

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 Thursday, January 4, 2024, through Sunday, January 7, 2024.

THURSDAY

01/04/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Mr. Dennis Nevin was in the office to attend to any matters needing Stewards' interpretation. Changes to Saturday's card and entries for Sunday were under his supervision. **Mr. Nevin** was also involved in two panels, the entry panel, and the fatality panel.

FRIDAY

01/05/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 3 Scratch #4 – **River's Behest** (Tr. **G. Preciado**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**
Race 5 Scratch #5 – **Mob Boss** (Tr. **R. France**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**
Race 6 Scratch #11 – **Broken Fingers** (Tr. **C. O'Hagan**) Also – Eligible – **Stewards**
Race 8 Scratch #5 – **Street Tiger** (Tr. **B. McLean**) Unsound – **Casille Batten, DVM**

01/05/24²

OROZCO – FILM/RULING (REF: 01/01/24⁴)

Jockey **Irving Orozco** attended film to review his performance from Monday's third race. He readily admitted that he drifted in causing **Evin Roman** aboard **Lookin To Excel** to steadily and causing him an opportunity for a better placing. The following ruling was issued as a result of this meeting.

GGF RULING #09

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO**, who rode the horse **TOWN PERFORMER** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on January 01, 2024, is suspended three (3) racing days, January 12, 13, &14, 2024* for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, resulting in a disqualification of his mount from first to third, a

violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (b) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

01/05/24³

AMADOR RULING #10

Jockey **Silvio Amador** met with the Board of Stewards to explain his absence after reporting to the room on Monday January 01, 2024. Prior to the first race the custodian of the room indicated that **Amador** signed in an hour prior to the first post but was later seen in street clothes leaving the room without alerting anybody.

Mr. Amador returned to the room as the horses were leaving the paddock for the first race. Those actions caused this Board of Stewards to remove him from his three mounts.

His explanation today, through his interpreter **Fernando Navarro**, was that he went home to get a change of clothes. As a result of his actions the following ruling was issued.

GGF RULING #10

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR**, who was scheduled to ride on January 01, 2024, at Golden Gate Fields, is fined the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

01/05/24⁴

JORGE BAUTISTA RULING #11

Trainer **Jorge Bautista** met with this Board to explain the circumstances of the late scratch of #5, **Meteor Shower**, from the first race on Monday, January 01, 2023.

Mr. Bautista started to fill out a “Temporary” license application for the Owner, **Joseph Dracna**. The only information Trainer **Bautista** had available was the Owner’s name and phone number. When attempts to contact the Owner were unsuccessful the application could not be processed resulting in the Stewards scratching the entrant.

The following ruling with the stated penalty was produced.

GGF RULING #11

Trainer **JORGE BAUTISTA** who was scheduled to start **METOER SHOWER** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on January 1, 2024, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty For Late Declaration – Unlicensed Owner).

01/05/24⁵

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The eight race program was free from any objections, inquires or noteworthy incidents.

01/05/24⁶

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	255	\$137,651.08
Out of state	n/a	\$1,332,918.44
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$204,497.54
Total	973	\$2,077,758.50

SATURDAY

01/06/24¹

PRORAMS CHANGES

Race 1 #3 Scratch – **Don't Tell Hydee** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Casilla Batten, DVM**

Race 3 #5 Scratch – **Summanus** (Tr. **S. Perez**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 5 #2 Scratch – **Travel The Map** (Tr. **T. McCanna**)

Injured – **Ash Cloninger, DVM**

Race 5 #7 Scratch - **Lasmuigh (GB)** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 7 #4 Scratch – **Union Coach** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 8 #4 **Bid on the Prize** (Tr. **T. Eaton**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 8 #9 **Harbor Outlaw** (Tr. **D. Markle**) Injured – **Casille Batten, DVM**

01/06/24²

KEVIN OROZCO – RULING #12

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** was present to view video from Friday's 8TH race. The use of the riding crop was under investigation while viewing replays. Video shows six strikes to the hind quarters followed by a strike to the right shoulder. All parties agreed therefore the following ruling was produced.

GGF RULING #12

Jockey **KEVIN OROZCO** who rode **EYELIGHT** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 05, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Saturday, January 13, 2024, 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 on July 06, 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 nine (9) points.

