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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 13, 2023, through Monday, September 18, 2023**WEDNESDAY**9/13/23¹**ENTRY DAY**

Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** and his staff were in the racing office today accepting entries for Saturday, September 16, 2023. Sixty (60) horses are slated to start. Eight (8) races are scheduled with a first race time of 1:45 p.m. Steward **Dennis Nevin** oversaw all matters for the California Horse Racing Board.

9/13/23²**ENTRY PANEL**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** participated in the entry panel that reviewed all the participants scheduled to run on September 16. He was joined by **Dr. Tim Grande** and **Dr. Forrest Franklin**.

THURSDAY9/14/23¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open accepting entries for Monday, September 18, 2023. Nine (9) races were drawn. Sixty-two (62) horses are scheduled to start. **Dennis Nevin** was the Duty Steward for the California Horse Racing Board today.

9/14/23²**ENTRY PANEL**

An Entry Panel for the races on Monday, September 18 was held today. Steward **Dennis Nevin**, once again, participated on this panel.

FRIDAY9/15/23¹**CHANGE TIME**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was on duty today overseeing program changes for September 18, 2023. Three (3) jockey changes and one (1) equipment change were made.

9/15/23²

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met today to review all the entries for Monday September 18, 2023. Steward **Dennis Nevin** participated along with **Dr. Tim Grande** and **Dr. Forrest Franklin**.

SATURDAY

9/16/23¹

CHIEF STEWARD VISIT

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** stopped by the Stewards' office today. Safety Steward **Cal Rainey** was also present. Chief **McHargue** caught the Stewards up on his current discussions with members of HISA and HIWU.

9/16/23²

TRACK VETERINARIAN CHANGE

TSG Senior Veterinarian **Casille Batten** is off today and tomorrow. **Dr. Jay Deluhery**, who works at Santa Anita Park, is filling in this weekend.

9/16/23³

SUSAN HUNTER COMPLAINT (CASE: NO 23BM0036)

California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jerry Smith** presented an eight (8) page complaint today in front of the Board of Stewards. Steward **Richard Lewis** chaired this hearing which involved Vendor/Horse Transporter **Susan Hunter**. **Ms. Hunter** was charged with alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations). Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and Rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers).

The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

*ACFA Security Officer **Ghatol Samayee**, who is assigned to the main entry/exit gate to the barns & backside of the fairgrounds, informed California Horse Racing Board Investigators that Horse transporter **Susan Hunter** berated, yelled, and was argumentative while she was at the security gate. Security Officer **Samayee** was carrying out her tasked responsibilities of verifying the identity of the horses that were being transported in and out of the grounds. Transporter **Hunter** yelled tirades of "Go to Hell" and "open up the damn gate!" Transporter **Hunter** later admitted to losing her temper and berating the security officer.*

Investigator **Smith** presented his case. **Ms. Hunter** answered several questions from the Stewards. This alleged offense took place on July 28, 2023, at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. Decision to follow.

9/16/23⁴

GOOD RACING

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

9/16/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #6 **Indianera** (Tr. **R. Hansen**)

Injured – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund: \$288.51

1ST Race #4 **Naughty Niko** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer

6TH Race #4 **Boss of Themoss** (Tr. **G. Preciado**) claimed, **S. Hobson**, trainer

8TH Race Declaration #3 **Catchment** (Tr. **A. Ruvalcaba**)

Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund: \$192.55

9/16/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,394	\$294,976.30
Out of state	n/a	\$1,224,120.08
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$220,486.12
Total	2,416	\$2,294,108.65

SUNDAY

9/17/23¹

EVIN ROMAN FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Evin Roman** appeared for a film review in the Stewards office this morning. This informal hearing involved yesterday's first race which was conducted at 5 ½ furlongs on the main (Tapeta) track. Jockey **Roman** was aboard #4 **Naughty Niko** who finished second in a five-horse field.

During this film review the Stewards determined that Jockey **Roman** used his riding crop seven (7) times, which is one (1) over the limit. He agreed with the reasoning the Stewards used to issue the following ruling.

GGF RULING #13

Jockey **EVIN ROMAN**, who rode **NAUGHTY NIKO** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on September 16, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, September 24, 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 strike over the limit) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Furthermore, Jockey **EVIN ROMAN** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire March 17, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **EVIN ROMAN** has now accumulated three (3) points.

9/17/23²

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VISIT

Golden Gate Fields Director of Racing/Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** brought his counterpart from Santa Anita **Jason Egan** into our office for an introduction this morning. **Mr. Egan** is here for the weekend meeting horseman and officials alike. We had a good 'back and forth' in our office and appreciate the visit from these two officials.

9/17/23³

SEVENTH RACE DELAY

There was a nine (9) minute delay prior to the running of the seventh race which was contested at six (6) furlongs. Part of the delay was due to #1 **Tamara Mine** (Trainer – **Isidro Tamayo**) being difficult to load in the starting gate. While the Assistant Starters were attempting to load #1 **Tamara Mine**, #7 **J and K Express** (Trainer **Jose Puentes**) 'sat down' in the starting gate. Track Veterinarian **Ashton Cloninger** radioed the Stewards and recommended that #7 **J and K Express** be scratched.

All of the remaining horses were backed out of the gate and then reloaded under the supervision of Starter **Todd Stephens**. The field was reloaded a second time. This time #1 **Tamara Mine** (Jockey **Assael Espinoza**) raced on to a facile victory.

