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Rick Arthur Named Equine Medical Director

Dr. Rick Arthur, a world-renowned expert in the field of veterinary medicine, has been named equine medical director for the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB). He will advise the Board on all matters relating to equine health and welfare, and as to drug testing. Dr. Arthur, who has practiced veterinary medicine on the Southern California thoroughbred circuit for the last 30 years, will give up his private practice in order to accept the position.



Dr. Arthur will have two broad areas of responsibility. One is to protect the integrity of horse racing, especially relative to the horse. This includes medication policies, the drug testing program, and backside security. The second is equine health and welfare, including

track surface and track safety issues and the UC Davis-CHRB necropsy program.

"I am going to pay very close attention to horse injuries and the racing environment," said Arthur. "I intend to be on top of issues important to protect the health and welfare of the horse."

Craig Fravel to NTRA Board

Craig Fravel, executive vice president of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, took over as chairman of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) board of directors in March. Fravel succeeded D.G. Van Clief Jr., who has held that position for the past two years. Van Clief also intends to retire as commissioner and chief executive officer of NTRA and president of Breeders' Cup limited by the end of this year.

A native of Baltimore, Fravel practiced cor-

porate law before being hired by Del Mar's Joe Harper in 1990. He joined the 14-member board of the NTRA in 2001, representing the Western Region.

"I am deeply honored that the other members of the NTRA board asked me to undertake this important role," said Fravel. "There are a number of important issues confronting the industry at this time, and a strong NTRA is essential to grow the sport and industry."



Kim Lloyd (right) inspecting yearlings with Jerry McMahan.

Kim Lloyd New Barretts VP of Sales

Barretts Equine Sales has hired Kim Lloyd as vice president of sales. Lloyd is responsible for recruiting consignors and buyers, and is lead inspector for yearlings and two year olds. According to Barretts' president and general manager, Jerry McMahan, "Kim will give us a much better presence at the local tracks, where horsemen will be able to talk to him about soundness issues and sales procedures."

A native of Oklahoma, Lloyd is a lifelong horseman who trained on the Southern California circuit for 16 years. Among the stakes runners he conditioned were Tangent, Staralamo, Fu Man Slew, Boundless Beauty and Royal Regatta.



Santa Anita Posted Largest Gains Since 1945

Santa Anita Park concluded its 86-day winter/spring meet Apr. 23 with the largest season-to-season gain in on-track attendance since the end of World War II – up more than 15 percent over last year. Daily on-track handle was also up significantly – representing an 11 percent hike from last year, and the highest since 2001. Santa Anita enjoyed massive gains on its showcase days – including the biggest opening day crowd since 1999, generating the largest opening day handle in the track’s 71-year history. Santa Anita Derby Day on Apr. 8 attracted 54,668 on-track fans – the biggest Derby Day crowd since 1984.

As a direct result of brisk business, Santa Anita was able to institute two separate five percent purse increases, accounting for average daily purse distribution of more than \$450,000 – the highest in six years.

“The enthusiasm from race horse owners, trainers, riders, breeders, the regulatory bodies, and especially the racing fans – both new fans and our loyal regulars – was overwhelmingly positive from opening day onward,” said Ron Charles, President and CEO of the Los Angeles Turf Club, “and contributed mightily to the success of the best meet here in years.”

Online Paymaster Available

Owners can access their paymaster accounts on the interactive Horsemen’s Bookkeeper Account Access program. The system is completely secure and free to all Southern California horsemen. The online system allows horsemen to view and print detailed account statements, access real-time account information 24 hours a day, and print 1099’s at tax time.

To sign up, go to www.dmtc.com/horsemen and click on “Horsemen’s Bookkeeper.” You’ll need your account information – including account name, account number, and PIN number – which can be obtained from the paymaster’s office at Del Mar.



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Mary Forney Honored

TOC Director of Operations, Mary Forney, was one of six honorees at Santa Anita Park on Apr. 21, when Assemblymember Carol Liu hosted the third annual “Outstanding Women in Thoroughbred Horse Racing” awards. Forney - whose career in racing has included work for breeders (CTBA), trainers (HBPA), a racetrack (Santa Anita), and now owners - joined TOC in September 2004.

Shown below (left to right) are Assemblymember Liu, Forney, Ellen Jackson, Dyan Grealish, Ingrid Fermin, Kathy Walsh and Roberta Jackson.

