

# Team TOC Ready for Vegas!

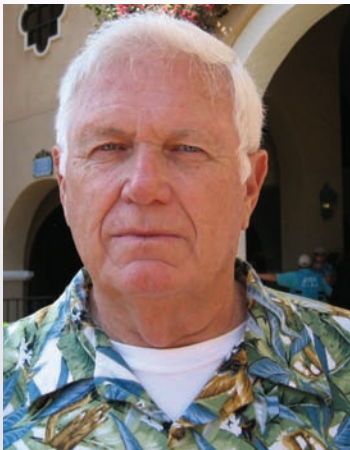


Complementing this year's TOC Annual Business meeting was the first TOC members-only handicapping contest – the *TOC Owners Challenge*. Sponsored by TVG, the event attracted 91 participants. The top three finishers earned a spot on "Team TOC" and will compete in the *DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship* next January in Las Vegas.

Participants in the handicapping contest started with a \$36 bankroll and were required to place fictional \$2 Win and Place wagers on one horse in each of the nine live Del Mar races. The race card proved challenging, with five of the nine races producing 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 wishes to thank our sponsor, TVG, and all members who participated in this year's event and wish good luck to "Team TOC" as they head to Las Vegas in hopes of capturing the national handicapping title!



Wayne Davis

*Davis, retired since 1997 after more than 32 years with 3M Company, was initiated into racing at an early age by his father and grandfather on the Southern California circuit. After finishing school and a stint in the US Navy, Davis was a weekend track patron until he retired, when he entered into ownership via a partnership on five horses. Preferring to own horses in partnership, he remembers his most successful horse, As We Know It, a \$10,000 claim that went on to earn over \$100,000 and a Cal Cup race. Davis and his wife, Marcia, have been married for 46 years and have two children and four grandchildren.*

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Gene Duguay

*Gene Duguay is a graduate of TOC's Continuing Education Seminars. He was first drawn to racing by the beauty of the horse and the pageantry of the race-track. Duguay formed a partnership with friends shortly after attending an infield party on Cal Cup day at Santa Anita Park in 1999. In addition to owning, the partnership has also bred their own horses and purchased yearlings. Duguay notes that a partnership is a great way to be involved in the business and at the same time form long-lasting friendships. Duguay resides in Mission Viejo California.*



Alan Mindell

*Mindell, a resident of Solana Beach, is a graduate of UC Berkley and has been a wholesale tour operator for the past 35 years. His horses have won races at all the major tracks in California, and his Vegas Eagle won the first running of the Real Good Deal Stakes at Del Mar. He is currently working on a memoir entitled *Inside the Claiming Game*, an in-depth study on claiming horses and horse ownership.*