

“Team TOC” Headed for Vegas!

Three TOC members qualified for the NTRA/DRF National Handicapping Championships Jan. 23-24.

Dennis Decauwer got up in the final strides to win the Southern California TOC Owners Challenge Handicapping Contest at Hollywood Park November 22. Decauwer was mid-pack in the standings before the ninth and final race when his selection Monica C C pulled off the upset at 13-1. The combined win/place mutuel of \$42.40 moved him past then leader Robert Huson. Huson led the contest for the better part of the afternoon and finished second in the final standings.

Decauwer, a Thoroughbred owner since 1988, is a principle partner in Black Diamond LLC Racing, which races and breeds here in California. The speedy Tialinga was his first stakes winner and their first broodmare. A \$32,000 claimer, she won over \$180,000.

Huson, a licensed owner in California for more than a decade, utilized TOC seminars as a networking tool to meet other owners and trainers. Owning mostly in small partnerships, he has had recent success with stakes winners Carbella in Northern California and Fitzmo in the South.

Both participants join Northern California contest winner Jeff Hug as part of Team TOC and will compete in the NTRA/DRF National Handicapping Championships in Las Vegas January 23 and 24.

Jeff Hug won the Northern California Owners Challenge on October 4 at Golden Gate Fields. An avid handicapper since



the age of 14, Hug has ventured into owning and breeding over the past four years. Racing primarily in Northern California under the stable name Team Karma, he currently has three horses in training.

Join us in wishing Team TOC the best of luck in the NTRA/DRF National Handicapping Championships!

TOC Seeks Your Input on Website Improvements

In an effort to provide the most current news and information to our membership, we are continually working to improve YOUR website, www.toconline.com.

Some of the upgrades we have made during the past 12 months include:

Owner Standings Online

Updated owner standings include a Top 10 Weekly report and Top 20 Year-to-Date Report, each updated every Tuesday evening, covering the previous week of racing in California. Check out the standings under the “Racing” tab.

Sire Reports Online

Updated daily Sire Reports are available, also under the “Racing” tab, with an easy drop-down menu allowing users to search the top sires that have foals racing in California. Users customize the search to their own preferences, with search options including surface, age, sex, distance, and class level. Information is provided by Equibase and updated weekly.

New and Improved “Announcements” and “Extras”

Updated regularly with the latest tools and information to help keep owners “on top of their game!” Recent additions to Announcements include information on the Out-of-State Shipping Subsidy; and a recent addition to Extras is an in-depth “ADW Primer.”

In the New Year, we plan to provide even more enhancements to your online experience. Areas we are exploring include:

- Comprehensive California Trainer Statistics
- Social Networking (such as Facebook and MySpace)
- Blogs
- RSS Feeds

Your comments, suggestions, and ideas are welcome. Drop us a line at: toc@toconline.com. Help us make your website the best it can be!