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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
Alameda County Fair
Pleasanton, CA
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Report for the Week of Monday June 17, 2024, through Sunday, June 23, 2024.

WEDNESDAY6/19/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Cal Rainey** was present for entries and scratches and any other matters which did not require a quorum.

THURSDAY6/20/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Once again **Mr. Rainey** was present to supervise entries for next Sunday and any and all situations which needed a Steward's attention.

FRIDAY6/21/24¹**APPRENTICE JOCKEY LICENSED**

Applicant **Alfredo Bautista** was approved for an apprentice jockey license after he appeared with all the necessary documentation. He had met previously with the Stewards at Golden Gate Fields and was told to return when he was named to ride on the overnight. He is scheduled to ride **Drive By** in the third race tomorrow for Trainer **Felix Rondan**.

6/21/24²**EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3RD Race #1 **Embraceable You** (Tr. **M. Ramirez**) injured – **Dr. Cloninger**. Refunds: \$47.00

6/21/24³**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Alexander Chavez** appeared as directed to review Sunday's second race where his application of the crop came under scrutiny. After reviewing the race with us **Mr. Chavez** agreed the number of strikes was in excess of the permitted level and the following ruling was issued.

PLN RULING #2

Jockey **ALEXANDER CHAVEZ** who rode **SUPERMAZEL** the in second race, at the Alameda County Fair is suspended one (1) racing day, Friday June 28, 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).

California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (b) The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in Designated Races in California.

6/21/24⁴

LATE SCRATCH- FIFTH RACE- REFUND

#1 **Shadowed Thoughts** was scratched by the Stewards on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian **Ashton Cloninger** after the filly acted up in the Starting Gate and was injured. On Vet's List, the refund amounted to \$43,506.10.

6/21/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 3,375 | \$190,428.30 |
| SCOTWINC | | \$561,710.97 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$73,592.10 |
| TOTAL | 3,897 | \$1,065,912.29 |

SATURDAY

6/22/24¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey **Francisco Duran** appeared to review the tapes of yesterday' seventh race where his crop use was questioned. **Francisco** had already reviewed the race on-line before he appeared and knew he used the crop more than allowed by the rules. He pled guilty as charged. The following ruling was issued.

PLN RULING #3

Jockey **FRANCISCO DURAN** who rode **NOT MY RODEO** in the ninth race at the **Alameda County Fair**, on Saturday June 22, 2024, is suspended one (1) race day, Sunday, June 30, 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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6/22/24²

Jockey **IRVING OROZCO** appeared to review two races from yesterday where he and his mount drifted out down the lane. In both races his actions did not cost a competitor a better placing but the drift was unnecessary and he was caution to keep his mounts on a true course in the stretch.

6/22/24³

DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS

3RD Race Declaration #7 **Uncle Juan** (Tr. **J. Ramos**) sick – **Dr. Christian DVM**
Refunds: \$134.50

4TH Race Declaration #5 **Surf Star** (Tr. **D. Franko**) sick – **Dr. Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: See Below

4TH Race Declaration #8 **Going Great Guns** (Tr. **A. Rubalcaba**) sick – **Dr. Christian DVM**
Refunds \$323.00

9TH Race Declaration #7 **Mohawk King** (Tr. **M. Lenzini**) sick – **Dr. Cloninger DVM**
Refunds: \$83.80

6/22/24⁴

OBJECTION – FOURTH RACE – NO CHANGE

Jockey **Adrian Castellanos** who rode the place horse #4 **Knightwithlouis**, lodged a claim of foul against the winner #1 **Coracoracora**, ridden by **Alexander Chavez**. **Castellanos** alleged interference at the head of the stretch. After a thorough review the Stewards disallowed the objection.

Tapes allowed that **Chavez**, aboard **Coracoracora**, shifted out to the middle of the track as the field straightened out for the stretch drive. **Chavez** got close to **Knightwithlouis** but never made contact **Castellanos'** mount and never made that horse alter course or shorten stride.

6/22/24⁵

STEWARDS INQUIRY – JOCKEY OBJECTION – NINTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign to investigate an incident at the top of the stretch between the winner, #4 **Big Spur**, ridden by **Alexander Chavez**, and the place horse, #2 **Contrary Chieftain**, with **Luis Jimenez** in the saddle. While the race was under review **Jimenez** lodged a claim of foul against **Chavez**. **Jimenez** felt **Chavez** forced him to the outside as the field raced around the far turn. After a completing our analysis of the incident the Stewards made no change to the order of finish.

Tapes showed that both jockeys shifted their mounts out from behind the leaders as the field straightened away down the lane and slight contact between the two was observed. In the majority opinion of the Stewards the incident did not cost **Contrary Chieftain** the win. Steward **Rainey** felt a disqualification was warranted.

