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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Period Wednesday, May 20, 2020 through Monday, May 25, 2020.

WEDNESDAY

5/20/20¹

OFF DAY ACTIVITIES

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was in attendance for Saturday's entries and all systems worked as designed.

THURSDAY

5/21/20¹

BAKER HEARINGS (CASE #20GG0043 & #20GG0050)

Informal tape-recorded hearings were held for Trainer **D. Wayne Baker** after two complaints were filed alleging two Bute overages for horses under **Baker's** care. The first was a post-race test and the other for a post-workout reading.

On March 15, 2020, the horse **Honeymoonz Over** ran in and won the second race here at Golden Gate and a post-race test sample showed Bute at a level of .44 mg/ml. **Baker** has no idea why the level was so high as his attending vet, **Dr. Kuhlmann**, administered a pre-race injection of Bute over 48 hours prior to the race. **Baker** assumed the medication would have cleared the horse's system.

The circumstances of the incident fell within the guidelines provided by the rules for the issuance of an official warning to **Baker** and such was given.

The second matter dealt with a post work-out test sample on April 26, 2020 which showed Bute at a level of 3760 ng/ml. The horse **Fort York** performed a timed work-out for Trainer **Baker** about 7:00 am on April 26, 2020 and returned to the barn thereafter. **Baker** was told by the exercise rider that **Fast York** stepped on a rock on the way back to the barn. After observing **Fast York** for a period of time **Baker** noticed the horse showing signs of lameness and administered Bute.

Later that morning Official Veterinarian **Forest Franklin** came to **Baker's** barn and drew a blood sample under an out of competition scenario. That sample showed the above-mentioned Bute level. After hearing the testimony, the Stewards were unable to determine conclusively that the horse performed the work-out with Bute in its system and dismissed the complaint.

5/21/20²

NAVARRE HEARING (CASE # 20GG0046)

An informal hearing was held for Trainer **Jacqui Navarre** into a complaint filed by California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria** after the Maddy Lab reported a Bute level (.63mg/ml) in the horse **Hey Wilmaaa**. The horse is an unstarted four-year-old who was working to become eligible to race.

Navarre could not explain the presence of the medication as the horse received two Bute tablets approximately 56 hours prior to the work and the substance should have cleared the horse's system. Since **Navarre** has had no medication issues in the past three years, she was eligible for a warning and one was issued.

5/21/20³

BULLET DODGED

Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** along with Senior TSG Veterinarian **Casille Batten** observed a horse this morning displaying symptoms consistent with Equine Herpes Virus. The horse **I'll Dash For Gold**, trained by **Sam Di Laura**, ran last Sunday, and performed well. Today when taken out of the stall the horse could not control its hindquarters.

According to protocol the horse was shipped to U. C. Davis to be tested and after the races the test results proved negative for the Herpes Virus. Prior to the test results coming back all the horses in the same barn as **I'll Dance For Gold** were placed in quarantine which led to three scratches on today's card.

5/21/20⁴

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1ST Race: #2 **Maxinamillion**, (Tr. **J.B. Josephson**) Vet – Quarantine – Refund \$ 4,759.72.
2ND Race: #1 **Firstclasstoparis** (**Andreas Psarras**) Vet – Quarantine – Refund \$ 1,495.89
5TH Race: #10 **Silver Fury** (Tr. **Blake Heap**) Vet – Quarantine – Refund \$ 1,547.74
7TH Race: #1 **Kid Arcade** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) Stewards – Re-enter – Refund \$ 524.30

5/21/20⁵

STEWARDS INQUIRY – THIRD RACE – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to review the actions of #1 **Sierra Sunrise** (2ND, **Brayan Pena**) after the horse drifted out during the stretch run and took #2 **Lacey's Rainbow** (3RD **Ricardo Gonzalez**) off her path. After a thorough review the Stewards, by majority vote, disqualified **Sierra Sunrise** from second and placed her third behind **Lacey's Rainbow**.

Tapes showed that **Pena** steered **Sierra Sunrise** off the rail and ended up in the middle of the track. In the process **Sierra Sunrise** took **Lacey's Rainbow** off her path leading to the disqualification. Steward **Herbuveaux** dissented feeling the incident did not impact **Lacey's Rainbow's** position. **Pena** will view the tapes of the race with the Stewards in the morning.

Original Order of Finish 4-(1)-2-6-3

Official Order of Finish 4-2-(1)-6-3

5/21/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 0
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 1,825,341.29
TOTAL	0	\$ 1,825,341.29

FRIDAY
5/22/20¹

PENA RULING

Ruling # 73

Jockey **Brayan Pena** who rode **Sierra Sunrise** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, May 21, 2020 is suspended three (3) racing days May 29, 30, and 31, 2020 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 third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (c) & (e) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after **Brayan** appeared, reviewed the tapes of the race, and admitted he angled out too far packing a rival out in the process.

5/22/20²

EARLY DECLARATION

9TH Race: #5 **May Song** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Stewards – Full Field – Refund \$ 310.12

5/22/20³

SMITH/PACHECO MATTER (CASE #20SW0005 & #20SW0010)

Two complaints from the Cal Expo Harness meet landed on our desk for hearing. Trainer **Edward Smith** and Owner **Juan Pacheco** were cited after the horse **Dontdoubthelakers** showed .64 mg/ml of Bute in a post-race test sample taken on January 10, 2020. **Smith** was the trainer of record and **Pacheco** the owner.

Both respondents signed waiver of hearing affidavits and offered the following explanation:

Pacheco helped out at **Smith's** barn and was the one who administered the Bute to the horse; one tablet two days before the race. He could not offer any explanation for the test results.

