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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, August 13 through Sunday, August 18, 2024.

WEDNESDAY08/14/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Calvin Rainey was once again present to oversee entries for Saturday, August 17, 2024, and scratches and changes for Friday, August 16, 2024. Seventy-seven horses were entered for the nine-races scheduled for Saturday.

08/14/24²**VETERINARIAN PANEL**

Steward **Calvin Rainey** joined the "Veterinarian Panel" consisting of DVMs **Tim Grande**, **Forrest Franklin** and **Jocelyn Lorbiecki** for their review of the horses scheduled to run on Friday, August 16, 2024.

THURSDAY08/15/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Calvin Rainey** was present for scratches and changes for the races scheduled to be run on Saturday, August 17, 2024, and monitoring the draw for the races to be run on Sunday, August 18, 2024.

08/15/24²**JANICE ANDERSON (CASE # 24GG0054)**

The Scheduled hearing for **Janice Anderson** (Mutuel Supervisor) for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1969 (Wagering Prohibited) has been postponed to a later date due to a procedural issue.

08/15/24³**CANDACE WOZNIAK (Case #24GG0028)**

A formal hearing was held today for **Candace Wozniak** (Racing Official – Assistant Simulcast Supervisor) who has been charged with an alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1969 (Wagering Prohibited). In addition to respondent **Wozniak** those present were **CHRB Investigator Jennifer Tolman** and the Board of Stewards. CSR **Christine Niccoli** transcribed the proceedings.

The complaint alleges...

“On 3/3/24 Assistant Simulcast Facility Supervisor **Candace Wozniak** was working Admissions at the San Mateo County Events Center Jockey Club. At approximately 11:19 hours, Mutuel Supervisor **Janice Anderson** placed several horse racing bets on her behalf as a gift. Ms. Anderson subsequently gave the vouchers to Ms. Wozniak. It is unknown if Ms. Wozniak had any winning vouchers that day.”

After hearing the case presented by **Investigator Tolman** and respondent **Wozniak’s** response, including lengthy questioning by the Stewards and accepting exhibits for evidence the hearing was concluded. A decision forthcoming.

FRIDAY
08/16/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 1 Scratch #1 – Dominite Dominic (Tr. M. Stortz) Injured – Ash Cloninger, DVM

Refunds: See Below

Scratch #4 – Red Sven (Tr. S. Calvario) Sick – Ash Cloninger, DVM

Refunds: \$68.00

Race 4 Scratch #4 – Mo Town (Tr. W. McLean) Unsound – Ash Cloninger, DVM

Refunds: \$91.30

Race 6 Scratch #1 – Acero (Tr. T. Bellasis) Sick – Ash Cloninger, DVM

Refunds: See Below

Scratch #6 – Runnin Ute (tr. D.W. Baker) Sick – Ash Cloninger, DVM

Refunds: \$102.50

Race 8 Scratch #2 – Charlottes Delight (Tr. R. Lucas)

Unseated Rider leaving Paddock – Ran Off – Stewards Refunds: \$727.77

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Ruling #3 – ASSAEL ESPINOZA

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Espinoza met with the Stewards and acknowledged he violated the crop rule during the second race on Sunday, August 11, 2024. Mr. Espinoza used his riding crop seven times, one strike over the limit.

SCF RULING #3

Jockey **ASSAEL ESPINOZA** who rode **LITTLE LILIANA** in the second race at Sonoma County Fair on August 11, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day, Friday August 23, 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).

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INQUIRY – OBJECTION – DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the second race to review an incident in the stretch involving #3 Pennypatter (Alexander Chavez), first horse to cross the Finish Line and #6, Runnin On Promises (Adrian Castellanos), who finished second. Jockey Castellanos also lodged a claim of foul regarding the incident. After considering the Patrol Judges report and reviewing video, the Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #3, Pennypatter, from first to second. The video clearly shows #3, Pennypatter, duck out from left-handed crop use, bump and impede #6, Runnin On Promises, inside the 1/16th pole, preventing the latter the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish: **3-6-1-4-2-5**

Official Order of Finish: **6-3-1-4-2-5**

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ACCIDENT -INQUIRY – NO CHANGE

The Stewards conducted an INQUIRY following the seventh race in order to determine what caused jockey **William Antongeorgi III** to fall from his mount, #3 RINGTONE (Tr. Phil Oviedo) soon after the start of this one-mile event.

Fortunately, **Mr. Antongeorgi III** was uninjured and it was clear that the webbing of his left stirrup failed, he lost his balance and fell. No other horses were involved, and the race was made Official.

