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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Through Sunday, May 21, 2023.**WEDNESDAY**5/17/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was present to oversee entries for Saturday May 20, 2023.**THURSDAY**5/18/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**Steward **Grant Baker** was present to oversee entries for Sunday May 21, 2023.5/18/23²**ALEXANDER SYWAK (CASE #23GG0052)**

The financial complaint filed against Owner **Alexander Sywak** was resolved as the Stewards received notice from Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery Inc. (Donald Smith, DVM) that the overdue debt (\$497.50) has been satisfied.

5/18/23³**QUINN HOWEY (CASE #23GG0039)**

Trainer **Quinn Howey** contacted the Board of Stewards by telephone and stated he was not disputing the complaint filed against him. He wanted to waive his right to a formal hearing and address the matter telephonically. The Stewards agreed and tape recorded the proceeding.

The complaint states. "The official blood sample #GG41980 taken on March 4, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields was reported Dr. Ben Moeller, PhD of the Maddy EAAC at U.C. Davis to contain Phenylbutazone (700 ng/ml). The sample was obtained from the horse "**De La Luna**" which ran in the 7TH race on March 4, 2023, finishing 8TH. The trainer of record is **Quinn O. Howey**. A split sample analysis was not requested. Phenylbutazone is a prohibited Class 4, Penalty Class C violation.

Mr. Howey stated he treated **De La Luna** with two grams of powdered Phenylbutazone at his barn at San Luis Rey Training Center. The treatment was administered on March 2, 2023, at approximately eight thirty in the morning before the horse was shipped out to Golden Gate Fields. **Mr. Howey** transported **De La Luna** himself and to his knowledge did not receive any More Phenylbutazone prior to the race on March 4, 2023.

Following the hearing the Board of Stewards discussed the merits of the case and issued the following ruling. By unanimous decision.

GGF RULING #66

Trainer **QUINN O. HOWEY** who started the horse "**DE LA LUNA**" who finished eighth in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on March 4, 2023, is fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Conditions of Horse) for violation of Rule #1843(a)&(d) (Medication, Drugs and other Substances-Phenylbutazone (0.7) – Class 4).

Furthermore, Trainer **QUINN O. HOWEY** is assessed one half (1/2) point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple Medication Violations – expires May 17, 2024)

FRIDAY
5/19/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: #3 **Endless Dream** (Tr. **Jonathan Wong**) Sick – **DVM Parker** Refunds: \$224.28
The above declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and the show pool was cancelled (California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954 – Parimutuels Pools).
4TH Race: #3 **Satanta** (Tr. **Jesus Ramos**) Not Eligible – **Stewards** Refunds: \$235.39
5TH Race #4 **Breville** (Tr. **Gloria Haley**) Sick – **DVM Parker** Refunds: \$125.20

5/19/23²

FRANCISCO MONROY (CASE #23GG0032)

Jockey **Francisco Monroy** met with the Stewards regarding his compliance with the ruling issued against him on April 14, 2023. In addition to a seven day suspension **Mr. Monroy** was referred to the Winners Foundation for counseling in Ruling #44 issued by the Pacific Racing Association as a result of his third offense for marijuana use. Darrin Scharer Winners Foundation Director has now confirmed **Mr. Monroy** contacted his organization and a counseling program is scheduled.

5/19/23³

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 7TH RACE

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the seventh race at the request of Jockey **Alexander Chavez** (#7 **Attenzione** – 1ST) who claimed a foul against #2 **Thanks Maggio** (**ARG**) who finished second.

Mr. Chavez' mount finished a short nose in front of the horse he claimed foul against (**Thanks Maggio** (**ARG**)) rendering the claim of foul moot.

5/19/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	466	\$179,816.52
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,032,228.53
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$159,639.73
Total	1,411	\$1,903,507.05

SATURDAY
5/20/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

1ST Race #3 **Single Merit** (Tr. **Sheldon Paldanius**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** Refunds: \$122.20

5/20/23²

RULING #67 – JESUS RAMOS

GGF RULING #67

Trainer **JESUS RAMOS** who was scheduled to start the horse, **SATANTA**, in the fourth race on Friday, May 19, 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 – Ineligible).

The Stewards made contact with trainer **Jesus Ramos** telephonically and he acknowledged he entered the wrong horse and accepted the penalty imposed.

5/20/23³

RULING #68 – CASEY PLUM (23GG0056)

GGF RULING #68

Owner **CASEY PLUM**, having failed to appear for a scheduled hearing before the Board of Stewards on May 19, 2023, is suspended effective May 27, 2023, 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 charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **CASEY PLUM** 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 foregoing ruling was issued as Owner **Casey Plum** failed to appear for a scheduled hearing regarding the financial complaint filed against him by Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery. The complaint alleges an overdue debt (\$1,536.27) for services rendered.

5/20/23⁴

OWNER – TRAINER DANIEL FRANKO (23GG0042)

Owner – Trainer **Daniel Franko** appeared for a formal hearing to address the California Horse Racing Board complaint filed against him alleging violation of Rules #1581.1 (Entries), #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer, and Jockey) and #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). Present, in addition to **Mr. Franko**, were Stewards **R. Lewis, G. Baker, D. Nevin**, California Horse Racing Board Chief Official Veterinarian **Timothy Grande DVM**, Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman**, who presented the case. CSR Christine Niccoli transcribed the proceedings.

