Other Substances), 1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances- **Clenbuterol**).

For good cause Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)\* of the fine is stayed, provided that during the term of probation, **Mr. Tekos** is not in violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843, #1843.6 and 1887 regarding [Class 1, 2, or 3] drug substances. If **Mr. Tekos** violates a condition of his probation, the above referenced Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)\* stay shall be lifted, and the remaining fine shall be imposed after notice and hearing and shall be in addition to any penalty for the underlying rule violations.

The above Rulings were issued after the Stewards received documentation from the California Horse Racing Board that they adopted in whole or in part both proposed decisions.

4/2/20<sup>3</sup>

**RACING CANCELLED**

The Stewards were notified by Golden Gate Fields General Manager **Dave Duggan**, prior to the first race that the **Alameda County Health Department** has issued a directive that live racing cease as of today.

**Mr. Duggan** indicated that the **Health Department** has agreed to allow morning training to continue and he intends to keep the stable area and the track open for the benefit of the horses and horsemen.

**SUNDAY**  
5/10/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **John Herbuveaux** was present to supervise entries for the renewal of live racing, scheduled for May 14, 2020.

**TUESDAY**  
5/12/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Will Meyers** was present to oversee the entries for May 15, 2020.

**WEDNESDAY**  
5/13/20<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty to oversee entries for May 16, 2020.

**THURSDAY**  
5/14/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: #8 **Rouge Bouquet** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Injured– DVM Christin– Refunds \$ 273.54  
9<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Wilshire Dude** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Main Track Only– Stewards– Refunds \$ 595.57

5/14/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #68 – VICTOR M. QUINTANA (19BM0043)**

**Ruling # 68**

Owner **Victor M. Quintana** who's horse "**Corona Spesial**" finished third in the second race at the **Sonoma County Fair** (Santa Rosa) on August 10, 2019, is suspended Forty-Five (45) days, May 20, 2020 through July 3, 2020 and fined the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)\*, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or

Owner to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a) (b) & (c) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances; Prohibited Substance), #1843.1 (a) (Prohibited Drug Substances-Zilpaterol-Class 2) and #1844 (a) (Authorized Medication).

This Ruling was issued after the **Stewards** received documentation from the California Horse Racing Board of their modified Proposed Decision.

5/14/20<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #69 – JAMES WILSON (14GG0065)**

**Ruling # 69**

Expired licensee **James Wilson**, having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to **Ellen Jackson**, is hereby deemed eligible to be relicensed and **Oak Tree** at **Pleasanton** ruling #07, dated June 28, 2014 suspending **Mr. Wilson** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is set aside.

The foregoing Ruling was issued after **Ms. Jackson** notified this Board of Stewards that **Mr. Wilson** has satisfied his outstanding debt.

5/14/20<sup>4</sup>

**OBJECTION – NO CHANGE 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the first race as Jockey **Kent Desormeaux (Buyback -2<sup>ND</sup>)** lodged a claim of foul against the winner #3 **Shanghai Truffles** ridden by **Julien Couton**, alleging interference in the stretch.

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

The video shows #3 **Shanghai Truffles** drift out slightly in front of #4 **Buyback** near the 1/16 pole, however she was clear of the latter and had no bearing on the outcome.

5/14/20<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 5<sup>TH</sup> RACE - THE INCIDENT**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry Sign following the fifth race for a review of a couple of incidents in the stretch involving #5 **El Borracho (Kevin Orozco)** third and #4 **Cape Point (Catalino Martinez)** who finished fourth.

After interviewing the Riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #5 **El Borracho** from third to fourth.

The video shows #5 **El Borracho** drift out on more than one occasion in the stretch and make contact with #4 **Cape Point**, preventing the latter from finishing where he might have, had the bumps not occurred. #5 **El Borracho** beat #4 **Cape Point** by a neck for third place.

Original Order of Finish 7-8-**5**-4-3-1-2-6.

Official Order of Finish 7-8-4-**5**-3-1-2-6.

5/14/20<sup>6</sup>

**ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – 9<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry Sign following the ninth race to review an accident near the 1/8 pole.

After a thorough review it was clear that #1 **Conquest Sabre Cat (Juan Hernandez)** was injured on his own and no other horses were involved. **Conquest Sabre Cat** stumbled and unseated Jockey **Hernandez**.

**Conquest Sabre Cat** could not be saved and **DVM Casille Batten** euthanized the seven-year-old gelding on the track. Jockey **Hernandez** was uninjured.

