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Racehorse Retirement Takes Center Stage

By Madeline Auerbach

Racehorses are our passion. Sadly the fate of many of these beautiful animals is left to chance once their racing careers are over. That's why the TOC has decided to make a change – one that will help ensure the care and comfort of all our racehorses in the future.

At the May Board of Directors meeting, TOC approved the creation of a new Equine Retirement Committee. This committee's primary goal is to create a funding mechanism to care for retired racehorses in California. CARMA, California Retirement Management Account (a new charitable fund), will collect and distribute monies to various racehorse retirement facilities throughout the state for continued care of current and new horses. Work has already begun on the creation of various funding mechanisms. Updates on our progress will be available soon!

The new committee also has several additional objectives, each of which is vital to the care of the horse. At the top of the list is educating owners. We will make available detailed information on facilities that care for and rehabilitate racehorses when their racing careers are over. Providing owners and trainers with a network of interested parties who accept retired racehorses is also a priority. Hopefully an owner will be able to scan this list and place his or her horse in a good home after its racing career.

The continued care of the horses is an important part of racehorse ownership. Our horses give us so much – this is our way of giving back.

UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

Conformation Clinic
June 23, 2007
Hollywood Park
9:00 a.m.

Owner-Trainer Lounge
(Barn Area)

Open House
July 21, 2007
Del Mar
Time TBD

Owner-Trainer Lounge

Ownership 101
July 28, 2007
Sonoma County Fair
11:00 a.m.
Shade Park

(Adjacent to grandstand)

THE QUARTER POLL

TOC's current educational seminars cover "Ownership 101," "Claiming," "Conformation," and "The Business of Ownership." What additional topics would you like to see covered at our seminars?

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

TOC DIRECTOR'S NOTES: Fond Reflections

By Donna Arnold

As time winds down on my term as a TOC Board member I reflect back on what we, as an organization, have accomplished as well as what lies ahead. I began serving on the board in 2000 and am honored to have followed in the footsteps of one of our founding members, Marianne Chase. During that time TOC played an integral part in easing the workers compensation crisis that affected our industry only three years ago. Our owner recruitment and educational seminars have developed into a solid and consistent program producing approximately 11% of licensees from seminar participants. We have contributed over \$250,000 to equine and racing related humanitarian charities. While the TOC has accomplished many objectives, we do not rest on our laurels, and that is what makes this organization the leader in our industry. To the remaining and soon to be newly elected board members, I wish you all the best in your quest to enhance our sport.

TOC OWNER PROFILE: Bernie Schiappa

In ten years as an owner, Bernie Schiappa has had some phenomenal luck. With partner Terry Lanni, he has won nine Grade 1 stakes races and campaigned such stellar runners as Lady's Din, Silic, and Sinister Minister.

Yet, he is a down-to-earth, approachable guy. A recent Saturday at Hollywood Park found him relaxing in the Owner-Trainer lounge, handicapping, and chatting with bloodstock agent Brett Lindenbaum (who purchased Sinister Minister for him just after his maiden win last year).

"When we won the Blue Grass S. with Sinister Minister, it was one of the most exciting races for me," said Schiappa. "But when we went to the Kentucky Derby, that was really over the top! Walking across with the horse to the paddock is something I will never forget, as long as I live."

Schiappa, who has homes in Las Vegas and Rancho Santa Fe, can often be found at the races. TOC celebrates a great supporter of California racing!



TOC Notes: TOC Directors Tom Bachman and Marsha Naify, along with TOC President Drew Couto and staff Wayne Atwell and Richard Scheidt, attended a two-day Northern California long-term strategic planning meeting on May 7 & 8 in Napa.

TOC members are reminded that this year's election ballots were mailed on May 15. To ensure that your vote counts, returned ballots must be postmarked no later than June 15. Results will be tabulated by an independent auditor and reported by July 1.

COMMITTEE CORNER: Get Involved!

By Richard Scheidt

The latest issue of the Owners' Circle magazine (Spring 2007) contains an article titled, TOC Committees: Working for You. As the official organization representing owners in California, we would like to Work with You. A couple of our committees invite you to get involved, bring new ideas to the table and contribute to making California racing the best it can be. Our Medication and Integrity committee works closely with the CHRB on medication guidelines and penalties and focuses on the health and well being of the horse and rider. The Owner Relations committee is committed to communicating with our members and also serves as the marketing arm of the TOC.

If committee work isn't for you, the TOC also needs volunteers for our special events. Our special events include educational seminars, barn tours, open houses and annual meetings. These events are held on a single day and require a three to four hour morning commitment followed by a fun day at the races.

If you are interested in participating with any of our committees or special events, please give us a call at 800-994-9909. We look forward to hearing from you.

APRIL LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won		Southern California Races Won	
Curt and Lila Lanning	4	La Canada Stable LLC	4
Robert D. Bone	4	Warren B. Williamson	3
Joseph P. Morey, Rev Trust	3	Stan E. Fulton	3
Northern California Earnings		Southern California Earnings	
Carter, Hale, Roncelli Family Trust, et al.	\$ 165,000	Mr. and Mrs. Jerome S. Moss	\$ 470,158
Curt and Lila Lanning	\$ 76,927	Warren B. Williamson	\$ 252,800
Kjell H. Qvale	\$ 71,547	La Canada Stable LLC	\$ 184,780

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