Ruling #34 – Pacific Racing Associations – December 10, 2023.

Ruling #7 - Pacific Racing Associations – January 01, 2024.

01/06/24³

SAMUEL CALVARIO – RULING #13

Trainer **Sam Calvario** came before this panel to explain why his trainee, **Larry's Legend** arrived at the Receiving Barn for the seventh race without hind shoes. **Mr. Calvario** admitted to not following up with his blacksmith. Shoes were tacked on by the Horseshoe Inspector prior to the horse arriving at the paddock. The following ruling was written after this meeting.

GGF RULING #13

Trainer **SAMUEL CALVARIO**, who started the horse **LARRY'S LEGEND** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on January 5, 2024, is fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

01/06/24⁴

CLEAR AFTERNOON

The eight race program was free from any objections, inquires or noteworthy incidents.

01/06/24⁵

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	398	\$217,535.10
Out of state	n/a	\$1,341,943.26
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$294,407.02
Total	1,510	\$2,397,929.58

SUNDAY

01/07/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

At scratch time there were no changes to today's program.

01/07/24²

ALVARADO RULING #14

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** viewed video of yesterday's sixth race and his use of the Riding Crop. Video clearly showed the crop being used in excess of the limit. **Mr. Alvarado** apologized as he used the crop once in the middle of the turn and then six times in the stretch.

GGF RULING #14

Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** who rode **O'BANION (IRE)** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 06, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Sunday, January 14, 2024, 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 **FRANK ALVARADO** is assigned three (3) violation points that will expire on July 07, 2024, six months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to HISA Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties). Jockey **FRANK ALVARADO** has now accumulated three (3) points.

01/07/24³

RACE 4 – JOCKEY OBJECTION

Jockey **Kevin Orozco** aboard #2 **American Farmer**, fourth place finisher, lodged an objection against the winner #3, **Imgonnabesomebody**, ridden by **Alexandra Chavez** for interference at the 1/8 pole. After talking with the patrol judge, riders and reviewing video in a unanimous decision the objection was disallowed. Replays show #2 initiated contact with the rail horse, #1, then stepping out as the #3 was drawing clear.

01/07/24⁴

RACE 8 – JOCKEY CHANGE

Jockey **Frank Alvarado** was reported to be dehydrated by track physician **David Seftel** after the running of the 5TH race. The Stewards excused **Mr. Alvarado** and he was replaced by **Cristobal Herrera** in race eight on #9, **Striking Thunder**.

01/07/24⁵

FULL STAFF

The full Board of Stewards were in attendance during the first week of 2024.

01/07/24⁶

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	453	\$202,443.32
Out of state	n/a	\$1,501,002.58
SCOTWinc	n/a	\$285,107.92
Total	1,327	\$2,380,490.68

SUMMARY

	Thu 01/04	Fri 01/05	Sat 01/06	Sun 01/07	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	0	5	1	3	9	15
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	2
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	2
Refunds	0	4	5	1	10	25
Rulings	0	3	2	1	6	14
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	7

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
05-Jan	3	4	River's Behest	G.Preciado	Sick	Batten	\$101.75
05-Jan	5	5	Mob Boss	R.France	Sick	Batten	\$285.80
05-Jan	6	11	Broken Finger	C. O'Hagan	A/E	Stewards	\$287.41
05-Jan	8	5	Street Tiger	B.McLean	Unsound	Batten	\$388.35
06-Jan	1	3	Don't Tell Hydee	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$286.69
06-Jan	3	5	Summanus	S.Perez	Sick	Batten	\$258.70
06-Jan	5	2	Travel The Map	T.McCanna	Injured	Cloninger	See Below
06-Jan	5	7	Lasmuigh (GB)	V.Trujillo	Injured	Batten	\$346.49
06-Jan	7	4	Union Coach	I.Tamayo	Sick	Batten	\$384.09
06-Jan	8	4	Bid On The Prize	T.Eaton	Injured	Batten	See Below
06-Jan	8	9	Harbor Outlaw	D.Markle	Injured	Batten	\$476.10
07-Jan	8	13	Hot Goblin	M.Ramirez	A/E	Stewards	See Below
07-Jan	8	14	Mr. Duff	C.DeLima	A/E	Stewards	\$138.00

Richard Lewis, Steward

George Yniquez, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

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