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UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

TOC Open House
July 21, 2007
Del Mar
2:00 p.m.
Owner-Trainer Lounge

TOC Seminar
"Ownership 101"
July 28, 2007
Sonoma County Fair
11:00 a.m.
Shade Park
(Adjacent to the grandstand)

TOC Annual Meeting
August 18, 2007
Del Mar
11:30 a.m.
Seaside Cabana

Summer Jewels

By Richard Scheidt

Summer is officially here, and that means racing in California hits the beach and the road. In Southern California, Del Mar opens its 43-day meet on Wednesday, July 18. The most popular meet in California, Del Mar again looks to raise the bar in attendance and handle marks. With an average of one stakes race per day, owners will have plenty of opportunities to tap into the over \$8 Million in stakes purses. Not lucky enough to own a stakes horse? Don't worry, Del Mar set a record in 2006 with the average daily purses in excess of \$592,000 per day. Del Mar promises to have something for everybody; good weather, top line entertainment and most of all great racing! And for a feature article on Del Mar's new PolyTrack, check out the summer issue of the Owners' Circle magazine.

Racing in Northern California returns to Wine Country with the first ever Sonoma-Solano Wine Country Race Meet. Traditionally the Solano County Fair in Vallejo has hosted two weeks of racing followed by two weeks at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa. This year, Vallejo will run five days from July 11 through 15, and Santa Rosa will run 18 days from July 18 through August 6. 2007 marks the first time two fairs have come together and combined race meets. Billed as a one-year experiment, with results to be analyzed after the conclusion of racing, this will be the first time fair racing will be conducted for an extended period without the carnival portion of the fair open concurrently. After the fair ends on July 30, six days of racing will continue at the fairgrounds. The experiment has been greeted positively by horsemen, especially those with turf horses who will have an additional week to run their horses in the North.

So grab your sunscreen or wine glass and head out to the track for some of the best racing California has to offer in the summer of 2007.

THE QUARTER POLL

Are you in favor of the CHRB mandate to install synthetic racing surfaces at the major California tracks?

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

TOC DIRECTOR'S NOTES: TOC Gets Results!

By Billy Koch

As a TOC Director, I also sit on the board of the California Marketing Committee (CMC). The CMC is funded by a portion of wagering handle at satellite wagering facilities throughout California for the purpose of promoting and marketing Thoroughbred and Fair racing in our state.

Although the CMC has many irons in the fire, one recently completed project stands out. The first ever toll-free statewide results line is now available. I know as an owner and horseplayer it was frustrating having to call a different number each meet for results. Now one call takes care of it all. The California Race Results line not only reports results from Thoroughbred tracks and fairs in California, but from most of the larger out-of-state jurisdictions. This comprehensive line provides results, scratches, morning line, track conditions and even stretch calls. It's easy to use and fast. No wading through voice prompts. Once you hear your option, the information is clear and concise. Give it a try by calling 1-888-338-RACE (7223) from anywhere in California.

If you enjoy watching replays of your horse, log onto CalRacing.com for free race replays from California tracks. CalRacing.com is also a CMC project, and the replays are archived for up to one year. Check it out, and let us know what you think.

TOC OWNER PROFILE: Al Eriksen and Beverly Goto

Al Eriksen and Beverly Goto have been Thoroughbred owners for over ten years. Residents of Seattle, Washington and box seat holders at Emerald Downs, they prefer racing their horses throughout California on a year-round basis. The couple makes several trips each year to the Golden State to watch their horses run. An avid fisherman, Al enjoys driving down the coast and fishing his favorite spots on their way to the races. Al and Beverly currently have five horses in training with Ed Moger. Their favorite runners have been B. Mr. Lucky and Miss Reiko. B. Mr. Lucky won the \$100K Silky Sullivan Handicap at Golden Gate Fields in 2000 and Miss Reiko had a very successful 2005 fall meet at Bay Meadows with two wins and two seconds from four starts.



TOC Notes: TOC Directors Madeline Auerbach, Billy Koch, Phil Oviedo and Don Valpreo, along with TOC Executive Director Guy Lamothe and staff Mary Forney, Loxi Wyndle and Richard Scheidt, participated in Legislative day in Sacramento on June 11. TOC staff member Richard Scheidt participated with representatives from Golden Gate Fields and CARF in the initial stages of a statewide research project with the intent of acquiring a qualitative sense of public attitude toward horse racing. The project will be completed in September.

COMMITTEE CORNER: Racing Affairs

By Tom Bachman

Racing Affairs is the most "hands-on" TOC committee with respect to actual day-to-day racing. The focus of this committee is to represent owners on how the purse money is best spent, what races are offered in the various condition books, development of a competitive stakes schedule, and the negotiation and approval of each racing association's horsemen's agreement as required by the CHRB. Other activities include the development of a long-term ADW strategy, race date allocations, incentive programs, and horse inventory matters.

The Racing Affairs Committee consists of two subcommittees: one Southern and one Northern. I'm heavily involved in both as I sit as Chair in Northern California and as Vice Chair in the South. Over the past year our focus in the North has been the reduction of race categories and in some cases the number of race days, as well as developing a consistent purse schedule from spring to fall. We are also heavily involved in future plans for racing in the North, as 2008 promises to be a transition year with the likely closure of Bay Meadows and a new track surface at Golden Gate Fields. In Southern California we have been concentrating on raising the bottom claiming level and the development of a condition that will protect the owner of a horse being brought back from a long layoff.

The committee is made up of TOC Board members as well as a small group owners and trainers that volunteer and contribute their time and knowledge for the betterment of racing in California.

May LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won		Southern California Races Won	
Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro	6	La Canada Stable LLC	4
Theresa and Edward DeNike	5	Gary and Cecil Barber	3
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Tr.	4	David W. and Holly F. Wilson	3
Northern California Earnings		Southern California Earnings	
David Bienstock and Charles Winner	\$ 118,900	Stronach Stables	\$ 259,080
Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro	\$ 97,758	Aury and Ralph E. Todd	\$ 238,920
Theresa and Edward DeNike	\$ 71,215	Indizguys Stable	\$ 150,000

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