



Trainer Matt Chew presents the basics of horse conformation to a record crowd.



Hall of Fame trainer Ron McAnally shares his insights with an eager audience at the Feb. 25 conformation clinic.

Education and Recruitment Efforts “Going Strong”

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Trainer Darrell Vienna answers participants' questions during the barn tour segment of the “Ownership 101” seminar on Jan. 21.

TOC kicked off its 2006 series of educational seminars with three successful events – two at Santa Anita and one at Golden Gate Fields.

CHRB Chairman Richard Shapiro and owner J. Paul Reddam were among the speakers at “Ownership 101,” a free workshop on the ins and outs of racehorse ownership on Saturday, Jan. 21, at Santa Anita. The morning session, moderated by HRTV on-air talent Aaron Vercruyse, covered such topics as acquiring a racehorse, choosing a trainer, and cost of ownership, and was attended by more than 75 people.

A record 136 people attended the “Conformation Clinic” at Santa Anita on Saturday, Feb. 25, when participants visited the barns of trainers Ray Bell, Paula Capestro, Matt Chew, Eddie Truman, Howard Zucker, and Hall of Famer Ron McAnally. In addition to providing a rare “up close and personal” look at racehorses, each trainer shared a brief overview on conformation, followed by a question and answer session.

Attendees at TOC’s “Ownership 101” seminar at Golden Gate Fields on Feb. 11 were treated to a special visit to the barn of champion sprinter Lost in the Fog, and an entertaining hour with trainer Greg Gilchrist.

TOC would like to thank our track partners and all participating trainers for their vital part in providing these popular educational seminars for current and prospective owners. The events represent one of the more successful industry efforts to introduce prospective new owners into the business.



Trainer Paula Capestro shows off Saint Crisjon as an example of excellent conformation.

Chuck Stoll, Peggy Johnson, Paul Reddam, and Richard Shapiro – presenters at the Jan. 21 seminar at Santa Anita – pose for a group photo.

