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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

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Report for Wednesday, January 10, 2024, through Monday, January 15, 2024.

WEDNESDAY

01/10/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward **Richard Lewis** was on duty this morning to oversee entries for Saturday. The racing office carded eight (8) races consisting of (55) horses entered. **Mr. Lewis** also participated in the Veterinary panel for Friday's card as well as a fatality review, which was chaired by **Dr. Alina Vale**. Attendees for the review included **Dr. Blea**, Safety Steward **Cal Rainey**, and trainer **Frank Lucarelli**.

THURSDAY

01/11/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward **Richard Lewis** was present for entries and changes and participated in the Veterinary Panel to go over Saturday's card.

01/11/24²

ROLANDO QUINONEZ: (COMPLAINT #23GG010)

Trainer **Rolando Quinonez** contacted the Golden Gate Fields Board of Stewards regarding today's hearing for alleged violation of CHRB Rule 1581.1(b) (1) & (2) (Pre-Entry Examination). **Mr. Quinonez** faxed in a waiver of appearance and accepted the possible penalties. Ruling to follow.

01/11/24³

ENTRIES/STEWARDS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Stewards **Dennis Nevin**, **Richard Lewis**, **George Yniguez**, and **Calvin Rainey** were in the office this morning and attended the Steward's Committee meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. Various topics of discussion were had, including HISA time requirement for paying fines, Category 1 vs Category 2, scheduling of hearings, rulings issued for testing agreements, and public attendance at hearings.

FRIDAY
01/12/24¹

ROLANDO QUINONEZ: (COMPLAINT #23GG010)

The following ruling was issued to trainer **Rolando Quinonez** for complaint# 23GG010 (ref. 1/11/24²).

GGF RULING #15 (R. QUINONEZ)

Trainer **ROLANDO QUINONEZ** who started the horse **ENGLISH DANGER** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on October 21, 2023 is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1581.1 (b)(1) & (2) (Entries – Failure to have Attending Veterinarian Conduct an Examination 72 hours preceding entry).

01/12/24²

HERRERA FILMS

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** came in to view video of Sunday's second race and his use of the riding crop. Video clearly showed the crop being used over the limit. **Mr. Herrera** acknowledged he used the crop eight times during the race.

GGF RULING #16 (C. HERRERA)

Jockey **CRISTOBAL HERRERA** who rode **MAJOR TOM** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on January 07, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Friday, January 19, 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, three strikes over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

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NEW RACING VETERINARIAN

Dr. Brittany Bazeley stopped in to meet with the BOS this morning. **Dr. Bazeley** will be replacing **Dr. Casille Batten**, who will be leaving at the end of this month. The Stewards thanked **Dr. Batten** for doing a tremendous job during her tenure here and wished her all the best in her future endeavors.

01/12/24⁴

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 4 Scratch #2 -**NORTHERN LINCHPIN** (Tr. **Charles Essex**)
Injured -**Casille Batten, DVM**
Race 6 Scratch #3 **CHAMPAGNE PEGASUS** (Tr. **Reid France**)
Sick -**Casille Batten, DVM** - No Show Wagering
Race 6 Scratch #4 **EGOMANIA** (Tr. **Reid France**)
Injured -**Casille Batten, DVM** - No Show Wagering
Race 6 Scratch #5 **CHIEF WILD EAGLE** (Tr. **Tim McCanna**)
Injured -**Casille Batten, DVM** - No Show Wagering

01/12/24⁵

FIRST RACE – DNF

In the first race today (1 mile), **Dan Markle's** trainee #3 **SHERM** did not finish the race. Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** pulled the horse up near the quarter pole and was walked off after an examination by **Dr. Batten**, who determined the horse had EIPH.

01/12/24⁶

RACE 3 – STEWARD'S INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards lit the inquiry sign after the running of the third race to review an incident approaching the eighth pole where #2 **DRIVER'S ED** (Jockey **L. Jimenez**) appeared to drift out slightly and brush #3 **BOSS NINE** (Jockey **W. Antongeorgi III**).

After speaking to the riders involved and reviewing multiple angles of the video, the Stewards unanimously determined that the actions of #2 **DRIVER'S ED** did not cost #3 **BOSS NINE** the opportunity of a better placing, therefore, no change was warranted.

