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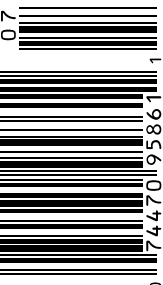
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Remembering Russell Baze's Outstanding Career

As depicted on the cover of this edition of *California Thoroughbred*, the CTBA would like to honor Russell Baze as he recently announced his retirement from the jockey colony in California after finishing second in the 10th race at Golden Gate Fields June 12. Baze retires as the winningest jockey in history, with 12,842 wins.

Originally elected a member of the National Racing Hall of Fame in 1999, he was inducted into the California

Thoroughbred Breeders Association Hall of Fame in 2008. The longtime king of Northern California, Baze rode many California-breds over his 40-year career. Quoted in January 2008 in this publication, Baze stated: "I rode a lot of Cal-breds. You could say my first big break in Northern California came from riding Cal-breds."

Baze was the early rider on such California-bred stars as eventual Kentucky Derby runner-up Cavonnier, as well as Eclipse Award winner Brown Bess. He pi-

lotted many Cal-bred stakes winners over the years and would typically venture to Southern California to participate on the California Cup card at Santa Anita. In fact, at the 18th California Cup renewal in 2007, he had two stakes winners, with Bold Chieftain in the Classic and Sierra Sunset in the Juvenile.

In tribute to the leading rider in nearly every meet over the past two decades at Golden Gate Fields and the now-closed Bay Meadows, several CTBA directors/members have added the following reflections:

"Russell was a good person and a consistently top rider. He had the same wife and the same agent most of the time I knew him. Not many jocks can claim that attribute. If I had a horse in a stakes up north, I made it a habit to call Ray Harris, his agent, to see if he was open. Oftentimes he was not, but then I knew the stakes might come up tough as the best horses' connections would usually try to get Russell. He could ride any type of horse, speed or come-from-behind, turf or dirt, short or long, and he put a 100% effort into every mount regardless of the class level of the race. Coming down the stretch, if his horse had a shot, he had an innate ability to get up at the wire."

—**John Harris**

"During my tenures as the manager of Northern California's two major tracks, I was lucky to have someone of Russell's stature, experience, and integrity heading the jockey colony. His steady hand was of importance in the functioning of the tracks. Just as important was the role Russell played as a goodwill ambassador for racing. In my 15 years as a manager in Northern California, Russell was called upon repeatedly to make appearances to promote racing, and not once did he decline such a request. The positive impact of his longtime agent, Ray Harris, should be also recognized. Both of them will be missed."

—**Jack Liebau**

"Russell Baze, the true professional. As an owner, when your trainer secured the services of Russell, you knew you had to be there because you were live and had a shot. We were fortunate to give a leg up on Soviet Problem to win many stakes—Oakland Handicap, Bay Meadows Budweiser Breeders' Cup, Sacramento Handicap, First Advance Hand-

icap, among others—but also with lesser stock, as with Russell, no matter what level, you always got his professional ride. His warmth, his smile, and his attitude radiated; Russell was the true professional. My sincere thanks for your exemplary attitude in your successful career, and now bait the hook well as you relax in the new phase of your life."

—**Don Valpredo**

"We trusted Russell with our best horses, and he rode them well. But the amazing thing about him is he would ride a low-end claimer just as hard as he did a stakes horse like Sierra Sweetie. I think he rode her in every race, north and south, and won on her all the time. But the one I like to tease him about was when he took Bold Chieftain over Sierra Sunset in the Alamedan and picked the wrong one."

—**George Schmitt**

"Russell was the consummate professional. He rode our best and our worst, always striving for victory. It warms my heart to know he won a grade I on Smiling Tiger."

—**Phil Lebhertz**

"I watched Russell Baze ride early on in his career. He rode each horse with the same determination and finesse, regardless of whether it was in a \$2,500 claimer or the Lost in the Fog Stakes. Thank you, Russell, for the many wonderful memories; you have always been humble, gracious, caring, and just one heck of an outstanding rider. You leave a large hole in the jockey community up north. Congratulations on a healthy retirement."

—**Sue Greene**



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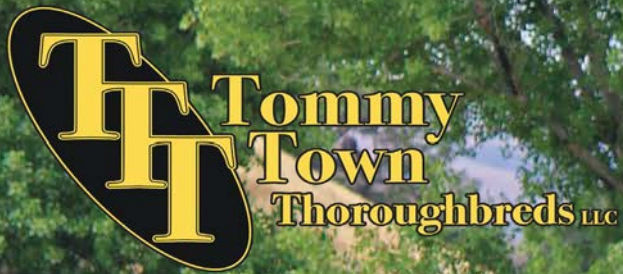
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TRACY GANTZ PHOTOS

Lava Man, Buddy Johnston Honored at Walk of Champions Gala

California-bred Lava Man and California breeder E.W. (Buddy) Johnston were among the honorees at the Thoroughbred Racing Walk of Champions Gala Celebration at the Los Angeles Country Arboretum & Botanic Garden. The bronze plaques that will eventually be placed in Arcadia sidewalks were on display. Johnston's wife, Judy, and many of his family members attended. For more information on the gala, see page 14.



Judy Johnston, fourth left, with Walk of Champions plaque honoring late husband, Buddy.

BARTON APPOINTED TO CTBA BOARD

Kate Barton has been appointed to the Board of Directors of California Thoroughbred Breeders Association, President Doug Burge announced.

Barton was born and reared in Riverside, and from an early age attended the races with her father, Richard. She played volleyball at Cal State University, San Bernardino and graduated in 2012, majoring in business marketing. She went to work for the family business, California Packaging, while helping her father manage his Thoroughbred breeding and racing operation.

"After going to a few sales at Fairplex and eventually Keeneland with him, I fell in love with the game even more," she said. "I decided to pursue my MBA, which I received in 2014 from California Baptist University. In the past two years I have become much more involved with our entire operation, whether it be the breeding, selling, or racing."

The Bartons now stand California stallions Champ Pegasus and Atticus.

"We are very excited for the opportunities in the future with breeding and racing here in the state," she said.



COURTESY KATE BARTON

CAL-BRED POPALICIOUS WINS NEW MEXICO STAKES

California-bred Popalicious captured the \$50,000 First Lady Handicap at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico May 30. She had finished third in the same stakes last year.

Ridden by Ruby Gonzalez, Popalicious prompted the pace early in the six-furlong race, dueled with rivals in the stretch, and prevailed by a neck over Sky Rant, with Untraveled another neck back in third. Popalicious completed the distance in 1:12.34.

Henry Gonzalez trains Popalicious for owners Solitaire Stable, Skyler Lelley, Allen Aldrich, and Tom Mansor. Tommy Town Thoroughbreds bred the 6-year-old daughter of Ministers Wild Cat—Sea Poppy, by Forestry. Popalicious was winning her eighth race in 31 starts and raised her earnings to \$314,743.

GREGSON FOUNDATION TO HONOR BAFFERT

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who trained American Pharoah to win the Triple Crown in 2015, will be honored by the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation Aug. 15 at its annual fundraising and awards dinner. The event will take place at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar Resort, a few miles south of Del Mar racetrack.



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Trainer Bob Baffert honored by Edwin J. Gregson Foundation

The Gregson Foundation dinner raises money to provide college scholarships to the children of California's backstretch community. Past honorees include trainers Jack Van Berg, Ron McAnally, Mel Stute, and the late Warren Stute, in addition to such industry leaders as Ann and Jerry

Moss, Mace and Samantha Siegel, Dr. Jack Robbins, and Joe and Barbara Harper. Last summer the foundation saluted jockeys Mike Smith and Gary Stevens.

"It's pretty remarkable to see how the Gregson Foundation's scholarship program has grown through the years and to know what a difference it has made in the lives of not only the kids, but entire families," Baffert said. "Backstretch workers are the backbone of our industry, and this is a wonderful way to let them know they are appreciated and supported."

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BENCHMARK (1991) †	757	43
TRIBAL RULE (1996) †	739	42
STORMIN FEVER (1994)	802	32
BLUEGRASS CAT (2003)	778	33
SWISS YODELER (1994)	786	30
GAME PLAN (1993) †	448	25
OLD TOPPER (1995)	551	25
KAFWAIN (2000)	603	22
SEA OF SECRETS (1995)	498	22
ROCKY BAR (1998)	160	20
MINISTERS WILD CAT (2000)	360	20
DECARCHY (1997)	367	15
WESTERN FAME (1992) †	315	15
ATTICUS (1992)	490	15
COMIC STRIP (1995)	341	14
BIRDONTHEWIRE (1989) †	294	12

† Indicates stallions who have died or have been retired from stud.

● Indicates stallions who have moved out of state but have California-bred 2-year-olds of this year. All sires will remain on the list until the year after their last foals are 2-year-olds.

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



LAVA MAN

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10 YEARS AGO

Despite stumbling at the start, **LAVA MAN** in 2006 became only the second horse, both of them California-breds, to win more than one edition of the Hollywood Gold Cup (gr. I). He accomplished the feat July 8, as Native Diver had back in the 1960s. Both geldings went on to win the Hollywood Park race a third time. In his second Gold Cup victory, Lava Man was able to right himself three strides out of the gate. "I just let him gather himself and got him in the clear, and Lava Man did the rest," said jockey Corey Nakatani. Lava Man went on to win by a nose in 2:01.16. Doug O'Neill trained Lava Man for Dave, Steve, and Tracy Kenly and Jason Wood. Lava Man, now a member of the national Hall of Fame, is a stable pony for the O'Neill barn, which also includes Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winner Nyquist.

25 YEARS AGO

With the span of three weeks in July 1991 on the Northern California fair circuit, California-bred **CHARMONNIER** captured two 1¼-mile stakes at two different tracks. At Pleasanton he proved victorious in the July 6 Pleasanton Handicap, and then at Santa Rosa

he succeeded in the James F. Lyttle Memorial Handicap July 28. Thomas Chapman piloted Charmoronnier in both events for trainer Don Eikleberry. The 3-year-old gelding took the Pleasanton by three lengths in 1:41.70 and the Lyttle by two lengths in 1:42.30. Robert H. Walter bred and owned the son of Batonnier—Fagers Charm, by Sham.

50 YEARS AGO

California-bred **FLEET HOST**, a \$13,500 purchase at the 1964 California Thoroughbred Breeders Association Del Mar yearling sale, annexed the \$100,000 Hollywood Derby July 9, 1966. Setting the pace throughout, he defeated Drin by 2½ lengths, getting the 1¼-mile race in 2:00½. Jerry Lambert piloted Fleet Host for trainer Ray Priddy. Bred by Albert Yank, Fleet Host was the first horse purchased by computer magnate Fletcher Jones, who in 1966 also established Westerly Stud Farm in the Santa Ynez Valley. Fleet Host, a son of My Host—Countess Alberta, by Count Fleet, went on to win the following year's Arcadia Handicap and San Luis Rey Handicap.



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Dutt Bart

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October Sale Yearling California Diamond (Harbor the Gold)
1ST \$56,690, Msw. June 17 at Santa Anita for owner Dickman Legacy Ranch, LLC; consigned by Havens Bloodstock Agency, Inc. agent.

October Sale Yearling Right Hand Man (Street Boss)
1ST \$57,725, Msw. June 10 at Santa Anita for owner Blinkers On Racing Stable, Bennett, Bonde et al.; consigned and sold (\$120,000) by Harris Farms, agent.

October Sale Yearling Love a Honeybadger (Bushwacker)
1ST \$56,690, Msw. May 19 at Santa Anita for owner E-Racing.Com, Rod Faurot and Janet Lyons; consigned and sold (\$10,000) by Lovacres Ranch, agent.

August Select Yearling Hot Perfection (Unusual Heat)
1ST \$56,345 Msw. May 6 at Santa Anita for owner Dickman Legacy Ranch, LLC; consigned and sold (\$75,000) by Harris Farms, agent for Double J H Stables.

October Sale Yearling Dutt Bart (Empire Way)
1ST \$55,875, Msw. April 29 at Los Alamitos for owner Albert Chou and Terry Lovingier; consigned and sold (\$50,000) by Lovacres Ranch, agent.

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August Select Yearling Sale at Del Mar Tuesday, August 30th at 2:00 PM





WHEELOCK WHITNEY

Wheelock Whitney, who owned California-bred Quicken Tree with breeder Lou Rowan, died May 20 in Independence, Minn., at age 89.

Quicken Tree, a flashy chestnut with four white legs, was perhaps the most popular of the horses Whitney and Rowan raced together. Competing in the late 1960s, he never lost at two miles. His victories included wins in the Santa Anita Handicap, San Juan Capistrano, Jockey Club Gold Cup, and Display Handicap, the latter twice. Quicken Tree is buried at Santa Anita.

Whitney, who was a member of The Jockey Club, also raced Cal-bred Ruken with Rowan. Ruken captured the 1967 Santa Anita Derby.

Once part owner of the Minnesota Vikings, Whitney was instrumental in bringing Major League Baseball and a National Hockey League team to Minneapolis-St. Paul. He served on the board of the Minnesota Twins for 24 years.

Rowan died in 1988, and during a celebration of his life, Whitney recalled their partnership thusly: "I asked Lou for some help once. I said, 'Lou, I have a problem. Everyone keeps asking me if I'm the Whitney with horses.' When I tell them no and that I'm a farmer from Minnesota, their faces fall. Lou said, 'I'll take care of that,' and he sold me a quarter interest in a horse."



ADAM COGLIANESE/INTRA

Quicken Tree led in by owners Wheelock Whitney (left) and Louis R. Rowan after winning the Jockey Club Gold Cup Oct. 26, 1968

RICHARD EAMER

Richard Eamer, whose Mandysland Farm of the 1980s and 1990s is today part of Magali Farms, died in May. He was 88.

Co-founder of National Medical Enterprises Inc. in 1969 with John Bedrosian and Leonard Cohen, Eamer was a California native and studied law and accounting at USC. He entered the Thoroughbred business in 1981, and some of his earliest purchases came with Bedrosian at the 1981 CTBA Sales' Del Mar yearling sale.

Eamer bought property in the Santa Ynez Valley and officially opened the facility in 1983. A lifelong animal lover, he named the farm Mandysland for a favorite Labrador Retriever.

"What I wanted was a nice little piece of property where I could very slowly get involved in the racing business and have some place to walk my dogs," Eamer said in 1982.

Laura Cotter, formerly an assistant to trainer D. Wayne Lukas, became manager of Mandysland in the late 1980s. The farm stood several stallions, including M. Double M., Glaros, Mon Classique, and Oraibi. Glaros, a multiple stakes winner, raced for Eamer, whose other stakes winners included Seven Rivers, Daloma, Nepal, California-bred Enemy Number One, and homebred My Rachel.

KAY NEVES

Kay Neves passed away on June 2 at her home in Glendora, Calif., at the age of 79, following a long illness.

She was the former wife of jockey Ralph Neves. They were co-owners of the Talk of the Town Restaurant in Pasadena. The "Talk" was a popular gathering place for the racing community.

Following the sale of the restaurant, she was employed by *Today's Racing Digest* in the sales/distribution department.

She spent her final working years in the pari-mutuel department at Santa Anita. She retired in 2010.

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PET SCANNER A FIRST FOR UC DAVIS

The University of California at Davis veterinary hospital has acquired a positron emission tomography (PET) scanner, becoming the first veterinary facility in the world to use this technology for equine patients. The hospital will launch the use of the PET scanner this summer in association with the Center for Equine Health at UC Davis.

The PET scanner will be used for research and clinical studies on lameness diagnosis. It is termed a "functional" imaging technique, able to observe activity at the molecular level to detect changes in the tissue before the size or shape is modified.

"In practicality, that means two things," said Dr. Mathieu Spriet, a UC Davis veterinary radiologist. "One, PET can detect lesions that other advanced modalities do not identify, and two, it can tell us if a lesion—identified with another modality—is a significant injury or not. Preliminary data suggest that PET will be the next big revolution in equine imaging since the development of MRI."



UC Davis veterinary hospital is the first to get the PET scanner for the horse.

Harris Farms Seminar

Mark your calendar now for Friday, Oct. 7, as the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association will sponsor a seminar on current breeding issues at the Harris Ranch Inn in Coalinga. The CTBA is reinstating this annual seminar, which will consist of a full day of valuable information and has been popular for members and people in the California breeding and racing industry.

The speaker lineup is one you won't want to miss. It includes a representative of The Jockey Club, who will speak about The Jockey Club's new policies on microchips, identification and registration. Rick Baedeker, executive director of the California Horse Racing Board, will speak on how the CHRB will handle the microchip requirements at the racetracks and training centers in California.

Dr. John Madigan, BS, DVM, MS, from the University of California at Davis will discuss Neonatal Maladjustment Syndrome, its possible links to childhood autism, and the methods he and his colleagues are using to improve foals with this condition. Dr. David Lambert, BVSc, MRCVS, with Equine Analysis Systems in Midway, Ky, will offer ways that science can contribute to California breeders, including insights on breeding, conformation, and raising Thoroughbreds.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to see a demonstration of microchipping at Harris Farms. A leader in California racing and breeding, Harris Farms is well-known as the facility that raised two California-bred Eclipse Award Horses of the Year: Tiznow and California Chrome.

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The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association continues to offer a streamlined registration process that eliminates the need to send the original Jockey Club Certificate to the CTBA to complete the Cal-bred or Cal-sired registration.

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Now that foaling season has waned, it is time to spotlight your foals in *California Thoroughbred*. The August issue will feature Thoroughbreds foaled in California, with advertorials consisting of six to eight photos of foals per page.

The cost to publish a full-page insertion will be discounted down to \$500. This represents a discount of more than 50% off the regular full-page advertisement price. Insertions should include a caption with each foal's sire, dam, broodmare sire, sex, date of birth, and breeders, as well as the details, including a logo, of their farm location.

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For additional information please contact the magazine's Advertising Manager, Loretta Veiga, at Loretta@ctba.com or at 626-445-7800, ext. 227. Additionally, photos can be submitted to Ken Gurnick at kgurnick@ctba.com for free inclusion on the CTBA's website.

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CTBA Northern California Yearling & Horses of Racing Age Sale

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Also see more complete information about the sale on page 17 of this issue.

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\$100,000 Everett Nevin Futurity Oak Tree at Pleasanton	\$100,000 Thor's Echo Handicap \$100,000 Spring Fever Handicap Santa Anita Oak Tree at Pleasanton closing day	5	6	7	California State Fair (Cal Expo) opening day	9
Santa Anita closing day	11	12	13	CHRB monthly board meeting Del Mar	Del Mar opening day	Chips All In CARMA charity fundraiser Del Mar
17	18	19	20	21	\$150,000 Fleet Treat Stakes Del Mar	Barretts Paddock Sale at Del Mar
California State Fair (Cal Expo) closing day \$150,000 California Dreamin' Handicap Del Mar	25	26	27	Sonoma County Fair (Santa Rosa) opening day \$150,000 Real Good Deal Stakes Del Mar	\$100,000 CTBA Stakes Del Mar	30
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More than 340 people gathered in the open area between Lucky Baldwin's Carriage Barn and the historic Queen Anne's cottage on the grounds of the Los Angeles Country Arboretum & Botanic Garden to salute the nine new inductees of the City of Arcadia's Walk of Champions in mid-May.

