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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, January 11, 2023, through Monday January 16, 2023.**

## WEDNESDAY

1/11/23<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was present to supervise entries for Sunday, January 15, 2023.

## THURSDAY

1/12/23<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was on duty once again to approve changes for Sunday January 15, 2023 and supervise entries for January 16, 2023.1/12/23<sup>2</sup>**STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**Stewards **Meyers, Baker, Lewis** and **Nevin** joined the Stewards Committee Meeting on Microsoft Teams.1/12/23<sup>3</sup>**OWNER-TRAINER FELIX RONDAN (22GG0138)**Owner-Trainer **Felix Rondan** appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to the financial complaint filed against him by **David Hatanaka (DBA- Dave's Hay Barn)** alleging an overdue feed bill totaling \$31,345.05.

Present in addition to **Mr. Rondan** and **Mr. Hatanaka**, were CHRB Investigators **Jennifer Tolman** and **Noe Longoria**, who assisted **Mr. Rondan** with translation. **Mr. Rondan** acknowledged he owed the debt and **Mr. Hatanaka** was willing to accept payments. Financial complaint agreement was signed by both individuals that called for a Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) payment today and four monthly payments of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00)

starting February 12, 2023, with the final payment of Three Thousand, Three Hundred and forty five Dollars due by June 12, 2023. **Mr. Rondan** was advised that failure to comply with agreement may result in the suspension of his licenses.

**FRIDAY**  
1/13/23<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS:**

3<sup>RD</sup> Race #2 **Laura Mars (IRE)** (Tr. **Leonard Powell**) Unsound – **DVM Michael Parker**  
Refunds: \$357.45

4<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 **Moonlightwine** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **DVM Parker**. Refunds: \$ 214.85

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #7 **Governor's Party** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$ 66.33

1/13/23<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #9 – FRANK ALVARADO (REFER 1/8/23<sup>1</sup>)**

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** who rode "**EMILY SMILES**" in the sixth race at **GOLDEN GATE FIELDS** on Sunday January 8, 2023, is suspended Three Racing Days January 20, 21 and 22, 2023 for causing interference in the stretch resulting in a disqualification from first to sixth place; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The foregoing Ruling was issued after Jockey **Frank Alvarado** met with the Board of Stewards for a review of his ride in the sixth race on Sunday, January 8, 2023. **Mr. Alvarado** acknowledges that he shifted out behind the leaders in the stretch more than he intended and accepted his penalty.

1/13/23<sup>3</sup>

**RULING #10 – WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI (REFER 1/8/23<sup>2</sup>)**

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI III** who rode "**LIGHTINTHEDARKNESS**" in the seventh race on Sunday January 8, 2023, is suspended Three (3) Racing Days January 20, 21 and 22, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Antongeorgi** appeared before the Board of Stewards for a review of the seventh race from Sunday January 8, 2023.

**Mr. Antongeorgi** was very candid in acknowledging his mount did drift out and cause interference near the 1/16 pole and accepted the penalty imposed.

1/13/23<sup>4</sup>

**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents to report.

1/13/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |                |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track     | 333   | \$149,509.74   |
| Out of state | n/a   | \$1,164,446.35 |
| SCOTWinc     | n/a   | \$215,335.00   |
| Total        | 1,092 | \$1,942,110.51 |

**SATURDAY**

1/14/23<sup>1</sup>

**DELCLARATIONS:**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #1 **Autisms Word** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Unsound – **DVM Batten**.  
Refunds: \$14,234.88

5<sup>TH</sup> Race #7 **Aloha Kitten** (Tr. **Craig Dollase**) Veterinary – **Panel**. Refunds: \$79.10

6<sup>TH</sup> Race #9 **Mistical Surprise** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$359.72

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Dr. Pescado** (Tr. **Felix Rondan**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$83.80

8<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Damn the Torpedoes** (Tr. **Victor Trujillo**) Sick – **DVM Parker** See Below

8<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 **Tamara Mine** (Tr. **Steve Specht**) Veterinary – **Panel**. Refunds: \$239.20

9<sup>TH</sup> Race #10 **Playing Hardball** (Tr. **Andy Mathis**) Sick – **DVM Parker**. Refunds: \$201.10

1/14/23<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #11 – SILVIO AMADOR**

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR** is fined the sum of Fifty Hundred Dollars (\$50.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1680 (Jockeys and Drivers to Report – Late to the Jockey Room) on January 13, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

The foregoing ruling was issued after **Mr. Amador** met with the Stewards and apologized for not receiving permission from the Stewards to report late to the jockey quarters.

