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"TOC Racing Club" Debuting Soon!

By Ali LaDuke

An exciting addition to TOC's busy roster of activities is the upcoming Racing Club. The TOC's Owner Relations Committee is currently working to form the club, with an aim to promote new ownership by giving fans the ability to experience thoroughbred ownership without any of the financial obligations.

Horses will be "donated" by consenting Board Members to fill a TOC Racing Stable. While no ownership is actually transferred at any time, the horses chosen will be used to give Club Members the chance to experience the life of an owner. Through this, the Racing Club hopes to lend its members the opportunity to experience morning workouts, life on the backside, paddock access and the ultimate goal of the winner's circle.

The aim of the club is to show fans the added thrill associated with thoroughbred ownership, with a hope that they will continue to enjoy horse racing on the owner's level. "We're always trying to find new, innovative ways to bring people into horse racing ownership," said Owner Relations Committee Chairman Billy Koch. "We hope the Racing Club will give people another opportunity to see how great this game can be."

Enrollment is tentatively set for May through June, with the kick-off event to be held after the start of the Del Mar meet. Keep an eye out for upcoming information and more details.

UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

Saturday, May 10th

Ownership 101—Buying at Sales
Hinds Pavillion-Barretts,
Pomona, CA

Saturday, May 31st

TOC Ownership 101 - Veterinary
Medicine & Your Racehorse
Golden Gate Fields, Albany, CA

Saturday, June 22nd

TOC Seminar—Conformation Clinic
Hollywood Park Owner Trainer
Lounge, Inglewood, CA

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

Northern California

Races Won

Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro 7
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Trust 6
La Canada Stables, LLC 3

Earnings

Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro \$161,458
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Trust \$101,116
Hall, Langbein Tst, Morey Family or Robinson \$75,300

April Leading Owners

Southern California

Races Won

Holly & David Wilson 4
Everest Stables, Inc. 3
Warren B. Williamson 3

Earnings

WinStar Farms, LLC \$450,000
Warren B. Williamson \$315,180
Everest Stables, Inc. \$193,690

THE QUARTER POLL

Which California based horse has the best chance
to win a 2008 Triple Crown Race?

Let us know by emailing us at toc@toonline.com

TOC Director's Note: Consistency Key for Summer Fairs

By Phil Oviedo

Summer fair racing is upon us, bringing some promising changes to the 2008 circuit. With the San Joaquin Fair in Stockton moving to September and State Fair in Sacramento back after a three-year absence, the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton will kick off a new schedule for racing this summer on June 25.

In conjunction with the movement in the calendar, one thing will remain constant this summer: a single Racing Secretary. Tom "Bomber" Doutrich has been named Racing Secretary for all the fairs (except *Ferndale*). Currently working in the same capacity at Bay Meadows, Bomber is familiar with the local horsemen which will aid in a smooth transition between fairs and a more logical stakes schedule. At TOC's urging the fairs have also agreed to cap the number of Thoroughbred races run each week in order to maintain field sizes and better manage horse inventory for the entire summer.

On the racing front, the CARF Starter Series will be back with a new twist. The series will offer races both long and short culminating with a route race in Fresno. A new three-race claiming series is scheduled with races in San Mateo, Sacramento and Stockton along with two enhanced Starter races in Stockton.

TOC is encouraged by these new changes and looks forward to working closely with the fairs to ensure a successful summer of racing in Northern California.

For a complete list of summer fairs including race dates, stakes schedule and condition books, logon to www.calfairs.com

CARMA Launch at Del Mar

CARMA (California Retirement Management Account) continues to move towards its official launch at the start of the upcoming Del Mar race meet. A charity poker tournament, including silent and live auctions, will kick off the 2008 fundraising efforts, supplementing the three tenths of one percent deduction from horsemen's purse accounts. Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 21st – the CARMA Poker Tournament should not be missed! If you would like to donate auction items or volunteer at the event, please contact CARMA at (626) 574-6618.

CARMA was created to assist Thoroughbred retirement facilities that care for and retrain horses whose careers have ended after competing in California Thoroughbred races. It will manage a grant request process and disburse funds to qualified retirement facilities caring for such horses. 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 ID #80-0146395).

TOC Owner Profile – Annabelle Stute



When she met her husband of more than 50 years – legendary California trainer, Mel Stute – at Portland Meadows, then Washington resident Annabelle Stute had little idea how engulfed in the racing industry her life would become. About 15 years ago, when their children were grown and Annabelle had a little spare time, Mel started putting her name on horse registration papers in order to "keep her interested." It worked, as she's still regularly

seen on the Southern California circuit, campaigning horses the likes of G1-placed Quick Little Miss and multiple stakes winner Frank the Barber.

While she owns horses privately, the majority of her horses are held in partnerships. She's also a breeder, and currently owns four broodmares in spite of recent attempts at sizing down. The Nebraska born animal lover admits to getting attached to her horses, and has to stay focused on keeping her emotions regulated.

Footnotes: Senator Florez enjoyed a Santa Anita luncheon with TOC Staff and Board Members to discuss his upcoming bid for lieutenant governor. Due to a mailing house error, there has been a delay in the delivery of a significant number of the Spring Edition of the Owner's Circle Magazine. If you have not received your copy yet, it should arrive by May 14th. In the meantime, it can be viewed online at www.toonline.com. Also, there was an error in the Spring edition of the Owner's Circle Magazine, where the article entitled *The Paymaster of Purses* on page 11 ended abruptly. The corrected copy is posted online. For information regarding the 2008 Breeder's Cup at Santa Anita Park, please call or visit the TOC Offices, or check www.toonline.com. TOC staff Richard Scheidt participated at the CARF horse recruiting dinner at Turf Paradise in Arizona on April 15. TOC President Drew J. Couto and Director Phil Oviedo attended the 4th Annual Crab Feed at Bay Meadows benefiting the Race Track Chaplaincy on April 27.

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