6/22/24⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 6,325 | \$320,575.70 |
| SCOTWINC | | \$749,265.40 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$142,415.70 |
| TOTAL | 7,304 | \$1,578,884.87 |

SUNDAY

6/23/24¹

TRACK CONDITION

The Stewards have noticed the jockey colony is forsaking racing along the rail so far this meeting which is not all that unusual at Pleasanton but it seems more pronounced this year.

Track man **Steve Wood** has a penchant for making the rail deeper (read safer) than the middle of the track which makes the going tougher for inside horses. To avoid using up their horses the jockeys shift their mounts to the middle of the track leaving the rail vacant. The resulting concentration of horses in the middle of the track is causing quarters to be closer than need be and raising concerns in the jockey colony.

The Stewards have initiated conversations with the racing staff, management and **Steve Wood** to see what can be done to alleviate the situation.

6/23/24²

REMAND RULINGS

ACF RULINGS #4 & #5

Acting on an Order of Remand to The Board of Stewards and in accordance with a Proposed Decision adopted by the California Horse Racing Board, Trainer **Terri Eaton** is fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1895 (Trainer's duty to Insure Licensed Participation), on June 9, 2023.

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532, Fines Shall Be Paid to the Paymaster within seven (7) calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

Acting on an Order of Remand to The Board of Stewards and in accordance with a Proposed Decision adopted by the California Horse Racing Board, Owner **CORY SOLTAU** is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1840 (Veterinary Practices and Treatments Restricted), and #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers), on June 9, 2023.

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532, Fines Shall Be Paid to the Paymaster within seven (7) calendar days from the date of this ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.

The above rulings were issued after the cases were remanded to the Stewards for the imposition of the penalties. The cases were heard by the Stewards last year and a subsequent proposed decision was then adopted by the California Horses Racing Board.

6/23/24³

FILM REVIEW

Apprentice **Alfredo Bautista** met with the Stewards to review his first race as a jockey in yesterday's third event. **Mr. Bautista** acquitted himself nicely while competing in the 5 ½ furlong dash but ran afoul of the whip rule in his initial outing which resulted in the following ruling:

ACF RULING #6

Jockey **ALFREDO BAUTISTA** who rode **DRIVE BY** in the third race at the **Alameda County Fair**, on Saturday June 22, 2024, is suspended one (1) race day, Sunday, June 30, 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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6/23/24⁴

DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS

3RD Race Declaration #3 **Silver Flirt** (Tr. **D.W. Baker**) sick – **Dr. Cox DVM** Refund: \$107.70

4TH Race Declaration #7 **Got Soul** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) injured – **Dr. Cox DVM** Refund: \$166.10

6/23/24⁵

SECOND RACE – LATE DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS

Shortly before the horses were to leave the receiving barn for the paddock for the second race Official Veterinarian **Forrest Franklin DVM** contacted the Stewards reporting that #4 **Winsome Love**, trained by **Manuel Badilla**, was unsound on the right front and recommended the horse be scratched. On Vet's List the refund amounted to:

During the warm up for the second race Racing Veterinarian **Ashton Cloninger** reported that #1 **Big Bad Bert**, trained by **Sergio Perez** was off in the hind quarters and should be scratched. On Vet's List the refund totaled: \$7510.37

6/23/24⁶

STEWARDS INQUIRY – EIGHTH RACE – NO CHANGE

The Stewards illuminated the inquiry lamp to evaluated the stretch run involving the second-place finisher #6 **Chickenfingerfriday** ridden by **Hugo Herrera** and #5 **Precedent Luke** (10th **Irving Orozco**). After a thorough review the Stewards took no action with respect to the placings.

Taped showed that **Chickenfingerfriday** drifted in at the 1/8 pole and caused **Precedent Luke** to check. At the time of the incident **Precedent Luke** was advancing to the rear and the Stewards determined he was not cost the opportunity at a better placing.

Jockey **Hugo Herrera** will meet with the Stewards and review the tapes of the race.

6/23/24⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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|---------------------------|-------|----------------|
| ON TRACK | 5,620 | \$316,867.20 |
| SCOTWINC | | \$652,287.35 |
| OUT OF STATE + ADW | N/A | \$133,631.40 |
| TOTAL | 6,459 | \$1,537,689.62 |

SUMMARY

| | Fri 6/21 | Sat 6/22 | Sun 6/23 | Week | Meet |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Claims | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inquiries | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Refunds | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 10 |
| Rulings | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

John Herbuveaux, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Calvin Rainey, Steward

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