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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 trainer Adan Farias, the stewards at Los Alamitos fined Farias \$10,000 and suspended him for one year beginning December 1, 2008, for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.1 and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported the blood and urine samples taken from Wild Choice, a horse in his care, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses and is a Class 3 violation. Wild Choice finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on July 11, 2008. Under the terms of the agreement, the final nine months of the suspension will be stayed provided Farias has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his probation through November 30, 2009.

The stewards at Golden Gate Fields disqualified Halo's Angel from the sixth race at the San Mateo County Fair on August 13, 2008, after the Maddy Laboratory reported the sample collected from Halo's Angel contained trenbolone, a prohibited Class 3 substance. Iowa State University confirmed the presence of trenbolone in the split sample. Trenbolone is an anabolic steroid used in livestock to promote appetite and muscle growth. Trenbolone was one of a number of anabolic steroids reclassified from Class 4 to Class 3 substances effective July 1, 2008. Halo's Angel finished second in the referenced race. The stewards have scheduled a hearing for Jeff Bonde, the trainer of Halo's Angel, on January 2, 2009.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, the stewards at Golden Gate fined Hollendorfer \$1,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory determined the urine sample collected from Dixie Crisp, a horse in his care, contained scopolamine, a Class 3 violation. Scopolamine is an anticholinergic drug that is also the toxic agent in Jimsonweed, a poisonous plant of the Datura species found in California and much of the United States. Dixie Crisp finished first in the eighth race at Bay Meadows on February 19, 2007. In an earlier ruling, the stewards disqualified Dixie Crisp and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

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