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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Thursday, March 1, 2023, Through Sunday, March 5, 2023.

WEDNESDAY

3/1/23¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present for Friday changes and to oversee entries for Saturday. A nine race card was manufactured with an approved post time of 1:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

3/2/23¹**FULL PANEL**

All three Stewards, **Baker, Nevin and Lewis**, were present as two complaints are scheduled to be heard. **Mr. Nevin** is the "Duty" Steward approving changes and to be available should there be any questions with Sunday entries.

3/2/23²**ESPINOZA HEARING**

CHRB Case 22GG0126 involving violations to HISA Rules #2280(c)(2) & (3) and #2281(2)(6) (iv) was heard today against Jockey **Assael Espinoza**, after a delay due to the make-up of the Stewards, **Richard Lewis** was Safety Steward investigating the incident, **Mr. Espinoza** approved going forward with proceedings. CHRB Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the complaint. Evidence and testimony were put into record. After twenty-four minutes the hearing was concluded with a decision pending.

3/2/23³**CALVA HEARING**

CHRB Investigator **Louis Quezada** presented case number 23GG0013, **CHRB vs. GAIL CALVA**. **Miss Calva** was present, representing herself. The complaint package listed five

possible rule violations. After listening to testimony, which lasted forty-five minutes, the hearing was closed. This panel will take all evidence into consideration when reaching a decision.

FRIDAY
3/3/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 #1 **Hoop Dream** to be ridden by **Cristobal Herrera**

#6 **Gregs City Zip** (Tr. **C. Delima**) Injured – **Dr. Hassan** Refund - \$191.59

Race 2 #1 **Bett on Blaze** (Tr. **M. Meier**) Injured – **Dr. Hassan** Refund - \$95.50

Race 5 #5 **Smokin' Hot** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – **Dr. Parker** Refund - \$296.19

Race 7 #3 **Bob's Vai** (Tr. **Faith Taylor**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refund - \$172.50

Race 8 #2 **Strama** (Tr. **E. Freeman**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** See Below

#3 **Smokin Blaze** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refunds - \$280.99

#6 **Altitude** to be ridden by **Alexander Chavez**

3/3/23²

BOARD VISITORS

Chairman **Gregory Ferraro** and Executive Director **Scott Chaney** stopped in the Stewards office along with Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue**. They were at Golden Gate Fields to attend a round table meeting with horsemen.

3/3/23³

DP RACING FINANCIAL COMPLAINT

A telephone hearing was held with the approval of San Francisco Equine, Inc. with **Deron Pearson dba DP Racing**. Agreement was reached whereas a Four Thousand Dollar monthly payment along with any current charges are made until the \$19,889.76 balance is paid in full.

3/3/23⁴

ESPINOZA RULING #31

GGF RULING #31

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA**, who rode 'WINDRIBBON' in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 20, 2022 is fined Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)* for violation of Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2280 (c)(2)(3) (Use of Riding Crop-causing welt in flank area).

The above ruling was issued after considering evidence and testimony presented to this panel the previous day (**REF: 3/2/23⁽²⁾**) in CHRB Case 22GG0126.

3/3/23⁵

ESPINOZA VIDEO REVIEW

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** was present with this panel to look at video from Sunday's ninth race. The replay shows that **Mr. Espinoza's** mount, **Sareha (IRE)**, drifted out under left handed urging in mid-stretch nearly impeding the eventual winner, **Lottery Pick**.

He was warned that if the outcome of the race was different there would have been an inquiry.

3/3/23⁶

RACE 3 POST RACE FATALITY

As the horses were galloping out the winner, **Ultimate Diva**, suffered a catastrophic injury to the right foreleg nearing the 6 ¹/₂ furlong marker.

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RACE 4 VOIDED CLAIM

The claim of #3 **Class Code** by trainer **Sam Calvario** was voided after the Stewards received a confirmation of soundness issues to the right foreleg from State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin**. The five year old mare was to remain in the care of owner/trainer **Dan Franko**.

