"Team TOC" Headed for Vegas!

Three TOC members qualified for the NTRA/DRF National Handicapping Championships.

Tom Ellis of San Mateo won the Northern California version of the third annual TOC Owners Challenge Handicapping Contest by earning points on six of the nine live Golden Gate races. Ellis will join Southern California contest qualifiers Cresencio Dacayanan and Andy Pham in January when they head to Las Vegas to compete for $1,000,000 in prize money in the DRF/NTRA National Handicapping, Championships.

Ellis became a horse owner after joining fellow owner and tour operator Kent Ochs on a trip to the Kentucky Derby five years ago. Since then he has maintained an average of four horses in Northern California. His best horse has been One Charming Devil, who has definitely paid her way. Ellis has resided the Bay Area for all of his 80 years; and as a teenager he frequented Tanforan, Bay Meadows and Del Mar with his father.

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Tom Ellis (right) accepts award for Owners Challenge Handicapping Contest from Northern Calif. Director of Operations, Richard Scheidt.

Dacayanan was introduced to racing as a youngster by his father. His passion for racing continued into adulthood, when he decided to live out his dream of owning a racehorse. That dream became a reality in 2003 when he partnered with JP Racing. His CNG Racing Stable had its first start, a win, with True Contender at Oak Tree. Dacayanan carries the race video with him wherever he goes.

Pham got into the game in 2004 with Gerson Racing and later Starburst Racing Stables. His favorite horse he has owned is Star Over the Bay, an $80,000 claimer turned multiple graded stakes winner. "Star" won the Sunset Handicap, Del Mar Handicap, Clement L. Hirsch Turf Championship, and Sunshine Millions Turf and participated in the 2004 Breeders' Cup Turf.

Team TOC will compete in the NTRA/DRF National Handicapping Championships in Las Vegas January 29 and 30. Join us in wishing Team TOC the best of luck in Vegas!

Coming Soon

A New Look for TOC Website

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Better organization of information

New sections showcasing owner photos and videos

More Information at Your Fingertips

A New "Ask the Expert" Section

Easy to Access Schedule of TOC Events

A New Section Just for You

Includes a new Photo Gallery

Blog Central

TOC Videos

Also included are links to TOC's quickly growing online community:

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