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**WEEKLY UPDATE: NOV. 16 – 22, 2009**

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints filed. The update also includes stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters. All stewards' rulings can be viewed on the CHRB Website ([www.chrb.ca.gov](http://www.chrb.ca.gov)) through the Administrative Hearings link.

Dr. Kristie Brandenburg was fined \$3,000 and suspended for 30 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1842, 1843.5, and 1629. Dr. Brandenburg submitted signed, required veterinary medical records indicating she had administered phenylbutazone within 24 hours of post time to 11 mules and also had administered Vetalog, a medication prohibited within 48 hours of post time, to seven of those same mules. This led to the required late declaration of all 11 mules, which were entered to race at Fairplex Park on September 17, 2009, and the cancelation of the first and second races on that date. Vetalog is the brand name for triamcinolone, a steroidal (cortisone) anti-inflammatory that cannot be administered within 48 hours of post time. Phenylbutazone is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication that cannot be administered within 24 hours of post time. Under CHRB rules, no medication can be administered within 48 hours of a race unless specifically authorized by Rule 1843.5 and no medication can be administered within 24 hours of a race except specifically authorized bleeder medication.

In the matter of the appeal of the Board of Stewards Official Ruling No. 001, Hollywood Park Racing Association, dated April 23, 2009, the CHRB voted in executive session November 17 to adopt the proposed decision of the administrative law judge. The adopted proposed decision denied the appeal of respondent Arindel Farm (Alan Cohen) and sustained the stewards' ruling wherein Wait a While was disqualified from the 2008 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf – the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on October 24, 2008 – and forfeited the third-place purse of \$213,000. The stewards took such action, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 4, section 1859.5., because the urine samples from Wait a While tested positive for the Class 3 drug substance procaine, thereby requiring Wait a While's disqualification.

In the matter of the appeal of the Board of Stewards Official Ruling No. 8, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, dated July 26, 2009, involving Jockey Christian Santiago Reyes, the Board voted in executive session November 17 to affirm the Board of Stewards Ruling. Reyes is to serve a five-day suspension for violation of CHRB Rule 1699 (d) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

In the matter of the appeal of the Board of Stewards Official Ruling No. 13, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, dated August 1, 2009, involving Jockey Michael Baze, the Board voted in executive session November 17 to adopt the proposed decision of the hearing officer. The adopted Proposed Decision overturned the Board of Stewards Ruling, which had ordered Baze to serve a three-day suspension for violation of CHRB Rule 1699 (d) (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner/ trainer James Barnes alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (c) (2), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood sample taken from For Contrast, a horse in his care, contained flunixin in excess of the authorized decision level. Flunixin is a regulated non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. For Contrast finished third in the second race at Los Alamitos on November 6, 2009. The stewards at Los Alamitos have a hearing scheduled December 19.

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner/trainer Ricardo Perez alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (1), 1844 (c) (1), 1887 and 1894 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a sample collected from I B Bad, a horse in his care, contained phenylbutazone in excess of the allowed dosage. Phenylbutazone is a regulated non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. I B Bad finished third in the second race at Golden Gate Fields on October 25, 2009. The stewards at Golden Gate have a hearing scheduled December 12.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Doug Utley alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (c) (1) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a sample collected from River Island Honey, a horse in his care, contained phenylbutazone in excess of the allowed dosage. Phenylbutazone is a regulated non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. River Island Honey finished third in the third race at Golden Gate Fields on November 4, 2009. The stewards at Golden Gate have a hearing scheduled December 11.

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