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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday May 10, 2023, Through Sunday, May 14, 2023.

WEDNESDAY5/10/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and his staff were on hand taking entries for Saturday May 13, 2023. The racing department compiled nine (9) races for this day. Sixty-one (61) horses are scheduled to start. **Richard Lewis** is the Duty Steward this week.

5/10/23²**ENTRY PANEL**

Duty Steward **Richard Lewis** participated in the Entry Panel for the racing card on Friday May 12, 2023. Other members of the panel were **Dr. Dionne Benson, Dr. Forrest Franklin, and Dr. Tim Grande**.

THURSDAY5/11/23¹**COMBINED HEARINGS (CASE#23GG0054)**

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** prepared four (4) complaints that were all related today. The respondents in this matter were.

- A. Trainer **Eoin Harty**
- B. Trainer **Tim Bellasis**
- C. Owner **Donna Smart**
- D. Owner **Cassandra Tschanz**

The cover page on all four (4) of these complaints reads as follows.

*The horse **El Joy**, trained by **Eoin G. Harty**, ran in race #4 Golden Gate Fields, finishing 5th. **El Joy** was claimed in that race by Trainer **Timothy Bellasis** (070354 – 10/23) and owners **Cassandra Tschanz** (079792 – 1/24) and **Donna***

Smartt (113959 – 9/23) for \$20,000. On 2/21/23, CHRB Investigators were informed that the blood sample taken immediately after the race from **El Joy** tested positive for phenylbutazone (Case # 23GG0020). Trainer **Harty** invoked the right to split sample. On 3/24/23, Texas Veterinarian Medical Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed the presence of phenylbutazone. Ruling PRTG057 on 05/05/23 imposed a fine. According to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2262(c)(5), the horse's claim shall be voided, and the horse and claim returned.

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the complaints during this tape-recorded hearing Trainer **Tim Bellasis** appeared today in person. Trainer **Eoin Harty** participated via speakerphone from Santa Anita Park. Owners **Cassandra Tschanz** and **Donna Smartt** did not appear for today's hearing.

The Steward's received a 'Waiver of Appearance Form' (CHRB 119) from **Harty** yesterday. Trainer **Tim Bellasis** provided us with a signed letter today stating that he and his partners wished to maintain the ownership of the **El Joy** who he has had in his care since the day he claimed him (February 3, 2023). At this tape recorded hearing Trainer **Harty** told the Stewards he had no issues with this, and he would not seek to have the claim voided. The HISA Rule #2262(c)(5) (Void Claim) was the only alleged rule violation on the four (4) complaints. The Stewards also referred to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1665 (Recession of Claim) before arriving at a final determination in this matter. **El Joy** will remain with **Tim Bellasis** partnership by unanimous decision.

5/11/23²

PABLO DEJESUS HEARING (CASE NO. 23GG0033)

The California Horse Racing Board filed a complaint against Trainer **Pablo DeJesus** for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1846.6(e) (Postmortem Examination Review) and Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers). The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

The horse "Tap Union" fell ill and was later humanely euthanized. The trainer of record is Pablo De Jesus. During the investigation, Trainer De Jesus failed to provide training and medication records for the horse after repeatedly requested. A deadline of 1/26/23 was given to provide those records with him failing to provide the necessary paperwork for the Fatality Review Board.

This hearing was originally scheduled for April 27, 2023, but was postponed due to a Stewards Committee Meeting on that day. Trainer **De Jesus** called the Stewards from Los Alamitos this morning and told us he "forgot" about the hearing. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** was present and ready to present her fourteen (14) page complaint packet. More to Follow.

5/11/23³

JOSE PUENTES COMPLAINT (CASE NO. 23GG0047)

A hearing was continued today for Trainer **Jose Puentes**. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows.

Owner Ismael Ramirez (298693-08/23) filed a complaint against Trainer Jose Puentes in the amount of \$14,307.25, for reimbursement of feed, dentist, vitamins, veterinarian, horseshoes, and galloper fees associated with the horse Trash Talkin Cat. Trainer Puentes is 25% owner of the horse. A payment demand letter and invoices were sent by USPS Registered Mail and Trainer Puentes on 3/22/23, with response or offer to settle.

Local Attorney **Jim Ghidella** is representing Trainer **Puentes**. **Mr. Ghidella** asked for and was granted a continuance for today's hearing due to some medical reasons of his. More to Follow.

5/11/23⁴

ENTRY PANEL

Duty Steward **Richard Lewis** participated in the 'Entry Panel' for Saturday May 13. He was joined by California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** and California Horse Racing Board Chief Official Veterinarian **Tim Grande**.