3/3/23⁸**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	325	\$160,184.50
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,236,470.89
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$203,397.09
Total	1,087	\$2,021,981.94

SATURDAY

3/4/23¹**PROGRAM CHANGES**Race 1 #4 **Tiger's Arrow** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) Injured – **Batten DVM** Refunds \$2,359.93Race 2 #2 **Dick Best** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Sick – **Hassen DVM** Refunds \$230.52Race 3 #6 **Natalia** to be ridden by **Antongeorgi III**Race 4 #4 **Autism Shine** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Sick – **Parker DVM** Refunds \$196.70Race 9 #6 **Drinkup Buttercup** (Tr. **M. Lenzeni**) Sick – **Parker DVM** Refunds \$455.213/4/23²**CALVA RULING #32****GGF RULING #32**

Owner **GAIL CALVA** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of CHRB Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Marijuana) on February 9, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

The aforementioned rule was published after reviewing testimony presented at Thursday's hearing (**REF:3/2/23**). This board of Stewards were unanimous in the decision printed above.

3/4/23³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	618	\$322,070.94
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,319,934.95
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$334,237.28
Total	2,025	\$2,841,150.38

SUNDAY

3/5/23¹**PROGRAM CHANGES**Race 1 #5 **Applaud the Bench** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Re-Entered – **Stewards** Refund \$713.00Race 2 #2 **Squared Shady** to be ridden by **William Antongeorgi III**Race 3 #5 **West Rand** to be ridden by **Alexander Chavez**Race 4 #1 **Hunter's Ghost** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) Sick – **Parker DVM** Refund – See Below#6 **Stanford Bay** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Injured – **Batten DVM** Refund \$409.45Race 5 #7 **Don't Tell Hydee** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Sick – **Batten DVM** Refund \$399.25Race 6 #6 **Mighty Ruler** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Unsound – **Hassan DVM** Refund \$198.90Race 7 #1 **Clochard Street** (Tr. **J. Puentes**) Re – Entered – **Stewards** Refund \$105.95Race 9 #10 **Borkan** to be ridden by **Assael Espinoza**3/5/23²**RACE 5 VOIDED CLAIM**

The claim by **Blaine Wright** of **Toni Two Pocket** was voided by the Stewards when the six year old mare was put on the Vet's List. **Dr. Franklin**, State Veterinarian, indicated that soundness issues in both Front Fetlocks was the reason the mare was added to the list. Stewards ordered her to remain in the barn of trainer **Guillermo Preciado**.

3/5/23³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	635	\$249,042.88
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,353,934.22
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$297,808.77
Total	1,659	\$2,473,077.50

SUMMARY

	Wed 3/1	Thurs 3/2	Fri 3/3	Sat 3/4	Sun 3/5	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	5	3	4	12	66
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Refunds	0	0	5	5	0	10	107
Rulings	0	0	0	2	1	3	33
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	2	14

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
3-Mar.	1	6	Gregs City Zip	C. Delima	Injured	Hassan	\$191.59
3-Mar.	2	1	Bett on Blaze	M. Meier	Injured	Hassan	\$95.50
3-Mar.	5	5	Smokin' Hot	J. Wong	Sick	Parker	\$296.19
3-Mar.	7	3	Bob's Vai	F. Taylor	Sick	Batten	\$172.50
3-Mar.	8	2	Strama	E. Freeman	Sick	Batten	See Below
3-Mar.	8	3	Smokin Blaze	I. Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$280.99
4-Mar.	1	4	Tiger's Arrow	D.W. Baker	Injured	Batten	\$2,359.93
4-Mar.	2	2	Dick Best	S. Miyadi	Sick	Hassan	\$230.52
4-Mar.	4	4	Autism Shine	J. Wong	Sick	Parker	\$196.70
4-Mar.	5	2	Autism Innocence	J. Wong	Sick	Parker	\$128.65
4-Mar.	9	6	Drinkup Buttercup	M. Lenzini	Sick	Parker	\$455.21
5-Mar.	1	5	Applaud the Bench	I. Tamayo	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$713.00
5-Mar.	4	1	Hunter's Ghost	D.W. Baker	Sick	Parker	See Below
5-Mar.	4	6	Stanford Bay	J. Ramos	Injured	Batten	\$409.45
5-Mar.	5	7	Don't tell Hydee	J. Thomas	Sick	Batten	\$399.25
5-Mar.	6	6	Mighty Ruler	C. DeLima	Unsound	Hassen	\$198.20
5-Mar.	7	1	Clochard Street	J. Puentes	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$105.95
5-Mar.	9	11	Trabieso Avelito	J. Ramos	Also Eligible	Stewards	\$95.40

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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