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Report for the Week of Monday, February 5, 2024, through Sunday, February 11, 2024.

WEDNESDAY2/07/24¹**ENTRY DAY**

Steward **George Yniguez** in the office to oversee entries for Saturday, February 10, 2024. **Mr. Yniguez** sat in on the fatality review with Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey, Jeffrey Blea, DVM, Alina Vale DVM** and **Forrest Franklin DVM**. The review was for a mare named "**Gardee's World**," trained by **Ruby Thomas**. **Mr. Yniguez** also joined the Veterinary Panel with **Tim Grande, DVM** and **Forrest Franklin DVM** for their review of the races scheduled for Friday, February 9, 2024.

THURSDAY2/08/24¹**SILVIO AMADOR (CASE #24GG0001)**

Jockey **Silvio Amador** appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the complaint filed against him by the for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1680 (a) (Jockeys and Drivers to Report) and #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

California Horse Racing Board **Jerry Smith** was here to present the case and Supervising Investigator **Louis Quesada** was on hand to assist **Mr. Amador** by interpreting the proceeding.

Soon after the onset of the tape-recorded hearing, it was discovered that **Mr. Amador** had not received the complaint package including the charges filed against him as his address on record with the California Horse Racing Board was not up to date.

All agreed to delay the proceeding as to allow **Mr. Amador** the opportunity to review and prepare his defense to the allegations filed.

More to come.

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JOSE DE JESUS MARTINEZ SALDIVAR (CASE #23GG0069)

The hearing scheduled for **Mr. Saldivar** has been rescheduled as the complaint notice to appear has been returned to California Horse Racing Board.

More to come.

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VETERINARY PANEL

Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey** joined **Tim Grande DVM** and **Forrest Franklin DVM**, for the panel review for horses slated to run on February 10, 2024.

FRIDAY

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race: #1 **Cry Me A Runner** (Tr. **J. Steiner**) claimed, **J. Maravilla**, trainer

1ST Race: #4 **Truly Fabulous** (Tr. **E. Moger**) claimed, **Gary Greiner**, trainer

2ND Race: Jockey Change #4 **Vinnie Bob E. Garcia** for **F. Monroy** – family problems

3RD Race: Declaration #6 **Grigoro** (Tr. **R. Cone**) Unsound – **B. Cassady DVM**
Refunds: \$228.84

3RD Race: #2 **Tura Lura** (Tr. **R. Cone**) claimed, **S. Calvario**, trainer

4TH Race: #3 **Playboy Style** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **S. Calvario**, trainer

6TH Race: Declaration #2 **Union Wave** (Tr. **T. Bellasis**) Re – Enter – **Stewards**
Refunds: \$429.14

7TH Race: #6 **Shot of A Lifetime** (Tr. **B. McLean**), claimed **Ruby Thomas**, trainer

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RULING #30 – SILVIO AMADOR

GGF RULING #30

Jockey **SILVIO AMADOR** who rode **COUNCILWOMAN JILLY** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on February 04, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Friday, February 16, 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 **Silvio Amador** and the Stewards reviewed the video of the fifth race from February 16, 2024.

Mr. Amador acknowledged he used the riding crop seven times during the race and accepted the penalty noted in the above ruling.

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GENERAL MANAGER VISIT

As is his daily routine, General Manager **David Duggan** met with the Stewards to discuss matters of mutual interest regarding the current race meet.

Mr. Duggan expounded on his gratitude to the effort put forth by all involved in navigating the difficult weather conditions on Sunday, February 4, 2024. He noted Track Superintendent **Juan Meza's** Staff, Starter **Todd Stephens** Crew, **Frank Matthews'** camera personnel and certainly the professional effort exhibited by the Jockey's on that stormy day. He also noted his gratitude for the trainers and the owners they represent for their participation under difficult conditions.

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ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – OBJECTION – 6TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the sixth race for a review of two incidents during the race.

The first issue was at the start when #4 **Gabby Hayes (William Antongeorgi)** stumbled leaving the starting gate and unseated his rider. No other horses were involved, and **Gabby Hayes** was deemed a starter.

The second incident involved #3 **Tiger Too (Cristobal Herrera)** first and #8 **J D's Rude Boy (Luis Jimenez)** who finished second. Jockey **Jimenez** also lodged a claim of foul regarding this incident.