9/17/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #1 **Midnight Metal** (Tr. **J. Steiner**)

Unsound – **Ashton Cloninger DVM** Refund: \$420.91

2ND Race #2 **El Joy** (Tr. **T. Bellasis**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer

#5 **Wellswort (IRE)** (Tr. **S. Hobson**) claimed, **I. Tamayo**, trainer
 2ND Race Jockey Change #3 **Effective Gig W. Antongeorgi III** for **I. Orozco** – Sick
 4TH Race Declaration #4 **Lynatthebar (D.W. Baker)** Injured **Aston Cloninger DVM**
 Refund: \$176.85
 6TH Race Declaration #4 **Lotsa Pepper (M. Badilla)**
 Unsound – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund: \$614.14
 7TH Race Declaration #7 **J and K Express (Tr. J. Puentes)**
 Sat down in starting gate – **Ashton Cloninger DVM** Refund: \$37,109.56
 7TH Race Jockey Change #6 **Pappy’s Girl H. Herrera** for **I. Orozco** – Sick
 8TH Race Jockey Change #3 **Town Performer W. Antongeorgi III** for **I. Orozco** - Sick

9/17/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,156	\$213,748.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,136,454.85
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$180,091.40
Total	1,976	\$1,901,602.57

MONDAY

9/18/23¹

SUSAN HUNTER DECISION (CASE NO:23BM0036)

Vendor/Horse Transporter **Susan Hunter** admitted she told Alameda County Fair Security Officer **Ghatol Samayee** to “Go to hell” at the Pleasanton Stable Gate on July 28, 2023. **Ms. Hunter** appeared in our office regarding this matter, for an informal hearing on September 16. (REF: 9/16/23⁽²⁾). In a majority decision she was issued an official warning. Steward **Baker** voted for a \$100.00 fine.

9/18/23²

FIRST RACE STEWARDS’ REVIEW

Track announcer **Matt Dinnerman** gave notice to the public that the Stewards were conducting a Stewards Review into the stretch run of today’s first race.

In this five (5) horse field #4 **Pleasant Warning (Alexander Chavez)** was leading the race approaching the 1/8 mile pole. At this juncture this horse takes an awkward step causing Jockey **Alexander Chavez** to lose his saddle stirrups while failing to maintain his balance. What had previously looked like a possible win turned out to be a second-place finish.

After reviewing several camera angles of this single horse incident, the Stewards felt the posting of the Inquiry sign was not necessary.

9/18/23³

FIFTH RACE VOIDED CLAIMS

Following the running of the fifth race California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** told us he was putting two (2) claimed horses on the Veterinarian’s list.

#1 **Remember Sue** – Tr. **Jack Steiner** – claiming price \$6,250.00
 Reason – Lameness & Distress

#5 **Class Code** – **Reid France** – claiming price \$6,250.00
 Reason – Unsound

The Stewards voided both claims and these horses returned to the barns of their original trainers.

9/18/23⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #1 **Winsome Rose (Tr. J. Bautista)**
 Injured – **Casille Batten DVM**
 #6 **JJ’s Hope (Tr. S. Perez)**

Sat down in the gate – **Ashton Cloninger DVM** Refunds: \$16,755.16
 2ND Race Declaration #3 **Zhivago** (Tr. **G. Greiner**)
 Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$154.00
 2ND Race #4 **Chaokoon** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer
 3RD Race Declaration #2 **No Beaches** (Tr. **F. Rondan**)
 Unsound – **Casille Batten, DVM** Refund: \$196.10
 4TH Race Declaration #1 **Dawn at Last** (**R. Thomas**)
 Loose post parade – **Stewards** Refund: \$23,161.42
 5TH Race Declaration #2 **Harbor Abbey** (Tr. **D. Franko**)
 Entry Panel – **Stewards** Refund: \$142.70
 6TH Race Declaration #8 **Crazy Storm** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**)
 Sick – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund: \$97.30
 7TH Race #2 **Hey Mate** (Tr. **B. McLean**) claimed, **S. Paldanius**, trainer
 #3 **Lil Miracle Man** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer
 #6 **Rackataptap** (Tr. **S. Specht**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer
 9TH Declaration #6 **Valentine Crasher** (Tr. **E. Moger**)
 Injured – **Casille Batten DVM** Refund: \$169.80

9/18/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	226	\$76,007.08
Out of state	n/a	\$803,510.64
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$44,887.37
Total	385	\$975,505.57

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
16-Sep	1	1	Indianera	R. Hansen	Injured	Batten	\$288.51
16-Sep	8	3	Catchment	A.Ruvalcaba	Unsound	Batten	\$192.55
17-Sep	2	1	Midnight Metal	J. Steiner	Unsound	Cloninger	\$420.91
17-Sep	4	4	Lynatthebar	D.W. Baker	Injured	Cloninger	\$176.85
17-Sep	6	4	Lotsa Pepper	M.Badilla	Unsound	Batten	See Below
17-Sep	6	8	Two Twelve	V. Trujillo	Sick	Batten	\$614.14
19-Sep	1	1	Winsome Rose	J. Bautista	Injured	Batten	\$16,755.16
19-Sep	2	3	Zhivago	G. Greiner	Sick	Batten	\$154.00
19-Sep	3	2	No Beaches	F. Rondan	Unsound	Batten	\$196.10
19-Sep	5	2	Harbor Abbey	J.Steiner	Panel	Steward	\$142.70
19-Sep	6	8	Crazy Storm	V. Trujillo	Sick	Batten	\$97.30
19-Sep	9	6	Valentine Crasher	E. Moger Jr.	Injured	Batten	\$169.80

SUMMARY

	Wed 9/13	Thurs 9/14	Fri 9/15	Sat 9/16	Sun 9/17	Mon 9/18	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	2	2	3	7	10
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	0	0	0	4	2	7	13	36
Rulings	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	13
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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