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**WEEKLY UPDATE: APRIL 12 – APRIL 18, 2010**

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints and stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Juan C. Lopez for 30 days and issued a \$3,000 fine for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 a) (b) (d), 1844 (e) (1), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample taken from Caribbean's Comic, a horse in his care, contained 2-hydroxy-ethyl promazine, which is a metabolite of acepromazine, in excess of the authorized decision level. Acepromazine is a commonly used equine tranquilizer. This is a Class 3 violation. Caribbean's Comic finished first in the sixth race at Los Alamitos on January 22, 2010. The stewards stayed 15 days of the suspension provided Lopez commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. The stewards previously disqualified Caribbean's Comic from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at Santa Anita suspended the license of owner Gary Alan Tanaka for violation of CHRB Rules 1489 (a) (b) (g), 1900, and 1902 (b) following his February 5, 2010, conviction in the United States District Court for violations of the U.S. Code for conspiracy to commit securities fraud, and investment advisor fraud. Tanaka was sentenced to five years in federal prison.

The stewards at Santa Anita issued a ruling disqualifying Sarabella Mia from her first-place finish in the fifth race at Santa Anita on February 4, 2010, and ordered the redistribution of the purse after the Maddy Laboratory at U.C. Davis reported the sample collected from Sarabella Mia contained indomethacin. Industrial Laboratories confirmed the split sample. Indomethacin is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug. This is a Class 3 violation. A hearing is pending on a complaint against Mark Glatt, the trainer of Sarabella Mia.

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