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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS GOLDEN GATE FIELDS Berkeley, California

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 30, 2023, Through Monday, September 4, 2023.

WEDNESDAY8/30/23¹**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Grant Baker** was on-site to assist the Racing Office with entries for Sunday. An Overnight consisting of eight races with forty-seven entrants was published. An "Entry Panel" led by **Dr. Tim Grande** was on the day's agenda. **Drs. Benson and Franklin** along with Steward **Baker** made up the Panel.

THURSDAY8/31/23¹**ENTRY DAY STEWARD**

Entries for Monday along with changes to Sunday's race program were under the supervision of Steward **Grant Baker**. An eight race Overnight with fifty-nine runners featuring an Overnight Stake was published.

As in the previous day an "Entry Panel" with the usual suspects convened to discuss Sunday's entrants.

FRIDAY9/1/23¹**RUIZ HEARING**

The full Board of Stewards were present to participate in a hearing to address CHRB Complaint #23GG0063. Groom **Emmanuel Cruz Ruiz** was cited for violation of CHRB Rules 1489(a)(7), 1874 & 1900. Steward Dennis Nevin chaired the proceedings as Court Reporter **Christine Niccoli** performed her duties via "TEAMS". Stewards **Grant Baker** and **Richard Lewis** were present as CHRB Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case. **Mr. Ruiz** represented himself. Testimony was heard, evidence was documented and

submitted into the record. The Stewards will deliberate, and a decision will be forthcoming.

9/1/23²

CHANGES AND PANEL

Steward **Grant Baker** oversaw changes to Monday's program. **Mr. Baker** was also a member of the "Entry Panel" for that same day.

SATURDAY

9/2/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 4 – SCRATCH #6, **Mr. Fighter** (Tr. **Terry Johnson**)

Re-Enter – **Stewards**

Race 6 – SCRATCH #2, **Going To Shaboos** (Tr. **Samuel Calvario**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 8 – SCRATCH #6, **Curvy Curls** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**)

Sick, **Casille Batten, DVM**

Scratch #10, **Begin Again** (Tr. **D. Wayne Baker**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

9/2/23²

STEWARD REPLACEMENT

John Yinger sat in today as Steward **Grant Baker** attended to Personal Matters.

9/2/23³

JIMENEZ RULING

Jockey **LUIS M. JIMENEZ** was present along with Agent **Ramon Silva** who also acted as interpreter. Jockey **Jimenez's** use of the riding crop during the running of Sunday's seventh race was in question. Video confirmed the crop was used more than the limit of six times, to be exact eight strikes. The rider admitted that he violated the rule and blamed it on his excitement, as this was his first mount here, and he thought he was able to win the race. After discussion the following ruling was issued.

GGF RULING #4

Jockey **LUIS M. JIMENEZ**, who rode **GROSS PROFIT** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on August 28, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, September 9, 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, two strikes over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **LUIS M. JIMENEZ** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire March 2, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **LUIS M. JIMENEZ** has now accumulated three (3) points.

9/2/23⁴

CARLOS SUAREZ HEARING

CHRB Complaint #23GG0066 scheduled for 10:30 am did not go forward as planned due to the absence of **Carlos Suarez** who was named in the package. **Mr. Suarez** remains suspended per Big Fresno Fair Ruling #6, dated October 14, 2022.

9/2/23⁵

JOSE AMAYA HEARING

Groom **Jose Amaya** is named in CHRB Complaint #23GG0067 for violation of CHRB Rule #1874.

Attendance at this proceeding were Stewards **Richard Lewis, Dennis Nevin,** Chairing the Hearing, and **John Yinger.** Presenting the case for the CHRB was Investigator **Jennifer Tolman.** **Mr. Amaya** was present representing himself but assisted by Interpreter **Pablo Portillo.** **Tina Vaquez** was the Court Reporter transcribing the events.

Miss Tolman read her investigative report and called witnesses. The first witness was exercise rider **Byron Donis,** who testified via phone from Del Mar. The second witness was **Miss Jasmin Arauz** who was present when one of the incidents took place.

Mr. Amaya spoke through the Interpreter recounting his side of the events. After all testimony was heard, the evidence was labeled and put into the record and the hearing came to a close. A decision will be made over the next few days.

9/2/23⁶

RACE 1 LATE SCRATCH

A little before 1:00 pm, State Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** contacted us to request a late scratch from the First Race. #1, **MAVERICK ROSE,** trained by **Marsha Stortz,** was reported to have been treated twice with Lasix by two different authorized people. The Stewards approved that request and contacted the CHRB Investigators to begin an investigation.

9/2/23⁷

RACE 6 LATE PADDOCK SCRATCH

While horses were walking in the Saddling Paddock for the sixth race, #7 **MAYCEE JOE** reared and fell landing on her side. This action prompted **Dr. Batten** to request the Stewards to scratch her, which was granted without hesitation. This scratch resulted in the Rolling Super High Five being refunded.

9/2/23⁸

RACE 7 – INQUIRY/OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was activated by the Stewards to investigate an incident approaching the 1/16th pole. While reviewing the video, Jockey **William Antongeorgi,** on #6 **HONOS MAN,** had the Outrider contact us to lodge an Objection against #2 **KENNEBEC.** Replays show #2 veering out, from behind the two leaders, while under left-handed crop use coming out four to five lanes making contact with #6. **HONOS MAN,** the #6, loses his action as his rear end is knocked off stride. Both #2 and #6 pass the two leaders with #2 prevailing over the #6 by a neck.

In a unanimous decision the Stewards ruled that #6 **HONOS MAN,** was cost the opportunity to a better placing, thus a disqualification was warranted.

