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UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

Veterinary Seminar

March 11, 2007
CTBA Library/Arcadia
5:30pm
RSVP REQUIRED
(626) 574-6622

Open Forum

March 17, 2007
Bay Meadows
12:30pm
Owner Trainer Lounge

Ownership 101

"The Claiming Game"
March 24, 2007
Bay Meadows
9:00am
Owner Trainer Lounge

TOC LEADS THE PAC! Reaching out to Legislators in 2007

By Mace Siegel

2007 is a make or break year for owners. Either we will be able to double our purse levels over the next few years, or they will remain where they are for the foreseeable future.

Five Indian casinos have an agreement with the Governor to add huge numbers of new slots. In return, the tribes will pay California "mitigation funds" (a portion of their winnings). We need to share in these mitigation funds. The Governor, the Legislators and the tribes, feel an obligation to help Thoroughbred Racing, which has been hurt by Indian casinos. In order for the Legislators to help us, we need to help them. From the day that they are elected, they need to gather huge sums in order to be competitive in reelections.

TOC's record as a PAC has been dismal in the past. Now is the time when you have to help us to help you. The maximum that any owner can legally contribute to the TO C PAC itself is \$5,000. In addition, owners can make \$1,000 contributions to individual legislators that the PAC can forward, together with its contributions.

I urge all of you who love racing to commit now to sending us a \$5,000 contribution, and to agree to fund an additional \$5,000 in \$1,000 direct contributions. It is a matter of life and death. Without mitigation funds, California will not be able to compete with other racing venues that have slots. If you can't give \$5,000, give as much as you can, and do it now, before it is too late.

TOC Notes: TOC Vice-Chair Marsha Naify represented TOC at the recent Racing Medication Testing Consortium meeting in Tampa Bay, FL on Wed. Feb. 21...TOC Board member Tom Bachman represented TOC at a Northern California summer stabling meeting to assist in planning as the Golden Gate Fields barn area will be shut down during installation of a new racing surface... Check it out! Have any horse racing books hanging around? We would like to put them to good use. The TOC is opening up an informal library at the Santa Anita office. If you would like to donate any of your old horse racing books so others may enjoy a read, please stop in and see us at Santa Anita or give us a call at 800-994-9909.

TOC DIRECTOR'S NOTES: Racing Secrets

By Alan Landsburg

I wonder how transparent racing should become. At TOC's last annual meeting a pretty fervent discussion was heard about the "secret" veterinarian reports routinely filed as part of a Vet's track practice. Most of the comments were clearly in favor of making these reports public whenever the horse changes ownership. Some owners said they would like the reports to be made public on a daily basis. Our Medication Committee will be presenting the committee's recommendation when the CHRB opens new medication rules for public comment. We would like to hear your feelings on the subject.

Backstretch secrecy generally has "yaddah-yaddah" components. Many years ago I owned a nice sprinter. The trainer guaranteed that he would not be claimed. He explained that offering groomers from claiming stables \$100 if their trainer would claim my horse. Result, the word was out that there "was something wrong with the horse"- since we were so anxious to dump him. Secrets...hmmm.

COMMITTEE CORNER: Owner Relations

By Billy Koch

Formerly the Marketing Committee, the Owners Relation is committed to improving communication between the board and our members and creating new marketing opportunities for California racing. As Chair, I've asked to committee members to be as creative as possible and to think "outside the box" when discussing new ideas. The first such example is this newsletter. Many of you ask the question, "What does the TOC do?" Or we hear, "Well, they never listen to my ideas anyway." If we don't hear from you, we can't represent you. Take advantage of "The Quarter Poll", come see us at the Upcoming TOC events, and consider joining us on the TOC board. This newsletter is a perfect opportunity to let your voice be heard. We are also currently planning our first TOC sponsored "Owner Only" Handicapping tournament with a bid to the National Handicapping Tournament in 2008 at stake. Hope to see you there.

THE QUARTER POLL



The Quarter Poll is your chance to let us know how you feel in response to a monthly question. We'll come up with a timely and/or interesting question for you to respond to. Also, we'd like to get questions from our members - give us a question and who knows, maybe you will see it in our next issue!

If you could make one improvement to the California Racing Industry, what would it be?

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

TOC OWNER PROFILE: Michael Strohmaier

A thoroughbred owner since 1991, Michael Strohmaier got into the business by accident. His first horse came to him in the form of repayment for a loan and the rest in history. Now also a breeder, his most successful horse to date has been Reds Superstar, a multiple stakes winner of over \$220,000 out of his own mare, Red Weather. He speaks highly of Red Weather having produced 10 foals, 6 of which have made it to the races and all won. Michael races primarily in Northern California and employees John L. Martin as his trainer. He is currently involved in sales with a local beer distributor and can be seen regularly at the track whenever one of his horses is running.



JANUARY LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won		Southern California Races Won	
Curt and Lila Lanning	3	La Canada Stable LLC	4
Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro	3	Everest Stables, Inc.	4
Harry J. Aleo	3	Stronach Stables	3
Northern California Earnings		Southern California Earnings	
Curt and Lila Lanning	\$ 83,503	STD Racing Stable and Jason Wood	\$ 290,320
Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro	\$ 82,910	Donald R. Dizney	\$ 275,000
DeDomenico, Todaro, Hollendorfer et al.	\$ 82,500	J. Paul Reddam	\$ 241,684

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