

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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

### TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**Report for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, through Monday, October 23, 2023.**

**TUESDAY**10/17/23<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** was present for entries for Saturday, 10-21-23. Nine races were carded with eighty-three (83) entrants.

**WEDNESDAY**10/18/23<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES & CHANGES**

Steward **Dennis Nevin** again was present to oversee entries for Sunday, 10-22-23 and take any changes for the Saturday Overnight. Nine races were drawn with sixty-seven (67) entrants. The entry panel met to discuss Saturday's races. Present were **Dr. Tim Grande, Dr. Forrest Franklin, Steward Dennis Nevin.**

**THURSDAY**10/19/23<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTY**

Entries for Monday 10-23-23 and changes to Sunday's Overnight were being guided by Steward **Dennis Nevin**. Monday entries saw sixty-five (65) entries spread through nine (9) races. The entry panel met to discuss Sunday's races. Present again were **Dr. Tim Grande, Dr. Forrest Franklin, Steward Dennis Nevin.** Also, on this day the fatality review board met regarding a horse trained by **Mr. Andy Mathis.**

**FRIDAY**10/20/23<sup>1</sup>**DARK DAY DUTIES**

Steward **Dennis Nevin, Richard Lewis** and **John Yinger** were present on this day to conduct scheduled hearings and other outstanding office duties. The fatality review board met consisting of the following individuals **Dr. Vale, Dr Franklin, Safety Steward Cal Rainey**, and Steward **Dennis Nevin** regarding a horse trained by **Mr. Victor Trujillo**.

10/20/23<sup>2</sup>

**AQUILAR HEARING (Case No.23BM0033)**

Owner **Juana Aquilar** appeared before the stewards along with her interpreter **Ms. Alex Miranda. Mr. Louis Quezada** Supervising Special Investigator for the California Horse Racing Board was presenting this case. After testimony was given and this case was closed the Board of Stewards will deliberate and a ruling will be issued if necessary.

10/20/23<sup>3</sup>

**VENNERI HEARING (Case No.23GG0078)**

Owner **Mr. Alex Venneri** failed to appear before the stewards to answer alleged charges per violation of Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). A ruling to be determined later.

10/20/23<sup>4</sup>

**VILLALOBOS-RODRIGUEZ HEARING (Case No.23GG0051)**

Exercise Rider **Mr. Carlos Villalobos - Rodriguez** hearing which was initially scheduled for today was postponed due to his attorney **Mr. Jim Ghidella** requesting a court reporter. **Ms. Jennifer Tolman** (CHRB) will coordinate this request for a continuance for this hearing.

**SATURDAY**

10/21/23<sup>1</sup>

**AQUILAR RULING**

The Board of Stewards unanimously agreed to issue a warning to **Ms. Aquilar** for her conduct pertaining to case No.23BM0033.

10/21/23<sup>2</sup>

**VENNERI RULING**

The following ruling was issued involving **Mr. Alex Venneri** for failing to appear before the stewards to answer alleged charges per violation of Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

**GGF RULING #01**

Owner **ALEX VENNERI**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on October 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 to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$2,538.00 to Trainer **ANDY MATHIS**). Suspension to commence October 28, 2023.

10/21/23<sup>3</sup>

**BURGESS HEARING (Case No.23GG0082)**

Owner **Mr. Clint Burgess** failed to appear before the stewards to answer alleged charges per violation of Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). A ruling to be determined at a later date.

10/21/23<sup>4</sup>

**KORPANICH HEARING (Case No.23GG0081)**

Owner **Mr. Stepen Korpanich** hearing for today has been rescheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10:30am. Complainant **Dr. Kim Kuhlmann** was notified and agreed to new date.

10/21/23<sup>6</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Today saw the Board of Stewards in attendance. **Dennis Nevin, Richard Lewis,** and **John Yinger**. The Safety Steward position is filled by **Cal Rainey**. The nine-race card went with no major issues to report other than the late changes listed below.