Original Order of Finish: 2 – 6 – 1- 7 – 3 – 4 – 5

Official Order of Finish: 6 – 2 – 1 – 7 – 3 – 4 – 5

9/2/23⁹

RACE 8 PADDOCK SCRATCH

Acting upon the advice of Track Veterinarian **Ash Cloninger**, the Stewards scratched **#4 MAJESTIC COTTON** after the three-year-old was injured in the Paddock.

9/2/23¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,058	\$263,804.36
Out of state	n/a	\$784,347.98
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$193,443.82
Total	2,348	\$1,984,566.91

SUNDAY

9/3/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 - SCRATCH #1, **WEeping WILLOW** (Tr. **Ivan Becerra**)

Ineligible – **Stewards**

SCRATCH #4, **MUMBLES BROCKMAN** (Tr. **Steve Miyadi**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 8 – SCRATCH #7, **LITTLE CHEYENNE** (Tr. **Clifford DeLima**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

9/3/23²

PENA RULING

Jockey **BRAYAN PENA** attended replays of his performance from the previous day's seventh race. In this race his mount was disqualified from first to second (ref. 9/2/23 (7)), in a unanimous decision. After viewing video and a discussion the following ruling was issued. This was Mr. Pena's second riding violation within the past sixty days resulting in an additional two-day suspension. Steward **Baker** voted for an additional one-day penalty.

GGF RULING # 6

Jockey **BRAYAN PENA** who rode **KENNEBEC** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, September 2, 2023, is suspended five (5) racing days, September 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18, 2023, for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding - second offense in sixty (60) days).

9/3/23³

JIMENEZ FILM REVIEW RULING

Luis Jimenez attended films as requested by the Stewards to look into two different races. **Mr. Jimenez** was assisted by his agent **Ramon Silva** to help with translation. The first incident was in the third race when he allowed his mount to drift out under left-handed urging. We warned him that this was a bad habit to get into even if it doesn't bother another runner.

The second race of interest also saw him allow his mount, **#3 LIL MIRACLE MAN**, to drift several paths out carrying **#5 SEA OF LIBERTY**, past the middle of the track. Fortunately, **SEA OF LIBERTY** finished in front of **LIL MIRACLE MAN**. There was much discussion after viewing the replay about needing to

know where you are always at on the track. In a unanimous vote by this Panel the following ruling was published.

GGF RULING #7

Jockey **LUIS M. JIMENEZ** who rode **LIL MIRACLE MAN** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, September 2, 2023, is suspended three (3) racing days, September 10, 11 and 16, 2023, for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference; a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

9/3/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,193	\$300,948.64
Out of state	n/a	\$744,511.20
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$206,834.76
Total	2,218	\$1,809,874.30

MONDAY

9/4/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 – Scratch #9 **Blue Eyed Jo** (Tr. **E. Moger**) Sick–**Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 2 – Scratch #5 **Bet De Vron** (Tr. **Faith Taylor**)

Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM** NO SHOW WAGERING

Race 3 – Scratch #2 **Blushing Bay** (Tr. **Q. Miller**) Injured–**Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 4 – Scratch #5 **RMC Hook'em** (Tr. **Isidro Tamayo**)

Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 6 – Scratch #7 **Alamanera (IRE)** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**)

Unsound – **Ash Cloninger, DVM** NO ROLLING SUPER HIGH FIVE

Race 8 – Scratch #5 **Mucho Machismo** (Tr. **Dan Franko**)

Panel – Quick Turn Around/Vet History

9/4/23²

AMAYA RULING CASE 23GG0067

After discussing the proceedings from the **Amaya** hearing (REF 9/2/23⁴) this panel came to a decision based on evidence and testimony. **Mr. Amaya's** recent behavior of impeding others from performing their duties at the barn resulted in the following ruling.

GGF RULING #8

Groom **JOSE F. AMAYA** is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Abusive Behavior) on June 4, 2023, and June 11, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

9/4/23³

RACE 4 INCOMPLETE CLAIM SLIP

A claim dropped for #3, **Horse Doctor**, trained by **Doug O'Neill** was not allowed because date of race was left blank.

9/4/23⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,007	\$254,005.95
Out of state	n/a	\$1,378,929.14
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$275,391.25
Total	1,945	\$2,373,958.68

SUMMARY

	Wed 8/30	Thurs 8/31	Fri 9/1	Sat 9/2	Sun 9/3	Mon 9/4	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Disqualifications	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Refunds	0	0	0	3	2	6	11	23
Rulings	0	0	1	3	2	0	6	8
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
2-Sep	4	6	Mr. Fighter	T.Johnson	ReEnter	Stewards	\$131.54
2-Sep	6	2	Going To Shabooms	S. Calvario	Sick	Batten	\$1,694.76
2-Sep	8	6	Curvy Curls	C. DeLima	Sick	Batten	See Below
2-Sep	8	10	Begin Again	D.W. Baker	Sick	Batten	\$1,887.55
3-Sep	1	1	Weeping Willow	I.Becerra	Ineligible	Stewards	See Below
3-Sep	1	4	Mumbles Brockman	S. Miyadi	Sick	Batten	\$357.21
3-Sep	8	7	Little Cheyenne	C.DeLima	Sick	Batten	\$39.98
4-Sep	1	9	Blue Eyed Jo	E. Moger	Sick	Batten	\$207.11
4-Sep	2	5	Bet De Vron	F. Taylor	Injured	Batten	\$127.00
4-Sep	3	2	Blushing Bay	Q. Miller	Injured	Batten	\$108.60
4-Sep	4	5	RMC Hook'em	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$230.40
4-Sep	6	7	Alamanera (IRE)	J. Steiner	Unsound	Cloninger	\$171.00
4-Sep	8	5	Mucho Machismo	D.Franko	Panel	Panel	\$115.48

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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