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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS GOLDEN GATE FIELDS Berkeley, California

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Report for the Week of Monday, March 4, 2024, through Sunday, March 10, 2024.

WEDNESDAY

3/6/24¹

DUTY STEWARD

Mr. Dennis Nevin was present to assist the Racing Office on this entry day. Eight races were drawn for Saturday with fifty-two entrants. Changes to Friday's overnight were also on the agenda.

An entry panel for Friday took place via "teams". **Drs. Grande** and **Franklin** determined that eight horses would earn the label of "hard watch" with one of those assigned to the test barn post-race. **Mr. Nevin** relayed those findings to the appropriate people.

THURSDAY

3/7/24¹

ENTRY DAY

Once again Steward **Nevin** oversaw entry day events. The overnight produced for Sunday consisted of eight races and fifty runners.

The entry panel for Saturday convened with the same members as the previous day. Seven horses were on the "hard watch" list with an additional entrant getting red-flagged and becoming a panel scratch.

A fatality review, led by **Alina Vale, DVM** had an audience of State Vet **Forrest Franklin**, Steward **Dennis Nevin**, Safety Steward **Cal Rainey** and Trainer **Sam Calvario**.

FRIDAY

3/8/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

4TH Race: #2 **Bobby's Genie** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

6TH Race: Declaration #3 **Johnny Paycheck** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Sick – **B. Bazeley DVM**. Refund: \$42,233.04

3/8/24²

HOWEY REINSTATEMENT

Having received confirmation that the debt owed to plater **Agustin Jaime Garcia Saldivar** has been settled the following ruling was published.

GGF RULING #43

Trainer **QUINN HOWEY** having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation (\$17,355.00) to plater **AGUSTIN JAMIE GARCIA SALDIVAR**, his license privileges are restored to good standing and Pacific Racing Association Ruling #38, dated February 23, 2024, is hereby set aside.

3/8/24³

VOIDED CLAIM RACE 3

The claim of #6 **Chilean Express** by trainer **Blaine Wright** was voided by the Stewards after California Horse Racing Board Vet **Franklin** added the four-year-old to the Vets list due to sore shins. The colt stays in the barn of **Faith Taylor**.

3/8/24⁴

VOIDED CLAIM RACE 4

Dr. Franklin notified this panel that **Merry Blue** was unsound in the left front while cooling out for a claim examination. The filly was put on the Vets list and the claim submitted by trainer **Gary Greiner** was voided by the Stewards. The horse will stay in the care of **Blaine Wright**.

3/8/24⁵

LATE SCRATCH RACE 6

While the field was awaiting to be dispatched from the starting gate, number 6, **Eddie Crosswire**, acted up in the gate injuring himself. Upon advice of Veterinarian **Cloninger** this panel scratched the horse.

3/8/24⁶

JOCKEY REPLACEMENT RACE 7

Jockey **Irving Orozco** was excused from his mount, **Dungarvan Oak**, in the final race of the day and replaced by **Assael Espinoza**. **Orozco** was injured in the gate for race 6 (REF: 3/8/24⁵). **Dr. Seftel** reported an injury to rider's hand and recommended he be excused.

3/8/24⁷

GATE SCRATCH RACE 7

As the horses were being loaded into the starting gate #4, **Dungarvan Oak**, with replacement rider **Assael Espinoza** reared in the gate stall tossing his pilot out the back. The horse was inspected by track Vet **Cloninger**, who recommended the horse not run due to injury. The Stewards notified the needed personnel that we were scratching the horse. The rider was uninjured.

3/8/24⁸

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	248	\$118,189.60
SCOTWINC		\$1,027,157.48
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$155,875.49
TOTAL	955	\$1,642,026.57

FRIDAY

3/9/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race: Declaration #1 **Stormy Rouge** (Tr. **J. Bautista**) Injured – **Cloninger, DVM**
Refund: \$244.80. No Show Wagering

2ND Race: Declaration #6 **La Popis** (Tr. **L. Medina**) Vet History/Quick turnaround –
Entry Panel. Refund: \$76.00

7TH Race: Declaration #3 **Yoderando** (Tr. **S. Specht**) Sick – **Cassady, DVM**

Refund: \$163.40
8TH Race: Declaration #3 **Descartes** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) Unsound – **Cloninger, DVM**
Refund: \$401.30

3/9/24²

ALEXIS ESPINOZA RULING #44

Jockey **Alexis Espinoza** attended film review with the Stewards to examine his use of the crop in race five from the previous day. Prior to watching the video, he admitted he was one over the limit, which the video showed to be true. This was **Mr. Espinoza's** first mount in the states, and it earned a visit to the Winner's Circle. It also resulted in the following ruling.

