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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Wednesday, January 31 through Sunday, February 4, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**1/31/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Richard Lewis** was in the office this morning to monitor entries and participated in a Veterinary Panel to go over the card for Friday, February 2, 2024. **Mr. Lewis** also attended a scheduled fatality review which was led by **Dr. Alina Vale**.

1/31/24<sup>2</sup>**DR. BATTEN'S LAST DAY**

**Casille Batten, D.V.M.**, was trackside this morning for the final time before moving on to pursue other ventures. A committee of rotating veterinarians will step in to fill the role of Track Veterinarian.

**THURSDAY**2/01/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **Richard Lewis** was once again present to oversee entries and attended the bi-monthly Microsoft Teams meeting, which was chaired by Executive Director **Scott Chaney** to discuss affairs at Golden Gate Fields. **Mr. Lewis** also attended a Veterinary Panel to review the entries for Saturday, February 3, 2024.

2/01/24<sup>2</sup>**VETERINARY PANEL**

Steward **Richard Lewis** joined the Veterinary Panel via Microsoft Teams at 11 a.m., to review races to be run on Sunday, February 4, 2024.

**FRIDAY**2/02/24<sup>1</sup>**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **GOLD COIN** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) Sick -**Mark Christin, DVM**.

Refunds: \$125.62

1<sup>st</sup> Race: #6 **WE CAN** (Tr. **B. Wright**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer.

5<sup>th</sup> Race: Declaration #6 **DULY NOTED** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Unsound -**Forrest Franklin, DVM.**  
 Refunds: \$371.00  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **HALO RANDO** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Sick -**Mike Pirrone, DVM.**  
 Refunds: \$155.90  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race: Declaration #7 **DUST MAKER** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick -**Mike Pirrone, DVM.**  
 Refunds: \$201.35

2/02/24<sup>2</sup>

**SMOOTH AFTERNOON**

Today's seven race card was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

2/02/24<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	219	\$133,784.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$1,114,810.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$171,701.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	952	\$1,804,347.83

**SATURDAY**

2/03/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #29 -JOSE L. GOMEZ (RUIZ) (CASE #23BM0026)**

**GGF RULING #29 -J. GOMEZ (RUIZ)**

Stable Foreman **JOSE GOMEZ (RUIZ)** is suspended Sixty (60) days, February 10, 2024, through April 9, 2024, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct -Abusive Behavior Towards Another Licensee).

During the term of his suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **JOSE L. GOMEZ (RUIZ)** are suspended pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards deliberated the evidence and testimony presented during the formal hearing held on January 18, 2024 (Ref: 1/18/24<sup>3</sup>).

2/03/24<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: Declaration #6 **COPPERTUNITY** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**  
 Refunds: \$4,716.79  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race: #6 **DARK MYSTERY** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) claimed - **L. Medina**, trainer  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race: #6 **IMPERIAL HORNET** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) claimed - **S. Calvario**, trainer  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race: #3 **WINTER FALCON** (Tr. **C. O'Hagan**) claimed - **B. Wright**, trainer  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **MAGIC WANDERER** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) Sick -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**  
 Refunds: \$382.50

2/03/24<sup>3</sup>

**CLEAR RACING**

Today's eight-race card was uneventful, with nothing of significance to note.

2/03/24<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	511	\$261,531.80
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$1,363,118.97
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$294,478.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,717	\$2,655,796.80

Sunday  
2/04/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race: #5 **CROWN OF HOPE** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Claimed -**R. Cone**, trainer.

4<sup>th</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **SEÑOR DEL CAMPO** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) sick -**Ashton Cloninger, DVM**  
Refunds: \$198.61

4<sup>th</sup> Race: #1 **WORKDAY** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) Claimed -**I. Becerra**, trainer.

8<sup>th</sup> Race: Declaration #4 **CANDY LITZ** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) sick **Mark Christin DVM** Refund \$197.35

2/04/24<sup>2</sup>

**BLUSTERY DAY**

With wind and precipitation predicted in the area, Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey**, along with Jockey's Guild Representative **William Antongeorgi III** kept an eye out for any deteriorating weather conditions as the race card unfolded. Thankfully, the weather cooperated, and the card was completed without safety issues.

2/04/24<sup>3</sup>

**T.V. MONITOR OUTAGE -RACE 4 DELAY**

The Stewards noticed that the infield matrix board and monitors in the Steward's stand went dark as the horses were preparing to load for today's fourth race. The television department was contacted and the field of six horses circled behind the gate briefly until the issue was resolved. It seems the winds played a part in the lost television connection. The fourth race was dispatched after only a three-minute delay. The remainder of the card was without issues.

2/04/24<sup>4</sup>

**ALL PRESENT**

The full Board of Stewards were present to handle all racing related matters this week.

2/04/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	312	\$132,934.00
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	N/A	\$1,622,831.81
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$196,248.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	967	\$2,291,468.66

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 2/2</b>	<b>Sat 2/3</b>	<b>Sun 2/4</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	1	3	2	6	40
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	4
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Refunds</b>	4	2	2	8	53
<b>Rulings</b>	0	1	0	1	29
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	11

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George Yniguez Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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