The complaint cover sheet states “This complaint was filed on behalf of California Horse Racing Board Chief Official Veterinarian **Dr. T. Grande**: On 3/15/2023 at 0932 hours, Trainer **Daniel Franko** entered his horse “**Stormy Joe**” for the eighth race 3/18/2023. On 3/12/2023, three days before the horse was entered, “**Stormy Joe**” had a radiograph performed which showed that the horse had a “**lateral condylar fracture.**” On 3/14/2023, the day before the horse entered, a surgical procedure was performed on the right front foot of “**Stormy Joe**”.

The Board of Stewards will consider the merits (evidence and testimony) of the charges before rendering their decision.

5/20/23⁵

ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – 6TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race for a review of the start. The video clearly shows #6 **National Generaux (IRE)** stumble and unseat **Armando Ayuso**. No other horses were involved, and the race was declared official.

5/20/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,138	\$435,571.37
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,633,921.38
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$370,987.35
Total	3,701	\$3,791,019.90

SUNDAY
5/21/23¹

DECLARATIONS:

2ND Race: **Never for Money** (Tr. **Andy Mathis**) Injured – **DVM Hassan** Refunds: \$385.54

The above declaration reduced the field to four wagering interests and the show pool was cancelled (California Horse Racing Board Rule #1954 – Parimutuels Pools).

3RD Race: **#3 Diamond Ranger** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) Injured – **DVM Hassan** Refunds: \$555.97

6TH Race: **#1 Many Markets** (Tr. **Daniel Franko**) Sick – **DVM Hassan** Refunds: \$182.57

7TH Race: **#3 Little Cheyenne** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**) Sick – **DVM Parker** Refunds: See Below

#7 Piper's Causeway (Tr. **Victor Trujillo**) Sick – **DVM Parker** Refunds: \$671.89

5/21/23²

RULING #69 CYNTHIA L. WINSHELL (23GG0053)

GGF RULING #69

Unlicensed Owner and Assistant Trainer **CYNTHIA L. WINSHELL** having failed to appear for a scheduled hearing before the Board of Stewards on May 20, 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 charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

Furthermore, Owner and Assistant Trainer **CYNTHIA L. WINSHELL** is ineligible for licensing until this matter has been resolved.

During the term of the suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **CYNTHIA L. WINSHELL** 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 foregoing ruling was issued as **Ms. Winschell** failed to respond or appear for the hearing scheduled to address the financial complaint filed against her by Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery (Don Smith DVM). The complaint alleges an overdue debt of \$7,736.43 for veterinary services rendered.

5/21/23³

RULING #70 DANIEL FRANKO (23GG0042)

GGF RULING #70

Trainer **DANIEL FRANKO** who was scheduled to start the horse **STORMY JOE** in the eighth race on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields is fined Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer, and Jockey) and #1887 (a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse).

The above ruling was issued subsequent to the formal hearing held yesterday May 20, 2023, by unanimous decision.

Mr. Franko stated he accidentally entered his horse "**Stormy Joe**" for the race scheduled to be run on March 18, 2023. Before he could correct his error by submitting a scratch, the Veterinary Panel had already determined "**Stormy Joe**" unfit to participate and recommended the horse be scratched.

5/21/23⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – 1ST RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer **Monty Meier** for "**Cat Bandit**" (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**) after being notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin DVM**, that the four year old filly was unsound and placed on the Veterinarians list.

"**Cat Bandit**" was returned to **Mr. Miyadi's** barn.

5/21/23⁵

MARE EUTHANIZED – 2ND RACE

“Carolina Mia” (Tr. **Felix Rondan**) pulled up near the 1/8 pole during the running of the second race. The horse ambulance was dispatched to the scene at the request of the Track Veterinarian, **Karen Hassan, DVM**.

It was later reported that the six year old mare suffered a fracture of the left hind leg and was humanely euthanized off the track by **Dr. Hassan**.

5/21/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	966	\$256,764.36
SCOTWinc	0,000	\$1,299,852.18
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$248,392.73
Total	1,875	\$2,265,737.69

SUMMARY

	Wed 5/17	Thurs 5/18	Fri 5/19	Sat 5/20	Sun 5/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	3	0	4	7	180
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Refunds	0	0	3	1	5	9	248
Rulings	0	1	0	2	1	4	69
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	1	1	35

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
19-May	2	3	Endless Dream	J.Wong	Sick	Parker	\$224.28
19-May	4	3	Satanta	J. Ramos	InEligible	Stewards	\$235.39
19-May	5	4	Breville	G. Haley	Sick	Parker	\$125.20
20-May	1	3	Single Merit	S. Paldanius	Sick	Hassan	\$122.20
21-May	2	3	Never for Money	A.Mathis	Injured	Hassan	\$385.54
21-May	3	3	Diamond Ranger	J. Steiner	Injured	Hassan	\$555.97
21-May	6	1	Many Markets	D. Franko	Sick	Hassan	\$182.57
21-May	7	3	Little Cheyenne	C. DeLima	Sick	Parker	See Below
21-May	7	7	Laura Branigan	S.Miyadi	Sick	Hassan	\$671.89
21-May	8	2	Piper’s Causeway	V. Trujillo	Sick	Parker	\$368.49

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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