The event honored Zenyatta, Lava Man, Chris McCarron, Ron McAnally, Gary Jones, Mike Mitchell, Mel Stute, Buddy Johnston's Old English Rancho, and Joe Burnham as the newest recipients of bronze plaques on the streets of downtown Arcadia. The gala and accompanying silent auction also benefited a number of Thoroughbred racing charitable causes, including the California Thoroughbred Foundation.

"The event was conceived to provide a feel-good evening for both the people in racing and the people from the city of Arcadia to work together to re-create a feeling of community that we haven't had in a long, long time," said Alan Balch, executive director of the California Thoroughbred Trainers and emcee of the gala.

"The highlight of the evening for me, as for many people, was three emotions of a different kind. First, the emotions of Mel Stute, who spoke for so many people and inspired us with his lifelong devotion to racing. We were honored to salute his achievements as he so richly deserves. Second, remembering Zenyatta and her will to win. The will to win is what makes racing the great sport that it is. And finally, watching the reaction of Victor Espinoza and his performance on Dancing with the Stars!"

Espinoza was one of several high-profile attendees at the event, held just across the street from Santa Anita Park. Trainer Doug O'Neill, fresh from a third-place finish in the Preakness (gr. I) with 2016 Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winner Nyquist, was on hand with his family to accept the honor on behalf of Lava Man, his California-bred multi-millionaire trainee.

"My mom, Dixie, is here tonight," said O'Neill. "She lives near the Walk of Fame, and we often walk down the street and admire the plaques."



From left, Ada Gates Patton, Vivian Montoya, and Jeanne Canty represented the California Thoroughbred Foundation at the Walk of Fame Gala.

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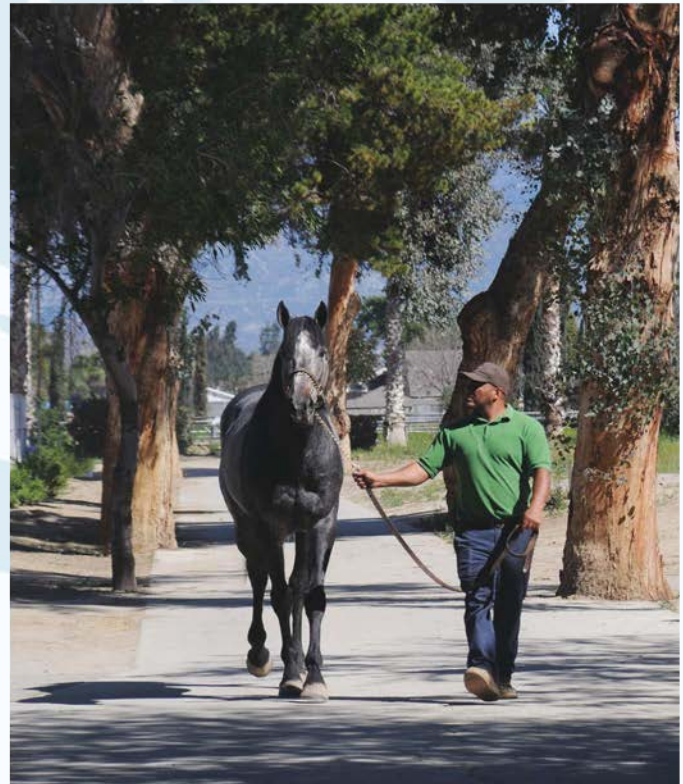
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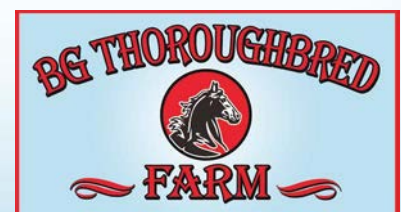
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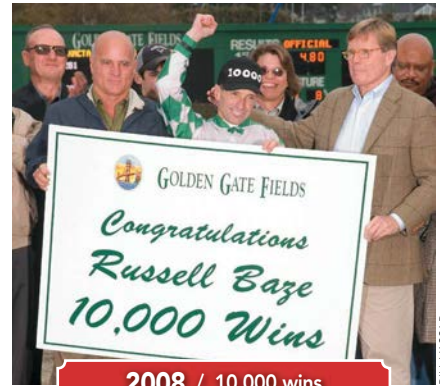
Baze Retirement

After 42 years and 12,842 victories, the all-time leading North American rider by wins hangs up his tack



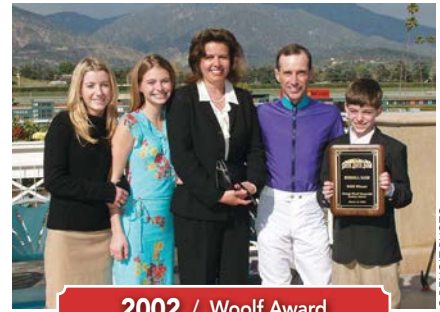
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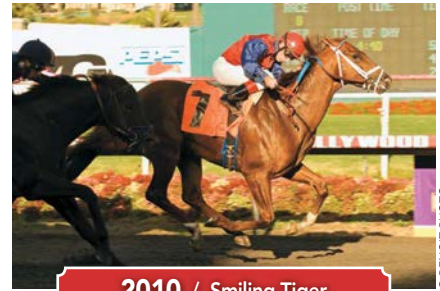
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2010 / Smiling Tiger

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Hall of Fame jockey Russell Baze in mid-June announced his retirement. Baze is the leading North American rider by number of wins, with 12,842 victories in North America, according to Equibase.

Dominant in Northern California, Baze won an amazing 54 riding titles at Golden Gate Fields, including the championship during the recently concluded 2015-16 winter/spring meet. The 57-year-old won a total of 5,765 races at Golden Gate Fields.

A native of Vancouver, British Columbia, Baze began his career in the Pacific Northwest, winning his first race Oct. 28, 1974, at Yakima Meadows. He posted his final win June 11 in the 10th race at Golden Gate Fields.

Baze overtook Laffit Pincay Jr. as North America's top rider by wins in 2006, when he recorded victory number 9,531 at Bay Meadows. He is the only jockey to win 400 or more races for seven



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

straight years (1992-98).

Baze's top mounts included several California-breds—Soviet Problem, Bold Chieftain, and Tamarando, as well as Hawkster, Itsallgreekto me, Event of the Year, Lost in the Fog, Bold Chieftain, Smiling Tiger, and Shared Belief.

Baze was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame in 1999, and he received the George Woolf Memorial Award in 2002. **CTB**



CECILIA GUSTAVSSON

The CTBA Sales' Northern California Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale is growing annually, and this year's auction is coming on the heels of a successful 2015 edition. The 2016 sale will be held Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton.

In 2015 the sale's gross jumped 28% from the previous year, to \$1,349,800, with an average of \$11,537 and a median of \$7,000. Buyers are getting good value for their money too, as evidenced by the likes of Stars Aligned (ex Snow Proof) and a daughter of Lucky Pulpit—Mulberry Lane, by Cee's Tizzy.

Stars Aligned, a Cal-bred son of Idiot Proof—Reine des Neiges, by Smart Strike, topped the 2015 Northern California sale at \$72,000. Less than a year later Stars Aligned previewed well at the Barretts March 2-year-old sale and sold for \$150,000.

Timothy O'Leary bred Stars Aligned, Ellen Jackson prepped him at Victory Rose Thoroughbreds, and Sue Greene's Woodbridge Farm consigned him to the Northern sale. John Brocklebank bought Stars Aligned there for Vern Dickman's Dickman Legacy Ranch, and trainer Bob Baffert purchased him at Barretts.

John Harris bred the Lucky Pulpit

Cal-bred opportunities abound: Last year this Lucky Pulpit—Mulberry Lane filly sold at CTBA's Northern California August sale for \$20,000 and brought \$150,000 at Barretts May this year

filly and sold her to Sean McCarthy for \$20,000 at the 2015 Northern California sale. McCarthy's wife, Kim, consigned her to this year's Barretts May 2-year-old sale through her McCarthy Bloodstock, and the youngster brought a final bid of \$150,000 from George Bolton.

Graduates of the 2015 sale are just now starting to reach the races, and already they are winning. Tchula Sunset, a \$17,500 purchase, won at Golden Gate Fields June 3. Premier Thoroughbreds bred the 2-year-old son of Sierra Sunset—Tchula Miss, by Pentelicus. Woodbridge Farm sold Tchula Sunset to Curt and Lila Lanning, for whom he now races.

Woodbridge also sold Candy Pink, a \$4,500 purchase who won June 16 at Pleasanton. Woodbridge bred the daughter of Tannersmyman—Smoke Over Water, by Stormy Atlantic, in partnership with Jim Eaton. Martin Kenney bought Candy Pink, and she races for Sylvia Kenney.

Lobo, bred by Cole Ranch, which sold him for \$34,000, captured a race at Golden Gate June 12. Lloyd Mason and Robert Jones purchased the son of Tribal Rule—Serena's Echo, by Swiss Yodeler.

Two by Run Brother Ron went through the 2015 sale as 2-year-olds and have won this year at 3. Renegade Run, bred

and owned by George and Mary Clare Schmitt, has won three times at Golden Gate Fields, on Feb. 27, May 6 and 28. The Schmitts also bred and own Lexi's Run in partnership, and that filly scored in her first attempt, also at Golden Gate.

Earlier sales graduates have gone on to win stakes, such as Cal-bred Deb's Wildcard, last year's Seattle Handicap victress. She has earned more than \$125,000 and was a \$17,500 purchase in 2013.

Sire power for the 216 yearlings looks to be especially strong in this year's catalog. Many top California and Eastern-based sires are represented. The perennial leading sire Unusual Heat, who has total progeny earnings exceeding \$50 million, is among them.

Please visit www.ctba.com when the catalog is available, on or before July 6, to view the complete list of sires. The catalogs will be mailed on or before July 18.

Anyone wishing to attend the sale and stay nearby can get a special hotel rate of \$99 at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn Dublin-Pleasanton. Use the code CTB to get the group rate. The cutoff date for the group rate is July 27. The hotel is located at 6680 Regional Street, Dublin, Calif. 94568. Please call 800-465-4329 or visit www.HolidayInn.com/Dublin to make your reservations. **CTB**



75 YEARS OF COMMUNICATION

Whether you are holding this issue of the magazine in your hands or reading it on a digital device, you are looking at something that has evolved over 75 years. With its July 2016 issue *California Thoroughbred* celebrates 75 years of communicating about the California Thoroughbred breeding industry as a voice of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

The magazine's evolution mirrors that of the CTBA, the breeding industry, and the publishing industry. All began small and have grown exponentially.

The CTBA predates its publication by four years, having celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2012. It began as the California Breeders Association and published a bulletin called "The Thoroughbred." With the purchase of the magazine *Thoroughbred Breeding*, it combined the two, publishing its inaugural issue in July 1941. First called *The Thoroughbred*, the magazine later became *The Thoroughbred*

of California and is now the more succinct *California Thoroughbred*.

"The object of our magazine is primarily to establish a medium for the exchange of information among the members of our association," wrote CTBA president Walter T. Wells in the first editorial.

That goal has never flagged, and with the advent of the Internet and digital media, readers can choose how to receive the publication. It continues to spread the CTBA's message, that breeders in California are producing talented racehorses. **CTB**

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**"History is a cyclic poem written by time
upon the memory of man"**

—Percy Bysshe Shelley



2015 Cal-bred turf champion Spanish Queen has three crosses of Northern Dancer and potent female family tracing to The Apple

BY ELLEN PARKER

If anything is a basic truth in Thoroughbred pedigrees, it is that today's top runners breathe life anew into the champions of the past that have built their bloodlines. Over and over, we watch Gummo, Bertrando, or Pirate's Bounty come alive as their descendants race down the unique hillside at Santa Anita, in the surfside bliss of Del Mar, bayside at Golden Gate Fields, the relative (Thoroughbred) newness of Los Alamitos, or even on the fair circuit in Northern California.

No matter the venue, the blood and its legacy make for the sense of nostalgia we often feel when seeing a familiar name on a program page, whether it one of the first

offspring of a favorite runner-turned-sire or a mare we once won money on in a claiming race. And nowhere is this history more dramatically played out than on the grass.

Grass is the great equalizer, after all. When a European classic horse meets a good Yank turfer for the first time, we all are richer for the experience of seeing them do battle. Thus, not surprisingly, turf blood like that which Unusual Heat or In Excess possesses has brought to California breeding a kind of international flavor that even a high-tech zeitgeist favoring instant gratification can appreciate.

Since California is blessed with good weather, it was only natural that turf-loving horses would be cultivated. Thus, Eclipse winners such as Brown Bess and Acclamation, along with grand international stars such as California Chrome and Cacoethes dot the landscape of champion

California-bred grass runners. California Chrome has set a very high bar with his \$12 million bankroll, while Cacoethes was good enough to run third in one of the world's most coveted races, the Epsom Derby (Eng-I).

The history of California breeding tells us that international stars, from Alibhai to Petrone to Political Ambition, were always welcome to the stallion ranks. Not all succeeded, of course, but in recent years, breeders have become more aware of keeping good mares at home to support these sires and help them to continue contributing to the versatile nature of the Cal-bred grass horse.

Because turf is such a natural surface, horses that run over it "for a living" sometimes stay sounder, and many Cal-bred turf champions are repeat winners. Acclamation and Native Desert are examples of this trend. But before turf champions were

added to the Cal-bred year-end championships in 1990, horses such as multiple Cal-bred champion and Eclipse Award-winning mare Brown Bess also stayed around a long time, to the delight of her many fans in the Bay Area.

BANKROLLS AND VERSATILITY

Decades could pass before another Cal-bred champion in any category wins \$12 million like California Chrome, but there are some shining examples of big earners among the turf champs:

Lava Man won more than \$5 million; Acclamation won almost \$2 million, Native Desert \$1.8 million, Bold Chieftain almost \$1.7 million. Other millionaires are Moscow Burning, Continental Red, The Usual Q. T., Nashoba's Key, Valentine Dancer, California Flag, and Megan's Interco. Blaze O'Brien and Soviet Problem each banked nearly \$1 million.

Of course, money alone does not define class. Because California Chrome ticks all the boxes, the horses who compose his pedigree as well as his individual accomplishments tend to stand out. But he is hardly alone.

Other graded or group winners are the versatile Eclipse champion Acclamation, Blaze O'Brien (Inglewood Handicap-gr. IIIT), Bold Chieftain (San Francisco Mile Stakes-gr. IIT), Cacoethes (Turf Classic Handicap-gr. IT), Continental Red (San Luis Rey Handicap-gr. IIT), Journalism (Shoemaker Handicap-gr. IIT), Megan's Interco (Shoemaker Handicap-gr. IIT), Moscow Burning (Sheepshead Bay Handicap-gr. IIT), Nashoba's Key (Yellow Ribbon Stakes-gr. IT), Ninebanks (San Francisco Breeders' Cup Mile-gr. IIT), Smooth Player (Del Mar Oaks-gr. IT), Somethingmerry (Palomar Handicap-gr. IIT), Soviet Problem (Laurel Dash-gr. IIIT, second in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-gr. I), Spanish Queen (American Oaks-gr. IT), Tiz Flirtatious (Rodeo Drive Handicap-gr. IT), and The Usual Q. T. (Hollywood Derby-gr. IT),

Though he was not a graded stakes winner, it should be noted that California Flag took the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint. That race is now a grade I but was not yet graded at the time of his victory.

Lava Man stands out, as he won the "big three" California races for older horses—the Santa Anita Handicap (gr. I), Hollywood Gold Cup (gr. I), and Pacific Classic Stakes (gr. I), all on the main track, in addition to his grass wins. He demonstrated the adaptability of his talent in particular, but he was far from alone in excelling on more than one surface.

Acclamation, for example, was probably as good on the all-weather surfaces as on turf, earning more

than \$600,000 on synthetic main tracks. Other turf champions who won significant amounts on dirt or synthetic surfaces are Bold Chieftain (more than \$1 million), Continental Red (almost \$300,000), Megan's Interco (\$430,000), Nashoba's Key (\$651,000), and Smooth Player (\$359,000).

MALE LINES

Pedigrees often give "grass positive" clues in our Thoroughbreds, as the distinctive daisy cutter stride of a top grass runner is frequently passed from one generation to another. Yet a horse who seldom receives credit where turf prowess is concerned, Seattle Slew, is a major factor in Cal-bred turf champions.



Tiz Flirtatious, California's 2013 turf champion, descends from the Relaunch male line and is inbred 4x4 to Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew

Seattle Slew is the tail-male ancestor of California Chrome, California Flag, Bold Chieftain, and Lava Man. Further, wherever we find the blood of Tiznow or his brothers, it should be noted that they are out of a Seattle Slew-line mare (Cee's Song, by Seattle Song). Tiz Flirtatious, by Tizbud, is inbred to Seattle Slew.

This is not to say that Northern Dancer, whose blood literally owns European turf racing, is not present. After all, he is the male-line ancestor of Unusual Heat via Nureyev and of Moscow Ballet via Nijinsky II while Tribal

Rule is a Storm Cat son. Storm Cat is by Storm Bird, who is closely related to Nijinsky II, thus setting up a good inbreeding possibility for future generations. Somethingmerry has the good fortune to be by Secretariat's Northern Dancer brother Somethingfabulous.

Relaunch, always strong in California, has two major branches via Tiznow and Bertrando. And the Grey Sovereign branch of Nasrullah has its say via In Excess (Valentine Dancer).

Other lines represented include Hyperion via Forli/Interco (Megan's Interco and Blaze O'Brien) and Teddy via Native Desert. Fairway makes an appearance via Political Ambition (Work the Crowd) while Roberto is present through Silver Hawk (Nashoba's Key).



Pedigrees



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Eclipse Award winner and twice Cal-bred turf champion **Acclamation** is a product of the powerful Northern Dancer male line and the Thorn Apple female line

than status symbols.

This trend continues with the broodmare sire lines while still reflecting similarities to the tail-male lines. Yet no single stallion is represented more than once as a broodmare sire.

Native Dancer's male line of Sickle is mostly found via Mr. Prospector branches (California Flag, Valentine Dancer, California Chrome, Tiz Flirtatious, and The Usual Q. T.). But also representing Native Dancer are Sharpen Up/Atan (Continental Red) and Prince-ly Native (Native Desert).

