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WEEKLY UPDATE: DEC. 27 – JAN. 2, 2011

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

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Michael Pender, the stewards at Santa Anita fined Pender \$3,000 and suspended him for 30 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the sample collected from Benecia, a horse in his care, contained indomethacin. Indomethacin is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, which became a Class 3 violation after July 1, 2008. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed the suspension provided Pender has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Benecia finished first in the ninth race at Fairplex Park on September 26, 2010. In an earlier ruling, the stewards at Hollywood Park disqualified Benecia and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Bret Vickery, the stewards at Los Alamitos fined Vickery \$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 U.C. Davis reported the sample collected from Lajolla Famosa, a horse in his care, 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. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed 20 days of the suspension provided Vickery has no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Vickery began serving the remaining 10 days of the suspension on January 3. Lajolla Famosa finished first in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on October 3, 2010. In an earlier ruling, the stewards disqualified Lajolla Famosa from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

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