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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Berkeley, California**  
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**Report for the Week Monday April 22, 2024, through Sunday, April 28, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**4/24/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DUTY**

Steward **Richard Lewis** was in the office this morning to oversee the entry process for Saturday. The Racing Office carded eight races, highlighted by the San Francisco Mile (GIII).

4/24/24<sup>2</sup>**VETERINARY PANEL**

A veterinary Panel which included **Drs. Grande, Franklin, Lorbiecki**, and **Steward Lewis** was held to review the runners on Friday's card.

**THURSDAY**4/25/24<sup>1</sup>**ENTRY DUTY**

**Mr. Lewis** was once again available to assist the Racing Office as entries were taken for Sunday April 28, 2024.

4/25/24<sup>2</sup>**VETERINARY PANEL**

The Vet Panel convened this morning to scrutinize the horses entered for Saturday. Attendees included **Drs. Grande, Lorbiecki**, and **Steward Lewis**. Thirteen horses were flagged as "hard watches".

**FRIDAY**4/26/24<sup>1</sup>**VETERINARY PANEL**

Steward **Richard Lewis** attended the Vet Panel along with **Drs. Grande, Lorbiecki**, and **Franklin** to discuss the entries for Sunday's card.

4/26/24<sup>2</sup>**EDWIN ALVAREZ HEARING (CASE #24GG0030)**

Owner/Trainer **Edwin Alvarez** failed to appear for a financial complaint filed by **Dr. Kim Kuhlmann, (San Francisco Equine)**, for veterinary services. Ruling to follow.

4/26/24<sup>3</sup>

**GARY HARTUNIAN/ROCKINHAM RANCH (CASE #24GG0031)**

Owner **Gary Hartunian/Rockingham Ranch** failed to show and address a financial complaint initiated by **Dr. Ken Allison, (San Francisco Equine)**, for veterinary services. Ruling to Follow.

4/26/24<sup>4</sup>

**JOCKEY IN**

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** came in as directed to answer questions as to why he was late to the paddock for the third race last Sunday. **Mr. Chavez**, through his Valet/Interpreter, acknowledged his mistake and accepted the following ruling.

**GGF RULING #65**

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** is hereby fined Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)\* for failure to be present in the paddock at the appointed time for the second race at Golden Gate Fields on Sunday April 21, 2024: a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations).

4/26/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: Scratch #5 **BEAU BRUME** (Tr. **D. W. Baker**) sick -**Mark Christin, DVM.**

1<sup>st</sup> Race: Late Scratch #1 **POLIS** (Tr. **R. Agarie**) Insurance -**Stewards.** Refunds: \$699.85

The above scratches resulted in no show wagering for race 1.

2<sup>nd</sup> Race: Scratch #2 **LIGHT THE BEAM** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) sick -**Brent Cassady, DVM.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race: Scratch #4 **PRECEDENT LIKE** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick -**Mark Christin, DVM.**

Refunds: \$185.00

The above scratches in race 2 resulted in no Place & Show wagering for race 2.

3<sup>rd</sup> Race: Scratch #1 **EN TU HONOR BRO** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) sick -**Brent Cassady, DVM.**

Refunds: \$276.20

5<sup>th</sup> Race: Scratch #1 **SONOMA DREAMING** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick -**Mark Christin, DVM.**

Refunds: \$190.80

7<sup>th</sup> Race: Scratch #8 **GOLF DRAMA** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) sick -**Brent Cassady, DVM.**

Refunds: \$392.10

4/26/24<sup>6</sup>

**LATE DECLARATION**

This morning's problem sheet noted that Trainer **Ricky Agarie** needed to renew his Worker's Compensation insurance. The Stewards contacted **Mr. Agarie** to inform him of the issue. **Mr. Agarie** stated that he was not aware that his policy had lapsed. The **Stewards** then informed him of the possible penalty for late declaration and a decision will follow.

4/26/24<sup>7</sup>

**RETURN OF THE DRONE**

**Jim Porep** and his drone made an appearance this afternoon and will be here through Saturday. The **Stewards** are always appreciative of the added arial footage.

4/26/24<sup>8</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

The claim dropped by Trainer **Manny Badilla** for **RUNNING ON FIRE** in the seventh race was voided by the **Stewards** after **Dr. Franklin** informed us, he was placing the gelding on the vet list for unsoundness on the left foreleg. **RUNNING ON FIRE** will return to the care of Trainer **Steve Specht.**

4/26/24<sup>9</sup>

**CLEAR AFTERNOON**

This Afternoon's card unfolded smoothly with no Steward's Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

4/26/24<sup>10</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	230	\$133,337.78
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$749,670.62
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$125,560.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	949	\$1,416,315.62

**SATURDAY**

4/27/24<sup>1</sup>

**DARIN OTT (CASE #24GG0032)**

Owner **DARIN OTT** failed to appear to address a financial complaint initiated by **Dr. Ken Allison, (San Francisco Equine)**, for veterinary services. Therefore, a ruling will follow.

