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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Thursday, March 22, 2023, Through Sunday, March 26, 2023.**WEDNESDAY**3/22/23¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Mr. Dennis Nevin** was on site to navigate the racing office through Saturday's entries. Nine races made the overnight. Due to yesterday's storm, training was cancelled.

THURSDAY3/23/23¹**ENTRIES/HEARINGS**

Again **Mr. Nevin** was overseeing entries, today for Sunday, and changes to Saturday's program. The Full Panel, **Baker, Nevin** and **Lewis**, were in attendance for scheduled hearings.

3/23/23²**SOLARES HEARING – 23GG0012**

A continuance was granted to **Mr. Solares** so he could review the complaint and be better prepared. A new hearing date of April 13, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. was agreed upon.

3/23/23³**RIVAZ HEARING – 23GG014/23GG0027**

Two complaints against Groom **Rutilio Mendez-Rivaz** for being under the influence were on the docket for today at 11:30 a.m. Present were court reporter **Christine Niccoli** CHRB Supervisor **Luis Quezada**, Stewards **Richard Lewis, Dennis Nevin** and chairing the proceedings Steward **Grant Baker**. The hearing was opened with the complaint being read. Due to the absence of the respondent the proceedings were closed, and a decision is forthcoming.

3/24/23¹**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 7 - #1 **Pandemic Girl** (Tr. **Felix Rondan**) Sick – **Dr. Batten**. Refund \$116.41

3/24/23²

PENA FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Brayan Pena** met with this panel to review the eighth race of the past Sunday. **Mr. Pena's** use of the crop was being scrutinized. There were no violations during the race, but the Jockey was given a warning regarding how close he was getting to having his hand above his head.

3/24/23³

ROMAN STEWARDS' MEETING

Jockey **Evin Roman** met to discuss why he delayed the Post Parade proceedings for the fourth race. His explanation was he got so wet the race before he had to change his undergarments. In doing so he forgot to put on his safety vest and did not realize it until he was legged up. He notified the outrider as he jumped off his mount and ran to the room to retrieve the vest. The delay amounted to three minutes. The Stewards warned him of the possible penalties should he ride absent safety equipment.

3/24/23⁴

GALVIN DECISION (REF: 3/16/23³)

In the matter of CHRB Case 23GG0010 against trainer **Brendan Galvin** this panel, after deliberation and much discussion dismissed the case. The issue involved a medication violation during a workout. The complaint package addressed CHRB Rule #1843 which indicated a "Horse participating in a Race". No mention of CHRB #1868 regarding "Authorized Medication during Workouts" was present.

3/24/23⁵

MENDEZ-RIVAZ RULING

GGF RULING #37

Groom **RUTILIO MENDEZ-RIVAZ** having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on Thursday, March 23, 2023, is suspended for 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 Rules #1847 (Disorderly Conduct), #1890 (Possession of Contraband), #1489 (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1530 (Cases not covered by Rules and Regulations).

During the term of this suspension all licenses and license privileges of **RUTILIO MENDEZ-RIVAZ** 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 in response to CHRB complaints 23GG014 and 23GG0027 (REF: 3/23/23³).

3/24/23⁶

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The eight (8) race card presented was free from any narratives.

3/24/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	385	\$168,359.20
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,334,050.52
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$173,037.16
Total	1,060	\$1,987,829.16

SATURDAY

3/25/23¹

PROGRAM CHARGES

Race 5 #7 **City Glitter** (Tr. **Ellen Jackson**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refund \$91.58.

Race 6 #6 **Lakaya** (Tr. **Bill McLean**) Unsound – **Dr. Batten** Refund \$431.82

Race 7 #7 **Murloc Bay** (Tr. **Jorge Bautista**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refund \$122.35

Race 9 #2 **Mount Mary (IRE)** (Tr. **Simon Callaghan**) Sick – **Dr. Batten**
Refund \$12,371.32

3/25/23²

RACE 5 – LATE SCRATCH

#5 **Harper Zee** was scratched by the Stewards when the gelding flipped in the gate and turned halfway around. After getting the horse out of the gate Veterinarian **Hassan** reported several scrapes but no apparent injuries.

