

Developments

CTBA Annual Meeting Dinner Feb. 22

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) 2010 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner will be held at The Claremont Hotel Club & Resort in Berkeley, Calif., on Monday, Feb. 22, 2010. The 2009 Horse of the Year will be named at the awards dinner, along with divisional champions, top stallions, breeder of the year, trainer of the year and the 2010 Hall of Fame inductees.

For reservations, please contact the CTBA's Event Coordinator, Christy Chapman, at either christy@ctba.com or (626) 445-7800 x247.

Eclipse Awards Return to Beverly Wilshire

The 39th Annual Eclipse Awards honoring the Champion Thoroughbreds of 2009 and individuals of outstanding achievement, will be held Monday, Jan. 18, 2010 at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. The evening will begin with cocktails at 4:00 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 5:00, concluding with an after party and entertainment.

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annually to recognize the Thoroughbred horses and individuals whose achievements have earned them the title of Champion in their respective categories, and to members of the media for outstanding coverage of Thoroughbred

racing. The Eclipse Awards are sponsored by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA), *Daily Racing Form*, and the National Turf Writers Association.

For tickets and information, contact the NTRA at (859) 422-2657.

Owner Awards Scheduled for North and South

The 2010 dates have been announced for TOC's Owner Awards ceremonies in both southern and northern California. Winners will be announced and awards presented between races on Saturday, Mar. 13 at Santa Anita and Saturday, Apr. 17 at Golden Gate Fields.

In addition to statistical awards, awards will be presented for Owner of the Year, Horse of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Story of the Year. For those awards, the selection process begins with a media committee comprised of representatives from northern and southern California, including track publicity, print media, television, and local handicappers. The winners are then chosen by a combined vote of the media committee and members of the TOC board of directors.

Additionally, TOC Chair Marsha Naify will present the "Ed Friendly Industry Service Award" at the Santa Anita event. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions and service in the Thoroughbred racing industry.

Make plans now to attend either, or both, awards ceremonies!



Donna Peterson to Retire from Oak Tree

Donna Peterson, Executive Administrator for Oak Tree Racing Association since 2000, is retiring effective Jan. 31. Peterson, a familiar face at Santa Anita, has been witness to a great deal of history over the past 30 years. Prior to joining Oak Tree, Peterson was employed by Santa Anita for 20 years, where she worked in marketing and the executive offices – at one time serving as Social Secretary for Robert Strub, son of Santa Anita's founder, Doc Strub.

"Donna is an intelligent, hard working individual who interfaced with hundreds of Santa Anita employees and others in the horseracing community, not only in California but throughout the country," said Oak Tree's Executive Vice President, Sherwood Chillingworth. "She did this with such charm that no one has ever had anything but compliments for their contact with her. Donna deserves an enjoyable retirement after so many years of dedication to her job and always thinking "out-of-the-box" so that she anticipated your next inquiry. She was a model for us all and we will miss her greatly."

TOC Financial Audit Now Online

TOC's audited Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, is now available for viewing on the TOC website. Go to www.toconline.com and click on the link in the Announcements Box.



Kinakin and trainer Carla Gaines (center) in the winner's circle for Dancing in Silks' Breeders' Cup Sprint victory.

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