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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday April 29, 2024, through Sunday, May 5, 2024.

WEDNESDAY5/1/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **George Yniguez** was in the office to oversee the entry process, for Saturday May 4, 2024.

THURSDAY5/2/24¹**JOSE DE JESUS MARTINEZ SALDIVAR (CASE #23GG0069)**

Exercise Rider **Jose De Jesus Martinez Saldivar** appeared before the Board of Stewards for a formal hearing to address the complaint filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules #1485 (d) (License Subject to Conditions and Agreements), #1489 (a – 1) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License), #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Safety Officers).

Present for the hearing, in addition to the Board of Stewards and **Mr. Saldivar** was trainer **Monty Meier**, who did not testify but was there for moral support for the respondent. California Horse Racing Board Investigator **Jennifer Tolman** presented the case and CSR **Christine Niccoli**, transcribed the proceedings chaired by the Board of Stewards **Richard Lewis**.

The cover page of the complaint reads as follows:

ER **Jose De Jesus Martinez Saldivar** has a valid restraining order against him by another CHRB license. He is also on criminal probation in San Mateo County for Domestic Violence. As a result of violating the restraining order and his probation, he was arrested by his probation officer and was sentenced to two years in state prison which he is presently serving. ER **Saldivar** has an extensive negative history with California Horse Racing Board and the Washington Horse Racing Commission. During a previous California Horse Racing Board

fitness hearing, conditions were placed on his license where he is “not be convicted of any other crime”.

After evidence and testimony was submitted on the record Steward **Lewis** brought the hearing to a close.

The Stewards will deliberate, and their decision will be forthcoming.

5/2/24²

VETERINARY PANEL

Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey** joined **DVM’S Lorbiecki, Franklin, and Grande** on the Veterinary Panel review of the horses slated to run on Saturday May 4, 2024.

FRIDAY

5/3/24¹

VETERINARY PANEL

Steward **George Yniguez** joined **DVM’s Lorbiecki, Franklin, and Grande** on the Veterinary Panel for their review of the horses slated to start on Sunday May 5, 2024.

5/3/24²

FATALITY REVIEW

Steward **George Yniguez** and Safety Steward **Calvin Rainey** joined **DVM’s Blea, Franklin, Cloninger and Lorbiecki**, for their fatality review of the colt **Danzing Alydar**, trainer **Brendan Galvin**.

5/3/24³

RULING #69 – HIWA (CASE #ECM2023-243/ECM)

This Board of Stewards received notice from the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit that “**Dorie Miller**” (Trainer **Steve Miyadi**) has been disqualified as a result of a positive test sample (Dimethylsulfoxide) obtained following the third race on December 1, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

GGF RULING #69

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), that the post-race sample obtained from the horse, **DORIE MILLER**, who finished First in the third race at the Golden Gate Fields, on December 1, 2023, contained the Controlled Medication Substance, Dimethylsulfoxide (Class C), it is hereby ordered that HORSE be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The Consequences of Disqualification includes forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner **NICHOLAS ALEXANDER** (\$12,672.00), Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** (\$1,419.00) and Trainer **STEVEN MIYADI** (\$1,584.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at the GOLDEN GATE FIELDS on or before June 02, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1ST DEFICIT MAJA 2ND PRINCESS BELLE 3RD BOURBON TIGER

4TH BETTOR BET’R 5TH KRISTIN LEE

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

As directed, this Board of Stewards issued the foregoing ruling.

5/3/24⁴

RULING #70 – HIWU (CASE #ECM2024 – 40/ECM)

This Board of Stewards received notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit that “**Wodeton**” (Trainer **Blaine Wright**) has been disqualified as a result of a positive test sample (Betamethasone) obtained following the fourth race at Golden Gate Fields January 19, 2024.

GGF RULING #70

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), that the post-race sample obtained from the horse, **WODETON**, who finished First in the fourth race at the Golden Gate Fields, on January 19, 2024, contained the Controlled Medication Substance, Betamethasone (Class C), it is hereby ordered that HORSE be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The Consequences of Disqualification includes forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner **ERIC KENNEALLY & BLAINE WRIGHT** (\$5,760.00), Jockey **EVIN ROMAN** (\$560.00) and Trainer **BLAINE WRIGHT** (\$720.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at the GOLDEN GATE FIELDS on or before June 02, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1ST LYING GHOST 2nd FAR WEST 3rd CHIEF JACKSON
4th LOOKOUT POINT 5th CANELITO 6th WARRENS CANDY MAN

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

As directed, this Board of

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5/3/24⁵

RULING #71 – GARY HARTUNIAN (#24GG0031)

GGF RULING #71

AMENDED

Owner **GARY HARTUNIAN, DBA: ROCKINGHAM RANCH**, having satisfied the outstanding financial obligation to San Francisco Equine, Inc. (\$1,192.41), PRA Ruling #67, dated April 27, 2024, is hereby set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued as this Board of Stewards received documentation that **Mr. Hartunian (dba – Rockingham Ranch)** has satisfied his debt to San Francisco Equine.

5/3/24⁶

RULING #55 – HIWU (CASE #ECM2024 – 13/ECM)

GGF RULING #55

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), that the post-race sample obtained from the horse, MISTY CAT, who finished First in the eighth race at the Golden Gate Fields, on

December 1, 2023, contained the Controlled Medication Substance, CAFFEINE (Class B), it is hereby ordered that HORSE be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The Consequences of Disqualification includes forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse’s Results).

