

## Guy Lamothe Named TOC Chief Operating Officer

In February, the TOC Board of Directors named Guy Lamothe Chief Operating Officer. Lamothe has worked for TOC since 2004 as Executive Director and, most recently, Executive Vice President. As COO, Lamothe heads a seven-member staff in Southern and Northern California.

Lamothe's prior experience includes corporate finance, strategic planning and business analysis. His previous employment in the horse racing industry included marketing and development positions with Santa Anita Park and A. Balch & Company. He holds a Bachelor's Degree and MBA from UCLA.



## Brackpool Named CHRB Chair



At its January board meeting, the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) unanimously elected Keith Brackpool its new chairman for 2010. David Israel was named vice chairman.

Convening his first regular meeting of the board on Feb. 19, Brackpool outlined his plans and goals for the coming year including a renewed focus on the promotion of horse racing.

"We have a difficult time ahead," he said, "but we have a passion and energy, and the fundamentals of the sport are still there."

Brackpool called for greater emphasis on CHRB's standing committees, which have been reorganized and will each convene within 60 days. The six standing committees are: Parimutuel, ADW and Simulcast; Legislative, Legal and Regulations; Medication and Track Safety; Budget, Finance and Audit; Stewards' Committee; and Innovative Marketing and Promotion of Horse Racing.

## Barretts Will Participate in Legislative Action Campaign

The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced in February that Barretts Equine Limited, the leading Thoroughbred sales company on the west coast based in Pomona, will participate in the NTRA Legislative Action Campaign's one-quarter percent check-off program to support federal lobbying efforts on behalf of the horse racing industry. Barretts' participation began with its March Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale. Buyers and consignors may elect to have .25% of the purchase or sales price donated to the Legislative Action Campaign. Barretts joins Keeneland, Fasig-Tipton Co., Inc. and Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. as Thoroughbred sales companies that participate in the campaign's fundraising efforts.

"Barretts is proud to join in supporting the NTRA's legislative efforts and give our customers an easy opportunity to contribute if they so wish," said William Baker, Vice President of Barretts.

According to Peggy Hendershot, NTRA Senior Vice President – Legislative Affairs, "Our lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C. are nationwide in scope, and the support provided to us by Barretts will better highlight this important work to our thousands of constituents in the Western region."

The NTRA is a broad-based coalition of horse racing interests consisting of leading Thoroughbred racetracks, owners, breeders, trainers, horseplayers and affiliated horse racing associations, charged with increasing the popularity of horse racing and improving economic conditions for industry participants. For more information, visit [www.NTRA.com](http://www.NTRA.com).

## Horse Industry Benefits from Passage of Federal Jobs Bill

Congress has passed the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (HIRE Act), which includes an extension of the expensing allowance through 2010. Last year Congress passed the Stimulus Bill that included bigger write-offs for horses and other property purchased and placed in service during 2009. But these provisions expired at the end of 2009. The new HIRE Act extends one of the benefits, the so-called Section 179 expense deduction for assets, including horses, purchased and placed in service through 2010.

The Section 179 expense deduction allows an owner who purchases a horse or other business property and places it in service in 2010 to expense up to \$250,000 of the cost. This applies to horses, farm equipment and any depreciable property used in a business. Once total purchases of horses and other eligible property reach \$800,000, the expense allowance goes down one dollar for each dollar spent over \$800,000.

This provision would benefit any business involved in the horse industry that purchases and places depreciable property in service in 2010. It should provide an additional incentive for people to purchase horses for racing.



## Steve Schwartz Resigns TOC Position

Effective Feb. 5, Steve Schwartz resigned his position as President of TOC. Schwartz indicated that, after much deliberation, he felt the time and travel involved were beyond his expectations, adding that spending time with family has always been a priority.

TOC Chair, Marsha Naify, said, "We respect Steve's decision and wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

Schwartz expressed his passion for the California horse racing industry and intends to continue an active involvement.

## Jockey Losing Mount Fee Increase

At its January board meeting, the CHRB approved an increase of \$10 to jockey fees for losing mounts, pursuant to state law. The old fees ranged from \$55 to \$115 based on the gross purse of the race. The new fees make the range \$65 to \$125.

## HBO Pilot "Luck" Being Filmed at Santa Anita

Dustin Hoffman, two-time Academy Award winning actor, is on site at Santa Anita this month for the filming of "Luck," an HBO pilot written and produced by David Milch and directed by Michael Mann. Hoffman stars as a career criminal heavily involved in gambling in a prospective drama series about the world of horseracing.

"Luck" would be Milch's third series created for HBO. His past credits include "Deadwood" and "John from Cincinnati." Milch is himself a two-time Breeders' Cup winning owner.

Also starring in the production are Nick Nolte, Dennis Farina and John Ortiz. Retired Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens will play the part of an aging, street-smart jockey.

According to Pete Siberell, Santa Anita's Director of Community & Special Events, filming will take place in most areas of the racetrack including the grandstand, walking ring, saddling paddock, Clockers' Corner, stable area, and the race-track itself. Much of the pilot will be shot while Santa Anita is still running live through April 18. A total of 19 days are scheduled for filming at Santa Anita.

HBO has not announced an air date for the pilot, but it is anticipated that it will air in early 2011.



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