Breed-shaping Nearco has many branches, and we find a nice sampling among the broodmare sires of California turf champions: Northern Dancer via Nijinsky II/Caerleon in Nashoba's Key and via Seattle Dancer in Bold Chieftain, through Unusual Heat's Nureyev cross in Spanish Queen, and through Lyphard via Lyphard's Wish in Gastown. Bold Ruler is the foundation for Soviet Problem's Dimaggio line. Fleet Nasrullah is represented by Don B. in Megan's Interco's pedigree. Royal Charger/Hail to Reason via Mr. Leader carries the Nearco standard in Moscow Burning's ancestry, and the wonderful Grey

Sovereign makes an appearance via Caro/With Approval in Ninebanks' lineage.

St. Simon shows up via Ribot's Hoist the Flag sub-branch (Work the Crowd and Smooth Player) and Prince Rose (Lava Man via Prince John and Ac-

clamation via Petrone/Prince Bio). The grand old American lines of Domino and Plaudit are represented, respectively, by Somethingmerry's Black Toney/Rising Market and Journalism's Dr. Fager blood. Finally, we have Swynford/St. Germans via the rarely found D'Artagnan in Blaze O'Brien and Pharmond II/Menow/Tom Fool via Jester in Cacoethes.

FEMALE CONTRIBUTIONS

If it is indeed true that "the family is stronger than the individual" (a quote attributed to the late A. B. "Bull" Hancock), then the Cal-bred turf horse is surely descended from the very best of the stud book. While all turf champions trace to separate taproots, reflecting the same bloodline medley as the broodmare sires, this scope

of blood is a great strength in today's inbred runner.

California Chrome, it has been well documented, descends from the Betty Derr clan, which also gave us Swaps. Soviet Problem comes from the Planetoid line, which includes that grandest of producers Grey Flight and her major offspring such as leading sire What a Pleasure. Tiz Flirtatious, from the Erin line, shares her family with giants such as Ruffian and Icecapade, while Valentine Dancer tails to Frizette, the family of Mr. Prospector and Seattle Slew.

Bold Chieftain represents the Electric Rose family, which also gave us Political Ambition, while Journalism descends from the Belle Cane line that also produced Preakness winner Royal Orbit. The family of Eclipse Award winner and

TURF CHAMPIONS

Name	Sire	Dam	Yr.
Cacoethes	Alydar	Careless Notion	1990
Somethingmerry	Somethingfabulous	My Mary	1991
Blaze O'Brien	Interco	Irish O'Brien	1992
Journalism	Publicity	Knowledgeable Lady	1993
Soviet Problem	Moscow Ballet	Nopro Blama	1994
Work the Crowd	Political Ambition	Katambara	1995
Megan's Interco	Interco	Don's Quillo	1996
Gastown	Carson City	Wishmiss	1997
Native Desert	Desert Classic	Miss C. Native	1998
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Smooth Player	Bertrando	Shy Pirate	2000
Native Desert	Desert Classic	Miss C. Native	2001
Continental Red	Flying Continental	Sharp Looking Lady	2002
Ninebanks	Smokester	Nataka	2003
Moscow Burning	Moscow Ballet	Burning Desire	2004
Valentine Dancer	In Excess	Gilded Dancer	2005
Lava Man	Slew City Slew	Li'l Ms. Leonard	2006
Nashoba's Key	Silver Hawk	Nashoba	2007
Bold Chieftain	Chief Seattle	Hooked On Music	2008
California Flag	Avenue of Flags	Ultrafleet	2009
The Usual Q. T.	Unusual Heat	Lunge	2010
Acclamation	Unusual Heat	Winning in Style	2011
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Tiz Flirtatious	Tizbud	Masquerade Belle	2013
California Chrome	Lucky Pulpit	Love The Chase	2014
Spanish Queen	Tribal Rule	Spanish Bunny	2015

outstanding sire A.P. Indy, Uvira II, gave us Gastown. And Padua, who is responsible for stand-out stallion Raise a Native, also counts Ninebanks among her many descendants.

The Thorn Apple line that is responsible for champion Acclamation also contains such good horses as Impressive Style and Agitate. The Albany Isle branch of Family 9 is the taproot for California Flag, as well as his full sister Cambiocorsa and top runners such as Flashy Bull.

Moonrise, which gave us Smooth Player, also is the family of J. O. Tobin, the first horse to defeat Seattle Slew. The Man o' War daughter War Cloth, who was responsible for The Usual Q. T., also spawned Today 'n Tomorrow while Stage Fright, ancestress of Native Desert, also got Acroterion, broodmare sire of Flying Paster. The Apple line, female family of Spanish Queen, is a massive tribe that also includes such giants as champion Slew o' Gold as well as his half brother Coastal, who ended the Triple Crown quest of Spectacular Bid.

Betty Betty, who gave us Something-merry, also is responsible for classic-placed Creative Cause and his full brother Destin, a multiple graded winner. Even more historic is Briar-Root, ancestress of not only Megan's Interco, but also German *chef-de-race* Prunus. Sailor and Overskate are other members of the Crepuscule family that gave us Blaze O'Brien.

Dolly Agnes (Continental Red) also contributed the superior producer Judy o' Grady, who in turn got Green Dancer, Grey Dawn II, and many more. Pretense was inbred to blue hen Selene and to Gallenza, whose dam Excellenza is the taproot of Moscow Burning.

Forever, ancestress of Lava Man, gave us Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I) winner Sharp Cat and top Europeans like Royal Anthem and Rousillon.

Nashoba's Key, who tailed to St. Marguerite, an enormous family, came from the same branch that gave us Kostroma and her daughter Ariege. Finally, Fabulous Notion and Lucky J H are from the same family as Cacoethes.



The Golden State's favorite son, California Chrome represents the Seattle Slew sire line and his dam is inbred 3x3 to La Troienne descendant Numbered Account, champion juvenile filly in 1971

There is little doubt that the old saying, "If you go back far enough, they are all well bred," has some truth in it. However, there is also truth in the belief that even a fallow branch of a good family could come back to life at any time, as the line that gave us Lava Man proves.

INBREEDING

Our Thoroughbreds today are more inbred than they have ever been, owing to an emphasis on commercial breeding and a narrower sire base due to large books—often in two hemispheres. Sometimes it also tells a story. A few of the more intriguing patterns are:

Acclamation's cross of Nasrullah back to his full sister Malindi is not often found. However, the Malindi cross is via Petrone, who also sired Brown Bess, not a part of this group but nonetheless forever linked to him as a Cal-bred Eclipse Award winner



RON MESAROS

A son of Nureyev, leading California sire Unusual Heat is linebred to leading English sire Hyperion

with a similar pedigree pattern.

Count Fleet and his seldom-found full brother Count Speed appear in the dam of Megan's Interco, Don's Quillo. California Chrome's pedigree has a plethora of unique inbreeding crosses, including his dam's 2 x 2 cross of three-quarter siblings Dance Number and Polish Numbers and linebreeding to his own family line of Betty Derr via two crosses of Swaps plus his Judy-Rae blood.

The Usual Q. T. is another who is loaded in the inbreeding department, including a rarely found double of Windy Sands (Golden Shore/Kick Pleat in his dam) as well as inbreeding to the very powerful Rough Shod II through Thong in his sire's Nureyev's contribution and Ridan in his dam's Golden Shore cross. His dam also carries a cross of Round Table and his full sister Monarchy, something he has in common with the fine sire Pulpit.

Few horses can claim the unusual and potent double of My Charmer that Bold Chieftain possesses. This represents Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew and his half brother Seattle Dancer, the latter mostly famous for his \$13 million price tag.

Three-time champion Native Desert has oodles of Man o' War lines, none more compelling than the rare War Admiral/War Glory cross in his dam's contribution. That pair are three-quarter siblings. Other Man o' War crosses he possesses are Speed Boat, American Flag and Identify.

As always, when examining the lineage of Cal-bred champions, we find pleasant surprises. This is the great strength of regional breeding. In a country as vast as America, we have a landmass that rivals Europe, yet while we are united we have more diversity of blood.

It is this blood that has survived to tell its story in the unique combination of new and old—the history of the Cal-bred at his best. On the turf he frequently meets horses from other nations, carrying his own special brand of Americana to gold and glory for a state that itself is as diverse as any the nation can boast. **CTB**



FARM FOOTCARE

PUTTING THEIR BEST FEET FORWARD

BY EMILY SHIELDS

The cheeky adage “no hoof, no horse” is a lighthearted way to remember that a horse’s shoes are utterly essential, especially on the racetrack, where the smallest crack or bruise can set a horse back for weeks. But what about at the farm level, where shoes themselves can be an unnecessary added expense, but proper foot care is just as important?

While on the track, racehorses are regularly trimmed and shod, often shortly before race day. On the farm, stallions, broodmares, weanlings, and yearlings all have different shoeing needs, which can range from wearing plates on all four hooves to going completely barefoot. Each option has pros and cons, influenced by the quality of the footing the horse is standing on during the day and their individual needs.





Management

Magali Farms manager Tom Hudson noted that, “about 70% of the broodmares on our farm just have front shoes, and we shoe the fronts and trim the rears every 35 days.”

It’s a little different for Mike Allen, who runs Tommy Town Thoroughbreds.

“We prefer to have the mares barefoot if possible, but a lot of them need front shoes for whatever reason,” he said. “It’s probably split half and half between completely barefoot and front shoes. Then when our yearlings are galloping well, we put front shoes on them, turn them out, and when we bring them back at 2 and they’re getting close to racing, we put hind shoes on.”

Both Tommy Town and Magali are in Santa Ynez, where the ground can create issues.

“Our farm is all grass and irrigated, but the ground still has a gravelly soil to it,” Hudson said. “We do see a lot of cracks because the feet get wet in the grass, which would happen even if we didn’t irrigate because there’s a lot of dew on the ground in the mornings. Then as the day goes on, everything dries out. So the feet go



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Wet conditions lead to hoof cracks, which require the application of hoof dressing

from wet to dry, which makes them crack more.”

To combat this, Hudson and his team are religious about applying hoof dressing.

“They are all getting it at least two or three times a week, but there are some that get it every single day,” he said. “The change in ground from wet to dry is the perfect scenario for making cracks, but we are able to prevent that just using the dressing and front shoes.”

Magali employs two regular farriers, Skip Boyland and Jake Pierce.

“Skip does all my plating, and Jake is one of the best broodmare farriers,” Hudson said. “They’re doing about 100 horses a week here.”

Pierce can get through trimming 30 yearlings a day if they aren’t yet wearing shoes, but only 10 horses a day if he needs to apply all four shoes.

“When I’m working in a barn, I just set up shop and they bring me one horse after another,” he said. “But some days I go pasture to pasture with a helper who catches the horses. The biggest issue you see in broodmares are cracks, but if you get the feet clamped and grown out, then they’re good to go.”

Sherrie Songer, trainer and assistant manager at E.A. Ranches in Ramona, agreed that weather can make a difference to a horse’s shoeing schedule.

“When we have a wet season, the ground is soft and we may not have to shoe the mares,” she said. “We pull the shoes and let their feet expand. The previous nail holes grow out, and it makes the foot stronger overall so that they don’t crack or chip as easily. They can go without shoes longer that way.”

But with the recent drought in California, Songer is seeing fewer opportunities for that.

“We have to shoe when it’s a dry year and our ground gets hard,” she said. “It also depends on their feet; if they have good, dark feet, they don’t have shoes. But if they have white hooves, they are shod most of the time.”

“The foals we might trim every two weeks if we have to, and mares can be on a seven- or eight-week schedule. Our retired horses are every 10 weeks, and yearlings and stallions are every six weeks. One of our stallions has all four shoes, one has only fronts, and one is barefoot. It depends on the individual.”

Tim Miller, the longtime farrier at E.A. Ranches, keeps quite busy. He brings his own team of help when he arrives at the ranch for the workday.

“I’m there two or three days a week and do about 15 horses a day,” he said. “Because I have good help, we can usually get out around 2 in the afternoon.”

Because Ramona is in the



MAGALI FARMS

Skip Boyland, one of two regular farriers for California’s Magali Farms, where 100 horses a week receive hoofcare

southern part of the state, Miller said he sees fewer cracks than the northern farms, with more rain and moisture. He said he sometimes sees white line disease, and horses from wetter climates can sometimes come in with thrush.

"We treat it right away so we don't have to deal with it again and I don't have to resect a part of the hoof," he said. "The most important thing is treating the issue right away."

Because of the nature of pasture turnout and California's ideal weather, Pierce noted that thrush isn't a major problem.

"We don't see too much of it because these horses aren't just sitting in their stalls, and if they are, the stalls are cleaned all the time," he said. "Out of 400 horses, I see maybe one or two cases of thrush."

Miller explained why treating hoof cracks is just as important with broodmares as it is with racehorses.

"Any time there is weight-bearing, cracks can happen," he said. "Mares get very heavy with pregnancy, and sometimes their feet don't hold up."

Harris Auerbach, who with his mother, Madeline, is a principal in leading California sire Unusual Heat, has a large broodmare band at Harris Farms in Coalinga and also some in Kentucky. He agrees with Miller.

"If a mare's feet aren't good, then they aren't able to carry a pregnancy," Auerbach said. "Everything we do, from picking out the mares to who we breed to, involves their feet. We measure them up because we don't want little mule feet or pie pans in our horses."

Auerbach also offered a

warning on hoof color.

"You always want to guard against a horse with four white feet," he said. "We had one, Huntsville, at the top of his game, but he got a hole in his hoof and it took months getting him back. We had to drop his racing level."

Huntsville had been graded stakes-placed before his hoof issues flared up.

"We get more aggressive with shoeing when the baby is more commercial," Auerbach said. "A lot of shoeing and trimming can help with conformation issues, too."

If a foal is born with offset knees that cause it to toe in or out, horsemen try to treat the issue with immediate and regular trimming.

"There's a small percentage of foals that we trim every 21 days," Allen said.

"We normally start rasping the babies at three weeks, then every 35 days," Hudson said. "But the ones that are offset, we rasp and trim them every two weeks."

Pierce explained, "If you trim every two weeks on the outside of the foot, you can turn the leg so that it gets straight again. That's really all you can do if they have knee problems—trim the side and get them to come back."

"We can start trimming at just 2 days old," Miller said. "They don't really like it, but being around excellent horsemen helps. We just hold them and pet them to keep them quiet."

As horses age, they usually become easier to handle. Pierce said, "Tom (Hudson) and his people put a lot of work into the horses when they are weanlings, which makes it very easy on me. Their yearlings are pretty gentle."

A combination of nutrition, regular care, and modern advances in hoof science is helping to produce excellent results for owners and their horses.

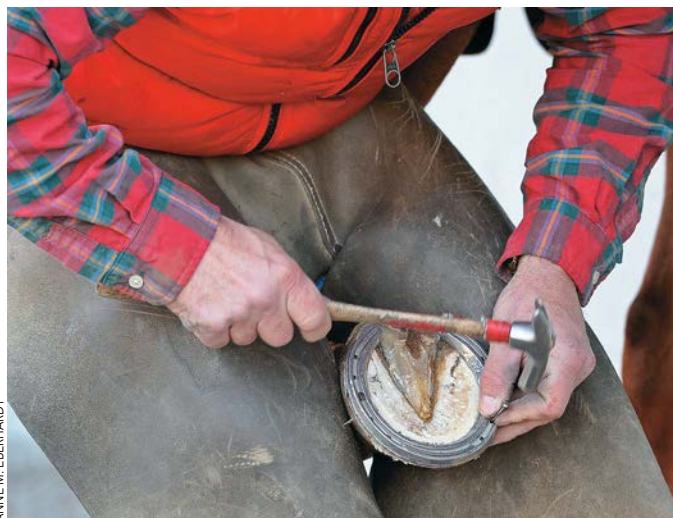
"I feed a very high protein grain," Hudson explained, "so our hooves grow really fast. If you feed less protein, the hooves don't grow as quickly."

"We leave our shoeing to the discretion of the farm," Auerbach said. "It can be tricky when you have a horse with knee issues, but worth it."

Auerbach recalled one filly, Miss Gifted, who was "so crooked she was never going to be a sales candidate. We did an aggressive job with her shoeing, spending an extra \$2,500 on foot care for her. It made all the difference in her being a racehorse or not."

Miss Gifted broke her maiden first out at Santa Anita and was claimed for \$50,000 in the process.

The cost of farrier work can be overwhelming. Auerbach noted that even for a typical broodmare in a pasture it can reach \$1,000 per year per horse. But the price is worth the result.



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

All the horses on a farm, from stallions to broodmares and weanlings, have individual hoofcare needs

"We believe all the mares in our herd should be treated with top-notch care," he said. "There is no limit for us to do what we can to help their feet."

Although hoof care can be a tiring, thankless task and the physical demands of shoeing can exhaust the strongest people, farriers often love what they do. Pierce has been shoeing horses for 15 years, and although earlier this year he was sidelined with a broken leg, he couldn't wait to return to the job.

Miller finds his profession to be a complex and satisfying puzzle.

"I get huge satisfaction when a horse comes in lame and I can send it out sound," he said. "I was born and raised with horses, and have been around them my whole life. I get a big kick out of getting one where no one can figure out what's wrong, and it takes a few shoeing sessions to figure it out. Yes, you're nailing shoes on feet all day, but there are cases that are brainteasers."

"Horses are my peace of mind, my passion. It's not just for money—I really love what I do." **CTB**



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BY TRACY GANTZ

With trainer Peter Miller at Belmont Park to saddle Calculator in the Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I) June 11, assistant Ruben Albarado represented California-bred Poshsky in the \$100,345 Crystal Water Stakes. It was fitting since Albarado has worked with many members of Poshsky's family.

"I've been with Peter Miller for six years, and before that I was 27 years with Don Warren," said Albarado.

Warren was the longtime trainer for E.W. (Buddy) and Judy Johnston's Old English Rancho. Albarado remembers Vronsky, Poshsky's sire, very well because the stallion stands at Old English.

"I took care of Poshsky's father," said Albarado. "I used to go to the farms for all the babies. We used to bring about 15 to the track, and I'd say, 'I knew his mom,' about a lot of them. Vronsky was a nice horse, and he (Buddy) loved him."

Old English bred Poshsky with Patsy and Sal Berumen from a female family that has been with Old English for generations. Pinky's Posh, bred by Old English and Patsy Berumen, traces back to Winning in Style, the mare's second dam and the dam of champion Acclamation, now an Old English stallion.

Six-year-old Poshsky began racing for Old English and the Berumens and is currently owned by Gary Barber, Leonard Friedman's Silver Ranch Stable, and



Right, Ruben Albarado, subbing for trainer Peter Miller, picks up the trophy for Poshsky's Crystal Water win, top.

Adam Wachtel's Wachtel Stable.

The Crystal Water, carded at one mile on the turf, drew a strong field. Newly minted millionaire Alert Bay, fresh off his victory in the San Francisco Mile (gr. IIIT), went off the even-money favorite over multiple graded winner Ashleyluv-

sugar, making his first start since last August. Add in Bertrando and Sensational Star stakes winner Boozer, and that left Poshsky as the longest shot in the six-horse field at 21-1.

