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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, November 30, 2022, through Sunday, December 04, 2022.****WEDNESDAY**11/30/22<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY CHANGES FOR FRIDAY**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** handled entry and change duty. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** joined the entry panel for Friday's races.

**THURSDAY**12/01/22<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY CHANGES FOR SATURDAY**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was in the office to handle entry and change duty. Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** handled panel duty for Saturday's races.

**FRIDAY**12/02/22<sup>1</sup>**AYUSO RULING****Ruling #21**

Jockey **ARMANDO AYUSO** who rode **HADLEES HONOR** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday, November 27, 2022, is suspended one (1) racing day, Friday, December 9, 2022, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)\*, pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the legal limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **ARMANDO AYUSO** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on June 2, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties).

The above Ruling was issued after **Mr. AYUSO** came in and reviewed the race in question with the Stewards. He agreed that he miscounted and accepted the penalty as stated.

12/2/2022<sup>2</sup>**DIEGO HERRERA (CASE ZZBM0036)**

Groom **Diego Herrera** was charged with alleged violation of Rules #1530 (Cases not covered) and #1874 (Disorderly conduct). The alleged allegation is that **Mr. HERRERA** was found at the Alameda County Fair "Too drunk for booking at the county jail". The incident occurred on August 2, 2022. Golden Gate Security officer **CAMILLO LOPEZ** reported that **Mr. HERRERAS** son told him that **Mr. HERRERA** caught a plane to Mexico. If we don't hear from **Mr. HERRERA** by tomorrow a ruling for failing to appear shall be forthcoming.

12/2/22<sup>3</sup> 6<sup>TH</sup> race #3 **Gee Street** (Tr. **Pablo DeJesus**) Unsound – **Dr. Hassan**. Refund \$21.20  
8<sup>TH</sup> Race #11 **Hot Link** – (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Also Eligible – **Stewards**. Refund See Below  
8<sup>TH</sup> Race #12 **Smile and Profile** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) Also Eligible–**Stewards**. Refund \$ 164.96

12/2/22<sup>4</sup> **GOOD RACING**  
Today's eight races were run with no noteworthy incidents to report.

12/2/22<sup>5</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	296	\$169,291.40
Out of State	n/a	\$1,074,135.42
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$176,943.50
Total	1031	\$1,802,075.14

## **SATURDAY**

12/3/22<sup>1</sup> **HERRERA RULING (CASE #22BM0036 – REF: 12/2/22<sup>2</sup>)**  
Groom **Diego Herrera** having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on or before December 2, 2022, is suspended for a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) and Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct-Intoxication).

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **Diego Herrera** 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 after **Mr. Herrera** failed to appear or contact the Stewards.

12/3/22<sup>2</sup> **DAVID W. BAKER HEARING – CASE 22GG0123**  
A hearing was held Tuesday concerning **Mr. Bakers** attitude towards Track Veterinarian **Karen Hassan** on October 4, 2022, at Golden Gate Fields. In addition to the Board of Stewards Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada**, **Dr. Karen Hassan** and trainer **Baker** were present. **Christine Nicolli** recorded the proceedings. **Mr. Baker** conceded that he used foul language but not directly at **Dr. Hassan**. **Dr. Hassan** confirmed that the language while not appreciated, was not directed at her specifically. **Dr. Hassan** testified that she had to wait for **Mr. Baker** to show up at the barn because he called his foreman and told him not to show her the horses. A decision will be forthcoming.

12/3/22<sup>3</sup> **4<sup>TH</sup> RACE INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION**  
The Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident shortly after the start concerning third place (dead heat) finisher #6 **Desert Smoke (Adrian Escobedo)** and 7<sup>TH</sup> place finisher #5 **St. Annie's Indy (Santos Rivera)**. Replays show #6 angling in towards the rail taking the path and bumping #5 causing Jockey **Rivera** to check sharply. #6 was disqualified and placed seventh for the interference. Jockey **Escobedo** was ordered to see the Stewards in the morning.

