

TOC 2006 Election Update

Top Row: Madeline Auerbach, Martin Bach, George Bolton, Scott Gross, Bottom Row: Paula Mueller, Harry Pellman, Mace Siegel, Allen Tepper.



Four TOC Board Seats Up for Election

The TOC Executive Committee has nominated the following five individuals for the four open seats in the 2006 election of owner members: Martin Bach, George Bolton, Harry Pellman, Mace Siegel, and Allen Tepper. In addition to the five candidates nominated by the Executive Committee, three candidates qualified via the petition process: Madeline Auerbach, Scott Gross and Paula Mueller. Each has agreed to run and serve if elected.

The four nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms, and will take office on July 1, 2006, subject to TOC's bylaws.

TOC bylaws require that at least three of the 12 owner-category board members be Northern Californians. Currently, one of TOC's three Northern California owner board members' terms will expire on June 30, 2006. Therefore, at least one of the four directors elected must be from Northern California.

Normally, those candidates receiving the highest number of votes are elected, but because of this requirement, the one Northern California owner-category candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected, regardless of whether or not that candidate is in the top four.

TOC considers members to be from Northern California if they live in or north of San Luis Obispo, Kings, Tulare, or Inyo counties.

This year's election ballot for the TOC Board will be

mailed to all TOC owner members by May 15, 2006. Because no owner-trainer directors representing those members and their spouses are up for election, owner-trainer members will not receive a ballot. They will, however, receive ballots for TOC's Owner of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards.

To be counted, returned ballots must be postmarked no later than June 15. An independent auditor will complete the vote count by June 21, and the vote will be reported by July 1, at which time the newly elected directors will assume office.

Please check your mailbox next month for your ballot, vote for the candidates you would like to represent your interests as a Thoroughbred owner, and return the ballot in the envelope provided to our independent auditor.

TOC's Annual Meeting

TOC members will have an opportunity to meet the new TOC Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting at Del Mar on Saturday, Aug. 12. A business meeting will follow a TOC-hosted lunch at the track, starting at 11:30 a.m. in the O'Brien Pub, and a hosted cocktail reception will be held immediately after the races, where TOC will honor the winners of its Owner Awards.

Mark your calendars now and look for further information in the summer issue of the *Owners' Circle*.