Poshsky is also a graded winner, but that race, the Berkeley Handicap (gr. III), had occurred last November on Golden Gate Fields' Tapeta surface. Poshsky hadn't won since in six starts. He had finished fourth, to What a View, Alert Bay, and Boozer, in the Jan. 30 California Cup Turf Classic.

No one told Poshsky he was supposedly outclassed. Miller had instructed jockey Fernando Perez to try to get the gelding to relax.

"Peter said there is a couple of speed horses, but just try to relax; don't fight him too much," said Perez.

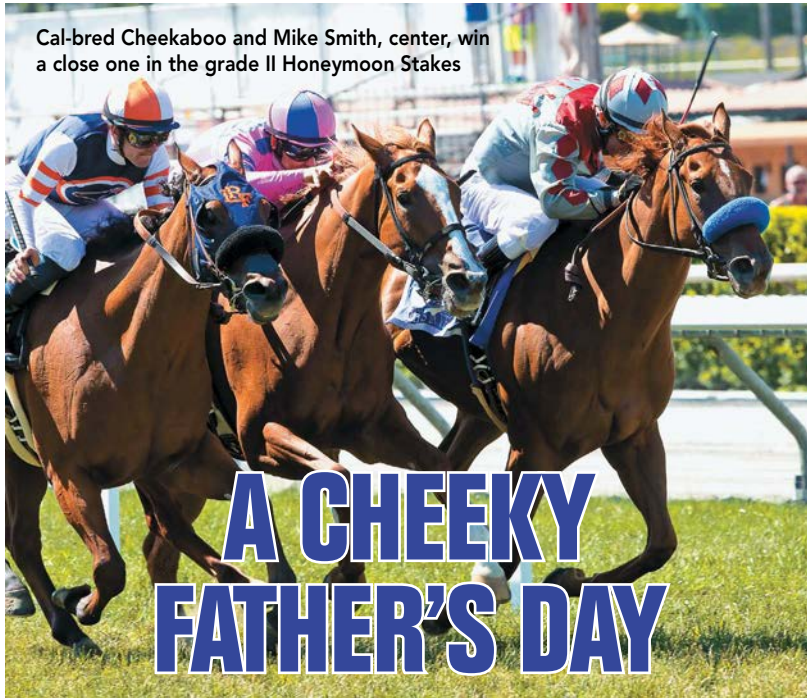
Perez rode to orders, letting Poshsky trail the field for much of the race while Alert Bay sat off of pacesetter Spirit Rules. Alert Bay and Ashleyluvssugar ranged up in the second turn, looking like they would battle each other to the wire for the victory.

"We broke well, and I was able to have him relax, sit behind the speed," said Perez. "I went to the outside, and we made it."

Poshsky came flying wide in the stretch, passing Ashleyluvssugar and Alert Bay. Alert Bay gamely tried to fight back, with Poshsky narrowly holding him off by a neck in 1:35.77. Ashleyluvssugar was three-quarters of a length back in third.

"Poshsky has always been a nice horse—he tries," said Albarado. "We knew we had a good shot."

Poshsky was winning his seventh race in 29 starts, with three seconds and one third. He raised his lifetime bankroll to \$412,890. **CTB**



Cal-bred Cheekaboo and Mike Smith, center, win a close one in the grade II Honeymoon Stakes

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CHEEKABOO ON HER HONEYMOON

BY TRACY GANTZ

Cheekaboo's connections decided to take advantage of the final day of turf racing at Santa Anita before a new grass course is installed. Moving up to graded company for the first time, Cheekaboo successfully challenged a talented bunch in the \$201,380 Honeymoon Stakes (gr. IIT) on Father's Day, June 19.

Going into the 1½-mile race, the two California-breds in the field did not attract much love. Cheekaboo and How Unusual, both by Unusual Heat, went off as the two longest shots on the board. They had to face proven graded stakes performers, with Seniorita Stakes (gr. IIIT) winner Stays in Vegas favored.

Joe Ciaglia, who owns Cheekaboo with Sharon Alesia and Mike Burns, had confidence in the filly.

"It was Joe's push to run her in here," said trainer Peter Eurton.

Cheekaboo had a Hall of Fame jockey in Mike Smith, who the day before partnered the amazing Songbird to capture the Summertime Oaks (gr. II). Smith gave Cheekaboo a Hall of Fame ride, as he rode to Eurton's instructions.

"I cut every corner," said Smith, "and he told me to go for broke and to see if we could get lucky, get through, or in between. He said I should ride it that way, so I did. I have to give him the credit."

Smith and Cheekaboo raced in seventh for much of the race, then angled out for the stretch drive. Cheekaboo began passing horses as if she knew the finish line was coming up fast. She

gamely surged forward between horses in a blanket finish to defeat Be Mine by a head, with Stays in Vegas a nose back in third and another neck to Decked Out in fourth. Cheekaboo completed the distance in 1:46.86.

"Wasn't that awesome?" said Smith. "I don't know what it looked like, but it was fun as hell to ride."

Any bettors who backed Cheekaboo had fun too, as she paid \$49.60 to win.

Smith admitted he wasn't quite sure whether they had won, saying, "I knew I got up past the wire, but I was worried about at the wire. I was so busy, down riding, but I knew I was in front when I stood up."

In the grandstand Ciaglia underwent a host of emotions.

"Watching the race, it looked like we could be third, then second, and then we had a chance to win," said the elated co-owner. "This is the last race on this turf course, and I said, 'If she wins, I'm going to go out there and take a piece of grass off the course and plant it in my backyard.' This is just a great Father's Day gift. It's really special."

Ciaglia, Eurton, and bloodstock agent Larry Zap bought Cheekaboo for \$55,000 from the Harris Farms consignment at the 2014 Barretts fall yearling sale. Madeline Auerbach, Richard Rosenberg, and Barry Abrams bred the 3-year-old filly, who is out of the Souvenir Copy mare Sandy Cheeks.

"I have to give a lot of credit to Larry Zap for finding her," said Eurton. "This distance was to her advantage because she seems to run all day."

Earlier this year Cheekaboo became a stakes winner when she took the Campanile Stakes at Golden Gate Fields. With the Honeymoon, she raised her earnings to \$279,680, with three wins in eight starts. **CTB**



Owner Joe Ciaglia, left center, celebrates Cheekaboo's blanket-finish Honeymoon Stakes victory with friends in the Santa Anita winner's circle



BONDE'S PLEASANT HOME



Jeff Bonde prefers to base his training operation in the familiar surroundings of Pleasanton, where he grew up and developed his love for horses

LICENSE TO DRILL

BY JACK SHINAR

It's Northern California's fair racing season, and that means Jeff Bonde is on the move. The Alameda County Fair-based trainer always looks forward to this time of year. It's when his 2-year-olds blossom and he gets to see his old friends from around the circuit again.

"This has always been home to me," said Bonde, interviewed in May at his stable office on the backstretch of the Pleasanton track that has been his second home since he was a teenager. "We always want to run them here (during the summer meet)."

From the time he was a youngster, Bonde knew he wanted to train and race horses. Now 61 with a strong national reputation, he has established himself in such a demanding profession while calling shots from his little-known base in the town in which he was born. His racing stock may be of much better quality than he had when he started out in the mid-1970s, but "Mr. Pleasanton" still makes it a point to have something ready to hit the summer fair tracks with stops in Sacramento, Stockton, Santa Rosa, and Fresno.

Bonde, who took out his trainer's license late in 1973 as a 19-year-old, is best known for his knack for developing young horses. He has selected many for clients at sales, usually for bargain prices.

He trained the crack sprinter Smiling Tiger, purchased for \$40,000 out

of a yearling sale in Washington, and that colt went on to win three grade I races and nearly \$1.5 million for owners Alan Klein and Phil Lebherz. Bonde also conditioned Del Mar Debutante Stakes (gr. I) winner She's a Tiger, a three-quarter sister to Smiling Tiger, for Lebherz and others, and she won the 2013 Eclipse Award as the nation's leading 2-year-old filly. His other grade I winner was American Oaks victress Cambina.

This spring Bonde surpassed 1,700 career wins from more than 10,000 starters. They include 29 victories in graded stakes races, starting with Athena Green's triumph in the 1992 San Francisco Handicap (gr. III). There were some lean years before that, Bonde readily admits, and some difficult times along the way as he struggled to build a solid foundation of clients. In 1997, a bogus financial adviser victimized Bonde and members of his family in a scam that bilked them of nearly \$1 million.

But he says he has fully recovered from that misstep, and in recent years the stakes wins have been piling up. Among his other major winners are Majestic Stride, Sierra Sunset, Untouched Talent, Epic Honor, Twice the Appeal, and Mr. Doubledown, as well as California-breds Frumious, Green Team, and Unusual Way.

Bonde says Smiling Tiger, who ran third in both the 2010 and 2012 renewals of the Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I), "will always be my favorite horse because when you needed a big horse, he was always there."

"I was going through hard times with a divorce, in court every week, and Phil Lebherz said, 'Let's get on a plane.' So we went to Seattle and bought three horses; all three ended up being stakes horses. But this guy—you know, you don't usually find a Breeders' Cup kind of horse in Seattle.

"He saved my life, the way I saw it. So he'll always be my favorite horse. But I love all horses, and they all have something to say."

Bonde developed his love for horses



Smiling Tiger and jockey Joel Rosario won the Triple Bend Handicap, one of three grade I victories for Bonde's favorite horse

early. He was reared on his grandfather's farm on the outskirts of Pleasanton, a bucolic community of 70,000 about 25 miles east of Oakland. His grandfather, Duke Bonde Sr., was a trainer. At a young age Jeff began tagging along to the local tracks with his father, Duke Jr., a Hall of Fame farrier who shod many star horses, including stretch-running legend Silky Sullivan.

And Pleasanton is where Bonde has stayed. As most major trainers in the north used to do, Bonde followed the seasonal circuit from Bay Meadows to Golden Gate Fields. But when Bay Meadows closed in 2008, Bonde decided that rather than relocate his operation full-time to Golden Gate, he would maintain Pleasanton as his main base of operations while keeping a portion of his 60-horse active string at the Albany track and some at Santa Anita in Southern California. Most of the horses he keeps at the fairgrounds are 2-year-olds and older horses returning to action off layoffs.

Bonde says for training purposes he prefers the Alameda County fairgrounds over Golden Gate's Tapeta main-track racing surface.

"This is a better barn area, without question," Bonde said of the fair's backstretch setup. "It's also a dirt track, so it's

not hard on the horses. Tapeta can be tough on shins, especially with young horses. So you want to be sure they're dead fit before you get on (it). And not to knock Golden Gate, but if you get the horse up to five-eighths and he shows some talent, then we take him down to L.A. If he doesn't, we take him over there. That's the way we do it."

Incentives from the California-bred incentive fund keep racing attractive on both circuits, especially with a barn full of young horses. Bonde notes that two of his major owners, Lebherz and California Thoroughbred Breeders Association director George Schmitt, entered the breeding business in hopes of taking advantage of the lucrative bonus program for Cal-bred horses racing in open company.

"Since they put that in, people went to breeding again," said Bonde. "It goes directly to the owner; it's not part of the purse. It means when you break your maiden, you get \$17,500 over the purse (in Southern California). In Northern California, it's \$10,000. So say you win a maiden allowance at Santa Anita, \$36,500 to the winner, then you throw \$17,500 on top of that, that's almost like winning a \$100,000 stake. That's spurring people on."

Bonde believes the incentive is having a "big-time" effect on the state's breeding. It's also changing his own approach, contributing a bit of a slow time as he waits for the younger horses to come of racing age.

"We had a transition period because sometimes when you do well for people, they get a different business model," Bonde said. "We used to buy heavily at the sales, then owners like Schmitt and Lebherz bought farms and got into the breeding business. So you're waiting for their product to show up. We still show up at the sales, but we had to slow down on purchasing.

"This year we feel like we have a better crop, not that we had a bad crop (last year). We had horses competing in stakes last year. But we hope to do a lot better this time. We've got some 2-year-olds that



Trainer Profile

are showing pretty well, so we're hoping."

He has high expectations for Smiling Tiger as a stallion. Standing at Harris Farms near Coalinga for Leberz and partners, the son of Hold That Tiger has his first crop due to the track next year. Many in that initial group of about 90 will be coming to Bonde.

"Those kinds of horses that separate themselves usually make good stallions," he said. "Bob Baffert, who became a good friend of mine, always used to say, 'That's a good horse.' (Smiling Tiger) probably took down five or six of (Baffert's) horses, and I don't know how many millions he paid for them. We really got a lot of enjoyment out of that."

Bonde sold his own farm in 2015 and now lives with his third wife, Stephanie, whom he married in June 2015. She has a realty business and also helps out with marketing for the Bonde stable. Their combined families, including three of Bonde's sons from an earlier marriage, now live in a residential neighborhood just a mile from the fairgrounds.

"I've worked around the racetrack my whole life," said Bonde, who graduated from Amador High School, just as his mother and grandfather had before him. "I went to college for a while, just junior college. I had an appointment with West Point (Academy) and blew it off. The

track was where I wanted to be."

His sons, though, haven't shown that inclination yet. Bonde says he won't pressure them.

"When you pick your life's work, you've got to do something you like," he said. "You don't want to have a job you don't care for."

Bonde's brother, Gary, followed his father into the farrier business and was quite successful for nearly four decades until he sustained a bad knee injury when kicked by a horse. Gary, who became Jeff's farrier after their father died in December 2009, is now Jeff's chief assistant at Pleasanton.



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Bonde congratulates Gary Stevens for the victory of She's a Tiger, top, in the grade I Del Mar Debutante Stakes

Jeff was more interested in the competitive side of racing. The late Jerry Dutton, one of his father's many Northern California clients, took Jeff under his wing when Jeff was 15.

"(Dutton) taught me, Jerry Hollendorfer, and several others how to train horses at that time," Bonde said. He had a rivalry going with Hollendorfer, his former roommate, back then, Bonde admits. But whatever their competitive differences, they have always been friends.

Bonde, like Hollendorfer, branched out to Southern California in the 1990s and has enjoyed success on the major circuit, especially with 2-year-olds. It means a lot of long car trips, but he finds it's a necessary part of the game in order to compete at the highest levels and keep his clients happy.

"Del Mar's a pain, getting through L.A., but to Santa Anita from here we can make it in 4½ to 5 hours. Stephanie's got a lead foot," he said with a laugh. "But I have worn a lot of cars out."

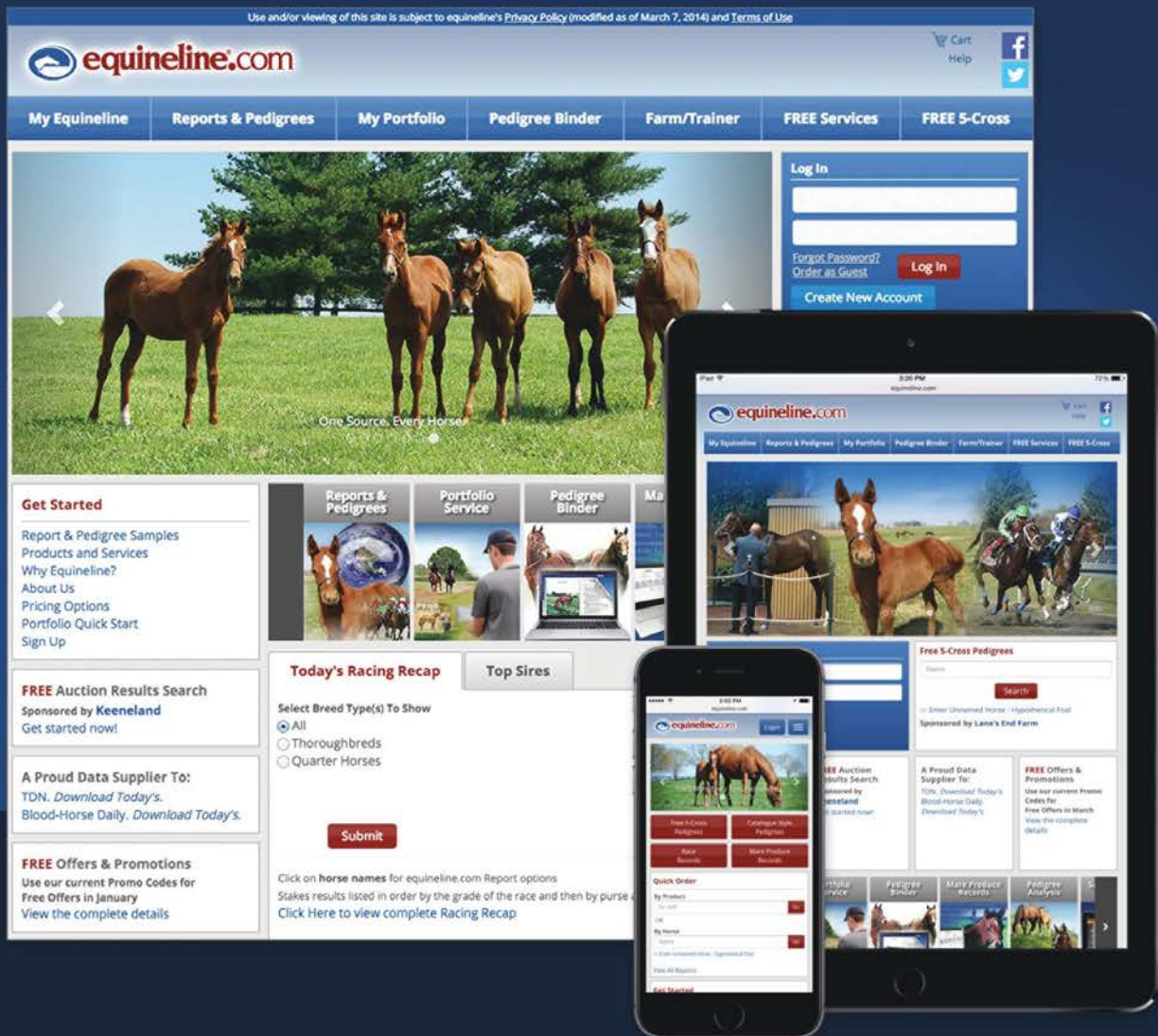
Explaining his longstanding success with 2-year-olds, Bonde said, "I feel like it's detail. You notice that you don't see any hot-walking machines. We don't use them. It's all man-powered. It costs more money, but you don't have horses flipping over and getting hurt or getting their leg caught in the machine."

"Medications—everything is documented; we leave nothing to chance. And we don't change help. We have the same people we've had forever, some for more than 30 years. There's no turnover. I think that it helps that I'm bilingual; I can speak and write in Spanish."

Bonde credits lead assistants Miguel Carranza at Santa Anita and Mario Benitez at Golden Gate, both part of the operation for more than three decades, for their help as well. When it comes to mapping out medication regimens and training programs, Bonde wants to keep everyone on the same page.

