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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, December 6 - Sunday, December 10, 2023.

WEDNESDAY12/06/23¹**REVISED STEWARD LINE UP**

This final week prior to the winter break will have a Revised Board of Stewards. **Cal Rainey** will be replacing **Grant Baker**. **Mr. Baker** has hip replacement scheduled. We wish him a speedy recovery.

12/06/23²**DUTY STEWARD**

Richard Lewis was present to observe the entry process for Saturday. A ten (10) race program was produced with seventy – nine (79) entries. With the additional race post time has been adjusted with the first race going at 12:15. The “Entry Panel” also convened to discuss Friday’s races. **Drs Grande** and **Franklin** led the conversation as six (6) of the entrants were designated “Hard Watch”.

THURSDAY12/07/23¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Cal Rainey was on duty to oversee the entry process and to handle any incidents which may have needed Steward interpretation. Sunday’s draw resulted in a ten (10) race program. Ninety – two entrants filled the overnight with five also eligibles.

An “Entry Panel” gathered to discuss Saturday’s program. **Drs Grande** and **Franklin** along with Steward **Rainey** went through the ten (10) races. There were only three of the one hundred and seven horses on the overnight earning the title of “Hard Watch”.

FRIDAY12/08/23¹**PROGRAM CHANGES**

Race 2 – Scratch #2 **American Farmer** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Sick – **Mike Perroni, DVM**
Scratch #3 **Mischievous Paddy** (Tr. **E. Moger**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**
Race 3 – Scratch #6 **Smooove as Silk** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 4 - #5 **Valerie** to be ridden by **Adrian Castellanos**
 Scratch #6 **Remember Good Time (J. Bonde)** Injured **Casille Batten DVM**
 Race 6 #4 **Respond** to be ridden by **Francisco Duran**
 Race 7 Scratch #1 **Mr. Mason (Tr. L. Rivera)** Sick – **Ashton Cloninger, DVM**
 Race 8 #2 **Collect Dis Money** to be ridden by **Adrian Castellanos**
 Race 9 Scratch the #11 & #12, Also Eligibles

12/08/23²

RACE 8 JOCKEY OBJECTION

Jockey **Alex Cruz**, #8 “**Sharona’s Wild Boy**”, who finished fifth lodged an objection against **Assael Espinoza** aboard #7 “**The Little H Man**”, place horse, for interference passing the 1/8 pole. After speaking with the riders and reviewing video, in a majority decision, Steward **Rainey** dissenting, the objection was denied.

#7 Does drift in slightly while rallying pass #8 but not in a manner which costs the #8 a better placing.

12/08/23³

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	568	\$132,061.40
Out of state	n/a	\$1,269,276.22
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$158,327.77
Total	1,213	\$1,734,672.86

SATURDAY

12/09/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 2 Scratch #8 **Johnny Paycheck (Tr. S. Miyadi)** Sick – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**
 Race 3 Scratch “**Also Eligibles**” #11 & #12
 Race 4 Scratch #2 **Lil Miracle Man (Tr. R. Thomas)** Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**
 Race 6 **Off Turf**
 Race 7 Scratch “**Also Eligibles**” #13 & #14
 Race 8 **Off Turf** – To be run at One Mile and One Sixteenth
 Race 10 Scratch “**Also Eligibles**” #’s 11, 12, 13 & 14

12/09/23²

FRANCE RULING

The following ruling was issued after Trainer **Reid France** admitted that he took over control of the horse **Riviera Sunrise** after it had been entered by another Trainer. **Mr. France** was not listed as Trainer in the program.

GGF RULING #33

Trainer **REID FRANCE**, who was scheduled to start the horse, **RIVIERA SUNRISE** in the eighth race on December 01, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration).

12/09/23³

ROMAN FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Evin Roman** was present to view video from Friday’s race eight in which there was a Jockey’s objection (REF: 12/08/23⁽²⁾). **Mr. Roman** was cautioned to be careful when changing lanes passing a rival.

12/09/23⁴

ADJUSTED FIRST POST

Due to major traffic travel jam the first post was adjusted to 12:20 to allow extra time for participants to arrive.

12/09/23⁵

RACE 3 RIDER CHANGE

#2 **Street Tiger**, will now be ridden by **Luis M. Jimenez**. **Tyler Baze** got stuck in the traffic jam mentioned above. **Mr. Baze** is expected to be able to fulfill his commitments in Races 8 and 9.

12/09/23⁶

RACE 8 GATE SCRATCH

#2 "**J C'S A LEGEND**", was declared by this panel after several unsuccessful attempts to enter the starting gate. Starter **Todd Stephens** agreed that the safety of the other ten entrants could be compromised with any further delay.

