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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 Board and 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.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Mike Mitchell, the stewards at Hollywood Park suspended Mitchell for 60 days and fined him \$5,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.6 (d) (1) (2) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a blood sample collected from a horse in his care, The Phenom, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/1 for total carbon dioxide (TCO₂). This is a Class 3 violation. The Phenom finished second in the first race at Hollywood Park on October 24, 2010. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the stewards stayed 45 days of the suspension provided Mitchell commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Mitchell will begin serving the remaining 15 days of his suspension on Sunday, December 5. The stewards earlier issued a ruling disqualifying The Phenom from that October 24 race and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Bret Vickery alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that blood and urine samples collected from a horse in his care, La Jolla Famosa, 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. La Jolla Famosa finished first in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on October 3, 2010. A hearing is pending for Vickery.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Yanet Rodriguez alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (f), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that blood and urine samples collected from a horse in the trainer's care, MB Sun Shine, 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. MB Sun Shine finished first in the first race at Los Alamitos on October 1, 2010. A hearing is pending for Rodriguez. The stewards issued a ruling disqualifying MB Sun Shine from the October 1 race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Dean Pederson alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported that a urine sample

collected from I Swear, a horse in his care, contained 4 hydroxypropranolol, a metabolite of propranolol. Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology Laboratory confirmed the presence of propranolol in the split sample. Propranolol is a non-selective beta blocker mainly used in the treatment of hypertension in humans but is rarely used in horses. I Swear finished first in the sixth race at Santa Rosa on August 6. A hearing is pending for Pederson.

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