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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Monday July 01, 2024, through Sunday, July 07, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**7/2/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward **Richard Lewis** was present to join the California Horse Racing Board Entry Panel at 11:00 a.m. for Thursday, July 4, 2024, **Drs. Lorbiecki, Grande, Franklin and Blea** were present for the review.

**WEDNESDAY**7/3/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

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

**THURSDAY**7/4/24<sup>1</sup>**DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration #1 **SGL Prime Time** (Tr. **Juan Manuel Hernandez**) injured- **C. Cox, DVM**  
Refunds: See Below

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration #2 **Morgan Hill on Fire** (Tr. **I. Guillen**) sick – **C. Cox, DVM**  
Refunds: \$130.30

3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #4 **Daddy's Nina** (Tr. **Marcelino Trujillo**) sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM**  
Refunds: \$122.40

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Drive By** (Tr. **F. Rondan**) sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM** Refunds: \$79.20

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Magicisthemoonlight** (Tr. **J. Bautista**) sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM**  
Refunds: \$133.90

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #6 **Westward Breeze** (Tr. **B. McLean**) sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM**  
Refunds: \$128.70

7/4/24<sup>2</sup>**HIWU DISQUALIFICATION**

The following ruling was issued after receiving notice from HIWU that **Blaze of Dreams** should be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

#### **PLN RULING #10 (AMENDED)**

Acting upon notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU) that the post-race sample obtained from the horse **Blaze of Dreams**, who finished fourth in the eighth race at Golden Gate Fields on April 20, 2024, contained the Controlled Medication Substance 2 – (1-Hydroxyethyl) Promazine Sulfoxide (Class B), it is hereby ordered that **Blaze of Dreams** be disqualified and deemed unplaced.

The consequences of disqualification include forfeiture of all purses and repayments 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 **Browne Cattle Co.** be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Golden Gate Fields on or before August 4, 2024 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award to be Withheld).

Revised order of finish: 1<sup>ST</sup> **Driver's Ed** 2<sup>ND</sup> **Artemus Gordon** 3<sup>RD</sup> **He's Init to Winit** 4<sup>TH</sup> **Amanofmystature** 5<sup>TH</sup> **Eddie Crosswire** 6<sup>TH</sup> **Continental Union** 7<sup>TH</sup> **Big Don's Smiling** 8<sup>TH</sup> **Mischievous Pirate**.

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

7/4/24<sup>3</sup>

#### **EXERCISE RIDER STOPPED IN**

Exercise rider **Jesus Arriaga** stopped in to see the Stewards this morning to see what steps were needed to pay a fine that was leveled in 2023 against him and to renew his California Horse Racing Board license as an exercise rider.

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

#### **ENTRY PANEL**

AT 11:00a.m. Steward **Lewis** and CARF Representative **Juliana Gomes** joined **Drs. Blea, Grande** and **Franklin** for a review of the horses scheduled to race on Saturday, July 6<sup>TH</sup>. Nine horses were designated as "hard watches" for Saturday's races.

7/4/24<sup>5</sup>

#### **HAND TIMED RACES (QUARTER HORSES)**

The 300-yard start times communication light was not functioning property thus the first and second races were hand timed.

7/4/24<sup>6</sup>

#### **INQUIRY – 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**

The Stewards posted the inquiry after the running of the race. Due to interference in the stretch the Stewards disqualified #5 **La Cokena** and placed the horse behind #4 **Luna Special**. The original order of finish was 3, 6, 7, 8, 5, 4. The official order of finish after the Steward's inquiry is 3, 6, 7, 8, 4, 5. Jockey **Damian Cruz** was placed on the board in the jockey's room to see the Stewards and review the video of the race.

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

#### **LATE JOCKEY CHANGE**

Jockey **William Antongeorgi III** was injured in the paddock prior to the eighth race when kicked by #4 **Blazing Peme** and excused from his riding engagement. Jockey **Irving Orozco** filled in to ride #4 **Blazing Peme**.

