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GENERAL DATA:

Dates: 18 days – August 26, 2023, through October 2, 2023.
Saturday through Monday
Entries: 48 to 168 hours in advance
Scratch Times: 10:00 a.m. race day
Post Times: 1:45 p.m. daily
Wagering Offered: Win, Place and Show; Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, Rolling Super High Five.
Rolling Double, Pick 2, Pick 4, Pick 5 & Pick 6.
Northern California Satellite Facilities:
Fresno, Fresno Club One, Monterey, Pleasanton, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Rosa,
Stockton, San Jose, and Vallejo.

Report for the Week of Tuesday, August 26, 2023, through Monday, August 28, 2023.

TUESDAY

8/22/23¹

ENTRY DAY

Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and his staff were on duty today accepting entries for opening day (August 26) of the 2023 Golden Gate Fields Summer Meet. Eight (8) races were drawn in the early afternoon and sixty-five (65) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty overseeing the entries taken today.

WEDNESDAY

8/23/23¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Sunday August 27, 2023. Entries were 'strong', and eight (8) races were drawn in the racing office. Sixty-three (63) horses are scheduled to start. Steward **Dennis Nevin** was in the Stewards office for the California Horse Racing Board.

8/23/23²

ENTRY PANEL

Steward **Dennis Nevin** participated on the Entry Panel for the races to be held on Saturday, August 26.

THURSDAY

8/24/23¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Monday August 28, 2023. Eight (8) races were drawn with fifty-seven (57) horses scheduled to start.

8/24/23²

ENTRY PANEL

An Entry Panel was conducted today for the races to be held on Monday August 28, 2023. **Dennis Nevin** represented the Stewards Office.

FRIDAY

8/25/23¹

CHANGE TIME

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on hand today overseeing changes for the racing card of Monday August 28, 2023.

SATURDAY

8/26/23¹

ADRIAN CASTELLANOS FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in the seventh race on closing day at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa. Of particular focus was Jockey **Castellanos'** use of the riding crop in this one (1) mile turf event. Today's film review shows Jockey **Castellanos** use his riding crop nine (9) times in the final ¼ mile of this race. Jockey **Castellanos** agreed that this was a rule violation. We told **Mr. Castellanos**, through Interpreter/Assistant Starter **Manuel Trujillo**, to be very careful as another violation in the near future could lead to a much more significant penalty. Jockey **Castellanos** was clear on this issue. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued the following ruling.

GGF Ruling #1

Jockey **ADRIAN CASTELLANOS**, who rode **BLUEBERRY MUFFIN** in the seventh race at the Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) on August 13, 2023 is suspended one (1) racing day, September 2, 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, three strikes over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **ADRIAN CASTELLANOS** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire February 26, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **ADRIAN CASTELLANOS** has now accumulated nine (9) points.

Ruling #4 Alameda County Fair – June 18, 2023

Ruling #5 California State Fair – July 30, 2023

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SAFETY STEWARD

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** is doing double duty today and tomorrow. Chief **McHargue** will serve as a Safety Steward here along with his regular duties.

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OFFICIAL CHANGES

There are several racing official changes today and/or this week at Golden Gate Fields.

- A. Horse Identifier **Laura McAvoy** for **Gary Greiner**
- B. Placing Judge **Ken Sjoldal** for **Lisa Wilkerson**
- C. Mutuel Manager **Dave Stephens** for **Doug Gooby**
- D. CHRB Veterinarian **Kathy Jones DVM** for **Forrest Franklin DVM**

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TSG TRACK VETERINARIAN

Also, **Karen Hassan DVM**, is no longer working at Golden Gate Fields as listed in the official program. She will be missed.

8/26/23⁵

FORMER GGF STEWARD RETURNS

Longtime Steward **John Herbeveaux** is sitting at his previous desk today and tomorrow at Golden Gate Fields **Mr. Herbeveaux** is filling in a vacant (TBD) Stewards position created by an overlap with the Humboldt County Fair (Ferndale).

8/26/23⁶

GOOD RACING

There was a good crowd on hand for opening day of this summer meet. The racing went well as there were no Steward inquires and/or Jockey objections.

