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**WEEKLY UPDATE: JAN. 18 – 24, 2010**

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints filed. The update also includes Board and 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.

The CHRB filed a complaint against owner IEAH Stable alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) based on information provided by trainer Jeff Mullins alleging unpaid training bills. The stewards at Santa Anita Park have scheduled a February 3 hearing.

The stewards at Cal Expo issued a ruling disqualifying Keystone Comotion from a first-place finish in the fourth race at Cal Expo on April 11, 2009, after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a sample taken from Keystone Comotion contained yohimbine and hydroxyl-yohimbine, a metabolite of yohimbine. The finding was confirmed by Pennsylvania Equine Laboratories. Yohimbine is a plant alkaloid and an alpha-2 adrenergic antagonist. This drug is used in veterinary medicine as a reversal agent for the commonly used alpha-2 agonist tranquilizer xylazine. Yohimbine is a Class 2 drug and a Category A penalty. The stewards ordered a redistribution of the purse for that race. In an earlier action, the Board adopted the recommendation of the hearing officer to suspend trainer Frank Petrelli for one year and fine him \$10,000 concerning this infraction.

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