5/14/20<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 0
OUT OF STATE	n/a	\$ 5,021,436.37
TOTAL	0	\$ 5,021,436.37

FRIDAY  
5/15/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: #1 **Nathansmimsy** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Injured- DVM Christin- Refunds \$ 1,761.57  
#4 **Boisterme** (Tr. **William Delia**) Lamé - DVM Batten - Refunds \$ See Above  
7<sup>TH</sup> Race: #3 **Tequila Bianco** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Entered Back - Stewards - Refunds \$ 590.72

5/15/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #70 – KEVIN OROZCO**

**Ruling # 70**

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** who rode **El Borracho** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on May 14, 2020 is suspended three (3) racing days May 22, 23 and 24, 2020 for failure to make a proper effort to maintain straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from third to fourth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. Orozco** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fifth race from Thursday May 14, 2020.

**Mr. Orozco** acknowledged he was remiss in failing to control his mount in the stretch and causing interference. **Mr. Orozco** accepted the penalty imposed.

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

**TRAINER REINA E. GONZALEZ (20GG0004)**

Trainer **Reina E. Gonzalez** met with the Stewards in response to a complaint filed against her for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

A tape-recorded hearing was held for **Ms. Gonzalez** with California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presenting the case. Evidence and testimony were entered into the record.

**Ms. Gonzalez'** filly **Smokin Hot Bobbie** finished first in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields and the post-race urine sample showed a trace amount of **Flumethasone**, a [Class 4] Corticosteroid.

**Smokin Hot Bobbie** was treated with **Flumethasone** for a hoof abscess on December 30, 2019 (56.25 hours prior to race time) by **Kim Kuhlmann, DVM**. The established guideline for administration of **Flumethasone** at that time was 48-72 hours prior to race time. A memorandum dated February 10, 2020, from the Equine Medical Director, **Rick Arthur, DVM** has extended the withdrawal period to 96 hours.

It should be noted that this case is one of four **Flumethasone** positives with three different Trainers reported by the **U. C. Davis Maddy** Laboratory detected in post-race urine samples from horses that participated at Golden Gate Fields on January 1, 2020 and one on January 19, 2020.

Investigator **Longoria** presented an email from Chief Investigator **Shawn Loehr** that indicated Executive Director **Scott Chaney** recommended a warning in this case and the others yet to be heard.

After deliberation, the Stewards decided unanimously to dismiss the charges against **Ms. Gonzalez**.

5/15/20<sup>4</sup>

**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

The Racing Program was without any noteworthy incidents.

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

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 47.00
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 2,730,460.78
TOTAL	0	\$ 2,730,507.78

**SATURDAY**

5/16/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Connie's Promise** (Tr. **Aggie Ordonez**) Stewards – Refunds \$ 145.90

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Insaniamania** (Tr. **Angelo Tekos**) Full Fields – Refunds \$ 253.21

#13 **Luck Is My Name** (Tr. **Leobardo Rivera**) Also Eligible – Refunds \$ See Above

10<sup>TH</sup> Race: #8 **Finest Evening** (Tr. **Efrain Miranda**) Sick – DVM Batten – Refunds \$ 105.71

5/16/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #71 – LEONEL CAMACHO-FLORES**

**Ruling # 71**

Jockey **Leonel Camacho-Flores** who rode **Mr. Diplomat** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday May 15, 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. Camacho-Flores** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the ninth race from May 5, 2020.

**Mr. Camacho-Flores** acknowledged he used his riding crop more than three consecutive times without any pause and accepted the penalty imposed.

5/16/20<sup>3</sup>

**TRAINER ELLEN JACKSON (20GG0005)**

A tape recorded hearing was held for Trainer **Ellen Jackson** who has been charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board.

**Ms. Jackson's** mare **Secretly Paranoide** finished first in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on January 1, 2020 and the post-race urine sample showed a trace amount of **Flumethasone** a [Class 4] Corticosteroid.

**Secretly Paranoide** was treated with **Flumethasone** on December 30, 2019 (52 hours prior to race time) by **Steven Boyer, DVM** for a foot soreness. The Veterinarians Confidential Report confirmed the time of administration conformed to the recommended guideline at that time. A memorandum dated February 10, 2020 from Equine Medical Director **Rick Arthur, DVM**, has extended the withdrawal period to 96 hours.

Investigator **Tolman** entered into evidence an email from Chief Investigator **Shawn Loehr** that showed the recommendation of a warning for the case by the Executive Director, **Scott Chaney**.

After considering the evidence and testimony presented, the Stewards decided unanimously to dismiss the charges against **Ms. Jackson**.

5/16/20<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER WILLIAM DELIA (20GG0015)**

**Mr. Delia** met with the Stewards for a tape recorded hearing to address charges of alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board.

**Mr. Delia's** gelding **Smileforme** finished first in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 19, 2020 and the post-race urine sample showed a trace amount of **Flumethasone** a [Class 4] Corticosteroid).