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6TH RACE VOIDED CLAIM

There were two claims submitted for **#7 TEX HANDLEY** (Tr. **Reid France**) in this race. California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Kathy Jones** declared this horse unsound, and the Stewards voided this claim.

8/26/23⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #4 **Missing Penny** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**)

Injured – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund - \$4,032.53

2ND Race Declaration #6 **As lick Happens** (Tr. **S. Paldanius**)

Injured – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund - \$276.71

2ND Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High

3RD Race Declarations #4 **Extra Innings** (Tr. **R. France**) Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**

#5 **The Sandy Surprise** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

#7 **Berriaches** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Sick – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$202.29

3RD Race Wagering Changes Cancel \$1 Rolling High Five

3RD Race Cancel No Show Wagering

3RD Race # 3 **Dick Best** (Tr. **B. Wright**) claimed, **J. Steiner**, trainer

5TH Race #1 **Crescendo Molto** (Tr. **D. Blacker**) claimed, **M. Badilla**, trainer

6TH Race Declaration #2 **Will is Chill** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Entry Panel – **Stewards**

Refund: \$ 233.43

7TH Race Declarations #7 **Incredible Shot** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Re-enter – **Stewards**

#9 **Rosenquist** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**

Refund Total: \$703.63

8TH Race Declarations #4 **Grazen Sun** (Tr. **B. Wright**) Unsound on Track–**Casille Batten, DVM**

#6 **Talbot Bay** (Tr. **J. Bautista**) Unsound on Track–**Casille Batten, DVM**

Refund Total: \$24,350.22

8TH Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,287	\$318,109.90
Out of state		\$1,107,445.84
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$226,225.28

Total	2,516	\$2,338,133.49
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SUNDAY

8/27/23¹

ALEXANDER CHAVEZ/CRISTOBAL HERRERA FILM REVIEW

Two (2) jockeys appeared in our office to review their rides in the seventh race yesterday. **Alexander Chavez** and **Cristobal Herrera** were assisted by Jockey Agent **Fernando Navarro** who acted as an interpreter. Jockey **Chavez** was aboard #2 **Ob's**, who finished third in this one (1) mile turf race. **Cristobal Herrera**, who was aboard fifth place finisher #10 **Contrary Chieftain**, also attended this review.

Jockey **Herrera** steadied sharply twice when bothered by fourth-place finisher #8 **Uncle Walt (Irving Orozco)**. #10 **Contrary Chieftain** was beaten four lengths for fourth position in this race. He told us yesterday he wanted to lodge an objection in this race but did not contact the outrider that was out on the turf course. Jockey **Chavez'** mount stepped in at the 3/16ths marker, but his imperfection was only magnified by the errant path of rival #8 **Uncle Walt**. Both jockeys were excused from this informal film review.

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IRVING OROZCO FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Irving Orozco** was called into our office to review his ride in the seventh race yesterday August 26. Jockey **Orozco** was aboard fourth place finisher #8 **Uncle Walt**. This horse swung out wide entering the stretch and interfered with #10 **Contrary Chieftain (Cristobal Herrera)** forcing that horse off his path. Further down the stretch **Uncle Walt** and Jockey **Orozco** shift out and interfere with #10 **Contrary Chieftain** again. Jockey **Orozco** agreed with the Stewards' unanimous analysis that this was quite "sloppy". The following ruling was issued.

GGF Ruling #2

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO**, who rode **UNCLE WALT** in the seventh race at the Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, August 26, 2023, is suspended three (3) racing days, September 3, 4 and 9, 2023 for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule 1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

8/27/23³

OUTRIDER MEETINGS (REF: 8/27/23⁽¹⁾)

Afternoon Outriders **Abraham Chavez** and **Ashton Campoy** appeared in our office at our request. Yesterday Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** (#10 **Contrary Chieftain**) called us during the races. He said he had wanted to lodge an objection following the seventh race yesterday August 26. This race was on the turf course and Outrider **Campoy** told us he was assisting another horse during the 'gallop out' past the finish line. He said Jockey **Herrera** needs to jog down to his location or raise his hand to alert him. By the time Jockey **Herrera** spoke to the 2nd Outrider, **Abraham Chavez**, the Stewards had made the race official. We shared this information with Jockey **Cristobal Herrera**.

