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### The Thoroughbred Safety Committee: Soundness Issues

The following is the report that Dr. Larry Bramlage gave at The Jockey Club Round Table on Matters Pertaining to Racing, held in Saratoga Springs, New York, during August. A renowned orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Bramlage is the Chairman of the Grayson-Jockey Club's Research Advisory Committee and a member of The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee, and this official transcript is being reproduced with the permission of The Jockey Club.



Dr. Larry Bramlage

In light of recent events in Thoroughbred racing, charges concerning soundness have been leveled by supporters and detractors of the sport. The Thoroughbred Safety Committee felt these charges had to be examined where possible and the facts established. Statements have been made in the popular press, read, re-quoted and in some instances misquoted to the point that they began to be regarded as fact.

We believe that the charges must be addressed based upon data not opinion. Therefore, for the information that we examined our conclusions are rooted in the pragmatic "the data shows" rather than the dubious "we believe."

**Charge number one:** The training and racing of two-year-old Thoroughbreds is predisposing these horses to accelerated rates of injury and prematurely shortened careers.

This charge is leveled by some people in and out of the horse industry, especially people outside of racing. It is a very popular theme with animal welfare organizations that are ill informed on the topic of racing and the horse; it is also parroted frequently in the popular press.

To examine these data The Jockey Club Information Systems extracted one-year windows at five-year intervals, using the years 1975

through 2000 as data sets. Horses were divided into the categories "raced as two-year-olds" and "raced, but not as two-year-olds." The data shows a definitive answer to this charge.

The first category of data examined was average starts per starter lifetime. The data shows that horses that raced as two-year-olds raced many more times in their lifetime in each of the years examined when compared to horses that did not race until after their two-year-old season.

Some of these starts were made in the two-year-old year for the horses that raced at two, but the difference was more marked than the two-year-old year alone would account for.

Average lifetime earnings per starter for horses that raced as two-year-olds are almost twice the amount earned by horses that did not race as two-year-olds.

Career average earnings per start for horses that raced as two-year-olds exceeded average earnings per start for horses that did not race as two-year-olds in every one of the years from 1975 to 2000 examined.

Lastly, the percent stakes winners in horses that raced as two-year-olds is nearly three times higher than in horses that did not race until their three-year-old year or later.

This data is definitive. It shows that horses that began racing as two-year-olds are much more successful, have much longer careers, and, by extrapolation, show less predisposition to injury than horses that did not begin racing until their three-year-old year. It is absolute on all the data sets that the training and racing of two-year-old Thoroughbreds has no ill effect on the horses' race-career longevity or quality. In fact, the data would indicate that the ability to make at least one start as a two-

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## The Thoroughbred Safety Committee: Soundness Issues Cont'd.

year-old has a very strong positive affect on the longevity and success of a racehorse. This strong positive effect on the quality and quantity of performance would make it impossible to argue that these horses that race as two-year-olds are compromised.

These data strongly support the physiologic premise that it is easier for a horse to adapt to training when training begins at the end of skeletal growth. Initiation of training at the end of growth takes advantage of the established blood supply and cell populations that are then converted from growth to the adaptation to training. It is much more difficult for a horse to adapt to training after the musculoskeletal system is allowed to atrophy at the end of growth because the bone formation support system that is still present in the adolescent horse must be re-created in the skeletally mature horse that initiates training.

**Charge number two:** The Thoroughbred industry is raising horses only to sell, not to race. This is weakening the breed to the point they are unable to race.

This accusation is leveled at breeders for choosing matings poorly, at commercial horse operations for raising what some call “hot house” horses and not athletes, at pinhookers for abusing the two-year-old in training concept and at veterinarians for performing surgery to correct angular limb deformities and remove fragments from juvenile joints.

The data examined was sampled again in one-year windows at five-year intervals over the last 25 years. The data shows that preparation for sales did not compromise the horse’s ability to race when compared to the breed average. Over the 25-year period the breed average to reach the races was approximately 70 percent in each year examined, the probability to race for horses entered in yearling sales was approximately 80 percent, and for horses in two-year-old sales the probability of racing rose to the upper 80 percent range. In no instance did the preparation for sale drop a group of horses below the average for the breed, or therefore, below the horses not prepared for sale. Some horses in the breed average are not intended for racing, but the data shows that a very high percentage of sale horses reach their intended purposes and there is no indication of harm for these horses.

