

TOC 2008 Election Results

Five Incumbents, One New Board Member Elected



Bob Bone



Brian Boudreau



Ron Ellis



Billy Koch



Phil Oviedo



Donald Valpreo

TOC members elected Brian Boudreau, and re-elected Bob Bone, Billy Koch, and Donald Valpreo, in the “owner” member category. Also re-elected were Ron Ellis and Phil Oviedo as “owner-trainer” member representatives. The new Board took office on July 1st.

Boudreau, an owner and breeder, has lived and worked on his Malibu Valley Farms in Calabasas since 1978. He bred California Champion 2-year-old filly Humorous Lady, and Crackup, the runner-up for Champion 2-year-old colt honors that same year. He also campaigned Sicy d’Alsca, Regal Thunder, and Hegemony. Among his goals as a TOC director, he hopes to help bolster Thoroughbred ownership in California through reorganization of the purse structure and expansion of the state owners’ awards.

Bone, a California native, became an owner in 1990 and now has more than 50 horses with ten different trainers. He was voted Owner of the Year by the TOC membership for 2003, 2004, and 2005, and currently serves on TOC’s Racing Affairs Committee.

Also a native Californian, Valpreo has been a TOC director

since 2000, and involved in California breeding and racing since 1963. Valpreo serves on TOC’s Racing Affairs Committee and chairs the Legislative & Government Affairs Committee.

Koch has been a member of the TOC board for the past three years and currently serves on the Executive Committee as its Secretary, and as Chair of the Owner Relations, Marketing, and Industry Affairs Committee. Born and raised in Southern California, he was introduced to racing by his grandfather, late Hollywood producer Howard W. Koch. In 2001, Koch created Little Red Feather Racing, which currently manages 19 horses.

Ellis has been training racehorses since 1980. His first horse, To B. Or Not, was a multiple stakes winner and launched him on a successful career. His other stakes winners include Twice the Vice, Exotic Wood, Pirate’s Revenge, Benchmark, Atswhatimtalknbout, Don’t Get Mad, and Champion Two-Year-Old of 2003, Declan’s Moon. Ellis serves on TOC’s Medication and Integrity Committee.

Oviedo has been training horses for 30 years, the last 12 in California. A native of Phoenix, he

served on the Arizona HBPA board, where he was involved in establishing an extensive off-track wagering program. He currently serves on the Northern California subcommittee of the Racing Affairs Committee.

In this year’s election, four owner category seats were filled, all for three-year terms. Additionally, two owner-trainer representatives were elected, with the highest vote getter (Ellis) receiving a three-year term, and the next highest vote getter (Oviedo) receiving a two-year term.

TOC bylaws require that at least three owner and one owner-trainer representative board members be from Northern California. Representing Northern California on the Board are owner member representatives Marty Bach, Tom Bachman, and Kim Kuhlmann; and owner-trainer member representative Oviedo.

The newly elected Directors join Madeline Auerbach, Martin Bach, Tom Bachman, Bob Baffert, Kim Kuhlmann, Marsha Naify, Harry Pellman, Mace Siegel, and Pablo Suarez in comprising TOC’s 2008-09 Board.