



# TOC TIMES

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday, Aug 16th TOC Annual Membership Meeting

Seaside Tropical Cabana  
Del Mar Racetrack  
Contact the TOC at  
(858) 794-1018  
for more info.

Saturday, Aug 24th  
**Pacific Classic Day**  
Del Mar Racetrack, Del Mar, CA  
Contact the DMTC for more info.

Contact the TOC for more information at 858-794-1018

## Attention Owners!

As many of you may be aware, the recently completed Bay Meadows Spring Race Meet generated more purse money than was paid to those who participated in the meet; a "purse underpayment." Because that was the last Bay Meadows meet ever to be run, reconciling and collecting all payments due the purse account – from in and out-of-state sources – is ever more difficult, as no portion of those monies can be carried forward to the following year's meet.

Along with Bay Meadows track management, TOC has been working diligently to finalize this process. However, because of the track's closure it was not anticipated that the process would be completed within the customary time period – within 30 days of the meet's closing – but rather within a period not to exceed 180 days of the meet's closing.

Please be assured that TOC will make every effort to expedite this process, and to release funds as soon as reasonably possible. If some of the more difficult issues persist, we will work with management to issue a partial payment, to be followed by a second payment, once all receivables have been collected.

TOC appreciates your patience and understanding.

## Leading Owners

### North – Money Won

Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro	\$206,276
Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	\$89,340
Lamonte Isom	\$70,836

### North – Races Won

Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro	12
Leisa Belsler	6
Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	4

### South – Money Won

IEAH Stbs., Lakin, & Pegasus Hld. Group, Stbs, LLC	\$450,000
Three Chimneys Racing LLC	\$440,000
Barber & Barber	\$412,309

### South – Races Won

Barber & Barber	10
Everest Stables, Inc.	3
La Canada Stables, LLC	2

## Committee Corner - Legislative Update

By Guy Lamothe

The State Legislature hits the top of the stretch when it reconvenes from summer recess on August 4 and will continue through August 31, which is the deadline for all bills to pass through both houses and the end of the current two-year legislative session. The Governor has until September 30 to sign or veto bills. The final legislative sprint to the finish line will be dominated by California's unprecedented \$15 million budget deficit and the Presidential election in the fall, which have forced TOC's Legislative Committee to reset expectations accordingly.

TOC's top priority continues to be contingency planning for the closure of Bay Meadows and possible closure of Hollywood Park. Under the Committee's guidance, TOC President, Drew J. Couto, and Executive Director, Guy Lamothe, have worked with racing stakeholders and legislators to craft legislation that would enable capital infrastructure financing (SB 1635-Negrete McLeod) and greater flexibility to allocate race dates in Northern and Southern California (AB 2205-Garrick and SB 561-Margett). In other matters... the mandated sunset of the highly successful workers compensation program is extended another five years (AB 2103-Plescia); an increase in the maximum cap on imported simulcast races (non-ADW) is proposed (SB 1335-Wyland); and, TOC partnered with CTBA to expand the scope of Cal-bred restricted races to include Cal-sired Thoroughbreds (AB 3073).

## THE QUARTER POLE

Are you in favor of the ban on steroids for use in racehorses?

Tell us what you think. Email us at [toc@toconline.com](mailto:toc@toconline.com)

## Footnotes

TOC President, Drew Couto, attended the BetFair meetings in England. Executive Director, Guy Lamothe, attended the Los Alamitos Planning Meeting at Santa Anita Park. Couto, Lamothe, Director of Operations Mary Forney, and Chair Marsha Naify attended the CHRB Meeting at Del Mar. Lamothe attended the So Cal Dates Meeting and the Stabling and Vanning Committee Meeting at Del Mar. Couto and Lamothe attended the BetFair Meeting at Del Mar.

## TOC Owner Profile - Chuck Gust



Chuck Gust and Tito Gonzalez

Thoroughbred owner Chuck Gust has been in the business for more than six years. At his favorite watering hole each Thursday afternoon Gust spread the word about Thoroughbred racing. Tito Gonzalez, Guy Turner, and Ron Saisi were interested enough to join Gust, put up \$2,000 each, and form Thirsty Guys Racing Stable in 2004. Their first purchase was an unraced 2-year-old that they aptly named Thirsty Guys. Thirsty Guys, still in training, went on to win two stakes races and more than \$150,000. The group still dabbles in the game and is in it just for fun. Not taking themselves too seriously they still meet each Thursday afternoon, and if they have a runner in, they move their "meeting" to the track.

## Brian Boudreau Joins TOC Board

TOC membership has elected Brian Boudreau to its Board of Directors, effective July 1st. Boudreau, along with his wife and daughters, lives on his Malibu Valley Farms in Calabasas. He bred 2002 California Champion 2-year-old filly Humorous Lady and Crackup, the runner-up for Champion 2-year-old colt honors that same year. Homebred DaStoops led Malibu Valley Farms to being ranked number one in California and number 32 in the U.S. in 2006 by Thoroughbred Times for Leading Breeders with 10 or more starts in 2006. Boudreau also campaigned Sicy d'Alsca, Regal Thunder, and Hegemony.



He owns a real estate development company, civil engineering company, construction company, investment management company and real estate sales company. He is also a partner in a company that leases editing equipment for major motion pictures worldwide.

As a TOC Director, Boudreau hopes to develop a purse structure that fosters new ownership by increasing all maiden purses to accelerate an owner's return on investment. He also would like to expand state owner's awards to include not only Cal-breds, but also horses sired by California stallions. By allowing California-sired horses to compete for California owner's awards even if bred in another state, there is an incentive for those horses to come back and race in California.