To address questions concerning the more aggressive surgical management of yearlings and the more aggressive preparation for sale with mechanical exercise systems that began in the early 1990s, the yearly data from foal crops 1989 through 2001 were examined. There is no inclination toward decreased probability of racing. The data shows that the probability of racing has, in fact, risen from 65.8 percent for the foal crop of 1989 to 72.5 percent for the foal crop of 2001. So, the surgical management of yearlings and preparation techniques for the sale are actually helping rather than hurting the chances for a horse to race.

As a measure of durability, we looked at the number and percentage of aged starters—five-year-olds and up—that made up the racing population for the last 30 years.

The data shows the number of aged starters is amazingly stable above 30 percent of the racing population, dipping slightly during the glut of the 50,000-plus foal crops of the mid-1980s but rising again in the last 15 years.

Aged starters make 30 percent of the starts, and their earnings parallel their proportion of the racing population, remaining steady just above 25 percent of the available purse distributions. There is no indication from these data that in the last 30 years the Thoroughbred has become less able to sustain training. And the data indicates the aged starters have been and are currently making up a consistent third of the racing population.

The Jockey Club Fact Book indicates that the number of starts per horse per year is declining steadily, but no simple explanation for the decline suffices. Starting opportunities are a product of the number of races available times the decision to run; this decision determines the field size. The number of annual races has declined 6,570 races from 1997 to 2007, and the field size has declined one starter per race in the same period. This reduced the number of starts by 58,236 starts in 2007 compared to 1997. This combination decrease of 0.93 starts per starter accounts for 76 percent of the decline in starts per year in the last 10 years, but 65 percent of that decline in the last 10 years is determined by the reduction in field size alone.

The field size is determined by the decision of the trainer to run the horse. Field size was nearly static at nine horses per race for 40 years; then it dropped by 0.7 horses per race in seven years in the mid-1990s. This coincides with the appearance of the mega-stables and an increased emphasis on trainer statistics. The top five percent of trainers in 2007 controlled 30 percent of the starters, 31 percent of the starts, and accounted for 41 percent of the wins. This testifies to the influence of intra-stable handicapping and the emphasis on win percentages, and to their large contribution to the decrease in the average starts per starter. Horses don’t run if they don’t have a good chance to win, whether they come from a large or a small stable, but large stables magnify the effect.

When the number of races declines and the number of starters rises as it has in the last 10 years, the number of starters in a race must rise, or the number of starts per horse must fall. Since the demand to fill the ninth through the 14th positions in a race has not risen in 60 years, field size is not likely to rise. As an example, scratches due to “fever” are very frequent in horses that are 30-1 on the morning line. The emphasis on trainer statistics is likely to drive field size down farther. With more horses and less races, average starts per starter must decline if the field size does not rise, which it’s not likely to do.

Many have fallen into the trap of comparing the 1950s to the 21st century. We now raise four times the number of foals raised in 1950. The number of races has only roughly doubled. This statistic alone would halve the starts per starter with a static field size, but attention to trainer statistics has depressed the field size as well. So most of the decline in career starts can be attributed to these factors of management of the horse. The horse itself probably plays some role, but the data shows it is likely a lesser role.

That the current rate of decline in the number of career starts matches the simple mathematics of inflow versus outflow is unlikely, but the data indicates the quality of athlete, its adolescent care and its early training is not the primary problem. Preparation for sale does not harm horses, in fact it maintains or improves the chances of a horse racing; and racing as a two-year-old does not harm the racing career, it improves it in quality and quantity of performances. Five-year-old plus starters remain a stable third of our racing population. But, horses in all classes make fewer starts, because of a host of economic pressures.

The environmental and economic realities of racing the young adult horse are the areas where we must concentrate our efforts to address safety and soundness components. The data shows the Thoroughbred approaching a racing career is capable as an athlete and the successful older horse is racing a sustained career. If genetic regression plays a role it appears to implicate the transformation from a quadruped to a biped more than it does the evolution from Eclipse to Curlin.—*Dr. Larry Bramlage*

