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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 CHRB filed a complaint against Hector Hernandez, the trainer of We Can Work It Out, for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9), and 1887, and also filed a complaint against Erasmo Hernandez, the owner of We Can Work It Out, for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1844 (e) (9). The Maddy Laboratory reported the urine sample taken from We Can Work It Out exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. The finding was confirmed by Iowa State University laboratory. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. We Can Work It Out finished first in the eighth race at Los Alamitos on December 1, 2007. The stewards at Los Alamitos have scheduled a hearing for Saturday, March 15.

The stewards at Bay Meadows ruled that license privileges will be restored to suspended owner/trainer/jockey/exercise rider Ingrid Mason upon payment of a \$4,000 fine. She was suspended on March 30, 2006, for failure to appear before the stewards in connection with a 2001 violation involving the horse Shawo Mountain relative to a positive for the drug meprobamate. Meprobamate is a sedative once commonly used in humans but is also a pharmacologically active metabolite of the muscle relaxant carosiprodol. Mason acknowledged administering carosiprodol to Shawo Mountain. Meprobamate is a Class 2 violation. Shawo Mountain finished first in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on January 28, 2001.

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