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SEVEN DECADES OF RACING: Part II

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As the sun sets on historic Bay Meadows Racetrack, we take time to reflect on the numerous great horses that competed there. In last month's TOC Times, we looked at the 1940's through the 1970's, and the memories continue...

The Pick Six and Intertrack Satellite Wagering Decade (1980's) – Brown Bess, the Eclipse champion mare, wins the California Jockey Club Handicap and many other stakes at Bay Meadows. The Bart wins the Tanforan Handicap with Eddie Delahoussaye, setting a new track record. Silveyville wins the \$100,000 Bay Meadows Derby in route to Cal-Bred millionaire status. Track Robbery wins the \$100,000 California Jockey Club Handicap and is voted Eclipse champion mare the same year. Super Moment wins the Bay Meadows Handicap three times for trainer Ron McAnally and owner Elmendorf Farm. Gate Dancer finishes second in the El Camino Real Derby prior to winning the Preakness States and Super Derby the same year. Wild Again runs third in final turf prep prior to winning the inaugural \$3,000,000 Breeders Cup Classic. Lady's Secret, Horse of the Year in 1986, wins the Hail Hilarious Stakes in 1985. Tank's Prospect wins the El Camino Real Derby prior to winning the Arkansas Derby and Preakness Stakes the same year. Skywalker finishes third in the El Camino Real en route to winning the Breeders Cup Classic. Snow Chief wins the El Camino Real Derby prior to posting victories in the Florida Derby, Santa Anita Derby, and Preakness Stakes. Palace Music wins the Bay Meadows Handicap and will go on to later sire the great Cigar.

Full Card Simulcasting North/South Decade (1990's) – Horse of the year, Cigar, finishes third in the Ascot Handicap and goes on to win 16 races in a row, matching Citation's record. Casual Lies wins the El Camino Real Derby in route to second place finishes in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. Charismatic finishes second in the El Camino Real Stakes, going on to win the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. Slew of Damascus sweeps the Bay Meadows, Tanforan, and William P. Kyne handicaps. Gentlemen wins the Bay Meadows Handicap. Speedy mare Soviet Problem beats the boys to win the Bay Meadows Sprint Handicap. Pike Place Dancer wins the San Jose Handicap, following it up with wins in the Kentucky Oaks and California Derby. Event of the Year wins the El Camino Real Stakes. Cavonnier wins the El Camino Real Derby in route to a second place finish in the Kentucky Derby.

The Advance Deposit Wagering Decade (2000's) – Champion sprinter, Lost In The Fog, wins the Bay Meadows Sprint Handicap. Millionaire mare, Somethinaboutlaura, is a multiple stakes winner at Bay Meadows. Smokey Stover, winner of the Bay Meadows Breeders Cup Sprint Handicap, goes on to win the Sunshine Millions Sprint. Singletary wins the San Francisco Breeders Cup Mile and Breeders' Cup Mile. Histericalady, two time winner at Bay Meadows, goes on to become a grade one stakes winner and finish a close second in the Breeders' Cup Distaff stakes.

UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

Saturday, April 12th

TOC Conformation Clinic
Santa Anita
Bay Meadows

Sunday, April 27th

Gold Rush Stakes Day
Hollywood Park

Contact Cookie Hackworth at
(626) 445-7800 for more info.

Saturday, May 10th

Buying at Sales

Hinds Pavilion-Barretts,
Pomona, CA

Contact the TOC at (310) 330-
7142 for more info.

Contact the TOC at (800) 994-9909
for details on all upcoming events.

THE QUARTER POLL



Are you in favor of the new CHRB rule allowing horses coming off a 6 month layoff and running at the same or higher claiming level to run exempt from being claimed?

Let us know how you feel. Email us at toc@toconline.com

CARMA Kick-Off Event

Plans are underway for the kick-off event for the California Retirement Management Account (CARMA). The fundraising event – a poker tournament, with silent and live auction – is tentatively scheduled for Thursday evening, August 21, in Del Mar, during Pacific Classic week.

CARMA was formed to help Thoroughbred rehabilitation and retirement facilities that care for and retrain horses whose careers have ended after competing in California Thoroughbred races, and will manage a grant request process and disburse funds to qualified retirement facilities caring for such horses.

The new organization held its first board meeting earlier this month. A 12-member board of directors includes Ron Charles, Trevor Denman, Doug O'Neill, John Sadler, Samantha Siegel, and Gary Stevens, among others. Now officially a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, CARMA is actively seeking contributions. Donations are tax deductible and may be sent to: CARMA, PO Box 1086, Sierra Madre, CA 91025-9086. (Tax I.D. #80-0146395).

FEBRUARY LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won

Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Trust
La Canada Stable LLC

Southern California Races Won

5 Harris Farms
4 Everest Stables, Inc.
4 B. Abrams, or M. Auerbach

Northern California Earnings

Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro \$230,860
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Trust \$131,218
Johnny Taboada \$90,000

Southern California Earnings

William de Burgh \$600,000
Juddmonte Farms \$284,720
Peter Vegso \$236,400

Director's Note: Mace & Samantha Siegel to be Honored

The California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) has selected Mace Siegel and his daughter, Samantha, as this year's honorees at their annual event benefiting the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation. Proceeds from the evening are earmarked for the foundation's scholarship fund, which benefits California's backstretch workers and their families.

The Siegels will be recognized for their leadership and dedication to the success of the Thoroughbred horseracing industry and their countless charitable contributions to assist those in need. Mace Siegel has served on the TOC board of directors since its inception, currently as Vice President.

The event will include dining, dancing and entertainment and will be held Tuesday, April 15 at Twin Palms restaurant in Pasadena. For tickets and information, contact Angie Carmona at (626) 447-2339.

TOC Owner Profile: Steve Lazar

Originally from Bronx, New York, and a racing fan for over 50 years, Steve Lazar routinely visited Aqueduct and Belmont Park as a youngster with his father. Educated in journalism at Columbia, he found himself writing for the New York Journal American covering sports and entertainment in the mid-1960's. Finding his way west, Lazar is now a self-employed environmental contractor – owning his own company for the past 15 years.

Lazar finally got into the game as a Thoroughbred owner in summer of 2004. Most of his acquisitions come via the claim box, and he currently has interests in two runners, Born to be Wild and recent winner One Sharp Menche. Preferring partnerships to sole ownership, he has developed many relationships at the track that have formed into ownership groups. His interest in racing now goes beyond the track as he scouts young horses with his trainer, Doug Utley, at a couple of farms near his home in Northern California. Lazar can be seen frequently at Bay Meadows and the Northern Fairs.



Footnotes... TOC Board member Marsha Naify, along with TOC President Drew J. Couto, attended the RCI Meeting in Austin, Texas on March 24th and 25th. TOC Board member Marsha Naify, and Executive Director Guy Lamothe, attended the CHRB meeting at Bay Meadows on March 27th. TOC presented its annual owner awards to its Southern California recipients in the Santa Anita Park winner's circle. TOC Chairperson Marsha Naify presented the Ed Friendly Industry Service award to John Harris on March 29th in the Santa Anita winner's circle. The First Saturday in May, a documentary following a group of sophomore colts, including 2006 Derby winner Barbaro, comes out April 18th. Visit www.thefirstsaturdayinmay.com for more information.

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