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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Thursday, March 8, 2023, Through Sunday, March 12, 2023.**WEDNESDAY**3/08/23¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Richard Lewis is the Duty Steward this week. He oversaw entries that were made today for Saturday March 11, 2023. Nine (9) races were drawn with seventy-two (72) horses scheduled to start. During the day Steward **Lewis** also participated in a Zoom format 'Entry Panel' for the racing card on Thursday March 9, 2023.

THURSDAY3/09/23¹**RACE DAY MOVED**

Entries for racing on Friday March 10, 2023, were drawn on Saturday March 4. On the morning of Monday March 6, 2023, Golden Gate Fields management contacted the California Horse Racing Board and stated that they would run their Friday March 10 racing card on Thursday March 9. This is after taking advice from the National Weather Service (Bay Area) that the potential for heavy rain throughout the day Friday March 10 is 'high'. The change was approved and Post Time for the first race today March 9 remains at 12:45 a.m. Duty Steward **Richard Lewis** informed colleagues **Baker** and **Nevin** of the race day change on the afternoon of Monday March 6.

3/09/23²**EPIFANIO GARCIA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Epifanio Garcia** appeared in the Stewards office to review his winning effort in the first race on Sunday March 5. In this one (1) mile main track event Jockey **Garcia** was aboard #7 **Last Inning** drift out in the final furlong. The Stewards told **Mr. Garcia** he needs to make a

better effort to keep his horses on a straight path. He was receptive to the Steward's recommendation. In a unanimous decision a warning was issued in this matter.

3/09/23³

DR. STEVE MATUSZAK (CASE No. 22GG0141)

Private Veterinarian **Steven Matuszak** appeared in the Stewards office to answer to alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1846.6 (Postmortem Examination Review) and Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers). Along with the Stewards, present today was CHRB Investigator **Jennifer Tolman**, who presented a fifteen (15) page complaint packet at today's hearing. The cover sheet of the complaint read as follows.

On 11/25/22 the horse, "Cyclone Slew" had a breakdown and was humanly euthanized. Medication records for the horse last year were requested by email to Dr. Matuszak on 12/2/22. A certified letter requesting the medication records was sent to Dr. Matuszak on 12/17/22 with a request that he provide the documentation or contact me to establish a new deadline no later than 12/27/22. I received the medical records for "Cyclone Slew" by Dr. Matuszak on 1/5/23.

Hearing testimony indicated that **Steven Matuszak DVM** was ten (10) days late with his submission of medication records to CHRB enforcement. In a unanimous decision **Dr. Matuszak** was issued a 'warning' which will be reflected on his CHRB license history.

3/09/23⁴

SAFETY STEWARD

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** is filling in as Safety Steward today. Regular Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** is filling in for Steward **Will Meyers** who is out for medical reasons.

3/09/23⁵

VOIDED CLAIM

A claim was submitted by Trainer Dan Franko in the sixth race for #3 **Dizzy Dazmura**. Acting upon the advice of CHRB Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin**, the Stewards voided the claim. This horse remains in the barn of trainer **Jose Bautista**.

3/09/23⁶

SMOOTH CARD

Today's eight (8) race card went well, free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

3/09/23⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #4 **Head Start** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Injured – **Karen Hassan DVM**
Refund \$705.03

1ST Race #6 **Jaycee** (Tr. **J. Wong**) claimed, **S. Hobson**, trainer

2ND Race #2 **Harbor Abbey** (Tr. **D. Franko**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund \$154.32

3RD Race #2 **Heat and Reheat** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

5TH Race Declaration #5 **Foyt** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Blood Test Pending–**Stewards** Refund \$230.73

6TH Race #4 **Two Twelve** (Tr. **J. Steiner**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

7TH Race #1 **Baby Frankie** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed, **J. Puentes**, trainer
Sick – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund \$142.43

3/09/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	168	\$96,961.70
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$908,182.44
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$117,234.59
Total	545	\$1,306,984.85

FRIDAY

3/10/23¹

CHANGE TIME/ENTRY PANEL

Duty Steward **Richard Lewis** was on duty overseeing changes for Saturday March 11, 2023. **Mr. Lewis** also participated in the "Entry Panel" for the racing card to be contested on Sunday.

SATURDAY

3/11/23¹

MYLES McMAHON COMPLAINT (CASE No. 23GG0018)

The Veterinary group **San Francisco Equine Inc.** filed a complaint against Owner **Myles McMahon** alleging that \$8,233.79 was past due for Veterinary services. **Dr. Ken Allison** appeared in our office on Saturday March 4, 2023 and informed the Stewards that the debt has now been satisfied. The Stewards requested that information to 'be in writing'. Our office received a Facsimile Transmittal Sheet from **San Francisco Equine Inc.** today and this compliant has been set aside.

3/11/23²

SANTOS RIVERA MEETING

Jockey **Santos Rivera** appeared in our office to discuss his use of the riding crop. Specifically, the Stewards wanted to tell Jockey **Rivera** that he is 'getting close' to violating HISA Rule #2280 (c)(1) that states 'A rider may not raise the crop with the rider's wrist above the rider's helmet when using the crop'. He was told the Stewards will enforce this rule.

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STEWARD UPDATE

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** is serving as Safety Steward today, filling in for **Richard Lewis**. **Mr. Lewis** replaced Steward **Will Meyers**, who is out this week for medical reasons.

3/11/23⁴

HOT JOCKEY

Jockey **Evin Roman** had a very good day, Jockey **Roman** booted home four (4) winners on the nine (9) race card.

