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## UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

**TOC Annual Meeting & Handicapping Contest**  
August 18, 2007  
Del Mar Racetrack  
11:30 a.m.  
Seaside Tropical Cabana  
(Grandstand – track level)

**TOC Seminar "Ownership 101"**  
An Introduction to Racehorse Ownership  
August 25, 2007  
Del Mar Racetrack  
8:30 a.m.  
Veranda Café  
(Second floor- Clubhouse)

## TOC Annual Meeting Takes on New Look

By Richard Scheidt

The Thoroughbred Owners of California invites all members to attend the 2007 Annual Meeting in Del Mar, Saturday, August 18. This year's Annual Meeting will be a "Day at the Races" held in the Seaside Tropical Cabana located on the west end of the grandstand apron at the Del Mar Race Track. The business portion of the meeting kicks things off at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch and our first ever handicapping contest.

Attendees will be able to participate in a question and answer session and have an excellent opportunity to meet and mingle with TOC board members. Our awards this year will be presented between races, and chairs from several of our committees will be on hand throughout the day to discuss what projects their committees are working on.

The TOC Owners Challenge, a TOC member-only handicapping contest, will start with the first live race at Del Mar. The Owners Challenge is sponsored by TVG, and the top three finishers will qualify to participate as "TEAM TOC" in the DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championships next January in Las Vegas. The contest is free to enter, and pre-registration is highly recommended, as the Owners Challenge is limited to the first 300 TOC members.

Spend the day with TOC in the Seaside Cabana. Get caught up on TOC business, have fun watching and betting on the races, and take a shot at becoming the National Handicapper of the Year.

Reservations for the Annual Meeting are required, and pre-registration for the Owners Challenge is recommended. To RSVP, please call the TOC at (626) 574-6620 or (800) 994-9909. Additional information on the Owners Challenge including complete rules and regulations can be found on our web site [www.toconline.com](http://www.toconline.com). Join us in Northern California on Saturday, September 29 at Bay Meadows for the second Northern California TOC Annual Meeting. The event will begin with a buffet lunch at 11:00 a.m. in the Owner Trainer Lounge. Call (650) 571-0459 for additional information and to RSVP.

## THE QUARTER POLL

**Are you in favor of the TOC's proposed "CARMA" that supports retirement farms in California?**

Let us know how you feel. Email us at [toc@toconline.com](mailto:toc@toconline.com)

## TOC DIRECTOR'S NOTES: MAY GOOD CARMA BE WITH YOU

By Madeline Auerbach

At the July 19th meeting of the CHRB, by a 6 to 1 vote, the CHRB approved a rule change that would allow .3% of all purse money to be put into a special fund for horse retirement. There would be an "opt-out" option available but we believe that most owners would be more than happy to participate in this modest amount. There is now a 45-day comment period before the change can take effect.

For those of you who don't know, CARMA is an acronym for California Retirement Management Account. The TOC will be responsible for vetting the farms and distributing the money. There are 2,000 plus horses that retire from California tracks every year. Many of them face an uncertain future when their racing days are over. Please help us do the right thing.... Support Carma.... We will be going to all segments of the racing industry to help us insure the future of our horses. We look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Business Meeting on August 18th. Please allow us to share our vision with you.

## TOC OWNER PROFILE: Joe Sciarra and Bob Zamarripa

On the surface, you could hardly find two more different people; yet, Joe Sciarra and Bob Zamarripa are not only racing partners but also the best of friends. Bob is gregarious, casting a wide social net to draw in hundreds of friends and acquaintances. Joe is thoughtful, quietly soaking up the conversations that continually swirl around his partner.

Racing partners for the past 15 years, they have naturally had their share of ups and downs; but currently they are excited about their three-year-old filly Relentless (by Sought After, out of Grant a Wish, by Nureyev). Among their other horses in partnership is Jungle Prince, winner of the Grade 3 Hollywood Turf Express.

The world of racing is full of colorful characters, and Bob and Joe are excellent examples. If you frequent Clockers' Corner at Santa Anita in the mornings, you are no doubt familiar with these two regulars. If not, an introduction is highly recommended!



**TOC Notes:** TOC Board Chair Marsha Naify and Director Madeline Auerbach, along with TOC President Drew Couto, appeared before the CHRB Board on July 19 in support of CARMA, a proposal designed to provide support for retirement farms in California.

TOC hosted its annual Racing Medication & Security Summit on July 28 in Del Mar. The event included esteemed speakers from the Jockey Club, NTRA, Maddy Lab, The Bloodhorse, CTBA, CTT, veterinarians and other industry segments. Over 80 attendees were able to interact with panelists as well as ask specific questions about their own vet bills.

## COMMITTEE CORNER: Legislative and Government Affairs

By Guy Lamothe

With the California Legislature entering its Summer Recess on July 20th for thirty days, TOC's Legislative Committee and staff continue efforts during this time to move important bills. Advance Deposit Wagering (ADW) legislation is a top priority, as the current statute enabling ADW is scheduled to sunset at the end of this year. The TOC has been working collaboratively with track and fair partners, ADW companies, and other horsemen's organizations since the beginning of the year to amend legislation that would, among other items, clarify horsemen's rights, provide for equitable participation among all parties to promote a strong California product nationally, and address retail customers' concerns over multiple-provider access.

Concurrently, the Legislative Committee is working with the Governor and lawmakers to move legislation that would result in a significant step towards revitalizing California racing by increasing purse levels nearly \$40 million, and providing funding for major capital improvements at racing fairs and satellite wagering facilities statewide. When the Legislature reconvenes on August 20th, it will have until September 14th to pass any bills to Governor Schwarzenegger. Then, the Governor has until October 14th to sign or veto bills.

## JUNE LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won		Southern California Races Won	
Curt and Lila Lanning	4	Robert D. Bone	5
Tommy Town Thoroughbred LLC	3	Tommy Town Thoroughbred LLC	3
Robert D. Bone	3	Harris Farms, Inc.	3
Northern California Earnings		Southern California Earnings	
Robert D. Bone	\$ 72,808	STD Racing Stable or Wood	\$ 510,000
Richard Englander	\$ 66,495	Stan E. Fulton	\$ 229,166
Seven Star Racing Stable or RB Hess	\$ 55,000	Pam and Martin Wygod	\$ 224,140

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