12/09/23⁷

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	864	\$255,780.10
Out of state	n/a	\$2,023,473.38
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$334,898.73
Total	1,951	\$3,112,714.27

SUNDAY

12/10/23¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 4 Scratch #4 **Truly Fabulous** (Tr. **G. Preciado**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Scratch #7 **Shout it Out** (Tr. **K. Bainum**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 8 Scratch "**Also Eligibles**" #11

Race 10 Scratch "**Also Eligibles**" #11, 12, 13 & 14

12/10/23²

KEVIN OROZCO RULING

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** met with the Stewards to discuss his crop usage in Saturday's tenth race. When asked if he knew why he was called in he readily admitted to striking his mount once too many times and did not need to revisit the video. The following ruling therefore was issued.

GGF RULING #34

Jockey **Kevin Orozco**, who rode **Lifesbeengoodsofar** in the tenth race at Golden Gate Fields on December 9, 2023, is suspended one (1) racing day, December 29, 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 **Kevin Orozco** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire June 10, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **Kevin Orozco** has now accumulated three (3) points.

12/10/23³

RACE 5 – VOID

The claim of #2 **Harbor Sky** by Trainer **Patty Leaney** was voided by the Stewards. California Horse Racing Board Vet **Forrest Franklin** reported the five-year-old as unsound in the right foreleg.

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RACE 8 – VOID

Dr. Franklin contacted the Stewards' stand to inform us that #2, **Black Caspian (IRE)** while "cooling out" was determined to be unsound in his left fore limb. The

claim submitted by Trainer **Jack Steiner** was therefore voided. The six-year-old gelding will remain in the care of Trainer **Victor Trujillo**.

12/10/23⁵

RACE 10 ACCIDENT/DISQUALIFICATION

The final race of the meet was marred by an accident which resulted in an equine fatality and a disqualification. As the field was leaving the 3/16^{THS} marker #4, **Deo** ridden by **Hugo Herrera** came in on #3, **Pass the Batton**, with Jockey **Alejandro Gomez**, forcing that horse into the path of #2, **Danzing Alydar** and Jockey **Francisco Duran**, causing the #2 to clip heels and fall. As a result of the fall **Danzing Alydar** suffered a fatal injury to his right shoulder and had to be euthanized on the track. Jockey **Duran** had a severely bruised knee but limped away on his own.

Original Order of Finish

9 – 6 – 1 – 7 – 3 – 5 – **4** – 8 – 10 – 2(DNF)

Official Order of Finish

9 – 6 – 1 – 7 – 3 – 5 – 8 – 10 – 2(DNF) – **4**(Unplaced)

12/10/23⁶

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	866	\$215,617.18
Out of state	n/a	\$2,320,831.99
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$332,088.95
Total	1,698	\$3,216,649.89

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/08	Sat 12/09	Sun 12/10	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	7	3	3	13	61
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	1
Refunds	5	5	4	14	103
Rulings	0	1	1	2	34
Voided Claims	0	0	2	2	15

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
08-Dec	2	2	American Farmer	S.Sherman	Sick	Batten	See Below
08-Dec	2	3	Mischievous Paddy	E.Moger	Sick	Batten	\$356.88
08-Dec	3	6	Smooth as Silk	G.Greiner	Sick	Batten	\$122.19
08-Dec	4	6	Remember Good Time	J. Bonde	Injured	Batten	\$168.90
08-Dec	7	6	Mr. Mason	L.Rivera	Sick	Cloninger	\$203.01
08-Dec	9	11	Leedsthesky	M.Badilla	A/E	Stewards	See Below
08-Dec	9	12	Bronze Girl	J,Ramos	A/E	Stewards	\$88.97
09-Dec	2	8	Johnny Paycheck	S.Miyadi	Sick	Cloninger	\$491.97
09-Dec	3	11	Sporty Nugget	F.Lucarelli	A/E	Stewards	See Below
09-Dec	3	12	Solar Thunder	B.Galvin	A/E	Stewards	\$193.43
09-Dec	4	2	Lil Miracle Man	R.Thomas	Sick	Batten	\$176.56
09-Dec	7	13	El Capricho	J.Maravilla	A/E	Stewards	See Below
09-Dec	7	14	Nomi Lackee	L.Medina	A/E	Stewards	\$45.34
09-Dec	10	11	Broken Finger	C.O'Hagan	A/E	Stewards	See Below
09-Dec	10	12	Sproston	J.Nunnally	A/E	Stewards	See Below
09-Dec	10	13	Nuestro Engreido	S.Calvario	A/E	Stewards	See Below
09-Dec	10	14	Cali Conquest	R.Cone	A/E	Stewards	\$189.57
10-Dec	4	4	Truly Fabulous	E.Moger	Sick	Batten	See Below
10-Dec	4	7	Shout it Out	K.Bainum	Sick	Batten	\$382.30
10-Dec	8	11	One Fast Bro	R.Thomas	A/E	Stewards	\$445.73
10-Dec	10	11	Smooth Salute	M.McCarthy	A/E	Stewards	See Below
10-Dec	10	12	Fincairn	G.Haley	A/E	Stewards	See Below
10-Dec	10	13	Stout	E.Rich	A/E	Stewards	See Below
10-Dec	10	14	Vinniebob	B.Davis	A/E	Stewards	\$683.19