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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 California Horse Racing Board and trainer Patrick Biancone, the stewards at Del Mar fined Biancone \$10,000 and issued a 15-day suspension (stayed) for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (c) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Iron Butterfly, tested positive for salmeterol. This is a Class 3 violation. Salmeterol is a beta-2 agonist similar to clenbuterol and albuterol. Iron Butterfly finished second in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 7, 2007. A hearing is pending on the disqualification of the horse. Pursuant to the stipulated agreement, the stewards stayed the 15-day suspension, provided Biancone has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations for one year. The stewards had previously postponed a hearing on a related complaint against veterinarian Dr. Rod Stewart.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Lauren Edward Veon for violation of Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1887 after a horse in his care, Roughing the Passer, which finished first in the second race at Cal Expo on May 30, 2007, tested positive for 4-hydroxypropranolol. The Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the findings, which were confirmed by Iowa State University Laboratory testing of the split sample. 4-hydroxypropranolol is a metabolite of propranolol. Propranolol is a beta-2 adrenergic blocking agent occasionally used in humans for hypertension. This is a Class 3 violation. A hearing is scheduled for September 28.

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