# Leading Sires In California: January 1 Through September 21, 2008

## Leading Sires by Money Won

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Races	
			Won	Earnings
1. Unusual Heat . . . . .	128	656	104	\$4,427,768
2. Deputy Commander . . . . .	170	952	135	2,926,497
3. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	130	638	91	2,546,521
4. Benchmark . . . . .	157	714	93	2,420,035
5. Salt Lake . . . . .	140	730	127	2,387,726
6. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	153	924	119	2,376,265
7. Bertrando . . . . .	142	587	93	2,315,669
8. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	154	906	124	1,814,550
9. Cee's Tizzy . . . . .	96	446	65	1,734,067
10. Lord Carson* . . . . .	127	664	99	1,711,608
11. Lit de Justice . . . . .	87	534	64	1,467,636
12. Roar• . . . . .	80	538	84	1,448,814
13. Old Topper . . . . .	112	560	81	1,431,319
14. High Brite . . . . .	109	580	94	1,411,618
15. Formal Gold . . . . .	88	528	74	1,402,767
16. Thunderello# . . . . .	63	387	58	1,360,634
17. Beau Genius . . . . .	102	594	85	1,325,671
18. Storm Creek• . . . . .	123	627	75	1,316,233
19. Tribal Rule . . . . .	57	256	47	1,295,202
20. Game Plan . . . . .	74	406	55	1,294,340
21. Valid Wager* . . . . .	134	745	104	1,204,855
22. Monashee Mountain• . . . . .	110	505	66	1,088,933
23. Comic Strip . . . . .	73	381	67	1,083,630
24. Souvenir Copy• . . . . .	84	458	66	1,050,395
25. Skimming . . . . .	84	411	62	983,118
26. Memo (Chi) . . . . .	62	285	49	729,264
27. Bartok (Ire) . . . . .	52	299	39	696,777
28. Helmsman• . . . . .	74	397	50	691,925
29. Atticus . . . . .	56	249	27	651,846
30. Hold for Gold# . . . . .	33	161	29	650,105
31. Decarchy . . . . .	40	165	22	622,008
32. Western Fame . . . . .	57	300	45	612,407
33. General Meeting* . . . . .	50	305	32	593,916
34. Perfect Mandate . . . . .	60	285	41	589,361
35. Mud Route . . . . .	47	205	34	576,477

## Leading Sires by Number of Winners

Rank Sire	Runners	Winners	Races	
			Won	Earnings
1. Deputy Commander . . . . .	170	86	135	\$2,926,497
2. Salt Lake . . . . .	140	82	127	2,387,726
3. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	154	81	124	1,814,550
4. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	153	77	119	2,376,265
5. Valid Wager* . . . . .	134	71	104	1,204,855
6. Benchmark . . . . .	157	65	93	2,420,035
7. Bertrando . . . . .	142	62	93	2,315,669
8. Lord Carson* . . . . .	127	60	99	1,711,608
9. Unusual Heat . . . . .	128	59	104	4,427,768
10. High Brite . . . . .	109	58	94	1,411,618
11. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	130	54	91	2,546,521
12. Old Topper . . . . .	112	52	81	1,431,319

## Leading Sires Of Two-Year-Olds by Number of Winners

Sire	Runners	Winners	Races	
			Won	Earnings
1. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	23	11	11	\$364,009
2. Old Topper . . . . .	24	7	7	192,263
3. Lord Carson* . . . . .	14	6	8	182,861
Benchmark . . . . .	15	6	7	117,431
5. Rio Verde . . . . .	20	5	5	231,186
Monashee Mountain• . . . . .	30	5	5	164,653
<b>Momentum . . . . .</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>131,480</b>
Lit de Justice . . . . .	8	5	5	128,729
9. Nineeven . . . . .	8	4	5	187,972
Sea of Secrets . . . . .	9	4	6	128,488
Valid Wager* . . . . .	13	4	4	96,482
<b>Cat Dreams . . . . .</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>79,619</b>
Capsized . . . . .	6	4	4	41,078

The statistics contained in these rankings are compiled by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. While every effort is made to prevent errors and omissions, California Thoroughbred cannot guarantee their complete and total accuracy. A dagger (†) indicates a stallion has been retired, an asterisk (\*) that he has died, a dot (•) that he is now standing elsewhere, a number sign (#) that he did not stand in California in 2007 but stood in the state in 2008, a double dagger (‡) that he did not stand in California in 2008 but will stand in the state in 2009 and in bold that he is a freshman sire. In all cases, the sire will remain in the rankings until the year after his last California foals are two-year-olds. Statistics cover racing in North America (U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico), England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the United Arab Emirates only.



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## Gambler's Justice Wins CTBA Marian



Gambler's Justice

The 4-5 favorite Gambler's Justice pulled clear late to win the \$63,700 CTBA Marian Stakes for three-year-old California-bred fillies at Fairplex Park in Pomona on September 20.