As directed it is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner DANIEL FRANKO (\$10,044.00), and Jockey LUIS JIMENEZ (\$951.00) be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at GOLDEN GATE FIELDS on or before May 11, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1ST HOLLYWOOD MISTRESS 2ND GRIGORO 3RD KITTEN’S KID

4TH BUSKER ALLIE 5TH BANDEENA 6TH LIGHT UP 7TH LIAM’S SECRET

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

The following ruling issued on April 11, 2024, was inadvertently omitted from the Stewards minutes on that date.

The ruling was issued upon notice from the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit that “**Misty Cat**” (Trainer **Daniel Franko**) has been disqualified as a result of a positive test sample (Caffeine) obtained following the eighth race on December 1, 2023, at Golden Gate Fields.

As directed, this Board of Stewards issued the foregoing ruling.

SATURDAY

5/4/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #2 **Zazen** (Tr. **D. Markle**) Sick – **K. Cox, DVM** Refunds: \$276.69

The foregoing declarations reduced the field to four wagering interests and in accordance with CHRB Rule #1954 (Parimutuel Pools), no show wagering was offered.

4TH Race Declaration #6 **Susie Cru** (Tr. **M. Meier**) Off Turf – **Stewards** Refunds: \$185.50

7TH Race #1 **Amanda Rose** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

7TH Race #4 **Harbor’s Rose** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) claimed, **G. Greiner**, trainer

9TH Race #5 **Autism Puzzle** (Tr. **R. France**) claimed. **S. Morfin**, trainer

5/4/24²

OFF TURF

Heavy rain this morning resulted in three turf races being moved to the main (tapeta) track.

5/4/24³

CHIEF STEWARD LIST

Chief Steward **Darrel McHargue** made his weekly visit to the Stewards office and keeps us advised of issues of mutual concern.

5/4/24⁴

FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ REYES (CASE #24GG0013)

LUIS JIMENEZ (CASE #24GG0033)

Assistant Trainer **Francisco R. Reyes** and **Luis Jimenez** appeared before the Stewards in response to the complaints filed against them regarding a verbal confrontation the two had on February 10, 2024. The incident took place near the back door area of the jockey’s room.

Both gentlemen acknowledged they had a disagreement that was resolved and were admonished for their lack of decorum.

5/4/24⁵

GELDING PULLED UP – 1ST RACE

#6 **Ballroom Prince** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) was injured near the ¾ pole and was pulled by Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** during the first race, a one-mile event on the man (tapeta) track.

Ballroom Prince was given a ride in the horse ambulance back to **Mr. Sherman's** barn.

5/4/24⁶

STEWARDS REVIEW – 5TH RACE

The Stewards conducted a video review for the benefit of the wagering public that clearly shows #4 **Loaded Muscat** (Tr. **Samuel Calvario**) caused his own problem and was declared a starter despite the poor start.

5/4/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,162	\$763,910.30
SCOTWINC		\$1,253,188.94
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$272,443.79
TOTAL	7,042	\$4,477,518.66

SUNDAY

5/5/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #2 **Tom's Pic** (Tr. **J. Maravilla**) Sick – **M. Christin, DVM**

Refunds: \$570.50

2ND Race #5 **Pretty Thirsty** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) claimed, **E. Miranda**, trainer

7TH Race Declaration #3 **Honos Man** (Tr. **R. France**) Off Turf – **Stewards**

Refunds: \$492.90

7TH Race #4 **Supermazel** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) claimed, **S. Sherman**, trainer

5/5/24²

OFF TURF

Two turf races scheduled for today were moved to the main track.

5/5/24³

RULING #72 – CATALINO MARTINEZ

GGF RULING #72

Jockey **CATALINO MARTINEZ** who rode **TURA LURA** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on May 4, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Sunday, May 12, 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 **Catalino Martinez** met with the Stewards for a video review of his ride on "**Tura Lura**" (Tr. **Samuel Calvario**) in yesterday's (5-4-24) sixth race.

Mr. Martinez acknowledged he used the riding crop seven times, and the Stewards issued the foregoing ruling.

5/5/24⁴

CLAIM VOIDED – 3RD RACE

The Stewards were notified by the Official Veterinarian, **Forrest Franklin, DVM** that the winner of the third race "**Affectionto Autism**" (Tr. **Sam Calvario**), who pulled up after the finish and was given a ride in the horse ambulance to the test barn has been placed on the Veterinarians list for being unsound in the left hind leg.

The claim submitted by trainer **Steve Sherman** was voided and the five-year-old gelding was returned to **Mr. Calvario's barn**.

5/5/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	689	\$251,798.16
SCOTWINC		\$1,470,784.97
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$212,538.54
TOTAL	1,511	\$2,399,954.22

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/3	Sat 5/4	Sun 5/5	Week	Meet
Accidents	N	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	O	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	3	2	5	121
Disqualifications	A	0	0	0	7
Inquiries	C	0	0	0	12
Refunds	I	2	2	5	137
Rulings	3	0	1	4	72
Voided Claims	G	0	1	1	29

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

George Yniguez, Steward

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