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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 Michael Pender, the stewards at Santa Anita Park suspended Pender for 30 days and issued a \$7,500 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.2, 1844 (a) (b) (d), and 1887 after a horse in his care, Queen of the Derby, tested positive for guanabenz. Guanabenz is an alpha-2 adrenergic agonist used to treat hypertension in people. This family of drugs also produces tranquilizer/sedative/analgesic effects in horses and includes the FDA approved equine drugs xylazine and detomidine. This is a Class 2 violation. Queen of the Derby finished first in the eighth race at Del Mar on July 25, 2007. Under the terms of the agreement, 15 days of the suspension were stayed, provided Pender has no additional Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation.

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