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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKLY UPDATE

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of complaints, accusations, stewards rulings, and Board decisions involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and owner/trainer Dennis D. Ward, the stewards at Bay Meadows suspended Dennis D. Ward for 60 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d) and 1887 after Denaesalildevil tested positive for phentermine and its metabolite hydroxyphentermine. Dennis D. Ward was the owner and the assistant trainer in Northern California for the trainer of record, his son, Wesley A. Ward. Phentermine is a stimulant that is similar to amphetamine. Phentermine is used as an appetite suppressant in human medicine. The drug affects the central nervous system and has no legitimate veterinary medical use in the horse. Denaesalildevil won the 11th race at the Alameda County Fair on July 1, 2006. This is a Class II violation. In accordance with the stipulated agreement, the stewards placed Dennis D. Ward on probation for one year and stayed 30 days of the 60-day suspension on condition that he has no Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of the probation. The 30-day suspension began April 18 and concludes May 17. The stewards disqualified Denaesalildevil and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Wesley A. Ward, the stewards at Bay Meadows suspended Wesley A. Ward for 60 days and fined him \$25,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (c) and 1887 after Denaesalildevil tested positive for phentermine and its metabolite hydroxyphentermine. Denaesalildevil won the 11th race at the Alameda County Fair on July 1, 2006. This is a Class II violation. In accordance with the stipulated agreement, the stewards placed Wesley A. Ward on probation for one year and stayed the 60-day suspension on condition that he has no Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during probation.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Jerry Hollendorfer for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1859,5, and 1887 after a horse in his care, Dixie Crisp, tested positive for scopolamine, a Class 3 violation. Scopolamine is an anticholinergic drug that is also the toxic agent in the poisonous plant Jimson weed. Dixie Crisp finished first in the eighth race at Bay Meadows on February 19, 2007. A hearing date has not been set.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Jorge Alcala for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1843.1 (a) (b), 1843.6 (d) (1) (2), 1859.5, and 1887 after a horse in his care, Rapid Silver, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO₂). This is a Class 3 violation. Rapid Silver finished first in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 22, 2007. A hearing date has not been set.

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