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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints filed. The update also includes stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters. All stewards' rulings can be viewed on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) through the Administrative Hearings link.

A special Board of stewards dismissed the complaint filed by the CHRB against jockey Joel Rosario for alleged violation of CHRB rules concerning his ride of Cedros in the 11th race at Del Mar on September 6, 2009. Stewards Albert Christiansen, Kim Sawyer, and Randy Winick ruled that "after due deliberation, reviewing the DVD replay (of the race), considering the testimony of expert eyewitnesses and evaluating the exhibits, this Board of Stewards unanimously agrees there is insufficient evidence to prove that jockey Joel Rosario violated California Horse Racing Board Rules 1884 (Unsatisfactory Rides), 1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer, or Jockey), and 1902 (Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). Wherefore, the complaint is dismissed."

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Librado Barocio, the stewards at Hollywood Park fined Barocio \$3,000 and suspended him for 30 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the blood and urine samples collected from a horse in his care, Trail Mix, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Barocio declined analysis of the split sample. Trail Mix finished second in the second race at Del Mar on August 23, 2009, and had already been disqualified. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed the \$3,000 fine provided Barocio has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. His 30-day suspension begins December 26.

The CHRB filed a complaint against jockey Joy Scott alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1874 and 1930. The complaint alleges that on October 12 at the Big Fresno Fair after the second race, the jockey "assaulted assistant starter Bobby Jennings, jockey Jorge Ayarza, and clerk of the scales Cheryl White (who) instructed Ms. Scott to desist from her inappropriate behavior, which Ms. Scott failed to do." The stewards at Golden Gate Fields have a hearing scheduled December 30.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Frank Monteleone for alleged violation of CHRB Rule 1876 pertaining to financial responsibility. The complaint alleges that Monteleone "owes \$12,400 (to another person) based on money taken out of a joint account."

The CHRB filed a complaint against exercise rider Antonio Cordero for alleged violation of CHRB Rule 1485 (d) pertaining to the issuance of a conditional license. The complaint alleges that Cordero “failed to meet the conditions (of the license) by failing to comply with guidelines set forth by the Winners’ Foundation.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer John Sadler alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1852 and 1894 for bringing a horse late to the receiving barn at Hollywood Park.

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