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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.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Antonio Soto for 15 days and issued a \$3,000 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1844 (e), and 1887 after a horse in his care, Boo Boo Buckaroo, tested positive for albuterol, a Class 3 prohibited substance. Albuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Boo Boo Buckaroo finished first in the sixth race at Los Alamitos on May 26, 2007. The stewards disqualified Boo Boo Buckaroo and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The aforementioned albuterol positive violates the probation conditions of a standing stipulated agreement between the CHRB and Antonio Soto pertaining to a Rule 1843.6 (TCO2) violation at the San Mateo County Fair on August 9, 2006. In a separate ruling, the stewards ordered Soto to pay an additional \$3,000 fine per the terms of the stipulated agreement.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the California Horse Racing Board and trainer Mark Hall, the stewards at the Humboldt County Fair suspended Hall for seven days and issued a \$3,000 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.1, 1846 (d) (1) (2), and 1887 after a horse in his care, Smooth Gin, exceeded the regulatory threshold of 37.0mm/l for total carbon dioxide (TCO2). This was a Class 3 violation. Under the terms of the agreement, the stewards stayed the \$3,000 fine provided Hall has no other Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of a one-year probation. Smooth Gin finished fifth in the seventh race at Golden Gate Fields on January 26, 2007. The stewards disqualified Smooth Gin and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

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