Gambler's Justice is by Magali Farms' Lit de Justice, out of the Diesis (GB) mare Monte Carlo Miss, was bred by Suarez Racing and foaled at Magali Farms, and is owned by Halo Farms and Allen Magerman and trained by Bill Spawr.

A \$70,000 purchase at the 2007 Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training, Gambler's Justice has three wins in 10 starts and earnings of \$145,754. She ran the 1 1/16 miles in 1:46.45 and won by 2 3/4 lengths.

Quid Non was second and Stroppy third in the field of seven.

## Nosir, Yesir

California-bred Nosir won the \$60,000 New Mexico State Fair Handicap at The Downs at Albuquerque on September 21.

Nosir is by Cee's Tizzy (Harris Farms), out of the Al Nasr (Fr) mare Stardust Dreams, was bred by Ron Stolich and Eddie Tannenbaum, and is owned by R. J. Racing and trained by Jacque Guerra.

He has eight wins in 30 starts, earnings of \$156,094 and he won by 3 1/4 lengths at odd of 5-2.



Nosir

## It's A Bird Plagiarized

It's a Bird, a five-year-old Florida-bred son of Birdonthewire (Madera Thoroughbreds), won the \$50,000 Plagiarize Stakes at Calder Race Course on September 20.

It's a Bird has seven wins in 22 starts and earnings of \$174,965. He won the 12-furlong contest by five lengths at odds of 7-5.

## Thunders Dove Pounds Drumtop

Thunders Dove, a Kentucky-bred daughter of Diamond F Ranch's Thunderello, won the \$50,000 Drumtop Stakes for fillies and mares at Suffolk Downs on September 20.

Thunders Dove has five wins in 10 starts and earnings of \$166,020. She ran the six furlongs in 1:09.40 and won by three lengths at odds of 4-5.

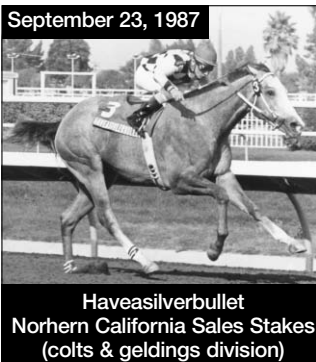
## Council Member To Stand At Special T

Mickey and Karen Taylor's dual stakes-winner Council Member (Seattle Slew—Zoe Montana, by Seeking The Gold) will stand at Rick and Kathy Taylor's Special T Thoroughbreds for the 2009 breeding season.

A \$4,000 stud fee has been set for the last stakes-winning son of Seattle Slew.

Council Member sold as a weanling for \$800,000 in 2002, and went on to win and be multiple group-placed at two. At three, he won two stakes, the King Charles II and Guisborough Stakes, also in England. Council Member was graded-stakes placed in the U.S. at five, as well as placing fourth in this year's Metropolitan Mile (grade I), before retiring with earnings of \$347,306.

## California-Bred Flashback



September 23, 1987

Haveasilverbullet  
Northern California Sales Stakes  
(colts & geldings division)

## Haveasilverbullet

On September 23, 1987, Haveasilverbullet, a gelded son of Battle Call, won the \$25,000 Northern California Sales Stakes for colts and geldings at Bay Meadows Racecourse, with First David second and Asprey finishing third in a field of eight. Haveasilverbullet was trained by Art Sherman and ridden by Mike Iammarino. He ran the six furlongs in 1:10 4/5 on a fast track and won by 2 1/2 lengths at odds of 5-1. Haveasilverbullet was the fourth of six live foals out of the four-time winner R Wendy. The Northern California Sales Stakes was Haveasilverbullet's first win in three starts. He finished his career with two wins in 19 starts and earnings of \$46,025. A \$7,500 purchase at the 1986 CTS Northern California Yearling Sale, he was bred by Susan Green, foaled at Eclipse Farm in Temecula and owned by MMC Stable.