Since neither **Smith** nor **Pacheco** have not had any medication violations in the last three years and since the level was less than 2.1 mg/ml both were issued official warnings.

5/22/20⁴

QUIET CARD

The afternoon's nine race program was completed in a problem free fashion.

5/22/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 50.00
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 2,397,432.15
TOTAL	0	\$ 2,397,482.15

SATURDAY
5/23/20¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Julien Couton** viewed the tapes of the start of yesterday's ninth race with the Stewards and was cautioned to "keep 'em straight" leaving the gate.

5/23/20²

KUCHINSKI DISPOSITION (CASE 20SW0015)

A complaint was filed against Cal Expo association employee **Myrt Kuchinski** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers) and #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) after she allegedly failed to properly identify herself at the stable gate at Cal Expo on March 24, 2020.

Kuchinski signed a waiver of hearing and explained telephonically that she did in fact show proper I.D. at the stable gate. After examining the evidence in the packet **Ms. Kuchinski** was issued an official warning.

5/23/20³

EARLY DECLARATION

4TH Race: #2 **Taelyns Prince** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Vet–Sick–Dr. Hullinger-Refund \$ 84,251.95

5/23/20⁴

LATE SCRATCH – FOURTH RACE – REFUND

#5 **Big Sky Logan**, trained by **Jeff Metz**, was scratched on the recommendation of track veterinarian **Casille Batten** after the horse flipped in the starting gate and injured himself. On the Vets List. The refund amounted to \$ 84,251.95.

5/23/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 151.00
OUT OF STATE	N/A	\$ 2,190,152.46
TOTAL	0	\$ 2,190,303.46

SUNDAY

5/24/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

1ST Race #8 **Living Legend** (Tr. **Frank Lucarelli**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christen – Refund \$ 713.32
7TH Race: #4 **Autisms World** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Hullinger – Refund \$ 271.78
9TH Race: #3 **Hard Pass** (Tr. **Keith Desormeaux**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Hullinger – Refund \$ 531.59
#5 **Dark Proof** (Tr. **Ellen Jackson**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christen – Refund \$ See Above

5/24/20²

CRISPIN HEARING (CASE #17GG0170)

A formal hearing was conducted for Jockey **Joe Crispin** whose license expired in August of 2018. **Crispin** was suspended for failure to appear on January 12, 2018 when he was not present to address a complaint alleging a positive urine sample which contained Methamphetamine and Cocaine. Today's proceedings were scheduled to determine if **Crispin** should be considered eligible to be relicensed.

Present were the Board of Stewards, **Crispin**, and California Horse racing Board Investigator **Noe Longoria**. The hearing was recorded by **Christine Niccoli**. **Crispin** pled guilty to the charges in the complaint. Testimony and evidence were then submitted indicating that **Crispin** has turned his life around by entering into a ninety-day rehabilitation program, working with the Winners Foundation, attending daily AA meetings, and staying clean and sober since last September. Disposition to follow.

5/24/20³

FAST FOOTWORK

Fourth race contestant #7 **Earlyinthemorn**, trained by **Frank Lucarelli**, was returned to the paddock during the warm-up period after she lost a shoe. Horseshoe Inspector **Agustin Rayas** was dispatched to the paddock and reattached the plate. In the interim the other seven participants went to the post and circled behind the starting gate without Jockeys. The incident resulted in a three-minute delay in the normal off time.

5/24/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 446.00
OUT of STATE	N/A	\$ 2,404,100.50
TOTAL	0	\$ 2,404,546.50

MONDAY

5/25/20¹

EARLY DECLARATIONS

3RD Race: #2 **Prince Cheval** (Tr. **Wayne Baker**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christen – Refund \$ 252.43
10TH Race: #13 **Muskoka** (Tr. **Keith Desormeaux**) Stewards – AE – Refund \$ 270.27
11TH Race: #4 **Rocker Chick** (Tr. **Blaine Wright**) Vet – Sick – Dr. Christen – Refund \$ 310.95

5/25/20²

CLAIM VOIDED – THIRD RACE

A claim deposited by **Jonathan Wong** for the horse **Life Is A Trip** was voided by the Stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forest Franklin** reported the horse was off on the right hind. On Vet's List. Trainer **Gary Greiner** retained possession of the horse.

5/25/20³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

NCOT	0	\$ 0
GG	0	\$ 337.00
OUT of STATE	N/A	\$ 2,742,351.24
TOTAL	0	\$2,742,688.24

SUMMARY

	Thurs 5/21	Fri 5/22	Sat 5/23	Sun 5/24	Mon 5/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	1	1	2	13
Claims	2	1	2	0	0	5	132
Disqualification	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
Inquiries	1	0	0	0	0	1	15
Refunds	7	3	3	6	7	26	311
Rulings	0	1	0	0	0	1	71
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	1	1	15

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
23-May	4	2	Taelyns Prince	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Hullinger	\$ 84,251.95
24-May	1	8	Living Legend	F. Lucarelli	Sick	Dr. Christen	\$ 713.32
24-May	7	4	Autisms World	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Hullinger	\$ 271.78
24-May	9	3	Hard Pass	K. Desormeaux	Sick	Dr. Hullinger	\$ 531.59
24-May	9	5	Dark Proof	E. Jackson	Sick	Dr. Christen	\$ See Above
25-May	3	2	Prince Cheval	W. Baker	Sick	Dr. Christen	\$ 252.43
25-May	11	4	Rocker Chick	B. Wright	Sick	Dr. Christen	\$ 310.95

Respectfully submitted,

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