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GOOD RACING

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

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #1 **MK Birthday** (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Injured – **Kathy Jones, DVM**
Refund: \$490.66

2ND Race Wagering Cancel \$1 Rolling Super High Five

4TH Race Declaration #2 **Harbor Dearest** (Tr. **A. Ruvalcaba**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**
Refund: \$191.70

5TH Race Declaration #7 **Our North Star** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Refund: \$112.30

6TH Race Declaration #4 **Candy's Clone** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Refund: \$356.39

7TH Race #1 **Gulara** (Tr. **Monty Meier**) Full field – **Stewards** Refund: \$92.22

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,686	\$238,352.06
Out of state		\$1,227,771.86
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$217,337.37
Total	2,649	\$2,203,648.34

MONDAY

8/28/23¹

PROGRAM ERROR

The cover page of today's Golden Gate Fields Official Program incorrectly listed post time as 1:15 p.m. Post time for the first race today is 1:45p.m.

8/28/23²

OFFICIALS BACK

Several racing officials are back to work here today after working the last two (2) weeks at the Humboldt County Fair. The following Officials have returned.

- A. Steward – Richard Lewis**
- B. Stewards Administration Assistant/Placing Judge – Lisa Wilkerson**
- C. Safety Steward – Calvin Rainey**
- D. Horse Identifier – Gary Greiner**

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VOIDED CLAIM

In today's first race #5 **Lisa's Valentine** (Tr. **E. Moger**) was claimed for \$6,250. California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Kathy Jones** informed the Stewards, after the cooling – out period, that this horse would be going on the Veterinarian's List (Unsound). We subsequently voided the claim.

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GOOD RACING CARD

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

8/28/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race #4 **Elegance Code** (Tr. **S. Paldanius**) claimed, **L. Rivera**, trainer

#7 **Dancing Bonbon** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

3RD Race Declaration #8 **Incredible Shot** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Entry Panel – **Stewards**

Refund: 129.00

5TH Race Declaration #4 **Teagans ATM** (Tr. **G. Preciado**) claimed, **D. Wayne Baker**, trainer

6TH Race Declaration #1 **Class Code** (Tr. **R. France**) Entry Panel – **Stewards** Refund: \$69.00

8/28/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	217	\$54,036.16
Out of state		\$981,151.01
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$50,752.01
Total	388	\$1,157,809.06

SUMMARY

	Sat 8/26	Sun 8/27	Mon 8/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	3	3	3
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	5	5	2	12	12
Rulings	1	1	0	2	2
Voided Claims	1	0	1	2	2

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
26-Aug	1	4	Missing Penny	M.Lenzini	Injured	Batten	\$4,032.53
26-Aug	2	6	Luck Happens	S.Paldanius	Injured	Batten	\$276.71
26-Aug	3	4	Extra Innings	R.France	Injured	Batten	See Below
26-Aug	3	5	The Sandy Surprise	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	See Below
26-Aug	3	7	El Berriaches	J.Ramos	Sick	Batten	\$202.29
26-Aug	6	2	Will is Chill	S.Specht	Entry Panel	Stewards	\$233.43
26-Aug	7	7	Incredible Shots	I.Tamayo	Re-Enter	Stewards	See Below
26-Aug	7	9	Rosenquist	R.Thomas	Injured	Batten	\$703.63
27-Aug	2	1	MK Birthday	M.Badilla	Injured	Jones	\$206.79
27-Aug	4	2	Harbor Dearest	A.Ruvalcaba	Sick	Batten	\$191.70
27-Aug	5	7	Our North Star	S.Sherman	Sick	Batten	\$112.30
27-Aug	6	4	Candy's Clone	S.Specht	Injured	Batten	\$356.39
27-Aug	7	1	Gulara	M.Meier	Full Field	Stewards	\$92.22
28-Aug	3	8	Incredible Shot	I.Tamayo	Entry Panel	Stewards	\$129.00
28-Aug	6	1	Class Code	R.France	Entry Panel	Stewards	\$69.00

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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