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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.

The stewards at Cal Expo suspended trainer Matias Ruiz for 30 days (June 23 - July 22) and issued a \$2,500 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Amazing Glide, exceeded the regulatory threshold for albuterol. Amazing Glide finished first in the ninth race at Cal Expo on May 20, 2005. Albuterol is a bronchodilator. This is a Class 3 violation. The trainer has appealed this decision. The stewards disqualified Amazing Glide and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Gregory Vartanian, the stewards at Hollywood Park suspended Vartanian for 120 days (beginning July 1) and fined him \$5,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Youandiatdelmar, tested positive for methamphetamine. This is a Class 1 violation. Methamphetamine is a psychostimulant drug commonly referred to as “meth,” a human drug of abuse. Methamphetamine is closely related to amphetamine. Methamphetamine is believed to enter the horse from incidental contact with humans. Youandiatdelmar finished second in the first race at Santa Anita Park on March 30, 2006. Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, the stewards placed Vartanian on probation for one year and stayed the fine and 30 days of the suspension on condition that he has no Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during probation. The stewards disqualified Youandiatdelmar and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Oscar Garcia, the stewards at Hollywood Park suspended Garcia for seven days (July 6-12) and issued a \$3,000 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Super Harmony, tested positive for cetirizine and hydroxyzine. Super Harmony finished second in the first race at Santa Anita Park on January 28, 2007. Hydroxyzine is a medication prescribed for chronic allergies. Cetirizine is a pharmacologically active metabolite of hydroxyzine. This is a Class 3 violation. Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, the stewards placed Garcia on probation for one year and stayed the fine on condition that he has no Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during probation. The stewards disqualified Super Harmony and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer John Sadler, the

stewards at Hollywood Park suspended Sadler for 15 days and issued a \$7,500 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Cat and a Half, tested positive for cetirizine and hydroxyzine. The trainer has had previous cetirizine violations. Cat and a Half finished first in the first race at Hollywood Park on November 11, 2006. Pursuant to the terms of the stipulated agreement, the steward placed Sadler on probation for one year and stayed the suspension on condition that he has no Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during probation. The stewards disqualified Cat and a Half and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Los Alamitos issued a \$2,000 fine to trainer Adan Farias for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, How in the Blazes, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. How in the Blazes finished third in the third race at Los Alamitos on April 15, 2007. The stewards disqualified How in the Blazes and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Jorge Alcala, the trainer of Rapid Silver, the stewards at Hollywood Park fined the trainer \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.6 and 1887 after Rapid Silver exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>). This is a Class 3 violation. Rapid Silver finished first in the eighth race at Santa Anita Park on March 22, 2007. The stewards disqualified Rapid Silver and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The Board adopted the proposed decision of an administrative law judge approving a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Doug O'Neill under which the trainer will pay a \$3,000 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.6 and 1887 after Wisdom Cat, a horse in his care, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO<sub>2</sub>). This is a Class 3 violation. Wisdom Cat finished eighth (last) in the seventh race at Hollywood Park on May 27, 2006.

The Board adopted a stipulated agreement with Francisco Martin, Jr., the owner and trainer of Bumper Crop, by which the trainer is suspended 180 days and fined \$10,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1887 (a), 1843 (a) (b) and 1902, with the suspension and fine stayed for one year conditioned on one year of operation by Martin as a trainer and/or owner with no new Class 1, 2, or 3 violations, after Bumper Crop tested positive for hydromorphone. Bumper Crop finished second in the seventh race at Solano County Fair on July 21, 2005. Hydromorphone is a semi-synthetic opioid analgesic. This is a Class 1 violation. By agreement, Bumper Crop was disqualified and the purse will be redistributed.

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