"You go a day too long (on medication prior to a race), and you're in trouble," he said. "We do 16 sheets of notes a day, and they go to each track. So we're always on top of it. You look at my record for 42 years—it's pretty clean. Maybe a couple of fistfights with Jerry Hollendorfer, but that's about it." **CTB**

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JESUS GONZALES

BY EMILY SHIELDS

The team at Woodbridge Farm is so close knit that owner Sue Greene isn't afraid to acknowledge that she could not succeed without her loyal and excellent band of help. One employee, Jesus Gonzales, stands out just a little bit more. Not only does he boast a unique equine intuition, but he's the kind of person who regularly checks up on Greene as well.

"Jesus genuinely cares about every horse on the farm and about me," Greene said. "He asks about me; he worries if I'm okay. He's just a really good person."

The Zacatecas, Mexico, native came to Woodbridge Farm seven years ago and immediately impressed Greene.

"Some people that you're trying to teach, you can show them all day and they still don't quite get it," she said. "But with Jesus, I would show him and he would just understand. He can somehow just read animals, and the horses really like him."



Jesus Gonzales, Woodbridge Farm's main yearling manager, is especially adept at handling younger horses and developing their "wonderful" minds

Gonzales quickly developed into Greene's main yearling manager, who also helps care for foals born on the farm in addition to performing general odd jobs. Gonzales' kind nature makes him adept at handling the younger horses.

"When we take our yearlings to the sales, we are always very proud at the way they present themselves," said Greene. "They have so much loving handling without rough handling that if something frightens them, they look to their person for the answer rather than being reactionary. Jesus helps to develop their wonderful minds."

When the team goes off to the California sales, Gonzales stays behind and does not get to see the end result. "He doesn't get the accolades and recognition when people say our babies look good and the consignment looks good," Greene lamented.

Gonzales chooses to stay behind with his family, for which Greene is grateful because he can effortlessly take over running the farm. "He works Monday through Friday, seven in the morning until four," she said.

Gonzales and the rest of the crew immediately feed the horses and patrol the paddocks, hunting for injuries and illnesses. During the foaling season, he helps with checking mares, and in the summer and fall, he puts "thousands of miles" on the yearlings.

"They walk them all over the farm and show them as many things as possible," Greene said. "They load in and out of the trailer, they get baths, they go on the EquiGym." Some of the yearlings are too rambunctious to handle the freedom of the EquiGym, a treadmill device for developing racehorses, so Gonzales has to "put a little more walking work into those. He's wonderful at that."

Woodbridge can have anywhere from 25 to 50 foals in an average crop at the farm.

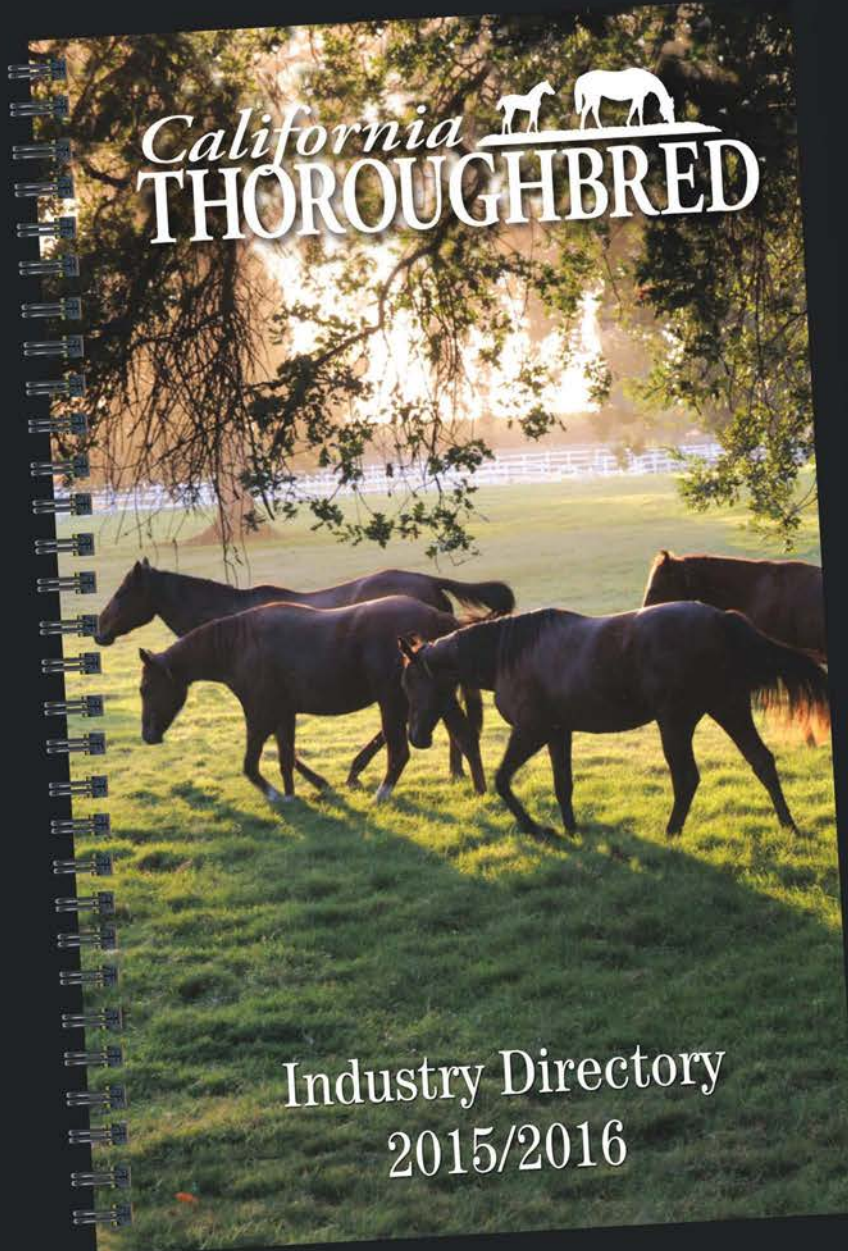
"I rely on him to be checking the babies," Greene said of Gonzales, adding of the other employees, "I rely on them all to help everything run smoothly. They can spot a colic so far ahead that it doesn't require any veterinary assistance to rectify it."

In his spare time Gonzales helps in the breeding shed, where Greene exclusively handles her stallion, Tannersmyman, and the crew works with the visiting broodmares.

"They all understand the value of listening, to me and each other, so we don't put each other in a position to be hurt."

The affable Gonzales is a bright presence on the farm, and Greene appreciates him immensely. "I'm always grateful for his help, and he's always cheerful. Without him and the rest of the team, I couldn't do what I do." **CTB**

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PROFILE

JOHN BARR

BY EMILY SHIELDS

John Barr is busier than the average man and wouldn't have it any other way.

As the president of the Oak Tree Racing Association, a California Thoroughbred Breeders Association board member, member of The Jockey Club, and a part of The Jockey Club Safety Committee, Barr is entrenched in all things equine around the clock. His precious "spare" time is spent as the treasurer of the Richard Nixon Foundation and keeping track of five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

All of this comes after he reduced his workload.

"Back when I had my ranch, I had 60 head at one time," Barr said. "I've cut back considerably over the years to just eight or nine horses."

The current pride and joy of Barr's Oakcrest Stable is Bert's

Melody, a 5-year-old mare who won the \$126,035 Fran's Valentine Stakes May 28. She's far from the first stakes star to shine under the Oakcrest banner; Bountiful Dreamer, Bob's Lady, Beverly Z., and Waingarh were all homebred stakes winners as well.

Barr hails from the oil business, but eventually he went into real estate development and followed that career path for 25 years before retirement. He and his wife of 65 years, Betty, have three daughters and a growing family tree. The time constraints led to his decision to cut down to no more than two broodmares at any one time. With only one currently residing at Harris Farms in Coalinga, Barr will wait for Bert's Melody to join the band in the next season or two.

"She's been getting better and going right along," Barr said. "She is fully mature now

at 5, so this is when you would expect her to reach her peak."

Bert's Melody took five tries to break her maiden, finally succeeding a year after she first debuted in 2014. She won two in a row before trying stakes company for the first time in the \$100,500 Irish O'Brien Stakes in 2015. Bert's Melody finished fourth, beaten only a length.

After a 10-month layoff and a disappointing comeback attempt, Bert's Melody got back to her winning ways in February, taking a one-mile allowance race on Santa Anita's turf course. She returned in another allowance in May going nine furlongs, and after leading for the half mile after pressing the early pace, she was run down late to miss by a half-length.

Bert's Melody shortened back to a mile in the Fran's Valentine, and astute bettors sent her off as the favorite against seven rivals. Trainer Sean McCarthy had the daughter of Bertrando – Unchanged Melody, by Tale of the Cat, ready to roll, and Bert's Melody did just that, cruising to a length victory. She has now won four of 12 starts, with a second and three thirds, for earnings of \$231,893.

"She likes the grass and she likes Santa Anita," Barr said, "but we will have to see if she likes Del Mar next."

The Santa Anita turf course closed early for restoration, and Bert's Melody's next available turf start will come during the summer Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet. Barr is hopeful that she will handle the change of venue.

"She's a good mare that we will race for as long as she's productive and sound, and

RAISING THE BARR



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Oak Tree Racing Association president and CTBA board member John Barr, left with late California horseman and veterinarian Dr. Jack K. Robbins.



Top, John Barr congratulates jockey Brice Blanc for his victory aboard homebred Bert's Melody, right, in the Fran's Valentine Stakes at Santa Anita; above, Oakcrest Stable's John and Betty Barr, center, Blanc, and trainer, Sean McCarthy, second right, accept the trophies from CTBA president Doug Burge.

then she'll come be a momma.”

Another successful mare that Barr bred was California-bred Beverly Z. She began her career in the claiming ranks but improved to be a stakes horse at Golden Gate and Bay Meadows in 1993. She earned \$159,260 with seven wins and 17 top-three efforts from 26 starts before retiring to Barr's broodmare herd. With a Barr-campaigned stakes-placed dam, La Femme Natural, Beverly Z. had an excellent chance to be an effective broodmare.

She went on to produce a whopping 10 winners from 12 starters for total progeny earnings of \$930,803. The best of those was Waingarth, a \$251,788-earner who raced for Barr under the tutelage of trainer John Sadler, who at one time had four of Beverly Z.'s offspring in training.

A gray son of Slewpw, Waingarth won the Real Good Deal Stakes at Del Mar in 2001 at 19-1 odds, then finished

second in the \$102,550 On Trust Handicap that same winter, defeating eventual Cal-bred millionaire Grey Memo. Waingarth finished in the top three spots 11 of 24 times before his career concluded.

Between Beverly Z. and Waingarth came Bountiful Dreamer, who broke her maiden at first asking in 1996. The daughter of Pirate's Bounty – Sweep Slew, by Seattle Slew, was finishing well in stakes races and winning allowance events before she finally broke through in the 1998 California Cup Distaff Handicap. She earned \$274,535 with four wins in 27 starts, 10 of those starts in stakes. She went on to produce five winners from seven starters.

Barr bred Bob's Lady, a daughter of Pirate's Bounty – Lady Engineer, by Flying Paster, and campaigned her to multiple stakes wins. She earned \$156,100, sweeping the \$50,000 CTBA Marian

Stakes at Fairplex Park and the \$100,000 Work the Crowd Handicap at Golden Gate, both in 2003. As a broodmare, Bob's Lady produced five-time Malaysian winner Brite Bob.

While he waits for the rest of Bert's Melody's career to unfold, Barr has two juveniles in training at Santa Anita, a handful of yearlings, a 3-year-old on layup at Harris Farms, and one foal on the ground. In addition to watching his equine athletes, Barr enjoys being active on the CTBA board and is only the third president in Oak Tree's history. He strives to balance that with a relatively quiet life alongside Betty in Orange County.

Although his steady schedule would daunt some, Barr is comfortable in the position and looks forward to more of the same in the future. “I still enjoy it,” he said. With a steady history of stakes horses, he could enjoy it for some time to come. **CTB**



Winners

MAY 31, 2016 – JUNE 19, 2016

The accompanying list includes runners that are both California-foaled and California-sired winners in 2016 of all recent North American races, except straight claiming races.

Abbreviations used for the class of race are similar to those used by Equibase: Alw—allowance; Hcp—overnight handicap; names of stakes race are spelled out, with the grade of the race, when applicable, in parentheses.

3-YEAR-OLDS & UP

Affirmative—Elusive Rose: Warren's Nicholas (23-9), g, 7 yo, Canterbury Park, SOC, 6/17, 1mi, 1:38.61, \$10,200.

Angus—Rockeyhillcat: Laskia (5-1), f, 4 yo, Golden Gate Fields, STR, 6/3, 5f (T), 56.98, \$9,900.

Avanzado (ARG)—Picked Off: Ticked Off (2-1), m, 8 yo, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, ALW, 6/12, 5 1/2f, 1:5.60, \$1,540.

Benchmark—Mark Set Go: Herculean (53-27), g, 6 yo, Lethbridge, ALW, 6/4, 7f, 1:26.96, \$2,385.

Benchmark—Legend in Disguise: Amina Perfect (53-27), m, 6 yo, Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort, SOC, 6/14, 5 1/2f, 1:7.35, \$6,960.

Cindago—Gold Empress: Native Empress (25-12), m, 5 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 6/3, 4f, 47.37, \$2,520.

Cindago—Gold Empress: Native Empress (25-12), m, 5 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 6/17, 6f, 1:14.80, \$2,773.

Comic Strip—Ms. Booty: Call Saul (20-8), g, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, AOC, 6/10, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:45.31, \$21,060.

Crafty C. T.—Lucy's Wild Again: Slycy (3-1), g, 9 yo, Golden Gate Fields, ALW, 6/10, 5f (T), 57.64, \$21,060.

Cyclotron—Turfiana: Bosque Angel (22-12), g, 7 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 6/11, 5f, 59.80, \$4,500.

Decarchy—Chichim: Chimi Dee (55-21), m, 7 yo, Presque Isle Downs, STR, 6/9, 6f, 1:11.43, \$10,200.

Discreetly Mine—Shahalie Lake: Kathy's Lil Secret (95-30), f, 3 yo, Assiniboia Downs, WCL, 6/18, 7 1/2f, 1:37.40, \$4,620.

Dixie Chatter—Eleanor Rose: Son of Eleanor (40-9), g, 4 yo, Assiniboia Downs, AOC, 6/4, 7 1/2f, 1:35.80, \$6,600.

Grazen—Stash: Cal McLish (28-14), g, 4 yo, Assiniboia Downs, AOC, 6/10, 5 1/2f, 1:5.40, \$6,600.

Hard Spun—Two Punch Gal: Bonus Spin (147-54), m, 5 yo, Emerald Downs, ALW, 6/12, 6 1/2f, 1:16.25, \$10,175.

High Brite—Lucky Spirit: **Brite Eyed N Lucky** (12-4), h, 8 yo, Grants Pass, STK, Daily Courier Inagural S., 6/18, 5f, 1:0.37, \$1,787.

Jet West—With a Song: Caro's Song (9-3), m, 7 yo, Northlands Park, AOC, 6/8, 6 1/2f, 1:17.94, \$10,800.

Lewis Michael—Secret Sonnet: Ace Deuce (32-14), g, 5 yo, Golden Gate Fields, STR, 6/4, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:44.45, \$11,220.

Lucky Pulpit—Unusual Spirit: Jan's Spirit (125-39), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, WCL, 6/9, 5 1/2f, 1:3.50, \$15,000.

Marino Marini—Excess Beauty: Siberian Charm (68-31), g, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, STR, 6/5, 6f, 1:12.06, \$12,240.

McCann's Mojave—Broke in Blairsdon: Blaze-inblairsdon (37-15), f, 3 yo, Parx Racing, WCL, 6/14, 5 1/2f, 1:7.39, \$12,000.

Momentum—Ann Summers Gold: Mogilny (11-4), g, 8 yo, Canterbury Park, WCL, 6/3, 6f, 1:11.05, \$6,000.

Momentum—Knife Fork Swoon: Knife Fork Zoom (11-4), m, 6 yo, Marquis Downs, WCL, 6/18, 6f, 1:13.56, \$2,419.

Northern Afleet—Edamame: Tom Kha (149-66), m, 5 yo, Arapahoe Park, ALW, 6/5, 6f, 1:10.00, \$8,160.

Old Topper—Royal Prana: Top Pirana (28-10), g, 4 yo, Golden Gate Fields, STR, 6/5, 5f (T), 56.89, \$12,240.

Paddy O'Prado—Young Ladies Day: Imagine If (80-28), f, 3 yo, Canterbury Park, ALW, 6/4, about 1mi 70yd, 1:42.80, \$18,000.

The Pamplemousse—Thermal Ablasion: Thermodynamics (17-7), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/11, 1mi (T), 1:37.74, \$45,240.

Popular—Riata: Rosarita (9-1), m, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/3, about 6 1/2f, 1:14.87, \$34,800.

Roi Charmant—Starlet Sky: Charming Starlet (12-2), m, 5 yo, Golden Gate Fields, ALW, 6/4, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:43.95, \$21,060.

Royal Legacy—Monterey Gold: Monterey Legacy (2-1), f, 4 yo, Los Alamitos, WCL, 6/4, 4 1/2f, 52.59, \$3,760.

Salt Lake—Quarry Hill: Queen of the Hill (13-7), m, 7 yo, Hollywood Casino At Charles Town Races, AOC, 6/9, 6 1/2f, 1:20.61, \$14,700.

Sea of Secrets—Captural: **Cindys Secret** (23-10), m, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, SST, Pink Tee Starter H., 6/5, about 6 1/2f, 1:14.05, \$32,730.

Square Eddie—Prima Creatura (IRE): Hacktivism (59-23), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/17, 1mi (T), 1:35.66, \$34,800.

Storm Wolf—Oakley's Song: Swayze Road (14-7), m, 6 yo, Northlands Park, WCL, 6/8, 6 1/2f, 1:18.84, \$3,600.

Student Council—Dr. Cheryl P.: Bodhisatva (45-15), c, 4 yo, Pimlico, AOC, 6/19, 1 1/16mi, 1:44.50, \$26,790.

Swiss Yodeler—Shescominundone: **Swiss Idol** (39-21), g, 6 yo, Assiniboia Downs, STK, P.C.'s Bluff S., 6/1, 5 1/2f, 1:5.80, \$11,700.

Tapit—Helluva Hooley: Silver Spirit (197-79), g, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/9, 1mi, 1:36.55, \$34,800.

Trapper—Waytoomuchfun: Toomuchisnotenough (6-2), m, 5 yo, Golden Gate Fields, AOC, 6/9, 6f, 1:10.40, \$22,620.

