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Annual Meeting Moves North, Team TOC Ready for Las Vegas

By Richard Scheidt

The Thoroughbred Owners of California invites all members to attend the 2007 Northern California Annual Meeting Saturday, September 29. This year's Annual Meeting will be held in the Owner-Trainer Lounge at Bay Meadows. Our event will commence at 11:00 a.m. with the business portion of the meeting followed by a buffet lunch and question & answer session.

Attendees will have an excellent opportunity to meet and mingle with TOC board members and get caught up on current issues facing our industry. Northern California statistical leaders will be recognized, and chairs from several of our committees will be on hand throughout the day to discuss what projects their committees are working on. Come spend the day with TOC, meet your fellow owners and have fun watching and betting on the races.

Reservations for the Annual Meeting are requested. To RSVP, please call the TOC at (650) 571-0459 or (800) 994-9909.

More than 200 owners attended TOC's Annual Meeting at Del Mar on August 18. The event was held in the Seaside Tropical Cabana, and for the first time offered a TOC member-only handicapping contest. The business portion of the meeting was capped by a lively question and answer session followed by the presentation of our Annual Owner Awards.

TOC's member-only handicapping contest, the TOC Owners Challenge sponsored by TVG, attracted 91 participants with the top three finishers earning a spot on 'Team TOC'. They will compete in the DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship next January in Las Vegas.

The Owners Challenge took place exclusively in the Seaside Tropical Cabana at the Del Mar racetrack. Participants started with a \$36 bankroll and were required to place a fictional \$2 Win and Place wager on one horse in each of the nine live Del Mar races. The race card proved challenging as five of the nine races produced double digit payouts topped by a \$57.60 winner in the fifth race.

When the dust settled, Wayne Davis of Camarillo finished on top with a total fictional bankroll of \$76.60. Alan Mindell finished second with \$69.00, and by selecting the winner in the ninth race (\$33.20 win and place) Gene Duguay got up for the show with \$66.60.

TOC Notes: On August 7th TOC President Drew Couto spoke at the Albany Law School's annual Saratoga Racing and Gaming Law Conference in Saratoga Springs, New York. His topic examined the future of Advanced Deposit Wagering as a tool to help racing nationally. TOC Board Chair Marsha Naify participated in the NTRA Board meeting on August 10. TOC President Drew Couto presented before the State Board of Food and Agriculture on August 29 in Sacramento.

TOC DIRECTOR'S NOTES: An Exciting First Two Months

By Pablo Suarez

Good news TOC Members.....

When I joined the TOC Board in July, I was both honored and excited to make some positive changes. Fast forward two months later and I need to add another adjective to my first sentence: overwhelming.

There are so many different issues facing California horse racing today. The most frustrating part for me is that the simplest and most common sense solutions are never that, due to some legalities or conflicting interests by certain parties in racing.

At the TOC annual meeting at Del Mar, an open forum question was asked as to why we aren't working to get a deal done with the Indian tribes for slots to increase purse revenues. I have come to learn that when Prop. 68 was on the ballot, horse racing did receive offers from the tribes that would have injected well more than a hundred million ANNUALLY, but was evidently turned down by those funding the ballot initiative. I fear we may never get that money back, and it's a pipe dream to think that California racing will soon be entitled to operate slot machines, or that the tribes are now prepared to make any such similarly generous offers. The simple fact is that we need to fix our game from within!

Among its many agenda items, TOC is working to move forward legislative bills that would create a revenue stream for horse racing. This is a very diligent and dedicated TOC board. The interests of all California thoroughbred owners are always at the forefront.

P.S. - I still remain honored and excited to make some positive changes for this sport that we love!

TOC OWNER PROFILE: Paul Comach

A self-proclaimed beginner in the Sport of Kings, Paul Comach has owned four or five horses over the past four years. Born and raised in Northern California, Comach's father introduced Paul and his two brothers to the track at an early age. Now a regular at Bay Meadows and the Northern Fairs, Paul worked each summer in his youth at Seahorse Ranch and Palomar Stables grooming and taking care of horses.

Paul's favorite horse, Aquaduck, who was claimed in 2004, won first time off the claim and continued to run well finishing in the money in each of her seven races for Comach. After losing Aquaduck to a claim 2005, Comach lost three straight shakes as he attempted to claim again. Now back in the game with current runner Super Snoop, Comach plans to expand his ownership beyond the claim box at the upcoming Northern California Yearling sale in Pleasanton.



UPCOMING TOC EVENTS

Northern California TOC Annual Meeting
September 29, 2007
Bay Meadows
11:00 a.m.
Owner-Trainer Lounge
(Second floor- Clubhouse)
Please RSVP to 650-571-0459

TOC Open House
October 6, 2007
Santa Anita Park
Contact TOC at
(626) 574-6620
for details

Ownership 101
The Business of Racehorse
Ownership
October 13, 2007
Big Fresno Fair
11:00 a.m.
Grandstand Cantina

TOC Handicap
Contest winners
Gene Duguay, Wayne
Davis, and Alan
Mindell



THE QUARTER POLL

**Are you in favor of the new Northern California purse distribution whereas 60% goes to the winner?
(Previously 55% was awarded to the winner.)**

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

JULY LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won		Southern California Races Won	
Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro	6	Southern Equine Stable, LLC	3
Lamonte Isom	4	Jay Em Ess Stable	3
Perry Bruno	4	Robert D. Bone	3
Northern California Earnings		Southern California Earnings	
Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro	\$ 76,998	Martin S. Schwartz	\$ 525,000
Kjell H. Qvale	\$ 73,055	Glencrest Farm, LLC	\$ 450,000
Curt and Lila Lanning, LLC	\$ 70,315	Pam and Martin Wygod	\$ 261,490

AUGUST LEADING OWNERS

Northern California Races Won		Southern California Races Won	
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Tr.	6	La Canada Stables, LLC	4
Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro	6	Everest Stables, Inc.	3
Tommy Town Thoroughbred LLC	6	L-Bo Racing or Pyle.	3
Northern California Earnings		Southern California Earnings	
Joseph P. Morey, Jr. Rev. Tr.	\$111,340	Millennium Farms	\$ 600,400
Jerry Hollendorfer or George Todaro	\$ 82,388	Sarah K. & Kenneth L. Ramsey	\$ 240,000
Dennis Ward	\$ 75,564	Virginia Kraft-Payson	\$ 240,000

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