1/14/23<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS REVIEW – SIXTH RACE**

The Stewards provided a video review of the start of the sixth race for the wagering public that clearly showed #7 **Filly Pelli** was afforded a fair start and simply broke slow from the gate.

1/14/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |                |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track     | 385   | \$160,953.00   |
| Out of state | n/a   | \$1,622,518.94 |
| SCOTWinc     | n/a   | \$253,405.69   |
| Total        | 1,233 | \$2,467,885.19 |

1/15/23<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #4 **Triple E** (Tr. **Miguel Ramirez**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$280.39

7<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Harmon** (Tr. **Monte Meier**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: See Below

7<sup>TH</sup> Race # 7 **Dulas (IRE)** (Tr. **Manuel Badilla**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$448.50

8<sup>TH</sup> Race #11 **Secret Club** (Tr. **Ed Moger**) Also Eligible – **Stewards**. Refunds: See Below

8<sup>TH</sup> Race #12 **Runkerry** (Tr. **Gloria Haley**) Also Eligible – **Stewards**. Refunds: \$216.66

1/15/23<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY – OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION – 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the third race to review an incident in the stretch involving #1 **Fury Kap (Alexander Chavez)** fourth and #5 **Diamond Ranger (Armando Ayuso)** who finished fifth. Jockey **Ayuso** also lodged a claim of foul against #1 **Fury Kap** regarding the same incident.

After considering the Patrol Judges Report, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #1 **Fury Kap** from fourth to fifth. The video shows #1 **Fury Kap** drifted out inside the 1/16 pole bumping and impeding #5 **Diamond Ranger**, preventing the latter the opportunity of better placing.

Original order of finish: 6 -2 -3 – 1 – 5 – 4

Official Order of finish: 6 – 2 – 3 – 5 – 1 – 4

1/15/23<sup>3</sup>

**ACCIDENT – INQUIRY- 4<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the fourth race to determine the cause of #5 **Handr’sdream (Alexander Chavez)** falling near the far turn. After a thorough review, the Stewards decided unanimously that **Handr’sdream** moved into tight quarters and clipped the heels of #6 **Oh Great (Santo Rivera)** who finished fourth.

The Stewards could not fault the latter and will review the race with **Mr. Chavez**, who fortunately was not injured.

1/15/23<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED – 6<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Sergio Perez** for the four year old gelding **Rickenbacher** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, that the gelding was unsound in the right hind leg. **Rickenbacher** was returned to the **Sherman** barn.

1/15/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |       |                |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| On track     | 455   | \$224,306.40   |
| Out of state | n/a   | \$1,531,695.05 |
| SCOTWinc     | n/a   | \$320,024.05   |
| Total        | 1,368 | \$2,527,879.48 |

1/16/23<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race #2 **Quiet Charm** (Tr. **Sergio Perez**) Injured – **DVM Hassan**. Refunds: \$1,861.79  
2<sup>ND</sup> Race #4 **Abinadi** (Tr. **Bill McLean**) Not Eligible – **Stewards**. Refunds: \$147.63  
The declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and no show wagering was offered.  
4<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **On Vacation** (Tr. **Brendan Galvin**) Sick - **DVM Hassan**. Refunds: See Below  
4<sup>TH</sup> Race #4 **La Primer Estrella** (**Jesus Ramos**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$327.90  
These declarations reduced the field to four wagering interests and no show wagering was offered.  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race #3 **Simply Perfect** (Tr. **James Gilmour**) Unsound–**DVM Batten**. Refunds: See Below  
6<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 **Austrian Navy** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **DVM Parker**. Refunds: \$9,706.22  
8<sup>TH</sup> Race #1 **Patsy Montana** (Tr. **Jesus Ramos**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$225.75  
9<sup>TH</sup> Race #9 **Midnight Metal** (Tr. **Jamey Thomas**) Sick – **DVM Batten**. Refunds: \$248.01

1/16/23<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #12 – ALEXANDER CHAVEZ (REFER 1/15/23<sup>2</sup>)**

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode “ **FURY KAP** “ in the third race on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields is suspended Three Racing Days January 27, 28 and 29, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to fifth; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

The foregoing ruling was issued after **Mr. Chavez** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the third race from January 15, 2023. **Mr. Chavez** was very candid in acknowledging he erred in allowing his mount to drift out bumping and impeding a rival, resulting in the disqualification of his mount.