10/21/23<sup>7</sup>

**DECLARATIONS AND CHANGES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race – Jockey Change, No.6 JERSEY BIRD (Trainer Terri Eaton) to be ridden by Hugo Herrera  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race – Scratch, No.3 GROWTH ENGINE (Trainer Isidro Tamayo) - Entry Panel - Stewards  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race – Scratch, No.4 CHIEF JACKSON (Trainer D Wayne Baker) - Sick – Casille Batten, DVM  
5<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.5 RICH GOLD (Trainer Isidro Tamayo) - Sick – Casille Batten, DVM  
7<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.2 EARTHLY TIGER (Trainer Ruby Thomas) - Sick – Casille Batten, DVM  
7<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.8 CHIEFS BLANKET (Trainer Doug F. O’Neil) - Unsound – Casille Batten, DVM  
9<sup>th</sup> Race – Jockey Change, No.1 CARDINAL TRICK (Tr. Roger Hansen) to be ridden by Irving Orozco  
9<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.10 A HEART OF GOLD (Trainer Jose Fuentes) – Full Field – Stewards

10/21/23<sup>8</sup>

**CLAIMS VOIDED**

1<sup>st</sup> Race – NO.5 **Spain Moonlight**, claim entered by **Sam Calvario** was deemed voided by the stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** determined the horse was unsound in the left front and placed horse on the Vet’s list. The horse was returned to the barn of **Andy Mathis**.

6<sup>th</sup> Race – NO.3 **Crown Magic**, claim entered by **Jack Steiner** was deemed voided by the stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** determined the horse was sore in both front legs and placed horse on the Vet’s list. The horse was returned to the barn of **Steven Specht**.

10/21/23<sup>9</sup>

**PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**Ms. Jaime Lee, MD** will be filling in for **Mr. David Seftel, MD** Track Physician during his absence.

10/21/23<sup>10</sup>

**DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,003	\$243,676.40
Out of state	n/a	\$1,594,304.16
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$291,562.77
Total	2,081	\$2,735,890.50

**SUNDAY**

10/22/23<sup>1</sup>

**RACE DAY**

Today saw the Board of Stewards in attendance. **Dennis Nevin, Richard Lewis,** and **John Yinger**. The Safety Steward position is filled by **Cal Rainey**. Due to inclement weather the sixth and eighth race were taken off the turf.

**BURGESS RULING #02**

The following ruling was issued involving **Mr. Clint Burgess** for failing to appear before the stewards to answer alleged charges per violation of Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility).

**GGF RULING #2**

Owner **CLINT BURGESS (DBA, GREAT AMERICAN HORSE RACING)**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on October 21, 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 to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$6,713.00 to San Francisco Equine Inc). Suspension to commerce October 29, 2023.

10/22/23<sup>2</sup>

### **DECLARATIONS AND CHANGES**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race – Scratch, No.2 TOM'S STYLE (Trainer Jorge Maravilla) – Sick – Casille Batten, DVM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race – Scratch, No.2 KAMAINA CRUISER (Trainer O.J Jaurequi) – Injured – Ash Cloninger, DVM  
4<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.7 GEORGE HERMAN RUTH (Tr. Steve Miyadi) – Injured – Casille Batten, DVM  
6<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.4 A ROUSING BABE (Trainer Victor Trujillo) – Stewards – Off Turf  
7<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.10 JAIME'S COMMITMENT (Tr. Kelly Bainum) – Sick – Casille Batten, DVM  
8<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.5 OH ANGEL (Trainer Blaine D. Wright) – Stewards – Off Turf

10/22/23<sup>3</sup>

### **PERSONNEL CHANGES**

**Ms. Jaime Lee, MD** will again be filling in for Mr. **David Seftel, MD** Track Physician, during his absence.

10/22/23<sup>4</sup>

### **CLAIMS VOIDED**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race – NO.1 **Jays Angel**, claim entered by **Isidro Tamayo** was deemed voided by the stewards after it was determined the horses named was spelled incorrectly (**Jays Angel**) on the claim form. The horse incidentally was added to the vet's list for being unsound. The horse was returned to the barn of **Daniel Franko**.

