

Celebrating Accomplishments

April 12 Ceremony Honors Annual Owner Award Winners



This year's presentation of the prestigious 2007 TOC Owners' Awards were presented in ceremonies held in both northern and southern California. The Spring issue of *Owners' Circle* celebrated the awards presented at Santa Anita on March 15th to Owner of the Year Warren Williamson, and to Stronach Stables for Most Stakes Races Won.

Recognition continued on April 12th at Bay Meadows, where Bob Bone was on hand to receive awards in two statistical categories – Most California Purse Money Won and Most California Races Won. Bone's 2007 runners made 267 starts in California, for 67 wins and earning of \$1,626,598. TOC Chair, Marsha Naify, presented the awards to Bone in the winner's circle following the second race.

Northern California board member, Phil Oviedo, made the presentation to Rookie of the Year Kevin Kleczka. Kleczka became a licensed owner in California in March, 2007, and in the remainder of the year made 17 starts with four different horses on his way to six wins and more than \$100,000 in earnings.

In a separate ceremony at Santa Anita on Saturday, March 29, Naify, presented the 2007 Ed Friendly Industry Service Award to longtime California owner/breeder, John Harris. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions and service in the Thoroughbred racing industry. One of the more visible and outspoken supporters of California racing and breeding, Harris is deeply committed to the industry – from his tireless service on racing industry boards, to his sustained investment in California's racing and breeding programs.

Congratulations to all 2007 award recipients!

(Top) John Harris received the 2007 Ed Friendly Industry Service Award at Santa Anita. (Middle) TOC Chair, Marsha Naify, presented the statistical awards to Bob Bone at Bay Meadows. (Bottom) Northern California Board Member, Phil Oviedo, presented "Rookie of the Year" award to Kevin Kleczka.