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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Golden Gate Fields Berkeley, California**  
**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the Week of Monday March 18, 2024, through Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**3/20/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **George Yniguez** was present to oversee the entries for Saturday March 23, 2024. **Mr. Yniguez** also joined the Veterinary Panel that included **Tim Grande, DVM**, and **Jocelyn Lorbiecki, DVM**, for their review of the horses scheduled to participate on Friday, March 22, 2024.

**THURSDAY**3/21/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **George Yniguez** was once again responsible to oversee the entries for Sunday March 24, 2024. Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey** joined the Veterinary Panel with **Tim Grande, DVM** and **Jocelyn Lorbiecki, DVM** for their review of the horses slated to run on Saturday March 23, 2024.

3/21/24<sup>2</sup>**LUIS JAVIER ROLDAN (CASE #24GG0017)**

Groom **Luis Javier Roldan** appeared before the Board of Stewards for a formal hearing to address a complaint filed against him alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1890 (a) (b) (Possession of Contraband), #1489 (a-8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation) and #1530 (Cases not covered by Rules and Regulations).

The complaint alleges, "HIWA investigators conducted barn inspections at Golden Gate Fields locating several hypodermic needles and syringes, along with injectable medications, inside the tack room assigned to Groom **Luis Javier Roldan**. Per Groom **Roldan**, the medication was being used for illegal personal use and not injecting into horses".

Present for the hearing, in addition to Stewards **Richard Lewis, George Yniguez** and **Dennis Nevin**, were California Horse Racing Board Supervising Investigator **Louis Quezada, Luis**

**Javier Roldan**, Interpreter **Lyzbeth Rivera** and CSR **Christine Niccoli**, who transcribed the proceedings.

Testimony by Investigator **Quezada** and **Mr. Roldan** was admitted into the record. Evidence confiscated was marked, submitted as evidence and the hearing was closed.

Decision forthcoming.

**FRIDAY**

3/22/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race: Jockey Change #4 **My Motorhome S. Rivera** for **J. Couton**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #6 **Quality Cat (S. Sherman)** claimed, **W. McDaniel**, trainer

3<sup>RD</sup> Race: #1 **Happy Does (F. Rondan)** claimed, **T. McCanna**, trainer

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **Warrens World (R. France)** Unsound – **B. Cassady DVM**

Refund: \$247.43

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #5 **Rich Gold (T. Bellasis)** claimed, **T. McCanna**, trainer

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: Jockey Change #5 **Our Bold Prince F. Alvarado** for **J. Couton**

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #2 **Nan Elizabeth (L. Medina)** Sick – **M. Christin DVM**

Refund: \$154.49

3/22/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #48 – DESIDERIO D. ORANTES (CASE #24GG0014)**

The foregoing ruling was issued as **Mr. Orantes** failed to appear for a scheduled hearing to address the alleged violations filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board Investigative Staff.

It should be noted that **Mr. Orantes** is currently under suspension for failing to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita for a scheduled hearing on February 24, 2024. (Ruling #51 – Case #22SA0002).

**GGF RULING #48**

Groom **DESIDERIO D. ORANTES**, having failed to respond to written notices to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on March 21, 2024, will remain on suspension for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer charges alleging violations of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct), #1489 (6) & (8) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – Subject to Exclusion), #1481 (14) (c) (Occupational License & Fees), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), #1930 (Failure to Obey Security Officers and Peace Officers – Obeying Orders of Stewards).

During the terms of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **DESIDERIO D. ORANTES** are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

3/22/24<sup>3</sup>

**EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

California Horse Racing Board Equine Medical Director **Jeffery Blea, DVM**, met with the Stewards for a short visit. Issues of mutual interest were discussed, and it is always informative to chat with him.

3/22/24<sup>4</sup>

**INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race for a review of an incident at the start involving #3 **Magicisthemoonlite (Cristobal Herrera)** second and #4 **Wrong Spot (Kevin Orozco)**, who finished third.

