

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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Report for Wednesday, November 22, 2023, through Sunday, November 26, 2023.

TUESDAY11/21/23¹**VETERINARIAN PANEL**

Steward **Richard Lewis** joined **Tim Grande, DVM, Dionne Benson, DVM** and **Forrest Franklin, DVM** on the Veterinarian Panel Review for the races to be held on Thursday, November 23, 2023.

WEDNESDAY11/22/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Richard Lewis** was present to supervise entries for Friday November 24, 2023. **Mr. Lewis** joined the Veterinarian Panel Review for the races to be held on Friday, November 24, 2023, and sat in on a Fatality Review with Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey, Jeffrey Blea DVM, Alina Vale, DVM, and Forrest Franklin DVM.**

THURSDAY11/23/23¹**DECLARATIONS**

Race 2 - #6 **Regal Redwood** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$513.58
Race 4 - #2 **Magicisthemoonlite** (Tr. **J. Bautista**) Injured – **Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$442.16
Race 5 - #3 **Brand New Dream** (Tr. **P. Gallagher**) Sick – **Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$ 7,040.35
Race 7 - #3 **Easter Tribute** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Unsound–**Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$610.88

11/23/23²**VETERINARIAN PANEL**

Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey** represented this Board on the Veterinarian Panel Review of the entries for Saturday November 25, 2023.

11/23/23³

RULING #16 – SANTOS RIVERA

The following ruling was issued after **Mr. Rivera** and agent **Ramon Silva** met with the Stewards for a review of the first race from Sunday, November 19, 2023.

Mr. Rivera was observed striking his mount three times soon after the start and six times on the stretch.

GGF RULING #16

Jockey **SANTOS RIVERA** who rode **BRONZE ONE** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on November 19, 2023, is suspended seven (7) calendar days, December 1 thru 7, 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 **SANTOS RIVERA** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire May 23, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **SANTOS RIVERA** has now accumulated twelve (12) points.

Ruling #07 – PACIFIC RACING ASSOCIATION – October 30, 2023
Ruling #03 – PACIFIC RACING ASSOCIATION – October 23, 2023
Ruling #01 – ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR – June 16, 2023

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VIDEO REVIEW – LUIS JIMENEZ

Jockey **Luis Jimenez** joined the Stewards for a review of the second race from Sunday, November 19, 2023. Although no interference took place in this event, the Stewards wanted to caution the young rider that drifting while in close quarters can lead to sanctions.

11/23/23⁵

SHORT STAFFED

The recent departure of the paymaster has left the racing office shorthanded with moving assignments and the request was made and granted to leave the 3/8 patrol judges stand unmanned for this day only.

11/23/23⁶

RULING #13 – HUMBERTO B. GONZALEZ (REFER 10/27/23²)

GGF RULING #13

Association Employee (Assistant to Veterinarian), **Humberto B. Gonzalez**, is suspended for the term of his license (9/30/2024) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct - Intoxication) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer and Public Safety Officer).

The conditions of relicensing **Mr. Gonzalez** are as follows, proof of completion of a rehabilitation program acceptable to this Board of Stewards, remain on a testing program for as long as he is licensed by the California Horse Racing Board and abide by the terms of a contract with the Winners Foundation, pursuant to

California Horse Racing Board rule #1485 (License Subject to Conditions and Agreement).

The above ruling was issued on November 17, 2023, and inadvertently omitted in The Board of Stewards minutes for that date.

Mr. Gonzalez was unanimously determined to be in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Intoxication) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officer and Public Safety Officer).

Mr. Gonzalez has a history of violations relating to alcohol and abusive behavior while employed as a groom and an Association Employee (Assistant to Veterinarian).

11/23/23⁷

NO PHOTO – 1ST RACE

The photo finish camera failed to produce a picture (strip) for the finish of the first race. The Stewards and Placing Judges reviewed the video, and all agreed that #5 **Bandera Azteca** (Tr. **Ruby Thomas**) and #7 **Midnight Special** (Tr. **Jack Steiner**) could not be separated for second place. Also, #1 **Horse Doctor** (Tr. **Doug O’Neill**) and #6 **Cowboy Charlie** (Tr. **Quinn Howey**) could not be separated for fifth position.

The final unanimous decision was to declare a Dead Heat for second and a Dead Heat for fifth.

11/23/23⁸

OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 7TH RACE

The Stewards posted the objection sign following the seventh race at the request of Jockey **Kevin Radke**, #6 **The Slap** (second) who lodged a claim of foul against #7 **American Empire** (**Luis Jimenez**), the winner.