4/27/24<sup>2</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

7<sup>TH</sup> Race: Scratch #8 **COALINGA ROAD (Tr. C. Gaines) Stake -Stewards**

7<sup>th</sup> Race: Scratch #13 **PRINCE ABU DHABI (Tr. B. Wright) Stake -Stewards**

Refunds: \$842.60

8<sup>th</sup> Race: Scratch #6 **SOCIAL STATUS (Tr. A. Mathis) Sick -Brent Cassady, DVM.**

Refund: \$45,131.25

4/27/24<sup>3</sup>

**RICARDO AGARIE RULING (REF: 4/26/24<sup>6</sup>)**

The following ruling was issued after Trainer **Ricardo Agarie** failed to keep his workmen's compensation current, which resulted in the scratch of **POLIS** from yesterday's first race.

**GGF RULING #66**

Trainer **RICARDO AGARIE** who was scheduled to start **POLIS** in the first race at Golden Gate Fields on April 26, 2024, is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)\* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1629 (Penalty for Late Declaration) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1501 (Workers Compensation Insurance Required).

4/27/24<sup>4</sup>

**GARY HARTUNIAN RULING (CASE NUMBER 24GG0031)**

The Board of **Stewards** issued the following ruling after **Mr. Hartunian** failed to appear to address a financial complaint. (REF: 4/26/24<sup>3</sup>)

**GGF RULING #67**

Owner **GARY HARTUNIAN, DBA: ROCKINGHAM RANCH**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on April 26, 2024, is suspended effective Saturday, May 4, 2024, 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 to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 Financial Responsibility - \$1,192.41 to Veterinarian **KEN ALLISON (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE)**.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses' privileges of **GARY HARTUNIAN DBA: ROCKINGHAM RANCH** are suspended and pursuant of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards). Subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

4/27/24<sup>5</sup>

**EDWIN ALVAREZ RULING (CASE #24GG0030)**

The following ruling was issued after Trainer **Edwin Alvarez** failed to appear to address his financial complaint. (REF: 4/26/24<sup>2</sup>)

**GGF RULING #68**

Owner/Trainer **EDWIN ALVAREZ**, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on April 26, 2024, is suspended effective Saturday, May 4, 2024, 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 to charges alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 Financial Responsibility - \$814.00 to Veterinarian **KIM KUHLMANN (SAN FRANCISCO EQUINE)**.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of **EDWIN ALVAREZ** are suspended and pursuant of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards). Subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

4/27/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,117	\$303,590.21
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,373,738.22
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$245,021.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,177	\$2,611,013.63

**SUNDAY**  
4/28/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race: #6 **TURIAF** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) **A. Espinoza** replaces **S. Amador** -No Show.  
 3<sup>RD</sup> Race: #4 **MAJESTIC GIG** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Claimed -**M. Badilla**, trainer.  
 7<sup>TH</sup> Scratch: **ELCONDOR** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) Sick -**K. Cox, DVM**. Refunds: \$2,265.37  
 8<sup>TH</sup> Race: Late Scratch #5 **COWBOY KISSES** (Tr. **C. DeLima**) no rider - **Stewards**

4/28/24<sup>2</sup>

**SILVIO AMADOR OFF**

Clerk Of Scales **Steve Fisher** informed the Stewards that Jockey **Silvio Amador** did not check into the Jockey's room. **Mr. Amador** was removed from his lone mount of the day in the second race and a replacement rider was named.

4/28/24<sup>3</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH**

Just after the running of the sixth race, Track Physician **Dr. Seftel** informed the **Stewards** that Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** was feeling ill. It being the last race of the day, no replacement riders could be found for #5 **COWBOY KISSES** (Tr. **C. DeLima**). The seven-year-old gelding was ultimately scratched by the **Stewards**.

4/28/24<sup>4</sup>

**ALL PRESENT**

The full **Board of Stewards** were present this weekend to oversee all racing related matters.

4/28/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,053	\$215,943.25
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$936,813.68
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$197,637.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,883	\$1,822,567.17

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 4/26</b>	<b>Sat 4/27</b>	<b>Sun 4/28</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>	0	3	1	4	116
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	0	12
<b>Refunds</b>	5	2	1	8	132
<b>Rulings</b>	0	4	0	4	68
<b>Voided Claims</b>	1	0	0	1	28

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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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