After talking with the patrol judges the riders involved and reviewing the videos, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #3 **Magicisthemoonlite** from second to third.

The video shows **Magicisthemoonlite** break out sharply at the start and impede #4 **Wrong Spot**, who rallied back to within one length of the offender.

Original order of finish: 6 – 3 – 4 – 1 – 2 – 5

Official order of finish: 6 – 4 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 5

3/22/24<sup>5</sup>

### DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

<b>ON TRACK</b>	276	\$124,796.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,061,024.35
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$155,499.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	994	\$1,689,243.17

## SATURDAY

3/23/24<sup>1</sup>

### DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: Jockey Change #6 **Winter Soldier C. Herrera** for **J. Couton**

4<sup>TH</sup> Race: #7 **Redstwirlingdancer (B. Wright)** claimed, **Gary Greiner**, trainer

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #2 **Polacco (R. Thomas)** Re Entry – **Stewards**

Refund: \$190.45

8<sup>TH</sup> Race: **Oh Great (IRE) (R. France)** claimed, **L. Rivera**, trainer

3/23/24<sup>2</sup>

### VIDEO REVIEW (REFER: 3/22/24<sup>4</sup>)

Jockey **Cristobal Herrera** met with the Stewards for a review of the second race from Friday, March 22, 2024.

**Mr. Herrera's** mount was disqualified from second to third for interference at the start.

The Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that **Mr. Herrera** made a commendable effort to control his mount, who broke out the first step from the gate.

3/23/24<sup>3</sup>

### CHIEF STEWARD

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** made his weekly visit to keep the Stewards abreast of issues relating to the California Horse Racing Board, HISA and HIWU.

3/23/24<sup>4</sup>

### CLAIM VOIDED – 8<sup>TH</sup> RACE

The Stewards were notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM**, that #1 **Twirling Derby** (Tr. **Guillermo Preciado**), who finished fourth in the eighth race was unsound in the left foreleg and placed on the Veterinarian's list.

The Stewards voided the claim submitted for **Twirling Derby** by trainer **Gary Greiner** and the seven-year-old gelding was returned to **Mr. Preciado's** barn.

3/23/24<sup>5</sup>

### DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

<b>ON TRACK</b>	583	\$236,082.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,221,460.71
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$243,337.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,772	\$2,353,828.78

**SUNDAY**

3/24/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, REFUNDS & CHANGES**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: Declaration #1 **Big Difference (W. McDaniel)** Unsound – **B. Cassady DVM**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: Declaration #5 **Count Asher (S. Calvario)** Injured – **A. Cloninger, DVM**

Refund: \$273.70

3<sup>RD</sup> Race: Declaration #5 **Polacco (R. Thomas)** Injured – **B. Cassady, DVM**

Refund: \$469.90

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #3 **Cowboy Charlie (T. Eaton)** Sick – **B. Cassady, DVM**

6<sup>TH</sup> Race: Declaration #6 **Affectionto Autism (S. Calvario)** Sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM**

Refund: \$336.20

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

**JOCKEY OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the objection notice at the request of Jockey **Luis Jimenez**, who finished fourth on #2 **Diplomatic**. **Mr. Jimenez** lodged a claim of foul against #6 **Street Tiger (Assael Espinoza)** who finished second.

After considering the patrol judges report, talking to the riders involved and reviewing the video, the Stewards decided unanimously to declare the original order of finish official.

The video shows #2 **Diplomatic** steady briefly near the 4 ½ mile marker, however the minor incident had no relevance to the order of finish.

3/24/24<sup>3</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	671	\$214,305.83
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,128,274.33
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$249,083.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,555	\$2,108,483.86

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 3/22</b>	<b>Sat 3/23</b>	<b>Sun 3/24</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>	3	2	0	5	85
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	0	1	6
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	1	9
<b>Refunds</b>	2	1	3	6	104
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	0	2	48
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	1	0	1	22

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Dennis Nevin Steward

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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George Yniguez, Steward

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