Race 1 – **Finley's Kitten (\$7.60)**

Race 2 – **Anitanewmercedes (\$4.40)**

Race 4 – **Code Duello (\$5.40)**

Race 7 – **Dr. Low Key (\$3.20)**

3/11/23⁵

GOOD RACING

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward's Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

3/11/23⁶

VOIDED CLAIMS

Three (3) claims were voided by the Stewards today acting on the recommendation of CHRB Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin**.

2ND Race - #1 **Hans Gruber** claimed by **Andy Mathis**. Declared unsound. Returns to the barn of **Reid France**.

3RD Race - #6 **Single Me Out** claimed by **Gary Greiner**. Declared unsound. Returns to the barn of **Jonathan Wong**.

7TH Race - #1 **Dr. Low Key** claimed by **Jack Steiner**. Declared unsound. Returns to the barn of **Jamey Thomas**.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race #4 **Kitten Calls** (Tr. **Bill McLean**) claimed, **M. Badilla**, trainer

2ND Race Declaration #6 **Sugar Beets** (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM**

Refund \$176.50

3RD Race #4 **Alexander's Dream** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

#5 **Holiday Hustle** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **T. McCanna**, trainer

6TH Race #4 I'm Dr. O (Tr. E. Moger Jr.) claimed, S. Calvario, claimed
7TH Race Jockey Change #4 Bronze One E. Garcia for F. Monroy – Personal
8TH Race #9 Blue Wildcat (Tr. J. Steiner) Injured – Karen Hassan DVM Refund \$306.20

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9TH RACE OWNERSHIP CHANGE

#3 Barbera should read **Myles McMahon** or **Steve Pavich**

3/11/23⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	571	\$236,817.13
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,630,969.09
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$331,882.95
Total	1,798	\$2,871,951.82

SUNDAY
3/12/23¹

ASSAEL ESPINOZA FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Assael Espinoza** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride aboard #1 **Rager** who finished third in the fourth race yesterday March 11, 2023. Today's film review shows Jockey **Assael Espinoza** use his riding crop seven (7) times in the stretch run of this 5 1/2 furlong main track event. After an informal hearing the Stewards, by unanimous vote, issued the following ruling:

GGF RULING #34

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** who rode **RAGER** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, March 11, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Sunday March 19, 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 September 12, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties), Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** has now accumulated six (6) points.

Ruling #27 Pacific Racing Association – February 27, 2023.

3/12/23²

IRVING OROZCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Irving Orozco** appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride aboard #10 **Jersey Sunset** (Dead Heat – 4th) who ran in the ninth race yesterday March 11. Today's film review shows Jockey **Orozco** use his riding crop seven (7) times in the stretch run of this 5 1/2 furlong race. In a unanimous vote the following ruling was issued.

GGF RULING #35

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** who rode **JERSEY SUNSET** in the ninth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, March 11, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, Sunday March 19, 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 **IRVING OROZCO** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on September 12, 2023, six months from the date of final adjudication

pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties), Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** has now accumulated six (6) points.

Ruling #9 Pacific Racing Association – November 11, 2022

3/12/23³

ALEXANDER CHAVEZ REVIEW

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** appeared in the Stewards office this morning for a film review of yesterday's third race. Jockey **Chavez** finished fourth aboard #2 **My Dominator** on these six (6) furlongs main track event. Jockey **Chavez** was accompanied by Jockey **Yarmarie Correa** who served as an interpreter at this informal hearing.

The Stewards wanted to examine the actions of Jockey **Chavez** and #2 **My Dominator** in the final furlong of this race. Film review show #2 **My Dominator** drift in under **Chavez'** use of the riding crop. This action forced third place finisher #4 **Alexander's Dream (Assael Espinoza)** to steady and lose momentum.

This Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that this was a careless ride. Jockey **Chavez** received a three (3) day suspension for a Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding) less than sixty (60) days ago. (REF: **Ruling #12 – 1/16/23**). Regarding the penalty in a majority decision (Steward **Baker** dissent – 4 day suspension), the following ruling was issued.

GGF RULING #36

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **MY DOMINATOR** in the third race on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields is suspended five (5) racing days, March 19, 24, 25, 26 & 31, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch causing interference; a violation of CHRB Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding) (second offense in sixty (60) days).

3/12/23⁴

GOOD RACING

Today's nine (9) race card went well as it was free of Steward inquires and/or Jockey Objections.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race #2 **Dad Bod** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer
#4 **Pollo d'Oro** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **J. Thomas**, trainer
5TH Race Declaration #5 **Canyon Crest** (Tr. **M. McDonald**)
Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM** Refund \$ 95.30
5TH Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

3/12/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	506	\$211,658.30
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,738,080.57
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$294,336.05
Total	1,457	\$2,759,479.48

SUMMARY

	Wed 3/8	Thurs 3/9	Fri 3/10	Sat 3/11	Sun 3/12	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	4	0	4	2	10	76
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Refunds	0	0	0	3	2	5	112
Rulings	0	0	0	0	2	2	35
Voided Claims	0	1	0	2	0	3	17

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
9-Mar.	1	4	Head Start	A.Mathis	Unsound	Hassan	\$705.03
9-Mar.	2	2	Harbor Abbey	D. Franko	Injured	Batten	\$154.32
9-Mar.	5	5	Foyt	A.Mathis	Stewards	Stewards	\$230.73
9-Mar.	8	3	Surflin	N. Drysdale	Unsound	Batten	\$142.43
11-Mar	2	6	Sugar Beets	M. Meier	Sick	Hassan	\$176.50
11-Mar	4	6	War Games	C. DeLima	Unsound	Hassan	\$243.90
11-Mar	8	9	Blue Wildcat	J. Steiner	Injured	Hassan	\$306.20
12-Mar	5	5	Canyon Crest	M.McDonald	Sick	Hassan	\$95.30

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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