The Stewards also reviewed the video of the fourth race from January 15, 2023, with **Mr. Chavez (Refer 1/15/23<sup>3</sup>)**. In that race **Mr. Chavez's** mount #5 **Handr'sdream** clipped heels and fell. **Mr. Chavez** stated he was trying to restrain his mount heading into the far turn, but the five year old gelding got away from him and ran up on the heels of #6 **Oh Great (Santos Rivera)**.

1/16/23<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 8<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

The Stewards put up the Inquiry Sign following the eighth race to review an incident in the stretch involving #4 **Sally's Sassy (William Antongeorgi)** first and #5 **Rousing Jewel (Frank Alvarado)** who finished second.

After considering the Patrol Judges report, interviewing the riders involved, the Stewards decide unanimously to make the original order of finish official. The video shows the contact between the two three year old's was mutual and no change in the order of finish was warranted.

1/16/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

|              |     |                |
|--------------|-----|----------------|
| On track     | 261 | \$110,378.70   |
| Out of state | n/a | \$1,315,227.77 |
| SCOTWinc     | n/a | \$164,062.15   |
| Total        | 915 | \$1,825,014.21 |

### VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

| Date   | Race | No. | Horse              | Trainer    | Reason  | Vet    | Refund      |
|--------|------|-----|--------------------|------------|---------|--------|-------------|
| 13-Jan | 3    | 2   | Laura Mars         | L. Powell  | Unsound | Parker | \$357.45    |
| 13-Jan | 4    | 6   | Moonlightwine      | J. Wong    | Sick    | Parker | \$214.85    |
| 13-Jan | 7    | 7   | Governor's Party   | D. Franko  | Sick    | Batten | \$66.33     |
| 14-Jan | 2    | 1   | Autisms Word       | I.Tamayo   | Unsound | Batten | \$14,234.88 |
| 14-Jan | 7    | 7   | Aloha Kitten       | C. Dollase | Panel   | Panel  | \$79.10     |
| 14-Jan | 6    | 9   | Mistical Surprise  | I.Tamayo   | Sick    | Batten | \$359.72    |
| 14-Jan | 7    | 1   | Dr. Pescado        | F. Rondan  | Sick    | Batten | \$83.80     |
| 14-Jan | 8    | 3   | Damn the Torpedoes | V.Trujillo | Sick    | Parker | See Below   |
| 14-Jan | 8    | 6   | Tamara Mine        | S. Specht  | Panel   | Panel  | \$239.20    |
| 14-Jan | 9    | 10  | Playing Hardball   | A.Mathis   | Sick    | Parker | \$201.10    |
| 15-Jan | 1    | 4   | Triple E           | M.Ramirez  | Sick    | Batten | \$280.39    |
| 15-Jan | 7    | 1   | Harmon             | M.Meier    | Sick    | Batten | See Below   |
| 15-Jan | 7    | 7   | Dulas(IRE)         | M.Badilla  | Sick    | Batten | \$448.50    |
| 16-Jan | 1    | 2   | Quiet Charm        | S.Perez    | Injured | Hassan | \$1,861.79  |
| 16-Jan | 3    | 5   | Idiot's Gold       | E.Jackson  | Injured | Hassan | \$994.70    |
| 16-Jan | 4    | 1   | On Vacation        | B.Galvin   | Sick    | Hassan | See Below   |
| 16-Jan | 4    | 4   | La Primer Estrella | J.Ramos    | Sick    | Batten | \$327.90    |
| 16-Jan | 6    | 6   | Austrian Navy      | J.Wong     | Sick    | Parker | \$9,706.22  |
| 16-Jan | 8    | 1   | Patsy Montana      | J.Ramos    | Sick    | Batten | \$225.75    |
| 16-Jan | 9    | 9   | Midnight Metal     | J.Thomas   | Sick    | Batten | \$248.01    |

### SUMMARY

|                          | Fri<br>1/13 | Sat<br>1/14 | Sun<br>1/15 | Mon<br>1/16 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| <b>Accidents</b>         | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1    | 2    |
| <b>Cal-Bred Races</b>    | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Claims</b>            | 3           | 3           | 3           | 4           | 13   | 35   |
| <b>Disqualifications</b> | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1    | 3    |
| <b>Inquiries</b>         | 0           | 0           | 1           | 1           | 2    | 4    |
| <b>Refunds</b>           | 3           | 7           | 5           | 8           | 23   | 47   |
| <b>Rulings</b>           | 0           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 3    | 12   |
| <b>Voided Claims</b>     | 0           | 0           | 1           | 0           | 1    | 4    |

Respectfully submitted,

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Will Meyers, Steward