**Q: What rare link do the following stallions have in common?**

**BAILJUMPER, BEST MINISTER, DISCOVER, HIGH BRITE, HOUSTON, OLYMPIO, SALT LAKE, SILIC, STRIKE GOLD, SUMMING and TRICKY CREEK, etc.**

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# California-Bred Stakes Winners In California: September 15-21, 2008

## Gambler's Justice

CTBA MARIAN STAKES, Fairplex Park, Sept. 20, \$65,000 guaranteed, three-year-olds, fillies, 1 1/16 miles, 1:46.45, track fast. Track record: 1:41.60. Trainer: William Spawr. Jockey: Martin Pedroza. Odds: 4-5

**GAMBLER'S JUSTICE**, gr. or ro. f., 3 (119), 2% Lit de Justice—Monte Carlo Miss, \$35,750 by Diesis (GB)

**Quid Non**, dk. b. or br. f., 3 (123), nk Bertrando—Stormy Playmate, \$11,700 by Sky Classic (Magenta Racing Inc.)

**Stroppy**, ch. f., 3 (119), 2 Decarchy—Moonfest, \$7,800 by Irish River (Fr) (John Fuller, Lee Kovel and J. Paul Reddam)

Also: Debating Society (119)—\$3,900, Warren's Appeal (119)—\$2,600, Hadl's Hey Day (119)—\$1,300, Kazana (119)—\$650.

RACING RECORD						
AGE	STS	1st	2nd	3rd	Earnings	
2	2	0	1	0	\$10,920	
3	8	3	0	2	134,834	
Totals	10	3	1	2	\$145,754	

El Gran Senor	Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Sex Appeal	Buckpasser
<b>LIT DE JUSTICE</b>	Kenmare (Fr)	Best in Show
gr. or ro. 1990	Kanmary (Fr)	Kalamoun (GB)
	Djallybrook	Belle of Ireland
		Djakao (Fr)
		Hollybrook II
	Sharpen Up (GB)	Atan
Diesis (GB)		Rocchetta (GB)
	Doubly Sure (GB)	Reliance II (Fr)
<b>MONTE CARLO MISS</b>		Soft Angels
b. 1997	Lear Fan	Roberto
Prominent Feather	I Mean It	Wac
		In Reality
		Rokeby Venus

Lit de Justice has not been crossed with Diesis (GB) mares.

**Sire: LIT DE JUSTICE.** Raced 5 years in France, North America, 36 starts, 10 wins. Earned \$1,397,649 (SPR 96). Sire of 9 crops, 368 foals, 268 runners (73%), 206 winners (56%), 17 SWs (5%), including No Parole, Silver Bird, Hour of Justice. Total progeny earnings \$17,369,133, \$64,810 average per starter. Yearling auction record, 1980 to present—140 yearlings sold, 9 crops, \$15,331 average. In 2007, 6 yearlings sold, \$6,667 average.

**1st dam:** Monte Carlo Miss. Bred by Adena Springs (Ky.). Unraced. FFSPR: 40

**03 Grand Success**, g., by El Prado (Ire). Raced 1 year, 2 starts, no wins. Earned \$519 (SPR 14).

**04 SMART OLIVIA**, f., by Touch Gold. Raced 2 years, 20 starts, 3 wins. Earned \$7,463 (SPR 17).

**05 GAMBLER'S JUSTICE**, f., by Lit de Justice. At 3, WON CTBA Marian S., 3rd Melair S. (SPR 93). \$70,000 two-year-old 2007 Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds In Training.

**2nd dam: PROMINENT FEATHER** (1989). Bred by F. A. Genter Stable Inc. (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 37 starts, 6 wins. Earned \$270,446 (SPR 97). At 2, 3rd Mazarine S. (Gr. III), At 3, 2nd Ontario Colleen H., 3rd Fort Erie Breeders' Cup S., At 4, 2nd Woodbine Budweiser Breeders' Cup H., At 5, won Bayou H., 2nd Sixty Sails S. Produced 7 foals, 3 winners, including **EXTRA EXCLUSIVE**.

**Broodmare Sire: DIESIS (GB).** Raced 2 years in England, 6 starts, 3 wins. Earned \$172,788 (SPR 0). Sire of 580 mares which produced 1868 foals. 47 mares produced SWs (3%). 860 runners (46%), 501 winners (27%), 59 SWs (3%), including Dylan Thomas (Ire), Cetewayo, Honor in War. Progeny earnings of \$41,374,821.

**Foaled:** Magali Farms, Santa Ynez, Calif.

**Breeder:** Suarez Racing Inc.

**Owners:** Halo Farms and Allen Magerman.

The Season in California: Results of recent stakes won by California-breds in California. The statistics compiled here are provided by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS) and include the starts percentile ranking (SPR) and the female family starts percentile ranking (FFSPR). While every effort is made to prevent errors and omissions, the *California Thoroughbred* cannot guarantee their complete and total accuracy. The SPR and the FFSPR, developed by TJCIS, are based on racing in North America, Argentina, Australia, England, France, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan and the UAE only.