Mr. Radke alleged the interference occurred approaching the first turn of this one-mile event.

After considering the Patrol Judges report, talking with the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to declare the original order of finish official.

The video shows congestion and tight quarters going into the first turn for the nine horse field, however #7 **American Empire** was not the responsible party.

11/23/23⁹

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	720	\$198,226.70
Out of state	n/a	\$1,064,583.15
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$163,893.26
Total	1,267	\$1,702,660.86

FRIDAY
11/24/23¹

DECLARATIONS

Race 2 - #3 **Sprostan** (Tr. **J. Nunnally**) Works – **Stewards Refund** – 63.59

Race 2 - #2 **Old Triangle** (Tr. **T. Bellasis**) Scratched – Gate – **Cloninger, DVM**

Race 5 - #2 **Lil Miracle Man** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Sick – **Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$117.29

Race 8 - #3 **Bold Daughter** (Tr. **R. Hansen**) Re-Enter-**Stewards Refund** - \$171.85

Race 9 - #11 **Ko Samui (IRE)** (Tr. **J. Puentes**) Also-Eligible – **Stewards**
Refund – See Below
#12 **No Secret** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Also-Eligible – **Stewards**
Refund - \$175.50

11/24/23²

VIDEO REVIEW (REFER 11/23/23)

Jockey **Epifanio Garcia** along with fellow rider **Francisco Monroy**, who assisted by interpreting for the young rider.

Mr. Garcia who rode #2 **Country Boy** in the seventh race on November 23, 2023, was advised to be more cautious going into the first turn of distance races as he added to the congestion of that event.

11/24/23³

CLEAR DAY

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

11/24/23⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	667	\$202,774.40
Out of state	n/a	\$1,279,268.69
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$224,802.22
Total	1,505	\$2,180,625.25

SATURDAY

11/25/23¹

DECLARATIONS

Race 1 - #1 **Lit De Tiger** (Tr. **G. Haley**) Injured – **Cloninger, DVM**
Refund - \$ 583.82

Race 3 - #2 **Finnley's Kitten** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Sick – **Batten, DVM**
Refund – See Below

#6 **Ten the Smart Way** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) Injured – **Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$ 505.01

Race 4 - #5 **Soo Brooklyn** (Tr. **H. Rubin**) Insurance – **Stewards**
Refund – See Below

#6 **No Way It's Today (GB)** – (Tr. **M. Badilla**) Work – **Stewards**
Refund - \$ 492.83

Race 7 - #9 **Lady Gregory** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Re Enter-**Stewards**
Refund - \$ 439.94

Race 9 – **Racekataptap** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Full Field-**Stewards** Refund - \$ 438.87

11/25/23²

RULING #17 – JENNIFER NUNNALLY

The foregoing ruling was issued after **Ms. Nunnally** met with the Stewards and accepted responsibility for not having a 5/8-mile work following **Sproston's** last start at Grants Pass Oregon, where the five-year-old gelding finished forty-nine lengths behind the winner.

11/25/23³

VOIDED CLAIMS – 9TH RACE

Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM** recommended that both claims in the ninth race be voided by the Board of Stewards and the latter subsequently voided the claims on #2 **Quality Cat** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**), unsound behind and #5 **Worth Looking** (Tr. **Kelly Bainum**) unsound right foreleg.

11/25/23⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The afternoon racing program was conducted without any noteworthy incidents.

11/25/23⁵

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	857	\$237,536.61
Out of state	n/a	\$1,642,324.89
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$266,653.35
Total	1,906	\$2,704,131.87

SUNDAY

11/26/23¹

DECLARATIONS

Race 1 - #3 **Elegant Boy** (Tr. **F. Gonzalez**) Unsound – **Batten, DVM**
Refund - \$32,032.01

Race 2 - #6 **Topper's Chieftess** (Tr. **J. Steiner**) Sick-**Cloninger, DVM**
Refund - \$4,190.02

Race 5 - #3 **Sky Maker** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Sick-**Batten, DVM** Refund - \$351.91

Race 7 - #2 **Super Caro** (Tr. **C. O'Hagan**) Injured-**Batten, DVM** Refund - \$251.06

Race 8 - #7 **Far West** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick-**Batten, DVM** Refund - \$436.02

11/26/23²

RULING #18 – HOWIE RUBIN

Trainer **Howie Rubin** informed the Stewards that he did renew his insurance policy, however the certificate was not forwarded to the California Horse Racing Board and without that verification his filly, "**Soo Brooklyn**", was scratched from the fourth race yesterday, November 25, 2023.