FRIDAY

5/12/23¹

APPRENTICE FILM REVIEW

Apprentice Jockey **Matilda Burnham** appeared in the Stewards Office to review her ride in the second race on May 6. This apprentice rider, who currently receives a ten (10) pound allowance, has been reviewing all her rides the following race day with the Stewards.

5/12/23²

PABLO DE JESUS RULING (REF: 5/11/23(2))

Yesterday Trainer **Pablo DeJesus** participated in an informal telephone hearing (REF:23GG0033) via telephone from Los Alamitos yesterday May 11. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** requested medication records from Trainer **DeJesus**. On January 27, 2023, Investigator **Tolman** had still not received those records. The Stewards in a unanimous decision issued the following ruling.

GGF RULING #62

Trainer **PABLO DE JESUS** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – Failure to provide records in a timely manner).

5/12/23³

MIKE LENZINI RULING

Trainer **Mike Lenzini** appeared in the Stewards office to discuss the late declaration of his horse '**Tee Shot**' who was entered in the third race on May 5, 2023. This horse was not eligible for the one (1) mile distance according to Golden Gate Fields workout requirements. **Mr. Lenzini** accepted some of the culpability for this issue regarding communication with the racing office. For the late scratch the Stewards issued the following ruling.

GGF RULING #63

Trainer **MICHAEL LENZINI** who was scheduled to start the horse **TEE SHOT** in the third race on Friday May 5, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Insufficient Works).

5/12/23⁴

ALEJANDRO GOMEZ FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Alejandro Gomez** appeared in the Stewards Office to review his ride in the second race on May 7, 2023. He was aboard #3 **Pete's Inferno**, who finished third in a three (3) horse field. Jockey **Gomez** employed his riding crop seven (7) times in this 5 ½ furlong race. This is one (1) strike over the limit per HISA riding crop rules. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued. Jockey **Gomez** understood the enforcement action taken by the office and shown below.

GGF RULING #64

Jockey **ALEJANDRO GOMEZ**, who rode **PETE'S INFERNO** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on May 7, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, Friday May 19, 2023, and fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one (1) strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, **ALEJANDRO GOMEZ** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on November 11, 2023, six months from the date of final

adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **ALEJANDRO GOMEZ** has now accumulated three points.

5/12/23⁵ **SAFETY STEWARD UPDATE**

Safety Steward **Tom McCarthy** is filling in for Safety Steward **Richard Lewis** this week. **Mr. Lewis** is filling in for Steward **Will Meyers** (medical).

5/12/23⁶ **PETER WALDER RULING (REF: CASE 17GG03)**

California Horse Racing Board enforcement reported to this office that Owner (Expired) **Peter Walder** has recently been at Gulfstream Park (FL). Golden Gate Fields Stewards suspended **Mr. Walder** (Ref: 3/4/17 – Ruling #67) after he failed to appear for a hearing regarding alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). California Horse Racing Board Investigators contacted Gulfstream Park Stewards to inform them of this matter. **Mr. Walder** contacted the complainant in this matter. San Francisco Equine, Inc. He then paid the outstanding bill of \$1,052.00. This Stewards office has now issued the following ruling reinstating the license privileges of **Peter Walder**.

GGF RULING #65

Trainer, **PETER WALDER** having satisfied the outstanding Financial Obligation to San Francisco Equine, his license privileges are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association Rule #67, dated March 04, 2017, is hereby set aside.

5/12/23⁷ **NEW INVESTIGATOR**

Sacramento based California Horse Racing Board Investigator **David Aguilar** stopped by our office and introduced us to a new member of our Northern California Enforcement Staff. **Jose Flores** comes to the Racing Board with many years' experience with both the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. We welcomed him and told him not to hesitate to come to our office at any time.

5/12/23⁸ **FOURTH RACE – VOIDED CLAIM**

In the fourth race first place finisher #3 **El Charro Champ** was claimed for \$3,200 by trainer **Jonathan Wong**. Following the race California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** informed the Stewards that this race horse is unsound and would be placed on the Veterinarian's List. The Stewards voided the claim.

5/12/23⁹ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight race card went well as it was free of Stewards Inquires or Jockey Objection's.