12/3/22<sup>4</sup> **INQUIRY NINTH RACE – DISQUALIFICATION**  
The inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch involving #6 **Smile and Profile (Adrian Escobedo 4<sup>TH</sup>)**, #2 **One big Smile (Kevin Radke 6<sup>TH</sup>)** and #7 **The Untouchableone**

(**William Antongeorgi III 7<sup>TH</sup>**). As the field is passing the 1/8 pole #6 angles out from behind horses causing the jockeys on #2 and #7 to check slightly. Jockey **Escobedo** on #6 realizes he shifted out too far and attempted to correct his mount. But he overcorrects and puts his horse on another rivals' heels. He then steers his horse into the path of the 2 and 7, again causing both riders to check. #6 was disqualified from fourth to seventh for interference to #'s 2 and 7. Young Apprentice Jockey **Adrian Escobedo** will face the Stewards for a second time tomorrow.

12/3/22<sup>5</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Jockey **Adrian Escobedo** for **Oscar Gonzalez**. Abscess tooth.  
 5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #4 **John Dunbar**– r. **S. Miyadi**. Unsound–**Dr. Hassan**. Refund \$208.26  
 7<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Descartes** – Tr. **S. Calvario** Injured – **Dr. Hassan**. Refunds \$379.01  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #11 **Prospect of Rain**–Tr. **D. Franko**. Also Eligible–**Stewards**. Refund \$132.04  
 9<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #8 **Momo's Kiddo** – Tr. **J. Steiner**. Injured– **Dr. Hassan**. Refund \$135.50

12/3/22<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	371	\$209,753.66
Out of state	n/a	\$1,529,204.16
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$347,124.65
Total	1567	\$2,658,674.76

12/4/22<sup>1</sup>

**ESCOBEDO RULING REF: 12/3/22<sup>3</sup>**

**Ruling #23**

Apprentice Jockey **ADRIAN ESCOBEDO** who rode **DESERT SMOKE** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields, on Saturday, December 3, 2022, is suspended three (3) racing days, December 11, 26, and 30, 2022 for failure to maintain a straight course soon after the start gate causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from 3<sup>RD</sup> (Dead Heat) to Seventh. The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation of Designated Races in California.

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Escobedo** appeared and reviewed the race with the Stewards. He understands now that he needs to be well clear when dropping towards the rail from an outside post position. In this instance he failed to adequately clear a rival before dropping over.

12/4/22<sup>2</sup>

**ADRIAN ESCOBEDO RULING PART II REF: 12/3/22<sup>4</sup>**

**Ruling#24**

Apprentice Jockey **Adrian Escobedo** who rode **Smile and Profile** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, December 3, 2022, is suspended five (5) racing days, December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2,6 and 7 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from Fourth to Seventh. A violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule#1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding – Second Offense).

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

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Escobedo** appeared and reviewed the race with the Stewards. **Mr. Escobedo's** mount was somewhat unruly, but the young rider overcorrected on two separate occasions causing interference **Adrian** agreed that yesterday was not this finest work.

12/4/22<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

# 7 **Bear Chum (AUS)** was claimed by **Librado Baroccio**, State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** reported the gelding lame in the right front leg. **Bear Chum (AUS)** was returned to the barn of **Jonathan Wong**.

12/4/22<sup>4</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES/SCRATCHES**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 Safe Combination - Tr. Reid France. Injured – Dr. Hassan. Refunds \$197.41  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 Highland Ghost – Tr. O.J. Jauregui. Sick – Dr. Hassan. Refund \$822.12

12/4/22<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	557	\$250,298.76
Out of state	n/a	\$1,396,430.55
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$303,964.87
Total	1517	\$2,422,019.34

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
2-Dec	6	3	Gee Street	P. DeJesus	Unsound	Dr. Hassan	\$21.20
3-Dec	5	4	John Dunbar	S. Miyadi	Unsound	Dr. Hassan	\$208.26
3-Dec	7	1	Descartes	S. Calvario	Injured	Dr. Hassan	\$379.01
3-Dec	8	11	Prospect of Rain	D. Franko	Also Eligible	Stewards	\$132.04
3-Dec	9	8	Momo's Kiddo	J. Steiner	Injured	Dr. Hassan	\$317.49
4-Dec	3	2	Safe Combination	R. France	Injured	D. Hassan	\$197.41
4-Dec	8	6	Highland Ghost	O.J. Jauregui	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$822.12

**SUMMARY**

	Fri 12/2	Sat 12/3	Sun 12/4	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	4	1	3	8	51
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	2	0	2	3
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	2	0	2	7
<b>Refunds</b>	3	4	2	21	121
<b>Rulings</b>	1	0	2	3	17
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	0	1	2	10

Respectfully,

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 Will Meyers, Steward

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 Dennis Nevin, Steward

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 Grant Baker, Steward