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RACE 3 – HIND SHOE ISSUE

Prior to race 3, the Horseshoe Inspector reported that #4 **ELCONDOR** (Tr. J. **Ramos**) showed up wearing hind shoes, although the program stated that **ELCONDOR** was to run without hinds. After several inquiries were made, it became clear that due to an Equibase error, **ELCONDOR** was erroneously shown in the program to run without hinds, when he did in fact run with hind shoes last time out. **Mr. Ramos** was given the option to run without hind shoes or scratch **ELCONDOR** without penalty. He chose to run as the program indicated and the shoes were removed prior to being saddled. Announcements were made by the track announcer and T.V. Department. **ELCONDOR** finished a respectable fourth in the 5 ½ furlong event.

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RACE 4 – INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards once again flashed the inquiry sign to review the actions of #7 **ALONG CAME JOANN (A. Gomez)** and #1 **ADAPTED MEMORY (A. Chavez)**. The incident occurred just inside the sixteenth pole of the 5 ½ furlong event, where #7 **ALONG CAME JOANN** floated to the outside, forcing #1 **ADAPTED MEMORY** to alter course. The two competitors initially finished in a dead-heat, but after speaking with the riders involved, and reviewing all angles of the video, the Stewards unanimously determined that #7 **ALONG CAME JOANN** did cost #1 **ADAPTED MEMORY** the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 1^{DH} – 7^{DH} – 6 – 3 – 4 – 5
 Official Order of Finish: 1 – 7 – 6 – 3 – 4 – 5

01/12/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	202	\$125,538.20
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,268,439.17
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$176,903.24
Total	921	\$1,904,426.58

SATURDAY

01/13/24¹

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** availed himself to the Steward's office to review his ride in Friday's first race. **Mr. Chavez** has displayed a history of allowing his horses to drift while making minimal effort to correct. **Mr. Chavez** acknowledged the concern and promised to make a better effort to keep his mounts straight in the future. The Stewards reiterated that riding in such manner and impeding a fellow runner will be cause for disqualification and possible suspension. -Warning.

Jockey **Silvio Amador** was in to review his crop use during Friday's first race while riding #5 **MY DAD IS THIRSTY**. After reviewing the video, **Mr. Amador** acknowledged that he used his crop twice over the limit and the following ruling was issued.

GGF RULING #17 (S. AMADOR)

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR** who rode **MY DAD IS THIRSTY** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on January 12, 2024, is

suspended one (1) racing day Saturday, January 20, 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, two strikes over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** reported to the Steward's office to review his crop use in Friday's eighth race aboard **READY TO STORM**. The following ruling reflected the actions of **Mr. Castellanos**.

GGF RULING #18 (A. CASTELLANOS)

Jockey **ADRIAN CASTELLANOS** who rode **READY TO STORM** in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 12, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Saturday, January 20, 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).

Jockey **Alejandro Gomez** came in to review his ride in Friday's fourth race while aboard **#7 ALONG CAME JOANN**, which resulted in a disqualification for interference in the stretch (ref. 1/12/24⁸).

GGF RULING #19 (A. GOMEZ)

Jockey **ALEJANDRO GOMEZ**, who rode **ALONG CAME JOANN** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 12, 2024, is suspended three (3) racing days, January 20, 21, & 26, 2024* for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to second a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

01/13/24²

DECLARATIONS

Race 1 Scratch #6 **LA VIKINA** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Sick -**Casille Batten, DVM**
Race 3 Scratch #4 **WAR GAMES** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) Sick -**Brent Cassady, DVM**
Race 4 Scratch #2 **JERRY'S SPIRIT** (Tr. **J. Steiner**)
Unsound -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**
Race 6 Scratch #2 **SPARTA F. C.** (Tr. **B. Galvin**) Sick -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**
Race 7 Scratch #3 **LOOKIN FOR REVENGE** (Tr. **D. W. Baker**)
Injured -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**
Race 9 Late Scratch #5 **COUNTRY BOY** (Tr. **D. W. Baker**)
Gate Injury -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**
Race 9 Late Scratch # 9 **SMOKIN' GOOD TIME** (Tr. **F. Lucarelli**)
Gate Injury -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**

