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by Moscow Ballet*

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*Cee's Tizzy-Lucky C. H.,  
by A. P. Indy*

### **LUCKY PULPIT**

*Pulpit-Lucky Soph,  
by Cozzene*

### **SINGLETARY**

*Sultry Song-Joiski's Star,  
by Star de Naskra*

### **STORMY JACK**

*Bertrando-Tiny Kristin,  
by Steelinctive*

### **SWISS YODELER**

*Eastern Echo-Drapeau,  
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# A Quick Return



*From the Executive Corner*

by DOUG BURGE

It has now been over six months since the introduction of the new Maiden Bonus Program, as well as other lucrative advantages to those racing California-breds. From the onset, the goal of the new program was to quickly reward those investing in Cal-breds by offering significant increases in purse money and opportunities. In addition, another major objective of offering the bonus was to stimulate or incentivize more owners/trainers to run their Cal-breds in maiden special weight races and to take a shot at the carrot (bonus) that was available.

were 40 maiden special weight winners versus 30 the previous year. At Golden Gate Fields, for the corresponding time frame, there were 19 maiden special winners compared to only four the previous year (see chart below).

As you can see, even with a reduction in the horse inventory in both the North and South, we are indeed creating more allowance horses and, more importantly, increasing the financial return for those breeding and racing Cal-breds. This phenomenon will continue to build on itself as more owners realize these benefits, and we are able

Maiden Special Weight Winners			
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By doing so, we would: (1) create more allowance horses, and; (2) put more purse money, as well as the bonus, in the pockets of owners/breeders. Through the cooperation of the racing offices, by writing more maiden special weight races, and the support of owners/trainers, we would be able to elevate the entire Cal-bred incentive program. Previous maiden claiming horses would now become allowance runners, thus providing more return for those racing and breeding in California.

I am very pleased to announce that the above mentioned goals and objectives have definitely been achieved in just the short period that the program has been available. For the recently concluded Santa Anita Park meet, there

to create a larger inventory of allowance races for winners.

The significant increase in Northern California has, in essence, elevated the worth of many Cal-breds. All of these wins at Golden Gate Fields were in open company, yielding the 30 percent owner award as well as the new \$10,000 bonus.

As we get into the summer and fall, and our focus turns to the yearling sales at Pleasanton (CTBA Sales) and Barretts Equine Limited in Pomona, we are extremely hopeful that the current enthusiasm for this program continues. Buyers can be confident that opportunities and rewards will be available when investing in and racing their Cal-breds. 🐾



Richly Red—Golden Gate Fields—April 18, 2010





*Managing Editor's Welcome*

## An Integral Part

The past month's racing results, including the victory by Alphonse's Bet in the \$200,000 TVG Snow Chief Stakes during California Gold Rush XI at Hollywood Park on April 24, once again proved that California-breds play an integral part in the nation's Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry.

Besides featuring the other seven Cal-bred stakes winners—Camille C, Fantasy Free, U R All That I Am, Uncle Don, Excellent News, Fun and Frolic and Money Lover—on the Gold Rush program worth \$914,200 in stakes purses, this June 2010 issue of our *California Thoroughbred* magazine also spotlights the ninth and tenth graded stakes-winning Cal-breds of this year; Bold Chieftain and Acclamation who won the San Francisco Mile Stakes and Jim Murray Handicap, both \$150,000 events, on April 24 and May 15, respectively.

Along with the extensive coverage of California Gold Rush, which also includes Katey Barrett's photographic take on this popular event, there is our second cover story; a six-page photo-essay on the California Central Valley's foals of 2010.

Our latest CTBA Member Profile features Tom and Marilyn Braly, the owners of the Cal-bred three-year-old filly Evening Jewel who came within a whisker of winning the \$584,300 Kentucky Oaks (grade I) at Churchill Downs in Louisville on Apr. 30. We also have our Triple Crown coverage of the \$2,185,200 Kentucky Derby (grade I) on May 1, while this year's Barretts Equine Limited May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training is reviewed in detail.

There is also a Focus On The Future piece on Scott Hazelton, a mainstay with the broadcast team of HRTV (Horse Racing Television), and "The Horse's Digestive System" is the subject matter of this month's Horse Care feature.

Last but not least, our Guest Forum's "A Brain Game" article explores the similarities between horseracing and two other games of skill, Bridge and Chess, while the balance of this issue includes all our other regular columns, features

and departments that we hope will also prove to be both enjoyable and helpful.