**Smileforme** was treated with **Flumethasone** on January 17, 2020 (53.83 hours prior to race time) by **Kim Kuhlmann DVM** in accordance with the recommended guideline at that time. A memorandum dated February 20, 2020 from Equine Medical Director **Rick Arthur, DVM**, has extended the recommended withdrawal period to 96 hours.

Investigator **Longoria** presented an email from Chief Investigator **Shawn Loehr** that indicated the Executive Director, **Scott Chaney** recommended a warning for **Mr. Delia**.

After reviewing the merits of this case, the Stewards decided unanimously to dismiss the charges against **Mr. Delia**.

5/16/20<sup>5</sup>

**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

The racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

5/16/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 347.40
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 3,169,949.36
TOTAL	0	\$ 3,170,296.76

**SUNDAY**  
5/17/20<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #3 **Sugary** (Tr. **Martin Jones**) Off Turf- Stewards – Refunds \$ 458.51  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race: #2 **Squared Straight** (Tr. **Doug O'Neil**) Off Turf – Stewards – Refunds \$ 601.41  
7<sup>TH</sup> Race: #4 **Empressive Cat** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – DVM Batten – Refunds \$ 186.52  
10<sup>TH</sup> Race: #9 **Tomahawk Tuesday** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick– DVM Batten– Refunds \$ 68.76

5/17/20<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #72 BRAYAN PENA**

**Ruling # 72**

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **Seeking Refuge** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday May 16, 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).

**Mr. Pena** met with the Stewards for a review of his ride in the eighth race on May 16, 2020.

It was clear to all, including **Mr. Pena** that he used his crop more than three consecutive times without any pause, and he accepted the penalty imposed.

5/17/20<sup>3</sup>

**TRAINER TIMOTHY McCANNA – (20GG0008)**

Trainer **Timothy McCanna** met with the Stewards for a tape recorded hearing to address a Complaint filed against him alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

**Mr. McCanna's** gelding **Zippy Groom** who finished first in the fifth race on January 5, 2020, was post-race tested and the blood sample showed the presence of **Phenylbutazone**.

**Mr. McCanna** has not had any medication violations for over five years and is eligible for a warning in accordance with the California Horse Racing Board penalty guidelines.

The Stewards decided unanimously to issue an official warning.

5/17/20<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER TIMOTHY MCCANNA (20GG0006)**

Trainer **Timothy McCanna** appeared in response to a California Horse Racing Board #1843 (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances) and #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case for the California Horse Racing Board.

**Mr. McCanna's** gelding **Rowdyrooster** finished third in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 1, 2020 and the post-race urine sample detected a trace amount of **Flumethasone** a [Class 4] Corticosteroid.

**Rowdyrooster** was treated with **Flumethasone** on December 30, 2019 (56 Hours prior to race time) by **Kenneth Allison, DVM**, and verified by the Official Veterinarian Confidential Report. The treatment conformed to the recommended guideline at that time.

A memorandum dated February 10, 2020 from Equine Medical Director **Rick Arthur, DVM**, has extended the recommended withdrawal period to 96 hours.

Investigator **Tolman** entered into evidence an email from Chief Investigator **Shawn Loehr** that showed a recommendation of a warning for this case by the Executive Director **Scott Chaney**. Subsequent to their deliberation, the Stewards decided unanimously to dismiss the charges against **Mr. McCanna**.

5/17/20<sup>5</sup>

**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

No reportable incidents for the afternoon racing program.

5/17/20<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 265.50
OUT of STATE	N/A	\$ 3,030,401.05
TOTAL	0	\$ 3,030,666.55

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thurs 5/14</b>	<b>Fri 5/15</b>	<b>Sat 5/16</b>	<b>Sun 5/17</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	1	0	0	0	1	6
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	1	0	1	11
<b>Claims</b>	2	2	1	3	8	127
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	0	0	1	6
<b>Inquiries</b>	3	0	0	0	3	14
<b>Refunds</b>	5	4	6	9	24	285
<b>Rulings</b>	2	1	1	1	5	70
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	14

**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>
14-May	7	8	Rouge Bouquet	D.W. Baker	Injured	Dr. Christin	\$ 273.54
15-May	6	1	Nathansmimsy	J. Thomas	Injured	Dr. Christin	\$ 1,761.51
15-May	6	4	Boisterme	W. Delia	Lame	Dr. Batten	See Above
16-May	10	8	Finest Evening	E. Miranda	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$ 105.71
17-May	7	4	Empressive Cat	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$ 186.52
17-May	10	9	Tomahawk Tuesday	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Batten	\$ 68.76

Respectfully submitted,

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