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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Thursday, February 23, 2023, Through Sunday, February 26, 2023.

THURSDAY2/23/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was present to supervise entries for Sunday, February 26, 2023**FRIDAY**2/24/23¹**DECLARATIONS**5TH Race #3 **El Capricho** (Tr. **Jorge Maravilla**) Injured – **DVM Batten** Refund \$ 122.452/24/23²**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey **Armando Ayuso** and the Stewards reviewed his ride in the ninth race on Monday February 20, 2023. **Mr. Ayuso's** mount, **Chris Fix** (Tr. **Alfredo Marquez**) drifted in near the $\frac{1}{6}$ pole and was corrected just prior to taking the path of the tiring #5 **SkyDinski** (**Cristobal Herrera**). The four year old **Chris Fix** was running erratic and was placed on the Veterinarian's list for being lame in both hind legs and the claim submitted for him was voided. **Mr. Ayuso** was issued a warning by unanimous decision.

2/24/23³**INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 1ST RACE**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the first race for a review of an incident in the stretch involving #4 **St Helena** (**Edwin Gonzalez**) first and #6 **Many Markets** (**Alejandro Gomez**) who finished second.

After considering the patrol judges report, talking to the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official. The video shows #5 **St Helena** drift in near the $\frac{1}{6}$ pole and bump #6 **Many Markets**. The Stewards decided unanimously the incident did not influence the outcome.

2/24/23⁴

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 2ND RACE

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the second race at the request of Jockey, Assael Espinoza, who rode #4 **Bettor Trip Nick** and finished second. **Mr. Espinoza** lodged a claim of foul against #5 **Love'em N Leave'em (Evin Roman)** the winner. After talking with the patrol judges, the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to make the original order of finish official. The Video shows #5 **Love'em N Leave'em** drift in and make contact at or past the finish line that did not affect the outcome.

2/24/23⁵

CLAIM VOIDED – 2ND RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Mike Lenzini** for **Bettor Trip Nick** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM** the six year old gelding was unsound in the left front and left hind legs. **Bettor Trip Nick** was placed on the Veterinarians list and returned to **Mr. Steiner's** barn.

2/24/23⁶

CLAIM VOIDED – 5TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Reed France** for “**Argentina Cries (IRE)**” (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) subsequent to a report from the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin DVM**, that the three year old gelding was unsound in the left foreleg and placed on the Veterinarian's List. **Argentina Cries (IRE)** was returned to **Mr. Miyadi's** barn.

2/24/23⁷

CLAIM VOIDED – 6TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Sam Calvario** for “**Should Be Illegal** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) as the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, informed them the six year old horse was placed on the Vets List for being unsound in the left foreleg. **Should Be Illegal** was returned to **Mr. Shermans** barn.

2/24/23⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	245	\$111,632.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,474,054.71
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$149,679.59
Total	880	\$2,065,477.03

SATURDAY

2/25/23¹

DECLARATIONS

2ND Race #2 **Aloha Chrome** (Tr. **Jeff Bonde**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** Refunds \$380.80

4TH Race #1 **Sent by Angels** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** See Below

4TH Race #6 **Jim's Jet** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** Refunds \$776.50

7TH Race #3 **Creating Memories** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**) Injured – **DVM Batten**

Refunds \$3,031.32

8TH Race #3 **Topanticipation (GB)** (Tr. **Manuel Badilla**) Injured – **DVM Batten**

Refunds \$346.24

2/25/23²

RULING #26 – EDWIN GONZALEZ (REF: 2/24/23³)

Jockey **EDWIN GONZALEZ**, who rode **ST HELENA** in the first race on Friday, February 24, 2023, is suspended three (3) racing days, March 4, 5, and 10, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards met with Jockey **Edwin Gonzalez** regarding an incident in the stretch during the first race yesterday, February 24, 2023.

Mr. Gonzalez was very candid in stating he was slow in controlling his mount prior to contact with a rival near the $\frac{1}{16}$ pole.

2/25/23³

RULING #27 – ASSAEL ESPINOZA

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** who rode **BETTOR TRIP NICK** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 24, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Saturday, March 4, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on August 25, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties).

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** met with the Stewards for a review of the second race from Friday, February 24, 2023.

Mr. Espinoza acknowledged he used his riding crop seven times during the race and accepted the penalty imposed.

2/25/23⁴

RULING #28 – LEONEL CAMACHO-FLORES

Jockey **LEONEL CAMACHO-FLORES** who rode **EL CHARRO CHAMP** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Friday, February 24, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Saturday, March 4, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, three strikes over limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **LEONEL CAMACHO-FLORES** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on August 25, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties).

The foregoing ruling was issued after **Mr. Camacho-Flores** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fourth race from Friday, February 24, 2023. The young rider admitted he was negligent in his use of the crop, but he was trying to win the race. He did in fact win but will now suffer the consequences of his actions.

2/25/23⁵

WAGERING CLOSED PREMATURELY – 1ST RACE

As the field was approaching the starting gate for the first race, the placing judges notified the Stewards that wagering had ceased. They further stated that the connection cable to their console was loose and upon re-connecting it locked the machines. The Stewards contacted the Mutuel Manager, **Doug Gooby**, and confirmed the wagering stopped at 1:15.3 p.m.