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## California-Bred Maiden Winners In North America: September 15-21, 2008

### AMERICA'S STORM

Sept. 20 (FPX, \$19,640 MCL.)

**Craig's Storm.** Craig Mobley's b. g., 3, by America's Storm—Born in Kentucky by Runaway Groom. **Breeder: Applebite Farms.** Trainer: Steve J. Howard. Jockey: Luis Contreras.

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Sept. 18 (GG, \$15,520 MCL.)

**Vivi Shoe.** Ivan R. and Denise Shoemaker's dk. b. f., 3, by Beau Genius—Irish Mandy by Irish Tower. **Breeders: Ivan R. and Denise Shoemaker.** Trainer: Steven Miyadi. Jockey: Omar Figueroa.

### BENCHMARK

Sept. 17 (GG, \$15,520 MCL.)

**Snuffy Smith.** Harry J. Aleo's b. g., 3, by Benchmark—Crafty Belle by Crafty Prospector. **Breeders: Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Wygod.** Trainer: Greg Gilchrist. Jockey: William Anton-georgi III.

### CHAMPALI

Sept. 18 (GG, \$14,920 MCL.)

**Project Fifty Five.** Philip Leberherz's b. g., 2, by Champali—Hoochie Coochie by His Majesty. **Breeders: Dr. and Mrs. William T. Gray.** Trainer: Jeff Bonde. Jockey: Roberto M. Gonzalez.

### COBRA KING

Sept. 20 (LA, \$5,965 MCL.)

**Cobra Amigo.** Charles S. Treece's dk. b. g., 3, by Cobra King—Miss Demeanor by Criminal Type. **Breeder: Thomas W. Bachman.** Trainer: Charles S. Treece. Jockey: Ramon Guce.

### CRAFTY FRIEND

Sept. 17 (FPX, \$19,820 MCL.)

**Friendly Mystery.** Six-S Racing Stable and Valenti's b. f., 3, by Crafty Friend—Miss Mystery by Mystery Storm. **Breeders: Madera Thoroughbreds and Dr. Jack Weinstein.** Trainer: Craig A. Lewis. Jockey: Clinton L. Potts.

### E DUBAI

Sept. 19 (FPX, \$21,020 MCL.)

**By Far.** Annabelle M. Stute's b. f., 2, by E Dubai—Farasha by Carnivalay. **Breeder: Mrs. Arturo Peralta Ramos.** Trainer: Melvin F. Stute. Jockey: Luis Contreras.

### FORMAL GOLD

Sept. 17 (GG, \$15,520 MCL.)

**Formally Yours.** Brett Mason's b. f., 2, by Formal Gold—Pundit by Beau Genius. **Breeder: Brett Mason.** Trainer: Lloyd C. Mason. Jockey: William Anton-georgi III.

### GRINDSTONE

Sept. 21 (GG, \$39,800 MSW.)

**Frumious.** George and Mary Clare Schmitt's dk. b. c., 2, by Grindstone—Eternal Legend by Gold

Legend. **Breeder: JayArDee Stables.** Trainer: Jeff Bonde. Jockey: Chris Landeros.

### HELMSMAN

Sept. 17 (FPX, \$17,680 MCL.)

**Stern Wheeler.** Edward Fairbanks Jr., Edward Mercado and William B. Wilmot's dk. b. c., 4, by Helmsman—Places to Go by Half a Year. **Breeder: David B. Newcomb.** Trainer: William B. Wilmot. Jockey: Octavio Vergara.

### HIGHLAND GOLD

Sept. 19 (GG, \$18,500 MCL.)

**Screamin Express.** Alexander A. Paszkeicz Living Trust's b. f., 3, by Highland Gold—Glass Avenue by Avenue of Flags. **Breeder: Alexander A. Paszkeicz.** Trainer: Alexander A. Paszkeicz. Jockey: Adan Landeros.

### LAKE WILLIAM

Sept. 16 (ALB, \$6,156 MCL.)

**Jellyfish Lake.** Norberto Olguin's dk. b. g., 3, by Lake William—Soft Coral by Cape Town. **Breeder: Dean Greenman.** Trainer: Johnny D. Carlson. Jockey: Anthony Cruz.

### MACH ONE

Sept. 17 (FPX, \$17,280 MCL.)

**December Sky.** Victor Ortiz's b. f., 3, by Mach One—Dancing Matilda by Danzatore. **Breeder: Catherine M. Long.** Trainer: Silverio Martinez. Jockey: Kayla Stra.

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# California-Bred Maiden Winners In North America: September 15-21, 2008

## MR. PROCRASTINATOR

Sept. 20 (LBG, \$4,300 MSW.)

**Delicate Pirate.** Marlo Mooney and Jim England's gr./ro. f., 4, by Mr. Procrastinator—Sheer Piracy by Pirate's Bounty. **Breeders: Curt and Lila Lanning.** Trainer: Bill Mooney. Jockey: Janine Stianson.

## MUD ROUTE

Sept. 21 (FPX, \$20,040 MCL.)

**Warren Road.** Benjamin C. Warren's dk. b. g., 4, by Mud Route—Foothill Boulevard by Furiously. **Breeder: Benjamin C. Warren.** Trainer: Jorge Gutierrez. Jockey: Pedro Arambula.

**Muqtarib**  
Victory Rose Thoroughbreds  
707-678-6580

Sept. 17 (GG, \$9,040 MCL.)

**Muqs Quest.** Patricia Ford's b. g., 3, by Muqtarib—Run Kaitlyn Run by Rio's Lark. **Breeder: Patricia Ford.** Trainer: William Delia. Jockey: Omar Figueroa.

## NORTHERN DEVIL

Sept. 15 (FPX, \$17,280 MCL.)

**Norco Pal.** Joan M. Reaves' ch. g., 3, by Northern Devil—Gwaun River Rose by Knights Choice. **Breeder: Joan M. Reaves.** Trainer: Jorge Periban. Jockey: Pedro Arambula.

**Old Topper**  
Tommy Town Thoroughbreds  
805-686-4337

Sept. 15 (MNR, \$21,800 MSW.)

**Skoal Ring.** Nolan Family LLC and Richard

McDonnell's ch. g., 3, by Old Topper—My Only Choice by The Carpenter. **Breeders: Leonard Dunham and Denise Halstead.** Trainer: Wayne McDonnell. Jockey: Luis R. Rivera.

## OLMODAVOR

Sept. 19 (FPX, \$20,620 MCL.)

**Righteously.** Impulse Investments' dk. b. f., 2, by Olmodavor—Right Direction by West by West. **Breeder: Terry C. Lovingier.** Trainer: John C. Ivory. Jockey: Isaias D. Enriquez.

## ROCKET CAT

Sept. 21 (NP, \$7,100 MCL.)

**Gato Espacial.** Side Management Ltd. and Starline Thoroughbreds' dk. b. g., 3, by Rocket Cat—Trinitrim by Bertrando. **Breeders: Benjamin C. Warren and Luis Bouza.** Trainer: Jim Meygaard. Jockey: Rickey A. Walcott.

## ROYAL CAT

Sept. 18 (FPX, \$16,880 MCL.)

**Persuade Me.** E. W. and Judy Johnston and Joe Turner's dk. b. f., 3, by Royal Cat—Convince Me by River Flyer. **Breeders: Old English Rancho and Joe Turner.** Trainer: Donald Warren. Jockey: Luis Contreras.

## SCORE QUICK

Sept. 20 (PID, \$13,000 MCL.)

**Quickkisser.** Bridget Sipp's dk. b. r., 3, by Score Quick—Miss Bobbie Lynn by Mining. **Breeder: Bill M. Thomas.** Trainer: Burton K. Sipp. Jockey: Kerwin John.

## SKIMMING

Sept. 18 (GG, \$15,220 MCL.)

**Skimasco.** Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Williams' b. g., 2, by Skimming—Domasco Lake by Meadowlake. **Breeders: Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Williams.** Trainer: Steven Specht. Jockey: Frank T. Alvarado.

Sept. 21 (RP, \$21,400 MCL.)

**Excessive Style.** Rosalind Marie Jackson's dk. b. f., 3, by Skimming—Queen Excess by In Excess (Ire). **Breeders: Alan and Denise Tyler.** Trainer: Bruce L. Jackson. Jockey: Richard E. Eramia.

## SKY CLASSIC

Sept. 16 (DEL, \$23,500 MCL.)

**Jupiter's Stone.** Mr. Ree Stable's ch. c., 4, by Sky Classic—Pretty On Stage by Stage Colony. **Breeders: Edmond A. and Sharon Hudon.** Trainer: Amy Albright. Jockey: William P. Otero.