Tribal Rule—Cielo Dulce: Nine Point Nine (113-42), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/19, 1mi (T), 1:35.40, \$45,240.

Unbridled Native—On the Snap: Sidepocket Run (2-2), m, 7 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/16, 1mi, 1:36.63, \$34,800.

Unusual Heat—Gravel: Hittheroadrunning (87-39), g, 9 yo, Golden Gate Fields, WCL, 6/11, 1 1/16mi (T), 1:44.14, \$6,600.

Unusual Heat—Chi Chi Nette: Majestic Heat (87-39), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/17, 1mi (T), 1:34.62, \$46,800.

Unusual Heat—Sandy Cheeks: **Cheekaboo** (87-39), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, STK, HoneyMoon S. (gr. IIT), 6/19, 1 1/8mi (T), 1:46.86, \$120,000.

Vronsky—A Lucky Happening: Celebrity Status (47-21), g, 7 yo, Santa Anita Park, WCL, 6/5, 7f, 1:22.67, \$10,200.

Vronsky—Pinky's Posh: **Poshsky** (47-21), g, 6 yo, Santa Anita Park, STK, Crystal Water S., 6/11, 1mi (T), 1:35.77, \$60,000.

MAIDENS

Albertus Maximus—Sausalita (IRE): Do U Know Who I Am (25-7), g, 3 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/17, 1 1/16mi, 1:47.50, \$3,850.

Alymagic—Satin Dolly: Andale (5-4), g, 4 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 6/11, 1mi (T), 1:37.65, \$7,800.

Awesome Gambler—Hi Rythm: Ace On the River (41-17), g, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/5, 6 1/2f, 1:17.08, \$6,215.

Awesome Gambler—Macho Miss: Barcelo (41-17), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 6/9, 5 1/2f, 1:5.93, \$5,500.

Benchmark—Mirando: Ajac (53-27), g, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/11, 6f, 1:10.70, \$11,400.

Bushwacker—Steal My Charm: Kapaya (23-7), f, 3 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/16, 1 1/16mi, 1:49.32, \$3,850.

Calimonco—Give My Regards: My California (1-1), f, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/16, 5f, 58.06, \$33,600.

Cayoake (FR)—Always in Command: Wiley Cayoake (3-1), m, 5 yo, Fairmount Park, MCL, 6/14, 5f, 1:1.20, \$3,120.

Chhaya Dance—Lee's Tizzy: Dizzy Dancer (12-5), g, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/5, 7f, 1:24.87, \$11,400.

Don'tsellmeshort—Spanks a Million: Short of Money (43-19), g, 3 yo, Marquis Downs, MSW, 6/4, 6f, 1:15.31, \$1,770.

Don'tsellmeshort—Charming Surprise: Fast Sale (43-19), g, 3 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/16, 5f, 59.21, \$3,850.

Don'tsellmeshort—Albertrandi: Watch Me Now (43-19), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/17, 6 1/2f, 1:17.01, \$11,400.

Don'tsellmeshort—Cool Miss Ann: Classy n'Cool (43-19), f, 3 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/18, 5 1/2f, 1:5.61, \$4,400.

Elusive Warning—Ms Jackdau: Sweet Swindler (9-5), c, 2 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/19, 5f, 58.82, \$9,000.

Formal Gold—Choice Plan: Formal Choice (27-7), f, 4 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/19, 6f, 1:10.43, \$4,400.

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Sat., Feb 27	SA	Sensational Star Stakes		Three-Year-Olds & Up	6 1/2 F, Turf	\$100,000
Sat., Mar 19	SA	Irish O'Brien Stakes	F/M	Four-Year-Olds & Up	6 1/2 F, Turf	\$100,000
Sun., Mar 27	SA	Dream of Summer Stakes	F/M	Four-Year-Olds & Up	1 M, Dirt	\$100,000
Sat., Apr 9	SA	Echo Eddie Stakes		Three-Year-Olds	6 1/2 F, Dirt	\$200,000
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Sun., May 1	GG	Silky Sullivan		Three-Year-Olds	1 M, Turf	\$100,000
Sat., May 28	SA	Tiznow Stakes		Four-Year-Olds & Up	1 M, Dirt	\$150,000
Sat., May 28	SA	Snow Chief Stakes		Three-Year-Olds	1 1/8 M, Turf	\$200,000
Sat., May 28	SA	Melair Stakes	Fillies	Three-Year-Olds	1 1/16 M, Dirt	\$200,000
Sat., May 28	SA	Fran's Valentine Stakes	F/M	Four-Year-Olds & Up	1 M, Turf	\$125,000
Sat., May 28	SA	Lennyfromalibu		Four-Year-Olds & Up	6 1/2 F, Turf	\$100,000
Sat., Jun 11	SA	Crystal Water Stakes		Four-Year-Olds & Up	1 M, Turf	\$100,000
Sun., Jul 3	OTP	Everett Nevin Stakes		Two-Year-Olds	5 1/2 F, Dirt	\$100,000
Mon., Jul 4	SA	Spring Fever Stakes	F/M	Three-Year-Olds & Up	6F, Dirt	\$100,000
Mon., Jul 4	SA	Thor's Echo		Three-Year-Olds & Up	6F, Dirt	\$100,000
Fri., Jul 22	DMR	Fleet Treat Stakes	Fillies	Three-Year-Olds	7F, Dirt	\$150,000
Sun., Jul 24	DMR	California Dreamin' Stakes		Three-Year-Olds & Up	1 1/16 M, Turf	\$150,000
Wed., Jul 27	DMR	Real Good Deal Stakes		Three-Year-Olds	7F, Dirt	\$150,000
Fri., Jul 29	DMR	CTBA Stakes	Fillies	Two-Year-Olds	5 1/2 F, Dirt	\$100,000
Wed., Aug 3	DMR	Graduation Stakes		Two-Year-Olds	5 1/2 F, Dirt	\$100,000
Sun., Aug 14	DMR	Solana Beach Stakes	F/M	Three-Year-Olds & Up	1 M, Turf	\$150,000
Sat., Aug 27	DMR	Generous Portion Stakes	Fillies	Two-Year-Olds	6F, Dirt	\$150,000
Fri., Sep 2	DMR	I'm Smokin Stakes		Two-Year-Olds	6F, Dirt	\$150,000
Sat., Oct 8	FNO	Harris Farms Stakes		Three-Year-Olds & Up	6F, Dirt	\$100,000
October	SA	California Distaff	F/M	Three-Year-Olds & Up	6 1/2 F, Turf	\$125,000
October	SA	California Flag Handicap		Three-Year-Olds & Up	6 1/2 F, Turf	\$125,000
November	SA	Golden State Juvenile Fillies	Fillies	Two-Year-Olds	7F, Dirt	\$200,000
November	SA	Golden State Juvenile		Two-Year-Olds	7F, Dirt	\$200,000
November	DMR	Betty Grable Stakes	F/M	Three-Year-Olds & Up	7F, Dirt	\$100,000
November	DMR	Cary Grant Stakes		Three-Year-Olds & Up	7F, Dirt	\$100,000
December	LRC	Soviet Problem Stakes	Fillies	Two-Year-Olds	1 M, Dirt	\$100,000
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GOLDEN BALLS

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Golden Balls (IRE)—Ocean Style: Golden Ocean (9-2), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 6/12, 1mi, 1:39.76, \$7,800.

Harbor the Gold—Carrie's a Jewel: California Diamond (85-26), c, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/17, 5f, 57.82, \$33,600.

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Heatseeker (IRE)—Priceless Gem: Emmy and I (35-10), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MSW, 6/5, 6f, 1:11.26, \$20,280.

LUCKY J.H.

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Lucky J. H.—Bal d'Argent: Silver Dollar (27-9), g, 5 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/16, 5f, 58.68, \$3,850.

LUCKY PULPIT

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Lucky Pulpit—Something Gorgeous: Something for Luck (125-39), f, 4 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 6/5, 5 1/2f, 1:5.78, \$3,850.

Lucky Pulpit—Cassie's Mark: Basie Boots (125-39), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/12, 1mi, 1:38.66, \$11,400.

Lucky Pulpit—Coastal Strike: You're Late (125-39), f, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/16, 5f, 58.71, \$33,600.

Marino Marini—Desert Dearest: Desert Smoke (68-31), f, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 6/9, 1mi, 1:41.39, \$4,400.

Marino Marini—Just Lookn: Look Me in the Eye (68-31), g, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/11, 6f, 1:9.61, \$18,600.

Marino Marini—So Nice: Charlie Monkey (68-31), c, 3 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 6/12, 4 1/2f, 52.65, \$2,810.

Marino Marini—Truthy: Truthorconsequence (68-31), g, 3 yo, Oak Tree At Pleasanton, MCL, 6/19, 5 1/2f, 1:5.16, \$4,400.

Onebadshark—Baroness V Ullmann: Avila Beach (11-4), c, 4 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 6/3, 4 1/2f, 53.78, \$3,260.

Papa Clem—Glamour Cat: Boleo (69-33), g, 3 yo, Golden Gate Fields, MCL, 6/12, 5 1/2f, 1:5.00, \$4,950.

Phantom Wildcat—Windy O: Mo Soul (3-1), g, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/19, 4 1/2f, 52.32, \$18,600.

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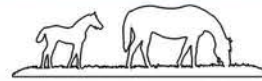
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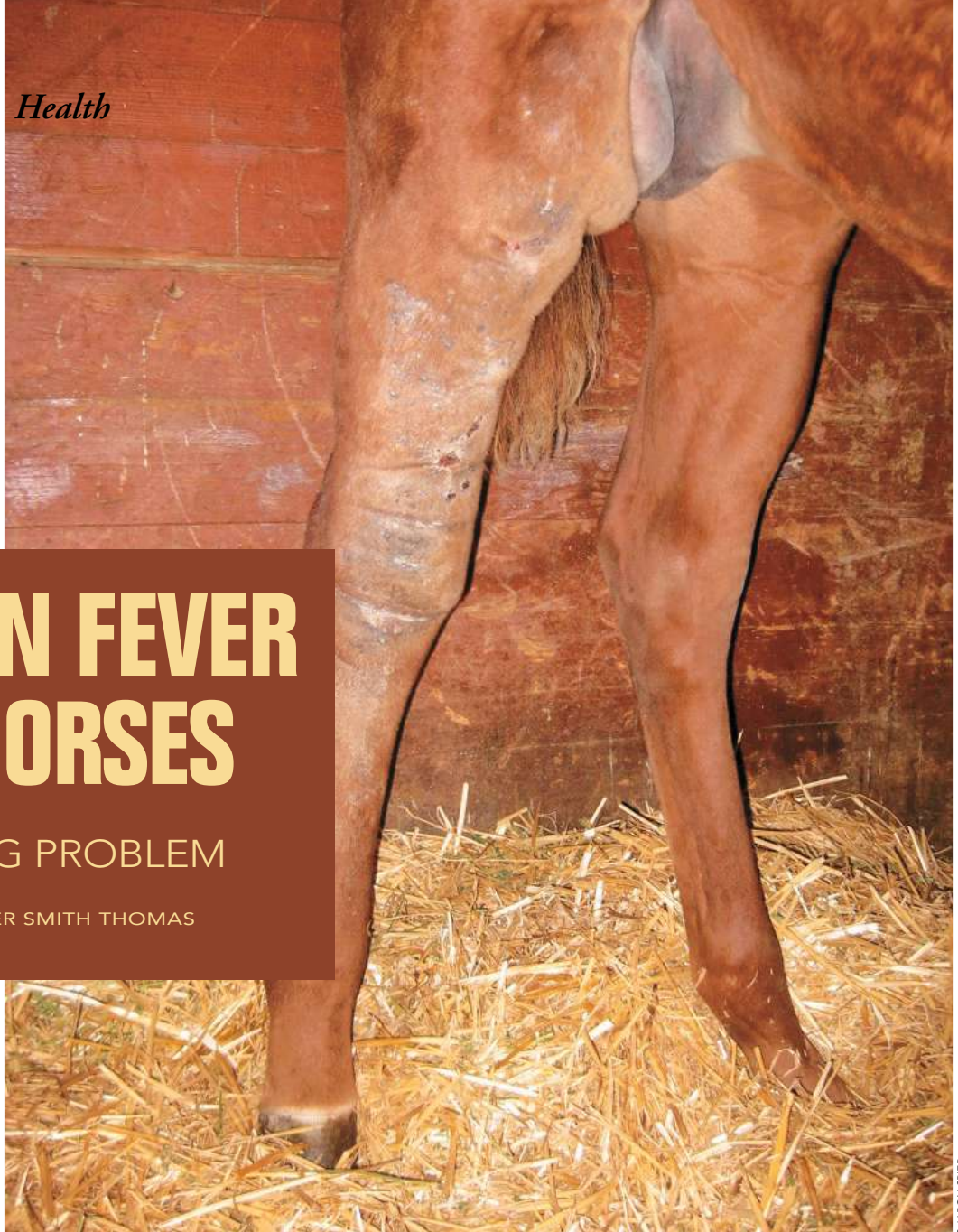




PIGEON FEVER IN HORSES

A RISING PROBLEM

BY HEATHER SMITH THOMAS



SHARON SPIER

More and more cases of the bacterial infection known as pigeon fever are being reported across the country

Pigeon fever, a bacterial infection caused by *Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis*, is characterized by deep intramuscular (and sometimes internal) abscesses in horses.

According to Dr. Sharon J. Spier, a professor in the Department of Medicine and Epidemiology at the U.C. Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, this disease was first reported in horses in San Mateo county in 1915. Since then it has been recognized in many states—all across the country, including the Northwest and Florida—and the incidences of this disease seem to be on the rise.

“It is now seen in Mexico and in western Canada, as well as all across the U.S. and also in all seasons of the year,” said Spier. “We used to think of it as just during the summer and fall, and even though some months have higher numbers of cases, we are seeing it year round.

“We published a paper a couple years ago in the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, documenting the increasing incidence of pigeon fever over a 10-year period,” said Spier.

Dr. Isabelle Kilcoyne from Davis was the lead author on that paper. Fifteen state veterinary diagnostic labs provided 2,237 positive samples, from 23 different states, for the study. The numbers of cases fluctuated over the years but were significantly increasing, with the greatest jump during the final two years of the study, in 2011 and 2012.

“Those were horses where a bacterial culture was submitted to a lab by a veterinarian, so our numbers dramatically underestimate the actual number of cases,” said Spier. “California numbers were very low in this report, just because California veterinarians don’t bother to culture. They just treat for it, knowing the symptoms. If the horse has a pectoral or midline abscess with non-odorous pus, most veterinarians familiar with the disease just treat it as pigeon fever, especially since the cost for a culture is more expensive now.”

Spier published an earlier paper describing this disease, “*Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis* Infection in Horses,” which appeared in the January/February, 2007 issue of the *California Veterinary Medical Association Journal*. She has been doing research on this disease for more than 30 years and says there are actually three forms of this disease.

Most common is the appearance of external abscesses in the pectoral region (breast muscles) or ventral abdomen (along the midline of the belly). Much less common is involvement of internal organs, with abscesses appearing in the liver, kidneys, or spleen. Least common, here in North America, is infection of the limbs (ulcerative lymphangitis, with multiple draining lesions).

In an early study of infections in California, Spier found that external abscesses made up about 81% of cases, internal abscesses about 8%, and ulcerative lymphangitis or limb infections about

10% of infections.

“In our more recent study most of the culture-positive horses for internal infections were from California,” she said. “The lower numbers from external abscesses suggests to me that California veterinarians are diagnosing external infections without submitting pus for culture. Most of the cultures from internal abscesses of the liver, kidneys, lungs, and other internal organs came from California veterinarians or from the veterinary school at Texas A&M.

“I am sure that this paper underestimates the total number of cases. Internal infections are difficult to diagnose because it’s harder to aspirate pus from a liver or kidney than from an external abscess.”

Sheep and goats are sometimes infected with the same organism, but a different biotype; horses can’t get pigeon fever from sheep or goats. But cattle can become infected with either type. These bacteria occur worldwide and live in the soil. The organism has been shown to survive for up to two months in hay or bedding (straw, shavings) and more than eight months in soil samples.

Incidence of disease fluctuates from year to year, possibly due to herd immunity and to environmental factors such as temperature and rainfall. Horses kept outdoors or with access to an outdoor paddock seem to be at higher risk than stabled horses. Foals less than 6 months of age seem at least risk, which suggests that passive transfer of antibodies via the dam’s

colostrum may offer protection to foals born in regions where the disease exists. Horses with internal abscesses are generally diagnosed one to two months after the peak number of cases with external abscesses, according to Spier.

She has seen some strange and difficult-to-manage cases, and has been collecting various strains of the bacteria.

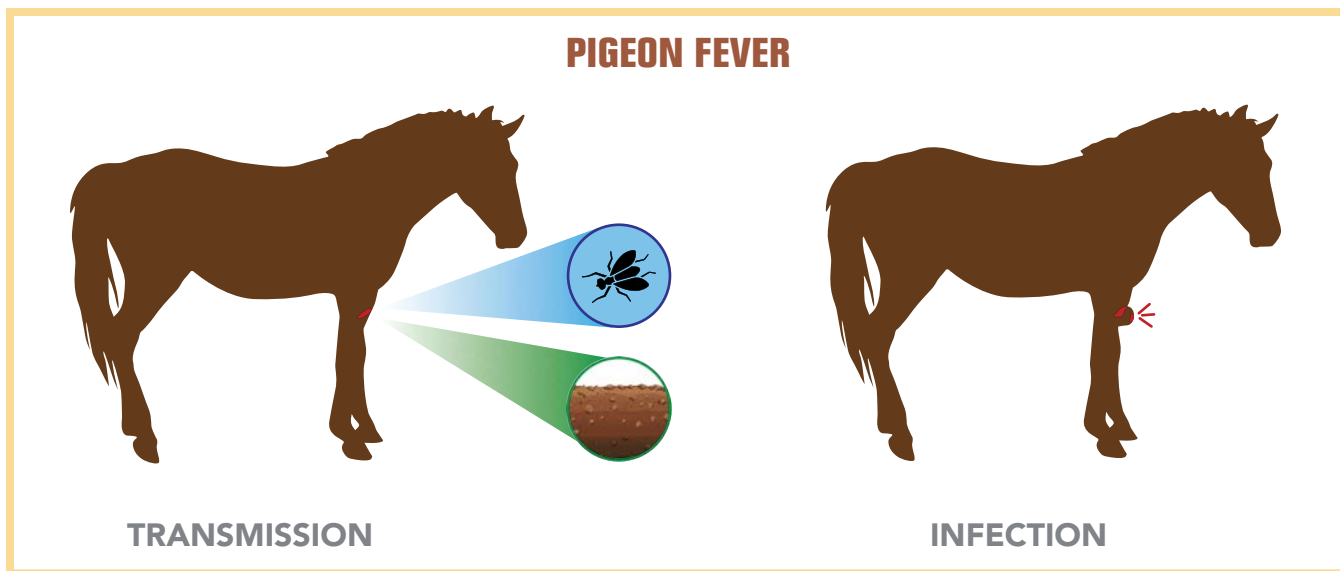
“We are looking at genetic fingerprinting, looking to see if there are some strains that are more severe than others. My feeling is that in the years when we see more cases, we also see more variety of disease. I also think that the course of this disease (and length of recovery time) depends somewhat on exposure, and on a horse’s own individual immune response that dictates how severe the disease will be.”