2/25/23⁶

INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 8TH RACE

The Stewards conducted an Inquiry following the eighth race for a review of an incident near the $\frac{3}{16}$ pole involving #6 **Undisturbed (William Antongeorgi III)** third and #4 **Shezaghast (Santos Rivera)** who finished third.

After considering the patrol judges report, talking to the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #6 **Undisturbed** and placed her third behind #4 **Shezaghast**.

The video shows #6 **Undisturbed** takes a step in near the $\frac{3}{16}$ pole and bumps #4 **Shezaghast** off stride. The incident clearly prevented the latter the opportunity of a better placing as she rallied back and finished third a head behind #6 **Undisturbed**.

Original order of finish: 2 – 6 – 4 – 1 – 5 – 7

Official order of finish: 2 – 4 – 6 – 1 – 5 – 7

2/25/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	525	\$210,107.20
Out of state	n/a	\$1,937,952.03
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$275,987.63
Total	1,680	\$3,041,054.13

SUNDAY

2/26/23¹

DECLARATIONS

2ND Race #1 **Thechiefhastricks** (Tr. **Jose Puentes**) Veterinarian Panel See Below

2ND Race #6 **The Sandy Surprise** (Tr. **Simon Hobson**) Injured – **DVM Hassan**

Refunds \$565.54

The foregoing declarations reduced the field to four wagering interest and in accordance with CHRB Rule # 1954 (Parimutuel Pools), no show wagering was offered.

3RD Race #5 **Terry's Boy** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**) Injured – **DVM Hassan** Refunds \$359.84

The foregoing declaration reduced the field to four wagering interest and in accordance with CHRB Rule # 1954 (Parimutuel Pools), no show wagering was offered.

2/26/23²

RULING #29 – BRAYAN PENA

Jockey **BRAYAN PENA** who rode **VALERIE** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, February 25, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Sunday, March 5, 2023, and fined Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **BRAYAN PENA** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on August 26, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties).

Jockey **Brayan Pena** met with the Stewards regarding his use of riding crop during the fourth race on Saturday, February 25, 2023. **Mr. Pena** readily acknowledged he used his riding crop seven times and accepted his penalty.

2/26/23³

RULING #30 – IRVING OROZCO

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** who rode **MORE POWER TO HIM** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Monday, February 20, 2023 is fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688(b)(2) (Use of Riding Crop – on the Flank).

Jockey **Irving Orozco** met with the Stewards and consented to an informal hearing to address an complaint initiated by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin DVM**, who noticed an abrasion in the flank area of the gelding **More Power to Him** (Tr. **Faith Taylor**) following the fifth race on February 20, 2023.

Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** was contacted and took some pictures that show a minor abrasion that could have been caused by a riding crop.

Mr. Orozco accepted the penalty imposed by the Stewards unanimously decision.

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VIDEO REVIEW – WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI III (REF: 2-25-23)

Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** appeared before the Board of Stewards for a review of the eighth race from Saturday February 25, 2023.

Mr. Antongeorgi's mount was disqualified in that race for interference in the stretch.

A thorough review on the incident near the ³/₁₆ pole appears to have been caused when his mount stepped in and bumped a rival. **Mr. Antongeorgi** quickly responded by pulling his mount off and by unanimously decision was not penalized.

2/26/23⁵

CLAIM VOIDED – 6TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer **Steve Sherman** for **McGeorge** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM** that the five year old gelding was unsound in the left foreleg and placed on the Veterinarian’s List. **McGeorge** was returned to **Mr. Steiner’s** barn.

2/26/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	578	\$190,698.20
Out of state	n/a	\$2,047,187.19
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$312,110.23
Total	1,475	\$3,022,618.97

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/24	Sat 2/25	Sun 2/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	3	1	7	11	54
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	2
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	6
Refunds	1	4	2	7	107
Rulings	0	3	1	4	23
Voided Claims	3	0	1	4	12

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
24-Feb	5	3	El Capricho	J. Maravilla	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$122.45
25-Feb	2	2	Aloha Chrome	J. Bonde	Injured	Dr. Hassan	\$380.80
25-Feb	4	1	Sent By Angels	S. Miyadi	Sick	Dr. Hassan	See Below
25-Feb	4	6	Jim’s Jet	I. Tamayo	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$776.80
25-Feb	7	3	Creating Memories	I. Tamayo	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$3,031.32
25-Feb	8	2	Topanticipation	M. Badilla	Injured	Dr. Batten	\$346.24
26-Feb	8	6	War Games	C. DeLima	Sick	Dr. Hassan	\$406.40
26-Feb	2	1	Thechiefhastricks	J. Puentes	Panel	Panel	See Below
26-Feb	2	6	The Sandy Surprise	S. Hobson	Injured	Dr. Hassen	\$565.54
26-Feb	3	5	Terry’s Boy	T. McCanna	Injured	Dr. Hassan	\$359.84

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward