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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday May 6, 2024, through Sunday, May 12, 2024.

WEDNESDAY5/8/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Mr. Dennis Nevin was the lone occupant in the Stewards Office this day. He helped the racing department to produce an eight-race card with fifty-five entrants.

An entry panel convened to look into Friday's Races. Along with **Mr. Nevin, Drs. Grande, Lorbiecki, and Franklin**. Discussed Equine Health.

THURSDAY5/9/24¹**FULL BOARD OF STEWARDS**

The full complement of Stewards were present as two hearings were on the agenda. **Mr. Nevin** once again was available to assist the racing office in manufacturing a race card for Sunday and to participate in Saturday's panel review. Similar to yesterday the panel had the same members with the addition of **Dr. Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director**.

5/9/24²**CALVARIO HEARING (24GG0023)**

The 10:30 a.m. hearing was re-scheduled for Sunday due to a communication issue. **Mr. Calvario** waived his ten-day notice.

5/9/24³**OTT FINANCIAL (24GG0032)**

Darin Ott was noticed to appear to answer to violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). To San Francisco Equine Inc. in the amount of \$2,159.00. Documentation was provided for services provided. **Ken Allison, DVM** was in our office to present his side. Owner **Ott** failed to respond; a ruling will follow.

FRIDAY

5/10/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

3RD Race Declaration #2 **Big Bad Bert** (Tr. **G. Preciado**) Ineligible - **Stewards**
(**Not A full Two Year Old**) Refunds: \$162.40

4TH Race Declaration #2 **Drumadoom** (Tr. **G. Greiner**) Sick – **Michael Perrone, DVM**
Refunds: \$178.62

4TH Race #4 **Mr Big Bucks** (Tr. **L. Mendez**) claimed, **R. France**, trainer

5/10/24²

HUGO HERRERA RULING

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** was present to review replay of Sunday’s sixth race. Video shows **Mr. Herrera** on the #1 going from the five path to almost the inside lane without looking behind him. While that was happening #7, with **Anne Sanguinetti**, was rolling into contention in the one path having to steady to avoid running onto the heels of #1. Fortunately, **Herrera** pulled his mount out allowing **Miss Sanguinetti** to make her way through after taking hold for three or four strides. The attached ruling was issued in a unanimous decision. Taking into consideration that this was Jockey **Herrera’s** second offence within sixty days additional days were added to the penalty.

GGF RULING #77

Jockey **HUGO HERRERA** who rode **GALLAND DE BESOS** in the sixth race at Golden Gate Fields on May 5, 2024, is suspended five (5) racing days, May 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25, 2024* for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference – a violation of California Horse Racing Board #1699 (b) (Riding Rules – Careless Riding, second offense in sixty days).

5/10/24³

RUEDA FINANCIAL (17GG0071)

Cinthia & Dominic Rueda appeared as ordered to answer to a financial complaint initiated by trainer **Arnold Torres**. Prior to the hearing Steward **George Yniguez**, who was chairing the proceedings, asked if there had been any agreements in place. Both parties indicated they would like a few minutes in the adjoining room to come to a payment plan.

After a brief timeout the parties presented a California Horse Racing Board form 51, Financial Complaint Agreement with payment terms. Two copies, one signed by **Cinthia Rueda** and **Arnold Torres** the second signed by **Dominic Rueda** and **Arnold Torres** were presented to this Board of Stewards for acknowledgement and added to the case file.

5/10/24⁴

RACE 1 – VOIDED CLAIM

The claim submitted by trainer **Sam Calvario** for #1 **David N Rays Candy** was voided by the Board of Stewards after notification from California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Franklin** that he had put the four-year-old filly on the Vet’s list for soundness issues to both fore limbs.

5/10/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|
| ON TRAC | 240 | \$128,124.36 |
| SCOTWINC | | \$937,542.79 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$146,942.56 |
| TOTAL | 913 | \$1,524,798.12 |

SATURDAY

5/11/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

2ND Race Declaration #1 **Blue Silver** (Tr. **G. Haley**) Sick – **Brent Cassidy, DVM**
Refunds: See Below

2ND Race Declaration #4 **Almanera (IRE)** (Tr. **J. Thomas**) Vet Panel – **Stewards**
Refunds: \$328.60 No Show Wagering

5/11/24²

DURAN CROP VIOLATION

Jockey **Francisco Duran** met with this panel to explain his ride in yesterday's seventh race. Prior to viewing the replay, he admitted to using the crop over the limit. Video does show **Duran's** violation, eight strikes. All parties agreed therefore the following ruling was published.

GGF RULING #76

Jockey **FRANCISCO DURAN** who rode **WINNING LOVER** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on May 10, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Saturday May 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, two strikes over the limit), for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

5/11/24³

JAMEY THOMAS

Trainer **Jamey Thomas** appeared as requested to answer to allegations of disorderly conduct towards a racing official. Director of Racing/Racing Secretary **Steve Martinelli** had made this office aware of a conversation which had mixed words and a threat initiated by Trainer **Thomas**. **Mr. Thomas** gave his version of the incident and admitted to the allegations. Decision to follow.