## SLEW OF ANGELS

Sept. 19 (GG, \$38,900 MSW.)

**June My Love.** M. R. M. Stables' dk. b. f., 4, by Slew of Angels—Asta Pasta by Nijinsky's Secret. **Breeder: Jack Weinstein.** Trainer: Alfredo Marquez. Jockey: William Antongeorgi III.

## TRUCKEE

Sept. 20 (FPX, \$19,640 MCL.)

**Tale of a Rockstar.** Marco A. Gonzalez and Chris and Heather Zennedjian's b. g., 3, by Truckee—Cryptoshootingstar by Cryptoclearance. **Breeder: Fairway Racing.** Trainer: Neil French. Jockey: Brice Blanc.

## UNUSUAL HEAT

Sept. 18 (FPX, \$16,480 MCL.)

**Haleakala Heat.** Tom Acker, Jon Lindo and Tom Wafer's dk. b. f., 3, by Unusual Heat—South Summit by Seattle Sleet. **Breeders: Gretchen A. Graves and Janet E. Griffin.** Trainer: William Spawr. Jockey: Clinton L. Potts.

## YONAGUSKA

Sept. 21 (FPX, \$18,080 MCL.)

**Soorahguska.** Terry C. Lovingier, Walther Solis and Templeton Horses LLC's dk. b. f., 3, by Yonaguska—Soorah (GB) by Wolfhound. **Breeder: Terry C. Lovingier.** Trainer: Walther Solis. Jockey: Pedro Arambula.

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# CTBA Magazine Update



The October 2008 issue of *California Thoroughbred*, the official publication of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA), is now well into production and featured as this edition's cover story is a detailed section previewing the 25th renewal of the \$25.5 million Breeders' Cup World Championships that will be held on Friday, October 24 and Saturday October 25, during this year's 40th Oak Tree Racing Association meet at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.

Besides this article, the latest magazine also includes many other feature stories of interest, such as: an overview of the 12th Annual Harris Ranch Seminar, co-sponsored by the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) and Oak Tree Racing Association and held at the Harris Ranch Inn & Restaurant on September 5-6; a wrap-up of the fifth renewal of the CTBA Sales' Northern California Yearling Sale that was held at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa on August 26; a preview of this year's Barretts October Mixed Sale, being held in the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex in Pomona on Monday, October 27 and Tuesday, October 28; a CTBA Member Profile on Dave and Mary Ann Sawyer, the breeders of the five-year-old mare Snowdrop who is now a dual stakes winner after her victory in the \$50,000 West Mesa Handicap at Albuquerque in New Mexico on August 24; an analysis of the success achieved so far by this year's group of freshman sires in California, including the leading trio of Momentum (Vessels Stallion Farm), Cat Dreams (Tommy Town Thoroughbreds) and Marino Marini (Rancho San Miguel); wrap-ups of the stakes victories posted during the closing days of the 2008 Del Mar Thoroughbred Club meet by the Cal-breds Ten Churros (\$108,200 Generous Portion Stakes on August 27), Babs Moossa (\$114,200 I'm Smokin Stakes on September 1) and Synnin and Grinnin (\$86,840 Daisycutter Handicap on September 3); the latest Northern California Report spotlighting the recent stakes wins by the Cal-bred duo of Tribesman (California State Fair Sprint Handicap on August 30) and Kool Comic (Forrest White Stakes on September 14); a Focus On The Future piece by Emily Shields which features 23-year-old Jon Forbes, a graduate of the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) who has served internships at both Bay Meadows Racecourse and The Blood-Horse magazine; and all the many other interesting and informative features, departments and columns that our loyal readers look forward to every month.

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**SHALINI**, by Urgent Request (IRE). 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$393,530, Fran's Valentine S.-R (HOL, \$90,000), Pro Or Con H.-R (SA, \$65,040), 2nd California Cup Distance H.-R (SA, \$20,000), TVG California Cup Distance H.-R (SA, \$20,000), Work the Crowd H.-R (GG, \$18,400), Quicken Tree S.-R (HOL, \$16,360), 3rd Osunitas H.-R (DMR, \$12,218), California Sire S.-R (HOL, \$12,000), California Sires S.-R (SA, \$12,000). Dam of 1 named foal of racing age, a 2-year-old of 2008.

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**SHALINI** (f. by Urgent Request (IRE)). Stakes winner, above.

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