

# *Celebrating Accomplishments*

## North and South

### *Ceremonies Honor TOC's Annual Owner Award Winners*

The spotlight shined on several California owners on March 14 at Santa Anita Park and March 21 at Golden Gate Fields, when TOC honored the winners of California's 2008 Owners Awards. Presentations were made in ceremonies held in the winners' circle between races.

In addition to statistical awards, there were four award selections – Owner of the Year, Horse of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Story of the Year. For those awards, the selection process began with a media committee comprised of representatives from northern and southern California, including track publicity, print media, television, and local handicappers. The winners were then chosen by a combined vote of the media committee and members of the TOC board of directors.

Jerry and Ann Moss were named Owners of the Year, and their filly Zenyatta was chosen Horse of the Year. The awards for both "Most California Purse Money Won" and "Most California Races Won" went to the Northern California-based partnership of Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro. The award for "Most Stakes Races Won" went to the Estate of Harry Aleo and the Mosses, in a tie. Ken Kinakin was chosen Rookie of the Year. "Zenyatta Winning the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic to Remain Undefeated" was chosen as the 2008 Story of the Year.

In addition to Zenyatta, the Mosses campaigned Coco Belle, Madeo, and Tiago and earned a total of \$1,968,872 in California in 2008, including seven stakes wins.. Hollendorfer and Todaro had a total of 412 starts, 117 wins, and total earnings of \$2,247,487. Their winners included You Lift Me Up and Kool Comic. Harry Aleo had a total of seven stakes wins with his three top fillies,

Wild Promises, Victorina, and High Resolve. Sadly, Aleo passed away in June of 2008.

Ken Kinakin campaigned Dancing in Silks and Lahuk's Dancer for a total of 11 starts, three wins, and earnings of \$186,988.

Selected to receive this year's Ed Friendly Industry Service Award was Madeline Auerbach. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions and service in the

Thoroughbred racing industry. Her tireless efforts have made CARMA (California Retirement Management Account) a resounding success. CARMA was formed last summer to help Thoroughbred rehabilitation and retirement facilities that care for and retrain horses whose careers

have ended after competing in California. It manages a grant request process which distributes funds to qualified retirement facilities caring for such horses. Congratulations to all 2008 award recipients!



## **Zenyatta** 2008 California *Horse of the Year*



TOC Director Kim Kuhlmann presents the awards for “Most California Purse Money Won” and “Most California Races Won” to Jerry Hollendorfer and George Todaro, who were joined in the winner’s circle at Golden Gate Fields by TOC president, Drew J. Couto, Chair, Marsha Naify, and Director of Operations, Mary Forney.

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TOC Director Marty Bach presents an award for “Most Stakes Races Won” to the Estate of Harry Aleo. Accepting the award is Aleo’s longtime companion, Deanie Bartlett, along with trainer Greg Gilchrist.



TOC Chair, Marsha Naify, presents the Ed Friendly Industry Service Award to Madeline Auerbach in the winner’s circle at Santa Anita. Joining them were family and friends of Auerbach, TOC Director Billy Koch, and TOC project coordinator Alison LaDuke.

Jerry and Ann Moss (center) received awards for Owners of the Year, Horse of the Year (Zenyatta), and “Most Stakes Races Won.” Presenting the awards were TOC directors Don Valpredo, Arnold Zetcher, and Billy Koch, who were joined by Greg Baugh of NTRA and TOC staff.



TOC Vice President, Southern California, Madeline Auerbach, presents the award for Rookie of the Year to Ken Kinakin, who is joined by family and friends, TOC directors and staff.