08/16/24⁵

CLAIM VOIDED – 6th RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer **Isidro Tamayo** for #3, **CROWN MAGIC** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) was voided by the Stewards after they were informed by CHRB Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** that the three-year-old gelding was lame in the left foreleg. **CROWN MAGIC** was returned to the Specht barn.

08/16/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,285	\$97,237.98
SCOTWINC		\$456,024.99
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$105,461.70
TOTAL	1,996	\$1,051,374.96

SATURDAY

08/17/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 3 Scratch #2 – Wine and Whiskey (Tr. I. Tamayo) Injured – Brittany Bazeley, DVM
Refunds: See Below
Scratch #4 – Anyotherquestions (Tr. S. Stevens) Injured – Ash Cloninger, DVM
Refunds: \$176.35
Race 7 Scratch #10 – Dungarvin Oak (tr. I. Tamayo) Sick – Ash Cloninger, DVM
Refunds: \$170.10
Race 8 Scratch #2 – Anisette (Tr. O.J. Jauregui) Injured – Ash Cloninger, DVM
Refunds: \$158.05

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RULING #4 - SANTOS RIVERA

SCF RULING #4

Jockey SANTOS RIVERA who rode UNCLE WALT in the sixth race at Sonoma County Fair on August 16, 2024, is suspended one (1) racing day, Saturday August 24, 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).

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Santo Rivera met with the Stewards and acknowledged he used his riding crop seven times and accepted the penalty.

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RACE 8 – VOIDED CLAIM

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer **Francisco Rodriguez** for the filly **LITTLE LADY LOU** (Tr. **Steve Sherman**) after being notified by CHRB Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** that she was unsound in the right forelimb. **LITTLE LADY LOU** was returned to the barn of trainer **Steve Sherman**.

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CLEAR RACING

The afternoon race program was conducted without any other noteworthy incidents.

08/17/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,907	\$163,779.02
SCOTWINC		\$451,766.68
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$171,306.10
TOTAL	3,108	\$1,003,079.93

Sunday

08/18/24¹

PROGRAM CHANGES

Race 5 Scratch #7 – Warren’s Wild Ride (Tr. M. Lenzini) Injured – Brittany Bazeley, DVM
Refunds: \$187.10

Race 6 Scratch #4 – Tiger Queen (Tr. I. Tamayo) Sick – Brittany Bazeley, DVM
Refunds: \$368.00

Race 8 Scratch #1 – Bedowntomessaround (Tr. J. Thomas) Sick – Ash Cloninger, DVM
Refunded: See Below

Scratch #5 – Retina Vibrating (Tr. J. Ramos) Sick – Brittany Bazeley, DVM

Refunds: See Below

Scratch #8 – Chatty Leroybrown (Tr. S. Perez) Injured – Brittany Bazeley, DVM

Refunds: \$201.30

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CANDACE WOZNIAK RULING (CASE #24GG0028)

Candace Wozniak having appeared for a formal hearing on August 15, 2024, has been issued a Warning, by unanimous decision, for having a wager placed on her behalf by an associate in celebration of her birthday.

Ms. Wozniak, although currently licensed as “Assistant Simulcast Facility Supervisor” has never filled that position and has only been an “Admissions Clerk” at the San Mateo County Events Center Jockey Club since it opened in 2008.

SCF RULING #5

Assistant Simulcast Facility Supervisor **Candice Wozniak** is issued a Formal Warning for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1969 (Wagering Prohibited) at the San Mateo County Events Center Jockey Club on March 3, 2024.

08/18/24³

LATE DECLARATION- RACE 3

#7, **LADY PROUD (Tr. Steve Sherman)** was injured in the Saddling Paddock and on the recommendation of Track Veterinarian **Ash Cloninger**, the Stewards scratched the three-year-old filly.

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VOIDED CLAIM – RACE 7

After being contacted by CHRB Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin** that the horse **CROSS EXAMINE** was deemed Unsound with soreness in both front ankles and put on the Vet’s List, the Stewards voided the claim submitted by trainer **Jorge Maravilla**. The horse will remain in the barn of trainer **Steve Sherman**.

08/18/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,086	\$172,542.85
SCOTWINC		\$447,295.45
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$140,195.80
TOTAL	3,107	\$1,273,770.91

SUMMARY

	Fri 8/16	Sat 8/17	Sun 8/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	1	1	1	3	7
Disqualifications	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	4
Refunds	4	3	3	10	31
Rulings	1	1	1	3	3
Voided Claims	1	1	0	2	3

Dennis Nevin, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

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