Until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not just have to hope for the best!

—Rudi Groothedde  
rudi@ctba.com



In the Company of... Paula Capestro (left), the trainer, owner and co-breeder in California of Fun and Frolic, and her husband Andrew (right), in the winner's circle for the \$62,000 NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association) Stakes during California Gold Rush XI at Hollywood Park in Inglewood on April 24.

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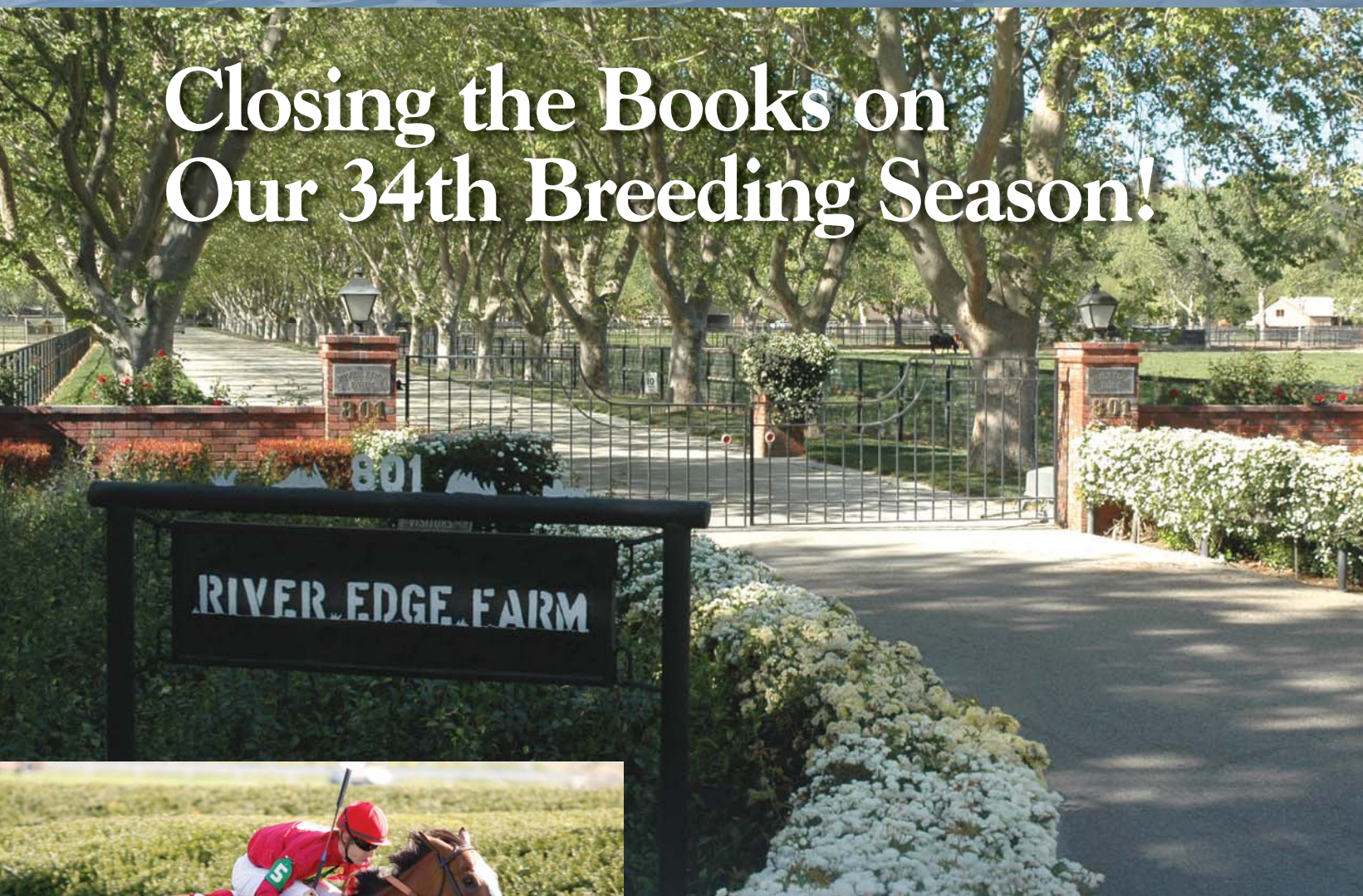


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## News Bits

Excessive Passion, a three-year-old son of Old English Rancho's promising third-crop sire Vronsky and the winner Ms Hearts N Arrows, by In Excess (Ire), won the \$75,000 Harry Henson Stakes at Hollywood Park on April 21, with a half-length victory over Locksley Hall who finished a nose clear of Smiling Tiger.