TRANSMISSION

Strong evidence suggests that these bacteria can be transmitted via horse-to-horse contact, from infected horses to susceptible horses via insects, or by contact with contaminated soil. Portal of entry is thought to be through abrasions or breaks in the skin or mucous membranes.

Insects are probably one of the most common ways the infection is transmitted, and Spier was involved in studies looking at this possibility. The researchers examined farms experiencing outbreaks, both in years of the outbreaks and years without.

“We were interested in transmission and also learning about the reservoir—





how the bacteria persist in the environment,” Spier said. “When farms were having outbreaks with infected horses on the premises, we could easily find the bacteria in three different species of flies.

“I worked with PhD entomologists Scott Carroll and Jenella Love from U.C. Davis, and we trapped flies using drift traps that capture all the insects that fly through. We also netted horses that had abscesses. The entomologists identified all the fly species for me, and then we tested them for the presence of the bacteria and we found them in three very common species—the typical housefly, the stable fly, and horn fly—and there could be some other vectors as well. The horn fly feeds on the ventral midline, which is where a lot of the abscesses start.

“On farms where horses had the disease, we found that as many as 20% of the houseflies were carrying the bacteria, which means that one out of every five houseflies that lands on your horse could possibly transmit the disease.

“We went back to the farms on years there were no cases and found the fly populations were negative. This tells us that the reservoir is not the fly, but most likely in the soil. We conducted soil studies and found the bacteria can survive in a wide range of soil conditions.

“The bacteria can get into the skin through any abrasion, and travel inside the immune cells. These bacteria can survive inside the cells until the horse manages to develop an immune response and kill the bacteria. Until that occurs, the infection can course along the lymphatic system, and that’s how it goes deeper, into the lymph nodes, where it can survive inside the macrophages (white blood cells).”

External abscesses can be quite deep because the bacteria enter blood cells, especially the macrophages, then travel to the lymph nodes deep under the muscles in the pectoral region or the forearm. Due to the variable incubation period (which may be three to four weeks or longer), there may no longer be a break in the skin by the time the abscesses mature enough to be seen.

“There have been episodes as far east as Kentucky and Florida,” said Spier.



SHARON SPIER PHOTOS

One of the common characteristics of pigeon fever is the appearance of external abscesses in the pectoral region or ventral abdomen

“Though it still has a stigma as being a California disease, it is present in 25 states in all regions of the U.S. It seems to increase when drought conditions exist, due to the characteristics of the bacteria. We know the bacteria survive very well when soils go from moist to dry conditions—which may allow the bacteria to spread more readily,” she said.

Transportation of horses is also likely to be a way the disease is spread. An example of this is a recent outbreak of pigeon fever in Maui, Hawaii.

“One theory is that when weather

is hot and dry, horses are standing in shade in preferred areas and pass manure where they are standing,” said Spier. “These organisms really thrive in soil mixed with manure. In dry conditions, the soil underfoot becomes dusty and blows around more. The horses are stomping their feet fighting flies, defecating, and churning the soil into dust, so the bacteria could potentially flourish in the environment.

“The stable flies feed on the legs, but also on the face and pectoral region of the chest. Horses with hypersensitivity to the bites have a lot of bumps on the chest. We’ve found the bacteria in the stable fly, so these bites could introduce it into the horse. Protecting your horse against these biting flies and the resulting dermatitis is presently the best way to prevent the disease.”

CLINICAL SIGNS

External abscesses can occur anywhere on the body, but most frequently develop in the muscles of the breast and along the underside of the belly.

“If the bacteria enter the midline (where flies often feed), the swellings may move forward toward the pectoral region or back toward the sheath or udder,” said Spier. “These are the most common areas, but abscesses may appear in other areas because flies feed on many areas, especially if there are abrasions.”

The horse may have a single abscess or multiple abscesses involving several re-



One of the goals for U.C. Davis veterinary professor Dr. Sharon Spier is to find a protective vaccine for pigeon fever

gions of the body. Most horses with external abscesses do not develop signs of systemic illness, such as weight loss, but about a fourth of the cases will have a fever.

If the horse is ill, further diagnosis is needed to determine if there is internal infection. Internal abscesses may cause death in 30-40% of cases. Abdominal ultrasound may identify abscesses in the liver, lungs, kidney, or spleen. The horse with internal abscesses may be lethargic, with decreased appetite, showing fever and weight loss, and may show signs of respiratory disease or abdominal pain.

“Blood tests are often helpful for diagnosis of internal abscesses, but must be used with other clinical and diagnostic methods,” explains Spier. The synergistic hemolysis inhibition (SHI) test measures antibody to the exotoxin of the bacteria and is available through the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System in Davis.

“It’s important to not use serology alone for diagnosis,” said Spier. “You need to see the other inflammatory changes in the bloodwork and other clinical signs like weight loss.”

Ulcerative lymphangitis is the least common form of this disease, with swelling of the legs, cellulites, and draining tracts. Horses with this problem are often severely lame, lethargic, off feed, and feverish.

PREVENTION

If you have a case of pigeon fever on your property, insect control is very important to make sure other horses do not become infected. Fly control is one of the best ways to help prevent spread. Horse owners in regions where pigeon fever occurs should practice good sanitation, such as disposing of contaminated bedding.

“Fly control, wound care, common sense are all important,” said Spier. “I get calls from boarding stables where people are in an absolute panic because their horse has been exposed to the same environment as the one horse that gets it. Some people think they should isolate and hospitalize a horse for months, but that’s not necessary.”

Strategic fly control can make a difference. Tactics could include parasitic wasps and feed-through insect growth regulators.

If you have cattle, you need to control horn flies, which breed in fresh cattle manure. Horn flies are notorious for feeding along the underside of the horse and causing ventral midline dermatitis.

“Any fly-control program should be started early enough in the season to prevent a large buildup of flies,” said Spier. “The fly season starts much earlier in Texas than it does in California, and in California much earlier than in some of the northern states. Whenever the temperatures get up around 70 degrees is when you need to start using these products.”

TREATMENT

“There are three forms of the disease, and two of the forms (internal infections and infection of the limbs) definitely require antibiotics, and the uncomplicated external abscesses usually do not,” said Spier. “Every case is different, and you should have the horse looked at by a veterinarian and monitor for signs of internal infection. Treatment

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—Dr. Sharon Spier

can hopefully resolve the infection faster by opening and draining/flushing external abscesses, which often requires sedation and minor surgery.”

Draining and flushing to get rid of the pus can also prevent further contamination of the pasture.

“Yet you can't really rush it,” said Spier. “The horse is developing an immune response at the same time the abscesses are forming.”

The pectoral abscesses must also come to a head before they can be satisfactorily lanced and drained. Some abscesses are fairly close to the skin, while others are quite deep. Ultrasound can be useful for finding the

deeper abscesses and judging their maturity and readiness for drainage. The contents of the abscess and the flushing material should be collected and disposed of, Spier says.

This bacterium is susceptible to many commonly used antibiotics, but the intracellular location and presence of large amounts of pus within a thick abscess capsule make it difficult for some of these antibiotics to have much affect. This disease should not be indiscriminately treated with antibiotics.

“Horses with ulcerative lymphangitis or cellulitis should be treated early and aggressively with antimicrobial

drugs or the horse may suffer residual lameness or limb swelling,” said Spier.

Intravenous and oral antibiotics are often used until the lameness and swelling subside, and then the horse is usually given oral antibiotics as follow-up treatment to prevent relapse.

Spier had input into an informational document developed by the American Association of Equine Practitioners. It is available on the AAEP website and is designed to help horse owners understand this disease, along with tips on how to prevent and treat it.

HOPE FOR A VACCINE

“We need a vaccine, but many people think it's just a local/regional disease, not realizing how widespread it is,” said Spier. “It's not highly fatal like West Nile virus or tetanus, but it's a serious disease and a nuisance. The internal infections can be quite serious.

“A protective vaccine is one of my goals. Even though autogenous bacterins have been successfully used, they can't be used in the general population of horses. There is research in progress, and some products are still undergoing safety testing. We are getting closer to a vaccine, but we don't have one yet.” **CTB**



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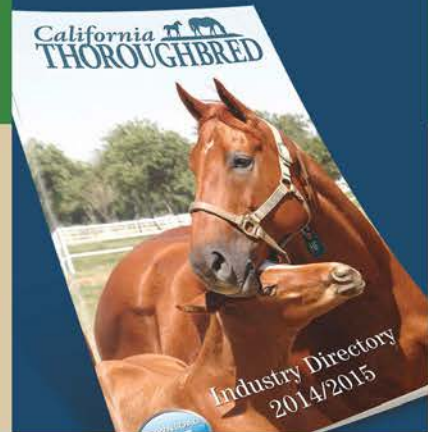
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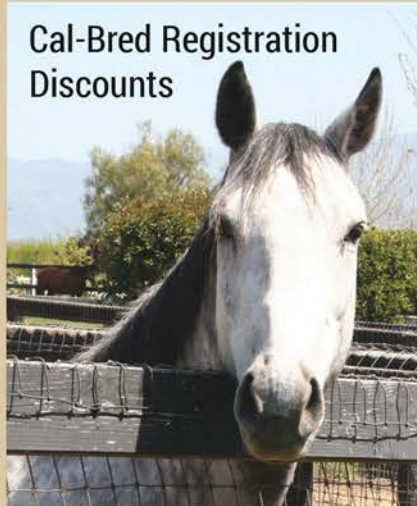
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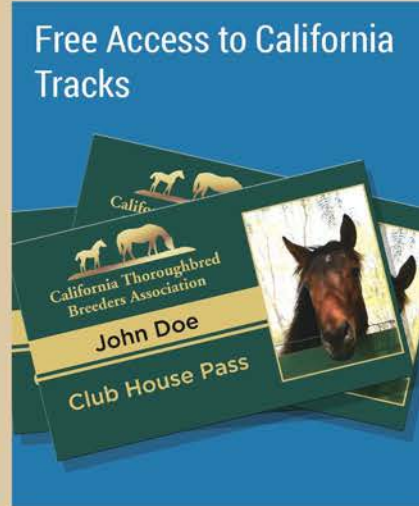
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Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, LLC	336	50	2	Run for Retts (\$96,625)	\$1,077,805
Harris Farms	292	36	1	Velvet Mesquite (\$118,750)	\$851,516
Terry C. Lovingier	352	38	0	Time for Angie (\$104,790)	\$847,810
Old English Rancho, Patsy Berumen & Sal Berumen	75	18	5	What a View (\$437,500)	\$842,470
Nick Alexander	121	22	3	Tough It Out (\$208,940)	\$812,466
Reddam Racing, LLC	153	22	1	Hacktivism (\$82,010)	\$766,557
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Williams	138	20	0	Woodmans Luck (\$60,195)	\$494,480
Old English Rancho	92	14	1	Somethings Unusual (\$58,340)	\$325,472
Benjamin C. Warren	157	19	1	Warrens Puppy Love (\$54,662)	\$321,367
Harris Farms & Donald Valpredo	20	4	2	Pacific Heat (\$226,030)	\$294,593
George Schmitt & Mary Clare Schmitt	72	17	0	Touched by Autism (\$93,945)	\$283,840
Liberty Road Stables	110	14	0	Packin Heat (\$35,401)	\$269,247
John R. Haagsma & Wesley Ward	7	3	1	Lost Bus (\$214,800)	\$262,825
Madeline Auerbach, Richard Rosenberg & Barry Abrams	6	3	2	Cheekaboo (\$255,760)	\$255,760
Heinz H. Steinmann	30	8	0	W. Giles (\$86,160)	\$230,918
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Dahlberg Farms LLC	35	5	1	Raised a Secret (\$70,520)	\$151,494
Ellen Jackson	71	12	0	Summer Lady (\$46,140)	\$150,454
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Nick Cafarchia	37	2	0	Tale of Papa Nick (\$45,930)	\$139,310
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Sire	Rnrs	Races Won	Earned	Earnings/Runner
1 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	115	38	\$6,986,184	\$60,749
2 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	25	\$720,796	\$25,743
3 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	82	49	\$1,883,864	\$22,974
4 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	46	30	\$1,007,100	\$21,893
5 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	19	15	\$402,161	\$21,166
6 † Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	10	8	\$169,842	\$16,984
7 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	54	26	\$860,932	\$15,943
8 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	58	34	\$905,039	\$15,604
9 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	38	24	\$582,995	\$15,342
10 Time to Get Even, 2004, by Stephen Got Even	16	8	\$237,939	\$14,871
11 † Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	10	6	\$141,376	\$14,138
12 Surf Cat, 2002, by Sir Cat	22	10	\$300,613	\$13,664
13 The Pamplemousse, 2006, by Kafwain	13	6	\$171,545	\$13,196
14 Sierra Sunset, 2005, by Bertrando	13	8	\$166,957	\$12,843
15 † Cindago, 2003, by Indian Charlie	23	14	\$291,668	\$12,681
16 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	34	15	\$427,345	\$12,569
17 Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	29	14	\$363,715	\$12,542
18 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	29	13	\$361,790	\$12,476
19 Skimming, 1996, by Nureyev	18	12	\$217,840	\$12,102
20 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	18	10	\$217,059	\$12,059

**2016 LEADING TURF SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
(MINIMUM 50 STARTS)**

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Wnrs	Wins	Earned
1 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	51	132	15	21	\$1,075,757
2 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	20	40	4	6	\$654,918
3 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	55	126	10	12	\$424,843
4 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	17	41	7	7	\$372,454
5 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	27	64	7	8	\$247,427
6 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	25	50	3	3	\$234,487
7 Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	25	56	5	6	\$210,474
8 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	14	28	3	4	\$206,050
9 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	4	8	2	2	\$156,161
10 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	36	68	5	5	\$152,680
11 Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	5	10	2	4	\$123,361
12 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	7	24	2	3	\$112,076
13 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	7	13	2	2	\$88,856
14 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	7	12	1	1	\$84,616
15 Einstein (BRZ), 2002, by Spend a Buck	13	27	1	1	\$84,607
16 † Siberian Summer, 1989, by Siberian Express	3	11	2	2	\$82,725
17 Comic Strip, 1995, by Red Ransom	11	16	3	3	\$81,755
18 The Pamplemousse, 2006, by Kafwain	2	5	1	2	\$80,595
19 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	19	36	2	2	\$67,767
20 Peppered Cat, 2000, by Tabasco Cat	11	15	2	2	\$60,851

**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY MONEY WON**

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Races Won	Earned
1 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	115	381	38	\$6,986,184
2 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	181	677	93	\$2,161,843
3 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	82	313	49	\$1,883,864
4 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	108	369	44	\$1,203,399
5 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	46	169	30	\$1,007,100
6 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	58	252	34	\$905,039
7 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	54	192	26	\$860,932
8 Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	68	293	45	\$729,887
9 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	110	25	\$720,796
10 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	108	346	36	\$713,181
11 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	57	219	34	\$663,653
12 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	54	224	31	\$639,794
13 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	38	152	24	\$582,995
14 Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	68	245	44	\$512,346
15 † Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	53	196	32	\$509,903
16 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	47	167	21	\$461,536
17 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	45	145	25	\$442,714
18 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	55	202	22	\$432,432
19 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	34	114	15	\$427,345
20 Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	44	161	22	\$409,337
21 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	19	72	15	\$402,161
22 Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	29	106	14	\$363,715
23 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	29	97	13	\$361,790
24 Awesome Gambler, 2004, by Coronado's Quest	41	153	16	\$350,889
25 Desert Code, 2004, by E Dubai	32	118	16	\$337,750
26 Rocky Bar, 1998, by In Excess (IRE)	39	133	23	\$305,322
27 Surf Cat, 2002, by Sir Cat	22	87	10	\$300,613
28 † Cindago, 2003, by Indian Charlie	23	74	14	\$291,668
29 Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	24	89	18	\$278,595
30 Don'tsellmeshort, 2001, by Benchmark	39	161	20	\$265,944
31 † McCann's Mojave, 2000, by Memo (CHI)	35	150	19	\$252,103
32 Einstein (BRZ), 2002, by Spend a Buck	44	132	12	\$250,257
33 Time to Get Even, 2004, by Stephen Got Even	16	56	8	\$237,939
34 Comic Strip, 1995, by Red Ransom	20	67	9	\$218,877
35 Skimming, 1996, by Nureyev	18	63	12	\$217,840
36 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	18	66	10	\$217,059
37 Dixie Chatter, 2005, by Dixie Union	35	108	11	\$213,365
38 Affirmative, 1999, by Unbridled	22	85	12	\$193,294
39 Lucky J. H., 2002, by Cee's Tizzy	26	106	11	\$192,052
40 † Thorn Song, 2003, by Unbridled's Song	30	95	7	\$176,400
41 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	6	23	4	\$175,795
42 The Pamplemousse, 2006, by Kafwain	13	31	6	\$171,545
43 † Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	10	38	8	\$169,842
44 Sierra Sunset, 2005, by Bertrando	13	53	8	\$166,957
45 Peppered Cat, 2000, by Tabasco Cat	23	88	8	\$161,233
46 † Terrell, 2000, by Distorted Humor	26	106	15	\$147,357
47 † Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	10	48	6	\$141,376

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**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY MEDIAN EARNINGS PER RUNNER
(MINIMUM 10 RUNNERS)**

Sire	Rnrs	Races Won	Earned	Median
1 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	19	15	\$402,161	\$13,356
2 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	25	\$720,796	\$11,373
3 Lightnin N Thunder, 2001, by Storm Cat	11	5	\$121,650	\$9,310
4 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	82	49	\$1,883,864	\$8,923
5 † Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	10	8	\$169,842	\$8,573
6 Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	68	45	\$729,887	\$8,408
7 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	46	30	\$1,007,100	\$8,390
8 † Salt Lake, 1989, by Deputy Minister	13	10	\$135,586	\$8,330
9 Tough Game, 1999, by Mr. Greeley	11	8	\$85,016	\$8,139
10 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	54	31	\$639,794	\$8,038
11 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	38	24	\$582,995	\$7,321
12 The Pamplermousse, 2006, by Kafwain	13	6	\$171,545	\$7,265
13 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	54	26	\$860,932	\$7,183
14 Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	24	18	\$278,595	\$6,703
15 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	58	34	\$905,039	\$6,685
16 † Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	10	6	\$141,376	\$6,663
17 † Cindago, 2003, by Indian Charlie	23	14	\$291,668	\$6,626
18 Affirmative, 1999, by Unbridled	22	12	\$193,294	\$6,001
19 Bedford Falls, 2003, by Forestry	15	6	\$138,155	\$5,850
20 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	57	34	\$663,653	\$5,730