5<sup>th</sup> Race – NO.6 **Johnny Dar**, claim entered by **Victor Trujillo** was deemed voided by the stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** determined the horse was unsound in the right front and left hind legs and placed horse on the vet's list. The horse was returned to the barn of **Ruby Thomas**.

10/22/23<sup>5</sup>

### **DEAD HEAT**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race – It was determined by the stewards that NO.6 **Bold Mistress** & NO.7 **Macy Jo** could not be separated at the wire and a **DEAD HEAT** for third place was declared.

10/22/23

### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	697	\$192,874.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,320,449.58
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$241,760.71
Total	1,570	\$2,204,710.63

**MONDAY**

10/23/23<sup>1</sup>

### **RACE DAY**

Today saw the Board of Stewards in attendance. **Dennis Nevin, Richard Lewis,** and **John Yinger**. The Safety Steward position is filled by **Cal Rainey**. Due to inclement weather the third, sixth and eighth race were taken off the turf.

10/23/23<sup>2</sup>

### **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** who rode NO.1 **Azure Star** on Sunday 10-23-2023, appeared before the Board of Stewards to review the fifth race yesterday for a possible riding crop violation. After a review of several video angles, it was determined that the video evidence was inconclusive.

Jockey **Santos Rivera** who rode NO.1 **Sareeha** on Sunday 10-23-2023, appeared before the Board of Stewards to review the eighth race yesterday for a possible riding crop violation. After a review of several video angles, it was apparent **Mr. Rivera** was in violation of (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3, one strike over the limit). A ruling is forthcoming.

10/23/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES**

5<sup>th</sup> Race – Scratch, No.4 IMPERIAL HORNET (Trainer Leonard Powell) – Sick – Casille Batten, DVM

10/23/23<sup>4</sup>

**CLAIMS VOIDED**

5<sup>th</sup> Race – NO.1 **Pineapple Juice**, claim entered by **Tim Bellasis**, was deemed voided by the stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** determined the horse was unsound in both shins and placed horse on the Vet’s list. The horse was returned to the barn of **Tim McCanna**.

7<sup>th</sup> Race – NO.6 **Sherlinda**, claim entered by **Jose Puentes** was deemed voided by the stewards after Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** determined the horse was unsound in left front and placed horse on the Vet’s list. The horse was returned to the barn of **Isidro Tamayo**.

10/23/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	434	\$94,891.40
Out of state	n/a	\$1,024,593.95
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$36,046.51
Total	596	\$1,208,172.27

**SUMMARY**

	Fri 10/20	Sat 10/21	Sun 10/22	Mon 10/23	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	0	3	4	3	10	10
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Refunds</b>	0	4	6	1	11	11
<b>Rulings</b>	0	1	1	0	2	2
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	2	2	2	6	6

**VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Vet</b>	<b>Refund</b>
21-Oct	3	3	Grown Engine	I.Tamayo	Panel	Vet	See Below
21-Oct	3	4	Chief Jackson	D.Baker	Sick	Batten	\$360.35
21-Oct	5	5	Rich Gold	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$217.65
21-Oct	7	2	Earthly Tiger	R. Thomas	Sick	Batten	See Below
21-Oct	7	8	Chiefs Blanket	D.O'Neill	Unsound	Batten	\$386.05
21-Oct	9	10	Heart of Gold	J.Puentes	Full Field	Stewards	\$60.50
22-Oct	2	2	Tom's Style	J.Maravilla	Sick	Batten	\$422.88
22-Oct	3	2	Kamaina Cruiser	O.Jauregui	Injured	Cloninger	\$226.46
22-Oct	4	7	George Herman Ruth	S.Miyadi	Injured	Batten	\$357.21
22-Oct	6	4	A Rousing Babe	V.Trujillo	Off Turf	Stewards	\$264.46
22-Oct	7	10	Jaime's Commitment	K.Bainum	Sick	Batten	\$140.99
22-Oct	8	5	Oh Angel	B.Wright	Off Turf	Stewards	\$113.05
23-Oct	5	4	Imperial Hornet	L.Powell	Sick	Batten	\$184.70

Respectfully submitted,

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John Yinger, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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