3/25/23³

RACE 6 – VOIDED CLAIM

After receiving notice that State Veterinarian **Franklin** has added **Moonshine Cat** to the Vet's List due to soundness issues this Board of Stewards had the claim voided. The four year old filly was ordered to remain with trainer **Faith Taylor**.

3/25/23⁴

RACE 9 – LATE SCRATCH

During the Post Parade of the last race, #8 **Whatwasthenisnow** was unruly and dropped Jockey **Pedro Flores** near the inside rail at the 6 ½ marker. The horse ran loose and was caught by the outrider uninjured. The ambulance responded to the rider, who walked to the vehicle, and gave him a ride to First Aid. **Dr. Seftel** examined him, contacted the Stewards with an update. **Flores** was excused from fulfilling his riding obligation. No riders were available to accept the mount, so the horse was scratched by the Stewards. **Flores** was transported to the hospital for X-Rays.

3/25/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	659	\$273,583.14
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,407,485.33
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$309,713.95
Total	1,816	\$2,704,677.50

SUNDAY

3/26/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 #1 **Quiet Charm** (Tr. **Sergio Perez**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refund \$302.87

Race 1 #3 **Minoso** to be ridden by **Catalino Martinez**

Race 4 #3 **Handr's Dream** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Dr. Batten** Refund \$212.70

Race 8 #5 **Two Twelve** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **Dr. Parker** Refund \$265.90

Race 9 #7 **Gunnin for Gold** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) Unsounded – **Dr. Batten**
Refund \$553.81

3/26/23²

DR. FRANKLIN VISIT

State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** stepped into the Stewards office to discuss the upcoming **HISA/HIWU** Rule implementations. He informed us that the Test Barn Personnel will have some form of HIWU training tomorrow.

3/26/23³

RACE 4 STEWARDS INQUIRY – JOCKEY OBJECTION

The inquiry sign was lit as the Stewards looked at an incident inside the eighth pole. As the replay was being scrutinized Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** aboard #5 **Amanofmystature** lodged an objection against #2 **Refi Now** ridden by **Frank Alvarado**. This is exactly what the Stewards were evaluating. #2 **Refi Now** did come out into #5 **Amanofmystature** causing **Herrera** to steady his mount. There was no change as the #5 outfinished the #2.

3/26/23⁴

RACE 9 INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was illuminated as the Stewards wanted to investigate an incident near the 7/16ths. #2 **Cooperklimt**, an also ran, appeared to be bothered by fourth place finisher #9,

Motown Classic entering the turn. Replays show #2 climbing from kickback and then jumping shadows. #9 did come over slightly but it was unanimous, after talking with the rider of #2, that the reason for the actions of #2 was self-caused. Therefore, no change to the order of finish.

3/26/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	762	\$265,409.00
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,769,599.37
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$309,485.14
Total	1,695	\$2,883,258.95

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
24-Mar	7	1	Pandemic Girl	F. Rondan	Sick	Batten	\$116.41
25-Mar	5	6	City Glitter	E. Jackson	Sick	Hassen	\$91.58
25-Mar	6	6	Lakaya	B. McLean	Unsound	Batten	\$431.82
25-Mar	7	7	Murloc Bay	J. Bautista	Sick	Batten	\$122.35
25-Mar	9	2	Mount Mary (IRE)	S.Callaghan	Sick	Batten	\$12,371.32
26-Mar	4	3	Handr'dream	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$23.00
26-Mar	8	5	Two Twelve	J.Wong	Sick	Parker	\$265.90
26-Mar	9	7	Gunnin for Gold	J. Steiner	Unsound	Batten	\$553.81

SUMMARY

	Wed 3/22	Thurs 3/23	Fri 3/24	Sat 3/25	Sun 3/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	6	4	4	14	103
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	2	2	8
Refunds	0	0	3	8	8	19	131
Rulings	0	0	0	0	1	1	36
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	0	2	19

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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