5/11/24⁴

RACE 2 VOIDED CLAIM

After being notified by California Horse Racing Board Vet **Franklin** that **Artemus Gordon** was unsound in the right front during the post claim examination this panel voided the claim submitted by trainer **Manuel Badilla**. The gelding will remain in the custody of trainer **Tim McCanna**.

5/11/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 877 | \$249,959.72 |
| SCOTWINC | | \$1,270,455.22 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$239,052.55 |
| TOTAL | 1,912 | \$2,362,481.55 |

SUNDAY

5/12/24¹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1ST Race Declaration #2 **Anisette** (Tr. **O.J. Jauregui**) Panel – **Stewards**

Refunds: \$644.97

4TH #2 **Blursday** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) claimed, **B. Wright** trainer

5TH Race Declaration #3 **Gold Candy** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) Horse is a Gelding

6TH Race Declaration #6 **Avoir** (Tr. **P. Miller**) Sick – **Brent Cassady, DVM**

Refunds: \$302.78

5/12/24²

CALVARIO HEARING (CASE #240023)

Trainer **Sam Calvario** was present, representing himself, to answer to a charge of a violation to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (b)(workouts). A trainee of **Mr. Calvario** suffered an internal problem which led to the demise of the equine and the resulting "Fatality Review" discovered morning workout from two weeks earlier without a prework exam.

The Investigative package was compiled by Investigator **J. Smith**. Investigator **Tolman** presented the complaint which was submitted into evidence. **Mr. Calvario** gave his testimony during the twenty-minute hearing. The Stewards will take the information provided and a decision will follow.

5/12/24³

RUEDA DECISION (REF 5/10/24⁽³⁾)

Following the hearing on Friday with Owners **Cinthia** and **Domonic Rueda** and trainer **Arnold Torres**. The following ruling was issued. Additionally, a payment agreement has been put in place and failure to abide by that pact in any way will constitute a violation of Board Rules and may result in the suspension of California Horse Racing Board licenses.

GGF RULING #77

Owners **CINTHIA & DOMINIC RUEDA**, having now appeared before the Board of Stewards at Golden Gate Fields on May 10, 2024, to address Pacific Racing Association ruling #35, which was issued on December 8, 2019, for failure to appear is hereby set aside.

Further, Owners **CINTHIA & DOMINIC RUEDA**, having now signed a financial payment agreement to satisfy their debt of \$36,900.00 to Trainer **ARNOLD TORRES** are eligible for relicensing.

5/12/24⁴

THOMAS RULING #78 (REF 5/11/24⁽³⁾)

The attached ruling was issued after this Board of Stewards took into consideration the interviews with **Jamey Thomas** and **Steve Martinelli**.

GGF RULING #78

Owner/Trainer **JAMEY THOMAS** is fined Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct- Boisterous Language towards a Racing Official) at Golden Gate Fields on May 9, 2024.

5/12/24⁵

LEONEL CAMACHO – FLORES CROP VIOLATION

Jockey **Leonel Camacho – Flores** appeared as requested to describe his use of the riding crop. Prior to viewing replays **Mr. Camacho – Flores** admitted to crop usage being over the limit.

GGF RULING #79

Jockey **LEONEL CAMACHO-FLORES** who rode **THANKS MAGGIO (ARG)** in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on May 11, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day Sunday May 19, 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).

5/12/24⁶

PROGRAMS CANCELLED

Due to an extreme lack of interest at the entry box the program for Friday, May 17, has been abandoned.

Being pro-active, with a scheduled four-day race week, Memorial Day weekend, the powers to be have met and decided to scrub entries for Friday, May 24TH. Race days for the next two weeks hope to be Saturday, 5/18 & Sunday 5/19, and Saturday, 5/25, Sunday 5/26 & Monday 5/27.

5/12/24⁷

RACE 2 – STEWARDS INQUIRY

The inquiry was posted by the Stewards to look into a bumping incident inside the 1/8TH pole. Video shows #6, **Reef City**, with **Assael Espinoza** ducking out bumping #4 **Brother O'Brien**, ridden by **Frank Alvarado**, off stride.

At the time of this incident #6 was half a length in front of #4. As it turns out the bumping did not affect the running of the race as #4 was a runaway winner. In a unanimous decision there was no change of the order of finish.

5/12/24⁸

RACE 3 – VOIDED CLAIMS

Two horses in race three had claim slips dropped in the box. Both horses while going through the post claim exam, were determined to be unsound and put on the Vet’s list resulting in having the claims voided by the Stewards.

#1, **Mars on Fire**, was unsound in the left knee, the claim submitted by **Manny Badilla** was nullified and the gelding remains in the custody of **Isidro Tamayo**.

#4, **Cowboy Charlie**, stays with **Terri Eaton** due to left front lameness. **Gary Greiner’s** claim was therefore negated.

5/12/24⁹

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 1,403 | \$282,350.03 |
| SCOTWINC | | \$1,453,813.11 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$223,066.68 |
| TOTAL | 2,198 | \$2,404,682.79 |

SUMMARY

| | Fri 5/10 | Sat 5/11 | Sun 5/12 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 123 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 13 |
| Refunds | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 143 |
| Rulings | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 79 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 32 |

Richard Lewis, Steward

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Dennis Nevin, Steward

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