Mr. Rubin was advised today of the penalty, and he accepted responsibility.

GGF RULING #18

Trainer **HOWIE RUBIN**, who was scheduled to start **SOO BROOKLYN** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 25, 2023, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Expired Worker's Compensation Insurance).

11/26/23³

RULING #19 – MANNY BADILLA

GGF RULING #19

Trainer **MANUEL BADILLA**, who was scheduled to start **NO WAY IT'S TODAY (GB)** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 25, 2023, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration – Insufficient Works).

The above ruling was issued after **Mr. Badilla** conceded he was remiss in failing to meet the workout requirements.

11/26/23⁴

RULING #20 – ISIDRO TAMAYO

GGF RULING #20

Trainer **ISIDRO TAMAYO**, who started the horse **BEA MISCHIEF** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on November 25, 2023, is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** met with the Stewards and explained why his filly “**Bea Mischief**”, arrived at the receiving barn prior to the third race yesterday, November 25, 2023, without hind shoes.

Mr. Tamayo said he had no intention of running the filly without shoes behind, but his horseshoer failed to put them on.

Horseshoe Inspector **Agustin Reyes** was able put the hind shoes on, at the request of **Mr. Tamayo**, and the filly was allowed to participate.

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INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 8TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the eighth race for a review of an incident in the homestretch involving #8 **Speed Grazy (Alexander Chavez)** first, #9 **Union Wave (Hugo Herrera)** second and #3 **Artemus Gordon**, who finished third.

After considering the Patrol Judges Report, talking with the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided by majority decision (Baker dissenting) to disqualify #8 **Speed Grazy** from first to third.

The video shows #8 **Speed Grazy** floating in continually down the stretch and near the 1/16 pole forces #3 **Artemus Gordon** down into #9 **Union Wave** along the rail and those two bumps hard, lose ground and the opportunity for a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: **8 – 9 – 3 – 1 – 4 – 2 – 6 – 5**

Official Order of Finish: **9 – 3 – 8 – 1 – 4 – 2 – 6 – 5**

11/26/23⁶

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	588	\$200,543.50
Out of state	n/a	\$1,157,099.98
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$208,874.88
Total	1,465	\$2,020,400.97

SUMMARY

	Thu 11/23	Fri 11/24	Sat 11/25	Sun 11/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	2	6	2	3	13	40
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	4	4	5	5	18	81
Rulings	1	0	1	3	5	20
Voided Claims	1	0	2	0	3	10

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
23-Nov	2	6	Regal Redwood	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$513.58
23-Nov	4	2	Magicisthemoonlite	J.Bautista	Injured	Batten	\$442.16
23-Nov	5	3	Brand New Dream	P.Gallagher	Sick	Batten	\$7,040.35
23-Nov	7	3	Easter Tribute	S.Specht	Unsound	Batten	\$610.88
24-Nov	2	3	Sproston	J.Nunnally	Works	Stewards	\$63.59
24-Nov	5	2	Lil Miracle Man	R.Thomas	Sick	Batten	\$117.29
24-Nov	8	3	Bold Daughter	R.Hansen	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$171.85
24-Nov	9	11	Ko Samui (IRE)	J.Puentes	Also-Eligible	Stewards	See Below
24-Nov	9	12	No Secret	I.Tamayo	Also-Eligible	Stewards	\$175.20
25-Nov	1	1	Lit De Tiger	G.Haley	Injured	Cloninger	\$583.82
25-Nov	3	2	Finnley's Kitten	R.Thomas	Sick	Batten	See Below
25-Nov	3	6	Ten the Smart Way	S.Calvario	Injured	Batten	\$505.01
25-Nov	4	5	Soo Brooklyn	H.Rubin	Ins.	Stewards	See Below
25-Nov	4	6	No Way It's Today (GB)	M.Badilla	Works	Stewards	\$492.83
25-Nov	7	9	Lady Gregory	I.Tamayo	Re-Enter	Stewards	\$439.94
25-Nov	9	6	Rackataptap	R.Thomas	FullField	Stewards	\$438.87
26-Nov	1	3	Elegant Boy	F.gonzalez	Unsound	Batten	\$32,032.01
26-Nov	2	6	Topper's Chieftess	J.Steiner	Sick	Cloninger	\$4,190.02
26-Nov	5	3	Sky Maker	S.Sherman	Sick	Batten	\$351.91
26-Nov	7	2	Super Caro	C.O'Hagan	Injured	Batten	\$251.06
26-Nov	8	7	Far West	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$436.02

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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