GGF RULING #44

Jockey **ALEXIS ESPINOZA** who rode **YOU KIDDING ME** in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on March 8, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Saturday March 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).

3/9/24³

HUGO HERRERA RULING #45

Crop usage by Jockey **Hugo Herrera** was also under video review from race two on Friday. **Mr. Herrera** was not aware of being one strike over the limit until watching the replay. He reluctantly accepted the penalty stated in the following ruling.

GGF RULING #45

Jockey **HUGO HERRERA** who rode **KEEPYOURPRANCEON** in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on March 8, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Saturday March 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).

3/9/24⁴

RACE 4 – VOIDED CLAIM

Having been notified by California Horse Racing Board Vet **Franklin** that **Bulletproof Too** was determined to be unsound in the right front and placed on the Vet's list, this panel voided the claim dropped by trainer **Blaine Wright**. The horse will remain in the care of trainer **Jose Puentes**.

3/9/24⁵

LATE SCRATCH – RACE 5

While the field of seven horses were being loaded, #1 **Drive By**, broke through the front of the gate, unseating **Alexis Espinoza**. The horse ran off 7/8ths of a mile prior to being caught by the outrider. The three-year-old was declared by the Stewards. Neither horse nor rider were injured.

3/9/24⁶

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	648	\$233,760.00
SCOTWING		\$835,051.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$259,385.17
TOTAL	1,792	\$1,933,362.73

SUNDAY

3/10/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

- 1ST Race: Declaration #3 **Shot of a Lifetime** (Tr. **R. Thomas**) Sick – **B. Bazeley, DVM**. Refund: \$512.52
- 2ND Race: Declaration #4 **Desert Rumble** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **B. Cassady, DVM**
Refund: \$127.88
- 4TH Race: Jockey Change #5 **Mumbles Brockman S. Rivera** (118 lbs.) for **M. Bravo**
- 6TH Race: Declaration #2 **Tamara Mine** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Sick – **B. Cassady, DVM**
Refund: See Below
- 6TH Race: Declaration #4 **Zazen** (Tr. **Dan Markle**) Not Eligible – **Stewards**
Refund: \$528.84. No Show Wagering
- 7TH Race: Jockey Change #6 **Count Asher C. Martinez** (125 lbs.) for **M. Bravo**

3/10/24²

RIDER CHANGE RACES 4 & 7

Apprentice **Matias Bravo** was taken off his mounts in Race 4 & 7 for failure to fulfill Jockey Agreement. **Mr. Bravo** called at 10:20 a.m. to inform the Stewards he was at Turf Paradise. Replacement riders and corrected weights are listed above. **Mr. Bravo** is currently unlicensed by the California Horse Racing Board and will not be aloud to accept calls until he acquires a CHRB Jockey license.

3/10/24³

VOIDED CLAIM RACE 1

The claim submitted by trainer **Bill McLean** for **Wodeton (FR)** was voided by the Stewards after the horse was added to the Vet's List as unsound, left fore, by State Veterinarian **Franklin** during the post-race exam. The horse stays in the care of trainer **Ruby Thomas**.

3/10/24⁴

LATE SCRATCH RACE 8

While the field for this race were loading #7, **Runnin Ute**, became fractious in the gate and pulled a shoe off. **Dr. Cloninger** reported the horse's foot to be injured and this Board of Stewards declared the three-year-old from the race.

3/10/24⁵

DAILEY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	656	\$225,973.00
SCOTWINC		\$1,375,499.58
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$281,427.87
TOTAL	1,601	\$2,367,840.92

SUMMARY

	Fri 3/1	Sat 3/2	Sun 3/3	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	3	4	8	74
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	5
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	8
Refunds	1	4	3	8	92
Rulings	1	2	0	3	45
Voided Claims	2	1	1	4	19

Richard Lewis, Steward

George Yniguez, Steward

Dennis Nevin, Steward

BOS:RL:lw