5/12/23¹⁰ **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

2ND Race Declarations #1 **Magic Chrome** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**
#5 **Princesa Del Tigre** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Sick – **Mike Parker DVM** Refund Total: \$589.44
2ND No Show Wagering
4TH Race Declarations #6 **Blushing Bay** (Tr. **Q. Miller**) Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**
Refund: \$115.30
4TH Race #1 **Tee Shot** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer
#4 **Obvious** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) claimed, **J. Thomas**, trainer
5TH Race #2 **Stateforest** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer
6TH Race #4 **Barbera** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

5/12/23¹¹ **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	313	\$133,771.17
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,256,202.03
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$159,054.20
Total	1,025	\$1,960,140.78

SATURDAY5/13/23¹**ALEXANDER CHAVEZ FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the sixth race yesterday, May 12. He was accompanied by Jockey **Pedro Flores** who served as an interpreter. In this 6 furlong main track event Jockey **Chavez** was aboard second place finisher #4 **Barbera**. This horse drifted out from the 3/16 marker to the finish. Although there was no interference in this race the Stewards felt Jockey **Chavez** made minimal effort to keep his mount straight. Warning issued.

5/13/23²**VOIDED CLAIM – RACE 2**

In today's second race #5 **Exclusive Speaker** was claimed by **Marcelino Trujillo**. Following the race California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** informed the Stewards that this horse was unsound. We subsequently voided the claim.

5/13/23³**GOOD CARD**

Today's nine race card went well as it was free of Steward's Inquires or Jockey Objections.

5/13/23⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1ST Race Declaration #4 **North Country** (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM**
Refund: \$188.99

2ND Race #3 **Coolcross** (Tr. **B.McLean**) claimed, **J. Wong**, trainer

5TH Race #5 **Can'thelpfallin** (IRE) (Tr. **R. France**) Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM**
Refund: \$306.50

9TH Race Declarations #3 **Zoe's Pride** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Full Field – **Stewards**
#10 **She's Inthearmynow** (Tr. **J. Wong**) Full Field – **Stewards** Refund Total: \$684.98

5/13/23⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	700	\$272,915.50
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,278,291.69
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$275,499.84
Total	1,824	\$2,486,674.73

SUNDAY5/14/23¹**REGULAR PRODCEDURES**

Other than routine matters involving entries, overnight changes and phone calls, all events in our office this morning were not extraordinary.

5/14/23²**OFFICIAL CHANGE**

Assistant Clerk of Scales **Jayme Thomas** is off today Assistant Racing Secretary **Ken Sjoldal** is filling in.

5/14/23³**VOIDED CLAIM – RACE 6**

Trainer **O.J. Jauregui** claimed third place finisher #2 **Silent Beauty** for \$12,500. Following the cool out period in the receiving barn California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** stated this horse was now listed as Unsound. The Stewards therefore voided the claim.

5/14/23⁴**SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

5/14/23⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

4TH Race #8 **Lasmuigh (GB)** (Tr. **J. Wong**) claimed, **V. Trujillo**, trainer

5TH Race Declarations #6 **Anthony's Best** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Re-Enter – **Stewards**

#7 **Fast Service** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Sick – **Karen Hassan DVM** Refund Total: \$405.00
 7TH Race #6 **Shanghai Mist** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) Racing Office Error – **Stewards** Refund: \$143.30
 7TH Race Jockey Changes #9 **Shezarunaway B. Pena** for **F. Alvarado** – 1st call scratched in
 #11 **Bandeena A. Chavez** for **C. Herrera** (suspended)

5/14/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,531	\$301,865.20
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,595,256.52
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$279,466.86
Total	2,382	\$2,626,460.02

SUMMARY

	Wed 5/10	Thurs 5/11	Fri 5/12	Sat 5/13	Sun 5/14	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	1	4	1	1	7	173
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Refunds	0	0	3	4	5	12	239
Rulings	0	0	4	0	0	4	65
Voided Claims	0	0	1	0	1	2	34

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
12-May	2	1	Magic Chrome	J.Thomas	Sick	Batten	See Below
12-May	2	5	Princesa Del Tigre	T. McCanna	Sick	Parker	\$589.44
12-May	4	6	Blushing Bay	Q.Miller	Injured	Batten	\$115.30
13-May	1	4	North Country	M. Badilla	Unsound	Batten	\$188.99
13-May	5	5	Can'thelpfallin'(IRE)	R.France	Unsound	Batten	\$306.50
13-May	9	3	Zoe's Pride	T. McCanna	Full Field	Stewards	See Below
13-May	9	10	She's Inthearmynow	J.Wong	Full Field	Stewards	\$684.98
14-May	3	9	Halo Rando	S.Specht	Also-Eligible	Stewards	See Below
14-May	3	10	Big Catty	J. Bautista	Also-Eligible	Stewards	\$436.00
14-May	5	6	Anthony's Best	A.Mathis	ReEnter	Stewards	See Below
14-May	5	7	Fast Service	T.McCanna	Sick	Hassan	\$405.00
14-May	7	6	Shanghai Mist	F.Taylor	Stewards	Stewards	\$143.30

Respectfully submitted,

 Grant Baker, Steward

 Dennis Nevin, Steward

 Richard Lewis, Steward

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