Bred in California by Old English owners Bud and Judy Johnston in partnership with Patsy and Sal Berumen, the 17-1 long-

shot was the highest-priced colt at the CTBA Sales' Northern California Yearling Sale in August of 2008, when knocked down for \$25,000 to Sierra Sunset LLC.

Following a winning debut at Golden Gate Fields in March of last year, Excessive Passion won July's \$60,000 Everett Nevin Alameda

County Stakes at Pleasanton before finishing last of eight runners in Turf Paradise's Lost in the Fog Juvenile Stakes the day after Christmas.

With new rider Martin Garcia in the irons, Excessive Passion's return to the races this year, saw him make a winning four-wide bid from eighth in the field of 10 that went to post for the 56th running of the Harry Henson, a six-furlong turf test for three-year-olds won on 25 previous occasions by a Cal-bred.

Excessive Passion has now earned \$97,840 from his four career starts for trainer Jeff Bonde and owners Rusty Brown, Philip Lebherz and Alan Klein.



**Excessive Passion**  
\$75,000 Harry Henson Stakes – April 21, 2010

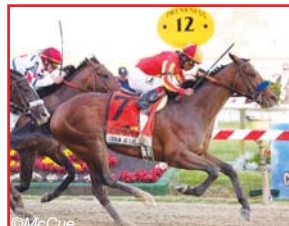


**Snow Chief**

## NEWS FLASH: In Memoriam Snow Chief (1983-2010)

As this June 2010 issue of the *California Thoroughbred* magazine was going to press, it was announced that the 27-year-old California-bred Snow Chief, the Eclipse Champion Three-Year-Old Male of 1986, had died at Diane Rochelle's Eagle Oak Ranch in Paso Robles on May 15, the day of this year's Preakness Stakes. Bred by the Blue Diamond Ranch of the late Carl Grinstead, Snow Chief won 13 races, including the 1986 Preakness among six grade I victories, and earned \$3,383,210 for Grinstead and Rochelle's late husband Ben during his 24-race career in the care of trainer Mel Stute.

A detailed tribute to the three-time California Horse of the Year (1985 to 1987) and sire of dual graded stakes winner College Town will be included in next month's publication.



**Lookin At Lucky**

## Preakness Trophy Goes To CTBA Members

On May 15, longtime California Thoroughbred Breeders Association members Mike Pegram and Bob Baffert teamed up to win the \$1 million Preakness Stakes (grade I) with Lookin At Lucky, a Kentucky-bred colt who is trained by Baffert for Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman. The \$2,113,000-earner is the reigning Eclipse Champion Two-Year-Old Male, and is based in Southern California.

Baffert and Pegram also won the signature event at Pimlico Race Course in 1998 with Real Quiet.

## Filly Out Of Bertrando Mare Defeats Reigning Horse Of The Year

Grade I-placed Unrivaled Belle, a daughter of the dual grade II-winning California-bred mare Queenie Belle, by Bertrando, outran 2009 Eclipse Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra in a 9-1 upset of the \$418,800 La Troienne Stakes (grade II) at Churchill

Downs on April 30. The four-year-old Unbridled's Song filly has won five of eight starts and earned \$524,929 to date.

Queenie Belle, 13, was bred by Marshall Naify and Edward Nahem.



**Lethal Heat**

## Dual California Champion Lethal Heat Retired

California-bred Lethal Heat, a five-year-old mare who was honored as a state champion for her gender and age division in 2008 and 2009, has been retired from racing with a total bankroll of \$655,988. The top female earner for the leading California sire Unusual Heat accumulated six wins, including the 2008

Hollywood Oaks (grade II), and eight placings from 17 starts, and received the 2008/2009 Valkyr Trophy in honor of her accomplishments.

Multiple grade I-placed Lethal Heat was bred by David Abrams, Madeline Auerbach and Tom Roberts.



## Sweet Life Named Broodmare Of The Year

The 14-year-old mare Sweet Life, a grade I-placed stakes winner who was bred in Kentucky by California Thoroughbred Breeders Association members Martin and Pam Wygod, was named 2009 Kentucky Broodmare of the Year during an awards ceremony held at Keeneland Race Course on April 21.