7/4/24<sup>8</sup>

#### **JOCKEY INJURED**

While the horses were loading into the starting gate for the eighth race, number 9 **Now Then** became fractious and threw Jockey **Hugo Herrera** out of the gate. **Hugo Herrera** landed hard on the ground and injured his right leg. Jockey **Hugo Herrera** was put into the Royal Ambulance on a gurney. A replacement Jockey was not found for #9 **Now Then** (Tr. **M. Ramirez**) and the horse was a late scratch by the Stewards from the final race of the day. The race originally scheduled to be run at 5:22 p.m. was delayed till 5:43 p.m.

7/4/24<sup>9</sup>

#### **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	3,115	\$225,755.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$588,151.78
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$108,055.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,750	\$1,282,750.08

**FRIDAY**  
7/5/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Rich Gold** (Tr. **I. Tamayo**) sick – **C. Cox, DVM**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Fifty Cinco** (Tr. **S. Sherman**) sick – **M. Christin, DVM**  
Refunds: \$285.40

4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Lookin at Sweetie** (Tr. **A. Mathis**) sick – **M. Christin, DVM**  
Refunds: \$132.00

5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #1 **Bob's Vai** (Tr. **F. Taylor**) sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM** Refunds: \$49.50

6<sup>TH</sup> Race Jockey Change #4 **Lady Wolf Catalino Martinez**

7/5/24<sup>2</sup>

**GROOM BENITEZ ON PROBATION**

The following ruling was issued, and Groom **Ramiro Benitez** is placed on Probation through December 31, 2024.

**PLN RULING #11 (AMENDED)**

Suspended Groom **RAMIRO C. BENITEZ**, having appeared before the Board of Stewards and a hearing having been held at the Alameda County Fair, Pacific Racing Association ruling #56, suspending **MR. BENITEZ** for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) is hereby set aside.

Furthermore, **MR. BENITEZ** is placed on probation through December 31, 2024 for creating a disturbance in the barn area on February 17, 2024 and for testing positive for illegal substances; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct).

Prior to the re-instatement of his license privileges **MR. BENITEZ** must submit to an evaluation by the Winner's Foundation, agree to abide by any recommendations from that organization acceptable to the Board of Stewards and remain on a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board.

7/5/24<sup>3</sup>

**LATE SCRATCH**

On the advice from the California Horse Racing Board Veterinarian **Dr. F. Franklin**. The Stewards scratched #5 **America's Mark** (Tr. **S. Specht**) after the filly flipped and injured herself in the receiving barn prior to the third (3) race. The injured horse was placed on the Veterinarians list.

7/5/24<sup>4</sup>

**TOTE LOCKED**

With less than 1 minute to post time for the third race (post 2:49 pm). Placing Judge **Angela Couton** inadvertently bumped the judges tote console and locked (stopped) the wagering on that race.

7/5/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	3,049	\$160,508.00
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$594,536.73
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$104,878.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,700	\$1,223,921.13

**SATURDAY**  
7/6/24<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Race Declaration #4 **Lemon Haze** (Tr. **S. Calvario**) sick – **C. Cox, DVM** Refunds: \$672.00

7/6/24<sup>2</sup> **1<sup>ST</sup> RACE – NO SHOW WAGERING**

Due to the scratch of #4 **Lemon Haze**, the first race is a no wagering event.

7/6/24<sup>3</sup> **LATE SCRATCH – 3<sup>RD</sup> RACE**

#2 **Cestrand** (Tr. **G. Haley**) was fractious loading into the starting gate and got her front legs over the starting gate per Track Veterinarian **A. Cloninger, DVM**  
Refunds: \$14,341.00

7/6/24<sup>4</sup> **LATE SCRATCH – 5<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

#3 **Stretch Run** (Tr. **J. Maravilla**) flipped in the starting gate per Track Veterinarian **A. Cloninger, DVM** Refunds: \$21,510.28

7/6/24<sup>5</sup> **LATE SCRATCH – 7<sup>TH</sup> RACE**

#7 **Frank the Cat** (Tr. **V. Trujillo**) got loose while loading in to the starting gate and was caught by outrider **Ashton Compoy** at the 7/8 pole. **Frank the Cat** sustained a cut on his leg and was scratched as injured by Track Veterinarian **A. Cloninger, DVM**. Refunds: \$36,711.98

7/6/24<sup>6</sup> **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	4,478	\$203,524.00
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$628,931.77
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$136,327.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	5,533	\$1,509,707.97