The video shows #3 **Tiger Too** drift out near the finish and impede #8 **J D's Rude Boy**.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	757	\$271,736.99
SCOTWINC		\$1,652,502.54
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$308,583.35
TOTAL	1,886	\$2,884,680.27

SATURDAY

2/10/24¹

DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS & CHANGES

1ST Race: Declaration: #2 **Ima Keen Ice** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) sick – **A. Bazely, DVM**

Refund: \$ 292.96

2ND Race: Declaration; #6 **T G I F Alpha** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) injured – **C. Cox, DVM**

Refunds: \$ 118.90

8TH Race: Jockey Change #7 **Jerry Jeff Walker C. Herrera** for **F. Monroy** – family problems.

2/10/24²

RULING #31 – CRISTOBAL HERRERA (REFER: 2/9/24)

GGF RULING #31

Jockey **CRISTOBAL HERRERA** who rode **TIGER TOO** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on February 09, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Saturday, February 17, 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 **Cristobal Herrera** met with the Stewards for a review of his ride on **Tiger Too** (Tr. **C. Essex**) in the sixth race on February 9, 2024.

Mr. Herrera's mount was the subject of an inquiry and although the incident did not result in a disqualification a review of his effort is warranted. His mount drifted out slightly approaching the finish line into the path of a trailing rival. After a thorough review, the stewards decided unanimously to issue a warning.

Unfortunately for **Mr. Herrera** he was observed using his riding crop seven times during the race and accepted the penalty imposed.

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CHIEF STEWARD VISIT

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** met with the Stewards for his weekly visit to discuss issues of mutual interest.

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ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – 5TH RACE

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the fifth race to review an accident at the start.

After the review the Stewards determined #1 **Moody Jim (IRE)** was a starter.

The eight-year-old gelding stumbled leaving the starting gate and unseated jockey **Alejandro Gomez**. Horse and rider were both uninjured.

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	757	\$271,736.99
SCOTWINC		\$1,652,502.54
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$308,583.35
TOTAL	1,886	\$2,884,680.27

SUNDAY

2/11/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race: Declaration: #6 **Sporty Nugget** (Tr. **F. Lucarelli**) Sick – **A. Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: \$823.68,

2ND Race: #3 **Gonna Getch Good** 9Tr. **I. Tamayo**) claimed, **V. Trujillo** trainer

3RD Race: Declaration: #1 **Murphys Tiger** (Tr. **T. McCanna**) Injured – **A. Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: \$784.58

5TH Race: #4 **Johnny Paycheck** (Tr. **S. Miyadi**) claimed, **R. Thomas**, trainer

6TH Race: Declaration: #4 **Robie** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) Sick – **A. Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: \$760.74

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RULING #32 – CATALINO MARTINEZ

Jockey **Catalino Martinez** met with the Stewards for a review of the fourth race from February 10, 2024.

Mr. Martinez was observed using his riding crop seven times during the race. The veteran rider acknowledged the violation and accepted the penalty imposed.

GGF RULING #32

Jockey **CATALINO MARTINEZ** who rode **LOVE CANDY** in the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields on February 10, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Sunday, February 18, 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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INQUIRY – OBJECTION- DISQUALIFICATION- 5TH RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fifth race and Jockey **Santos Rivera** (#5 **Drumadoon**) seventh lodged a claim of foul against #3 **Eddie Crosswire** (**Adrian Castellanos**), who finished second, regarding the same incident.

After considering the patrol judges report, interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #3 **Eddie Crosswire** from second to seventh for interference near the sixteenth pole.

The video shows #3 **Eddie Crosswire** shift out directly into the path of #5 **Drumadoon**, who appeared to clip heels and forced his rider, **Santos Rivera** to take up and lose all opportunity at better placing.

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

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

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CLAIM VOIDED – 7TH RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer **Colleen O’Hagan** for **Azure Star (IRE)** (Tr. **Jose Bautista**), the winner of the seventh race.

The Stewards were notified by the Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, that the four-year-old gelding was injured and placed on the Veterinarian’s list.

Azure Star (IRE) was returned to **Jose Bautista’s** barn.

2/11/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	293	\$142,875.20
SCOTWINC		\$1,046,731.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$193,396.96
TOTAL	982	\$1,712,016.90

SUMMARY

	Fri 2/09	Sat 2/10	Sun 2/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	4	0	2	6	46
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	5
Inquiries	0	1	1	2	8
Refunds	2	2	3	7	60
Rulings	1	1	1	3	32
Voided Claims	0	0	1	1	12

Dennis Nevin Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

George Yniguez, Steward

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