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RACE 9 – DELAY

The start of the final race of the day was delayed as **#9 SMOKIN' GOOD TIME** (Tr. **F. Lucarelli**) was injured in the gate and was scratched by the Stewards upon recommendation of **Dr. Cloninger**. As the field was being reloaded for the start, **#5 COUNTRY BOY** (Tr. **D. W. Baker**), added to the chaos and was also scratched due to injury upon recommendation of **Dr. Cloninger**. The field for race nine was eventually dispatched thirteen minutes behind schedule.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	435	\$206,944.50
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,600,318.13
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$318,645.65
Total	1,483	\$2,715,627.98

SUNDAY

01/14/24¹

LUIS JIMENEZ - FILMS

Jockey **Luis Jimenez** came into the office this morning at the request of the Stewards to review his ride aboard # 2 **DRIVER'S ED** in Friday's third race, where videos showed **Mr. Jimenez** could have made a better effort to keep his horses on a straight path. **Mr. Jimenez** promised to make a better effort in the future. -Warning.

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ASSAEL ESPINOZA

The following ruling was issued after Jockey **Assael Espinoza** reported to the Steward's office to review his crop use during Friday's third race while riding #3 **STAR RACER**, where video clearly showed **Mr. Espinoza** utilizing his crop over the allowable limit.

GGF RULING #20 (A. ESPINOZA)

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** who rode **STAR RACER** in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on January 13, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Sunday, January 21, 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).

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DECLARATIONS

Race 1 Scratch #4 **TWELVE VOLT** (Tr. **S. Calvario**)

Injured -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**

Race 6 Scratch #4 **MOBU** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) Sick -**Casille Batten, DVM**

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RACE 3 – STEWARD'S INQUIRY

The Stewards conducted an inquiry to review the third race when #5 **JIMMY THE BOOT** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) stumbled at the start and unseated jockey **Santos Rivera**. Replays revealed that **JIMMY THE BOOT** caused his own problems and therefore, was declared a starter. Jockey **Santos** was examined by Track Physician **Dr. Seftel** and took off his remaining mounts. **JIMMY THE BOOT** was caught by the outrider and deemed uninjured by **Dr. Brent Cassady**.

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RACE 5 – STEWARD'S INQUIRY

An inquiry was conducted to revisit the start of race five, when #1 **SPINNIN PISTOLS** (**B. Wright**) ducked in at just after the break and unseated Jockey **Evin Roman**. After reviewing all angles of the video, it was determined that no other horses contributed to the incident and **SPINNIN PISTOLS**, who was declared a starter was caught uninjured and Jockey **Evin Roman** was examined by Track Physician **Dr. Seftel** and was removed from his remaining mounts with replacement riders to be named.

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RACE 6 – JOCKEY OBJECTION

The objection sign was illuminated when Jockey **Cristobal Herrera**, aboard #3 **WINE AND WHISKY** lodged an objection against #2 **SUPERMAZEL** and Jockey

Luis Jimenez for an incident approaching the sixteenth pole. After reviewing all angles of footage, the Stewards determined that #2 **SUPERMAZEL** was clear of #3 **WINE AND WHISKY** when crossing over. The objection was disallowed.

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RACE 7 – LATE SCRATCH

As the horses were in the saddling paddock prior to the seventh race, #1 **LADY WOLF** (Tr. **M. Stortz**) was scratched by the Stewards upon the recommendation of **Dr. Casille Batten** when the filly turned over during the saddling process.

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VOIDED CLAIMS

Two Claims were voided by the Stewards this afternoon upon the recommendation of Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM**.

The claim submitted by trainer **Rodney Cone** for #2 **HELEN'S SUN** in the first race, was voided for unsoundness of the left foreleg. **HELEN'S SUN** was returned to the care of trainer **Blaine Wright**.

The claim submitted by trainer **Ruby Thomas** for #5 **JIMMY THE BOOT** in the third race, was voided for unsoundness of the left foreleg. **JIMMY THE BOOT** was returned to the care of trainer **Victor Trujillo**.