**SUNDAY**

7/7/24<sup>1</sup> **DECLARATIONS CHANGES & REFUNDS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race Declaration #6 **Reef City** (Tr. **J. Bonde**) sick – **A. Cloninger, DVM** Refunds: \$285.48  
3<sup>RD</sup> Race Declaration #2 **Gentle Julie** (Tr. **M. Stortz**) sick – **M. Christin, DVM** Refunds: \$43.60  
4<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #5 **Deo** (Tr. **G. Haley**) sick – **C. Cox, DVM** Refunds: \$104.96  
5<sup>TH</sup> Race Declaration #2 **Druidic** (Tr. **D. Baker**) sick – **C. Cox, DVM** Refunds: \$93.70  
8<sup>TH</sup> Race #6 **Zeus' War** (Tr. **T. Mc Canna**) will race with shoes on.

7/7/24<sup>2</sup> **JOCKEY OFF MOUNTS**

**Irving Orozco** who could not make the weight to ride today contacted the Stewards and is off his mount in the first race.

7/7/24<sup>3</sup> **1<sup>ST</sup> RACE – RIDER CHANGE**

Jockey **Alejandro Gomez** filled in to ride #4 **Set Price** (**A. Mathis**) in the first race today.

7/7/24<sup>4</sup> **6<sup>TH</sup> RACE – DEAD HEAT**

The #3 **Coracoracora** and #6 **Far Over Loaded** finished in a dead heat for 4<sup>TH</sup> place

7/7/24<sup>5</sup> **6<sup>TH</sup> RACE OBJECTION**

#5 **R Heisman** (**P. Miller**) trainer **Miller** notified the Stewards after the race claiming foul against #8 **Drop Um** (**F. Rondan**). The Stewards reviewed the race and ruled there would be no change to the order of finish. The official order of finish: 8, 5, 7, dead heat (3,6), 1, 2, 4.

7/7/24<sup>6</sup> **INQUIRY/OBJECTION**

After the running of the 8<sup>TH</sup> race the Stewards posted the inquiry and the rider of #5 **Piroli** (Tr. **M. McCarthy**) **Jeremy Laprida**, claimed foul against #7 **Prince Abu Dhabi** (**B. Wright**), jockey

**Alexander Chavez**, the Stewards ruled that incident did not affect the outcome of the race. The Stewards made the race official with no changes to the order of finish.

7/7/24<sup>7</sup>

**TENTH RACE STEWARDS INQUIRY/ACCIDENT – NO CHANGE**

The Stewards lit the inquiry lamp to investigate the cause of a spill inside the ¼ pole of the final race of the meet at 1 1/16 miles. After a thorough review the Stewards took no action with respect to the placings. Tapes of the race showed #1 **Goodbye Kai** with **Catalino Martinez** in the saddle racing down the backstretch and experiencing an equipment malfunction. The shadow roll on the horse’s nose was loose and flopping up and down as the field neared the far turn. The cotton portion of the shadow roll was interfering with **Goodbye Kai’s** line of sight and probably contributed to the accident which was about to occur.

As the field negotiated the far turn and entered the stretch **Goodbye Kai** was racing along the rail behind and inside of #3 **Booming Bertrando** ridden by **Erick Garcia**. **Goodbye Kai** drifted off the rail, clipped the heels of **Booming Bertrando** and fell throwing **Martinez** to the track. #2 **Toppers Wager** was unable to avoid the down horse and fell unseating **Assael Espinoza**. A trailing horse, #7 **Later Tamartater**, collided with **Toppers Wager** but jockey **Epifanio Garcia** was able to maintain his balance and the horse and rider completed the course well behind the other finishers. Jockey **Catalino Martinez** was taken to the hospital for observation and **Espinoza** escaped injury. **Goodbye Kai** suffered fatal injurers in the spill but **Toppers Wager** left the track under his own power.

7/7/24<sup>8</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	5,580	\$391,061.21
<b>SCOTWINC</b>		\$1,035,916.58
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$271,411.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	6,443	\$2,120,287.36

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thur 7/04</b>	<b>Fri 7/05</b>	<b>Sat 7/06</b>	<b>Sun 7/07</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	6	1	0	1	8	18
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	2	3	4
<b>Refunds</b>	5	3	3	4	15	34
<b>Rulings</b>	1	1	1	0	3	12
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	1

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