**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY AVERAGE EARNINGS PER START
(MINIMUM 50 STARTS)**

Sire	Rnrs	Srts	Earned	Earnings Start
1 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	115	381	\$6,986,184	\$18,336
2 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	110	\$720,796	\$6,553
3 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	82	313	\$1,883,864	\$6,019
4 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	46	169	\$1,007,100	\$5,959
5 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	19	72	\$402,161	\$5,586
6 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	54	192	\$860,932	\$4,484
7 Time to Get Even, 2004, by Stephen Got Even	16	56	\$237,939	\$4,249
8 † Cindago, 2003, by Indian Charlie	23	74	\$291,668	\$3,941
9 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	38	152	\$582,995	\$3,835
10 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	34	114	\$427,345	\$3,749
11 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	29	97	\$361,790	\$3,730
12 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	58	252	\$905,039	\$3,591
13 Skimming, 1996, by Nureyev	18	63	\$217,840	\$3,458
14 Surf Cat, 2002, by Sir Cat	22	87	\$300,613	\$3,455
15 Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	29	106	\$363,715	\$3,431
16 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	18	66	\$217,059	\$3,289
17 Comic Strip, 1995, by Red Ransom	20	67	\$218,877	\$3,267
18 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	108	369	\$1,203,399	\$3,261
19 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	181	677	\$2,161,843	\$3,193
20 Sierra Sunset, 2005, by Bertrando	13	53	\$166,957	\$3,150

**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY NUMBER OF WINNERS**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Races Won	Earned
1 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	181	70	93	\$2,161,843
2 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	108	37	44	\$1,203,399
3 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	82	36	49	\$1,883,864
4 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	115	32	38	\$6,986,184
Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	68	32	45	\$729,887
6 U S Ranger, 2004, by Danzig	108	28	36	\$713,181
Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	57	28	34	\$663,653
8 Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	68	27	44	\$512,346
9 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	58	26	34	\$905,039
10 † Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	53	24	32	\$509,903
11 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	54	22	26	\$860,932
12 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	54	21	31	\$639,794
13 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	46	20	30	\$1,007,100
† Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	38	20	24	\$582,995
15 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	45	19	25	\$442,714
16 Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	44	18	22	\$409,337
17 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	55	17	22	\$432,432
Rocky Bar, 1998, by In Excess (IRE)	39	17	23	\$305,322
19 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	47	16	21	\$461,536
20 Don'tsellmeshort, 2001, by Benchmark	39	15	20	\$265,944
Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	28	14	25	\$720,796
Awesome Gambler, 2004, by Coronado's Quest	41	14	16	\$350,889
Desert Code, 2004, by E Dubai	32	14	16	\$337,750

**2016 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY NUMBER OF RACES WON**

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1 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	181	677	93	\$2,161,843
2 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	82	313	49	\$1,883,864
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17 Rocky Bar, 1998, by In Excess (IRE)	39	133	23	\$305,322
18 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	55	202	22	\$432,432
Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	44	161	22	\$409,337
20 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	47	167	21	\$461,536



2016 LEADING LIFETIME SIRES IN CALIFORNIA (50 OR MORE NAMED FOALS)

Stallion (Foreign Foaled), Year, Sire	Crops	Avg Size	Named Foals	Runners	Winners	2YO Winners	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Winners	Progeny Earnings	AEI	Comp Index
1 Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	16	47	744	544-73%	393-53%	53-7%	41-6%	11-1%	\$50,950,034	2.01	1.24
2 Lucky Pulpit, 2001, by Pulpit	7	41	284	191-67%	119-42%	39-14%	3-1%	1-0%	\$19,702,625	1.69	1.21
3 Square Eddie, 2006, by Smart Strike	4	26	104	79-76%	55-53%	17-16%	6-6%	1-1%	\$4,875,168	1.65	0.91
4 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	4	13	53	40-75%	31-58%	8-15%	3-6%	0-0%	\$2,395,461	1.57	1.32
5 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	9	19	170	109-64%	71-42%	9-5%	9-5%	3-2%	\$7,633,174	1.55	1.10
6 † In Excess (IRE), 1987, by Siberian Express	19	52	994	748-75%	562-57%	117-12%	57-6%	11-1%	\$46,741,504	1.52	1.36
7 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	7	13	91	35-38%	31-34%	0-0%	1-1%	1-1%	\$2,347,396	1.42	1.23
8 † Salt Lake, 1989, by Deputy Minister	18	68	1225	864-71%	686-56%	201-16%	50-4%	9-1%	\$59,456,721	1.39	1.38
9 † Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	18	59	1066	821-77%	580-54%	124-12%	52-5%	15-1%	\$49,604,238	1.32	1.48
10 † Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	18	15	271	199-73%	144-53%	40-15%	12-4%	1-0%	\$13,058,909	1.31	1.32
11 † Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	11	62	687	472-69%	348-51%	116-17%	31-5%	6-1%	\$30,056,629	1.30	1.08
12 Eddington, 2001, by Unbridled	8	48	380	306-81%	223-59%	58-15%	9-2%	3-1%	\$18,868,274	1.29	1.51
13 Memo (CHI), 1987, by Mocito Guapo (ARG)	15	34	506	301-59%	210-42%	34-7%	12-2%	4-1%	\$17,962,842	1.26	1.08
14 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	7	103	720	479-67%	350-49%	115-16%	27-4%	6-1%	\$29,280,014	1.23	1.84
15 † Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	15	48	720	557-77%	430-60%	107-15%	28-4%	9-1%	\$34,034,345	1.20	1.10
16 Peppered Cat, 2000, by Tabasco Cat	9	8	68	40-59%	28-41%	4-6%	1-1%	1-1%	\$2,329,439	1.19	0.66
17 Affirmative, 1999, by Unbridled	7	13	92	60-65%	39-42%	5-5%	2-2%	1-1%	\$3,585,784	1.18	0.79
18 One Man Army, 1994, by Roman Diplomat	9	9	84	55-65%	38-45%	3-4%	2-2%	1-1%	\$2,850,060	1.16	0.96
19 Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	14	54	761	565-74%	393-52%	117-15%	26-3%	9-1%	\$30,244,167	1.14	1.35
20 Heatseeker (IRE), 2003, by Giant's Causeway	5	35	177	106-60%	66-37%	21-12%	7-4%	1-1%	\$5,224,367	1.13	1.33
21 † Cindago, 2003, by Indian Charlie	6	16	94	69-73%	54-57%	11-12%	3-3%	0-0%	\$3,510,855	1.11	1.35
22 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	8	61	485	225-46%	160-33%	43-9%	7-1%	1-0%	\$12,484,592	1.10	1.22
23 Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	10	56	557	402-72%	296-53%	93-17%	18-3%	6-1%	\$19,218,427	1.09	1.24
24 Tizbud, 1999, by Cee's Tizzy	9	18	165	107-65%	69-42%	9-5%	5-3%	1-1%	\$5,526,821	1.08	0.89
25 Street Hero, 2006, by Street Cry (IRE)	5	39	194	104-54%	65-34%	18-9%	4-2%	1-1%	\$4,806,108	1.07	0.99
26 Hold for Gold, 1995, by Red Ransom	12	11	135	105-78%	75-56%	16-12%	4-3%	0-0%	\$5,568,427	1.06	1.11
Sierra Sunset, 2005, by Bertrando	2	26	51	15-29%	7-14%	4-8%	0-0%	0-0%	\$343,104	1.06	0.83
28 Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	10	36	358	256-72%	180-50%	43-12%	12-3%	1-0%	\$13,840,360	1.05	0.97
Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	8	43	342	248-73%	180-53%	45-13%	14-4%	2-1%	\$13,551,848	1.05	0.94
30 Robannier, 1991, by Batonnier	17	7	112	71-63%	41-37%	8-7%	3-3%	0-0%	\$3,032,962	1.04	0.98
31 Formal Gold, 1993, by Black Tie Affair (IRE)	15	35	518	416-80%	327-63%	83-16%	17-3%	5-1%	\$20,439,489	1.03	1.26
32 Atticus, 1992, by Nureyev	16	30	475	343-72%	212-45%	40-8%	11-2%	4-1%	\$14,667,348	1.01	1.41
33 Desert Code, 2004, by E Dubai	4	24	94	55-59%	38-40%	12-13%	2-2%	0-0%	\$2,254,746	1.00	1.13
34 • Redattore (BRZ), 1995, by Roi Normand	5	143	716	155-22%	105-15%	10-1%	3-0%	1-0%	\$7,272,189	0.98	1.19
Slewescent, 1988, by Seattle Slew	22	13	275	214-78%	95-35%	19-7%	5-2%	3-1%	\$7,562,255	0.98	0.78
36 Safe in the U S A, 1999, by Gone West	8	9	72	60-83%	51-71%	20-28%	1-1%	0-0%	\$3,583,745	0.97	0.98
37 † Popular, 1999, by Saint Ballado	9	10	94	65-69%	50-53%	19-20%	1-1%	1-1%	\$3,118,281	0.96	0.95
38 Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	13	41	533	420-79%	327-61%	112-21%	19-4%	1-0%	\$20,698,186	0.95	0.84
39 Silic (FR), 1995, by Sillery	12	16	186	138-74%	86-46%	13-7%	3-2%	1-1%	\$8,281,711	0.94	0.91
40 † Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	14	21	298	202-68%	149-50%	46-15%	12-4%	0-0%	\$8,752,654	0.93	0.81
41 Papa Clem, 2006, by Smart Strike	4	50	198	120-61%	73-37%	23-12%	4-2%	0-0%	\$3,556,947	0.90	1.18
42 Lightnin N Thunder, 2001, by Storm Cat	10	20	197	141-72%	93-47%	28-14%	6-3%	0-0%	\$5,627,679	0.88	1.07
43 Lucky J. H., 2002, by Cee's Tizzy	5	16	81	53-65%	33-41%	11-14%	1-1%	0-0%	\$1,947,717	0.87	1.24
Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	9	39	349	251-72%	174-50%	38-11%	4-1%	0-0%	\$10,043,057	0.87	1.00
Rocky Bar, 1998, by In Excess (IRE)	9	17	151	110-73%	87-58%	27-18%	9-6%	1-1%	\$5,169,465	0.87	0.87
46 Crafty C. T., 1998, by Crafty Prospector	5	44	221	52-24%	41-19%	9-4%	2-1%	0-0%	\$2,876,181	0.86	1.04
The Pamplousse, 2006, by Kafwain	3	19	57	23-40%	14-25%	5-9%	0-0%	0-0%	\$543,974	0.86	1.25
48 † Game Plan, 1993, by Danzig	17	26	440	324-74%	255-58%	57-13%	17-4%	3-1%	\$14,328,784	0.85	0.79
Sea of Secrets, 1995, by Storm Cat	14	34	476	391-82%	283-59%	79-17%	16-3%	2-0%	\$18,769,107	0.85	1.06

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Stakes & Sales Dates

2016 REGIONAL RACE MEETINGS

Santa Anita Park, Arcadia	May 5-July 10
Oak Tree at Pleasanton, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton	June 16-July 4
California State Fair (Cal Expo), Sacramento	July 8-24
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar	July 15-Sept. 5
Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa	July 28-Aug. 16
Humboldt County Fair, Ferndale	Aug. 19-28
Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley	Aug. 17-Sept. 20
Los Angeles County Fair at Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos	Sept. 7-27
California Authority of Racing Fairs at Pleasanton	Sept. 23-Oct. 2
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia	Sept. 28-Nov. 8
Fresno County Fair, Fresno	Oct. 6-16
Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley	Oct. 19-Dec. 20
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar	Nov. 10-Dec. 4
Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos	Dec. 7-20

2016 REGIONAL SALE DATES

JULY 23

BARRETTS PADDOCK SALE AT DEL MAR
Del Mar, Calif.
Preview July 22

AUGUST 16

CTBA NORTHERN CALIFORNIA YEARLING & HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE
Pleasanton, Calif.
(ENTRIES CLOSED JUNE 13)

AUGUST 30

BARRETTS SELECT YEARLING SALE
Del Mar, Calif.
(NOMINATIONS CLOSED APRIL 1)

OCTOBER 17

BARRETTS FALL YEARLING AND HORSES OF RACING AGE SALE
Del Mar, Calif.

(EARLY ENTRIES CLOSE AUG. 12, ENTRIES CLOSE AUG. 19, SUPPLEMENTAL ENTRIES CLOSE OCT. 3)

California-Bred/California-Sired STAKES RACES

JULY - AUGUST

OAK TREE AT PLEASANTON

SUNDAY, JULY 3

\$100,000 Everett Nevin Futurity
Two-Year-Olds
5½ furlongs

SANTA ANITA

MONDAY, JULY 4

\$100,000 Thor's Echo Handicap
Three-Year-Olds & Up
6 furlongs

\$100,000 Spring Fever Handicap
Four-Year-Olds & Up, Fillies and Mares
6 furlongs

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FRIDAY, JULY 22

\$150,000 Fleet Treat Stakes
Three-Year-Old Fillies
7 furlongs

SUNDAY, JULY 24

\$150,000 California Dreamin' Handicap
Three-Year-Olds & Up
1¼ miles (Turf)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

\$150,000 Real Good Deal Stakes
Three-Year-Olds
7 furlongs

FRIDAY, JULY 29

\$100,000 CTBA Stakes
Two-Year-Old Fillies
5½ furlongs

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

\$100,000 Graduation Stakes
Two-Year-Olds
5½ furlongs

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

\$150,000 Solana Beach Stakes
Three-Year-Olds & Up, Fillies and Mares
1 mile (Turf)

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

\$150,000 Generous Portion Stakes
Two-Year-Old Fillies
6 furlongs



Stakes & Sales Dates



JULY/AUGUST 2016 REGIONAL STAKES RACES

Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value
July 2	SA	Affirmed Stakes (Gr. III)	3-y-o	1 1/16 m.	\$100,000
July 2	OTP	Juan Gonzalez Memorial Stakes	2-y-o f.	5 1/2 f.	\$50,000
July 3	SA	Southern Truce Stakes	4-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m.	\$75,000
July 3	OTP	Everett Nevin Futurity	2-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	5 1/2 f.	\$100,000
July 4	SA	Spring Fever Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	6 f.	\$100,000
July 4	SA	Thor's Echo Handicap	3-y-o & up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	6 f.	\$100,000
July 4	OTP	Oak Tree Sprint	3-y-o & up	6 f.	\$50,000
July 9	SA	Santa Anita Juvenile	2-y-o	5 1/2 f.	\$125,000
July 9	SA	Landaluce Stakes	2-y-o f.	5 1/2 f.	\$125,000
July 15	Dmr	Oceanside Stakes	3-y-o	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
July 16	Dmr	Yellow Ribbon Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$200,000
July 16	Dmr	Wickerr Stakes	3-y-o & up	1 m. (T)	\$75,000
July 17	Dmr	Eddie Read Stakes (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1 1/8 m. (T)	\$250,000
July 17	Dmr	Sandy Blue Handicap	3-y-o f.	1 1/8 m. (T)	\$75,000
July 20	Dmr	CERF Stakes	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	6 f.	\$75,000
July 22	Dmr	Fleet Treat Stakes	3-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	7 f.	\$150,000
July 23	Dmr	San Diego Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1 1/16 m.	\$200,000
July 23	Dmr	San Clemente Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o f.	1 m. (T)	\$200,000
July 23	Sac	Governor's Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	6 f.	\$50,000
July 24	Dmr	Cougar II Handicap (Gr. III)	3-y-o & up	1 1/2 m.	\$100,000
July 24	Dmr	California Dreamin' Stakes	3-y-o & up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$150,000
July 27	Dmr	Real Good Deal Stakes	3-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	7 f.	\$150,000
July 29	Dmr	CTBA Stakes	2-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	5 1/2 f.	\$100,000
July 30	Dmr	Clement L. Hirsch Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m.	\$300,000
July 30	SR	Wine Country Stakes	3-y-o f.	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$50,000
July 31	Dmr	Bing Crosby Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up	6 f.	\$300,000
July 31	SR	Luther Burbank Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$50,000
Aug. 3	Dmr	Graduation Stakes	2-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	5 1/2 f.	\$100,000
Aug. 5	Dmr	Daisycutter Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	5 f. (T)	\$75,000
Aug. 6	Dmr	Sorrento Stakes (Gr. II)	2-y-o f.	6 1/2 f.	\$200,000
Aug. 6	Dmr	La Jolla Handicap (Gr. III)	3-y-o	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$150,000
Aug. 6	SR	Robert Dupret Derby	3-y-o	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$50,000
Aug. 7	Dmr	Osunitas Stakes	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$75,000
Aug. 7	SR	Joseph T. Grace Handicap	3-y-o & up	1 1/16 m. (T)	\$50,000
Aug. 12	Dmr	Green Flash Handicap	3-y-o & up	5 f. (T)	\$75,000
Aug. 13	Dmr	Best Pal Stakes (Gr. II)	2-y-o	6 1/2 f.	\$200,000
Aug. 13	SR	Jess Jackson Owners' Handicap	3-y-o & up	5 f. (T)	\$50,000
Aug. 14	Dmr	Solana Beach Stakes	3-y-o & up, f. & m., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1 m. (T)	\$150,000
Aug. 14	SR	Wine Country Debutante	2-y-o f.	6 f.	\$50,000
Aug. 14	SR	Cavonnier Juvenile Stakes	2-y-o	6 f.	\$50,000
Aug. 17	Dmr	Rancho Bernardo Handicap (Gr. III)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	6 1/2 f.	\$100,000
Aug. 19	Dmr	CTT & TOC Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 3/8 m. (T)	\$75,000
Aug. 20	Dmr	TVG Pacific Classic (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up	1 1/4 m.	\$1,000,000
Aug. 20	Dmr	Del Mar Oaks (Gr. I)	3-y-o f.	1 1/8 m. (T)	\$300,000
Aug. 20	Dmr	Del Mar Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1 3/8 m. (T)	\$250,000
Aug. 21	Dmr	Del Mar Mile (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1 m. (T)	\$200,000
Aug. 24	Dmr	Harry F. Brubaker Stakes	3-y-o & up	1 m.	\$75,000
Aug. 26	Dmr	Shared Belief Stakes	3-y-o	1 m.	\$100,000
Aug. 27	Dmr	Pat O'Brien Stakes (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	7 f.	\$200,000
Aug. 27	Dmr	Generous Portion Stakes	2-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	6 f.	\$150,000
Aug. 28	Dmr	Torrey Pines Stakes (Gr. III)	3-y-o f.	1 m.	\$100,000
Aug. 28	Fer	C.J. Hindley Humboldt County Marathon	3-y-o & up	1 5/8 m.	\$20,000
Aug. 31	Dmr	Tranquility Lake Stakes	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 m.	\$75,000



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