01/14/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	515	\$197,071.60
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,741,729.43
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$287,172.66
Total	1,369	\$2,611,249.97

MONDAY

01/15/24¹

JOCKEY FILMS

Jockey **Luis Jimenez** came in this morning to review his ride in Sunday's sixth race aboard #2 **SUPERMAZEL**, where an objection was lodged against him for crossing over in the stretch by Jockey **Cristobal Herrera**, who was riding #3 **WINE and WHISKEY (REF: 1/24/24⁹)**. The Stewards dismissed the objection, but **Mr. Jimenez** was cautioned to make better effort to keep his mounts straight and a warning was issued.

Jockey **Evin Roman** reported to the Steward's office to review video of his crop use during Sunday's fourth race while riding #3 **MISTICAL SURPRISE**. **Mr. Roman** accepted the penalty, and the following ruling was put forth.

GGF RULING #21 (E. ROMAN)

Jockey **EVIN ROMAN** who rode **MISTICAL SURPRISE** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 14, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Friday, January 26, 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).

01/15/24²

DECLARATIONS

Race 1 Scratch #6 **SPOTLIGHT RAINBOW** (Tr. **S. Sherman**)
Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

Race 3 Scratch #5 **SILVER FLIRT** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) Sick – **Casille Batten, DVM**

01/15/24³

RACE 4 – INQUIRY/OBJECTION – DQ

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign after the running of the fourth race for an incident occurring near the sixteenth pole. An objection was also lodged by **Alejandro Gomez**, aboard #4 **OOPS AND DOWNS** against #6 **CAPO SORELLA**, ridden by **Alexandra Chavez** for interference. After speaking to the riders involved, and reviewing all available angles of the replays, the Steward's unanimously determined that #6 **CAPO SORELLA** drifted out and into the path #4 **OOPS AND DOWNS**, which cost the horse the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: 6 – 7 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 5 – 3

Official Order of Finish: 7 – 1 – 2 – 4 – 6 – 5 – 3

01/15/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIM

One claim was voided by the Stewards this afternoon upon the recommendation of Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM**.

The claim submitted by trainer **Ruby Thomas** for #6 **BLAZING JAMIE** in the sixth race was voided for unsoundness on both forelegs. **BLAZING JAMIE** was returned to the care of trainer **Clifford DeLima**.

01/15/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	352	\$119,950.50
SCOTWinc	N/A	\$1,161,802.49
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$211,252.50
Total	964	\$1,740,876.20

SUMMARY

	Wed 1/10	Thurs 1/11	Fri 1/12	Sat 1/13	Sun 1/14	Mon 1/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	D	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	1	5	4	2	12	27
Disqualifications	K	K	1	0	0	1	2	4
Inquiries	D	D	1	0	1	1	3	5
Refunds	A	A	2	5	2	2	11	36
Rulings	Y	Y	2	3	1	1	7	21
Voided Claims	!	!	0	0	2	1	3	10

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
12-Jan.	4	2	Northern Linchpin	C.Essex	Injured	Batten	\$128.14
12-Jan	6	3	Champagne Pegasus	R.France	Sick	Batten	See Below
12-Jan	6	4	Egomania	R.France	Injured	Cassady	See Below
12-Jan	6	5	Chief Wild Eagle	T.McCanna	Injured	Batten	\$403.55
13-Jan	1	6	La Vikina	R.Thomas	Sick	Batten	\$362.57
13-Jan	3	4	War Games	C.DeLima	Sick	Cassady	\$310.35
13-Jan	4	2	Jerry's Spirit	J.Steiner	Unsound	Cloninger	\$244.75
13-Jan	6	2	Sparta F.C.	B.Galvin	Sick	Cloninger	\$92.60
13-Jan	7	3	Lookin For Revenge	D.W.Baker	Injured	Cloninger	\$156.25
14-Jan	1	4	Twelve Volt	S.Calvario	Injured	Cloninger	\$465.71
14-Jan	6	4	Mobou	S.Sherman	Sick	Batten	\$542.34
15-Jan	1	6	Spotlight Rainbow	S.Sherman	Sick	Batten	\$541.46
15-Jan	3	5	Silver Flirt	D.W.Baker	Sick	Batten	\$123.50

Respectfully submitted,

George Yniguez, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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