The Kris S. mare, who is owned by the Golden



Martin and Pam Wygod

State's three-time leading breeders, is the dam of two Breeders' Cup winners by Storm Cat: the 2004 Eclipse Champion and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (grade I) winner Sweet Catomine (\$1,059,600) and the 2009 Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic (grade I) heroine Life Is Sweet (\$1,820,810).

## More Decreases In California Production Rates

The Jockey Club's 2010 *Fact Book*, which includes statistics through Apr. 1, 2010, shows California with 2,832 registered foals of 2008, 7.8 percent down from the 3,070 recorded 12 months earlier. Furthermore, 3,098 mares were bred to 228 stallions in the Golden State last year, representing drops of 24 and 18.6 percent, respectively, as compared to the 4,078 mares bred to 280 stallions in 2008, resulting in a decrease in the average book from 14.6 to 13.6.

California was both listed third behind Kentucky and Florida in 2008 foals and Kentucky and Louisiana in stallions bred to in 2009, and fourth behind these three states in mares bred last year.



Tornado Betty

## Cal-Breds Countrywide

California-bred Tornado Betty, a three-year-old daughter of Comic Strip (Rancho San Miguel) and the stakes-placed winner Joyously, by Half Term, improved her record to 11-5-3-1 with her victory in the \$60,000 Goldfinch Stakes going six furlongs in 1:09.14 at Prairie Meadows in Iowa on April 23.

A two-year-old stakes winner at 6 1/2 furlongs, the \$117,465-earner was bred by Dr. and Mrs. William T. Gray.

## Those Grand Cal-Bred Mares

Sakakawea, a four-year-old daughter of Rossini and the winning California-bred mare Sarouka, by Beau's Eagle, is now a dual stakes winner after her victory in the \$70,000 Mamie Eisenhower Stakes at Prairie Meadows in Iowa on May 14. Fred Massery bred the dam of this earner of \$190,931 who boasts six wins and three seconds from 12 starts.

## Shake-Ups At Santa Anita



On April 26, a Delaware bankruptcy court judge confirmed a reorganization plan allowing Magna Entertainment Corp. (MEC) assets, including Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields, to be transferred to its parent company, Magna International Developments (MID), effectively keeping the two California race-tracks under the control of MEC Chairman Frank Stronach.

Two surprising moves swiftly followed.

On May 14, MID notified Oak Tree Racing Association officials that the not-for-profit organization's 40-year lease to conduct racing at Santa Anita was immediately terminated, despite an extension that had been approved in April which would have allowed Oak Tree to conduct its annual fall meet at Santa Anita through 2016, and despite Oak Tree's successful hosting of the Breeders' Cup World Championships at the Arcadia track in 2008 and 2009.

Four days after Oak Tree's lease was officially voided, Santa Anita's President Ron Charles announced his resignation, effective May 19.

## Making The Grade

The following runner(s), either California-bred or sired by stallions currently based in the Golden State, won or placed in graded stakes races in North America (U. S., Canada & Puerto Rico) from April 18, 2010 to May 16, 2010 inclusive:

<b>Bold Chieftain</b> h.7. Chief Seattle—Hooked On Music 1st Grade II San Francisco Mile Stakes \$150,000 1 m. (T) Golden Gate Fields April 24 Breeders: Ernest L. Langbein, William Morey, Kenneth Robinson & Dwaine Hall
<b>Red Sun</b> g.4. Redattore (Brz)—Sunny Sara 2nd Grade II San Francisco Mile Stakes \$150,000 1 m. (T) Golden Gate Fields April 24 Breeder: Harris Farms Inc.
<b>Evening Jewel</b> f.3. Northern Afleet—Jewel of the Night 2nd Grade I Kentucky Oaks \$584,300 1 1/8 m. Churchill Downs April 30 Breeders: Betty L. & Larry Mabey
<b>Enriched</b> g.5. High Brite—Li'l Ms. Leonard 3rd Grade III Alysheba Stakes \$169,650 1 1/16 m. Churchill Downs April 30 Breeder: Carol Lingenfelter
<b>You Lift Me Up</b> m.5. Lord Carson—Up On Her Toes 3rd Grade III Wilshire Handicap \$100,000 1 m. (T) Hollywood Park May 1 Breeder: Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC
<b>Acclamation</b> c.4. Unusual Heat—Winning in Style 1st Grade II Jim Murray Handicap \$150,000 1 1/2 m. (T) Hollywood Park May 15 Breeder: Old English Rancho

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## News Bits Cont'd.

## Stallion News

### Comic Strip

This Rancho San Miguel resident was represented by a stakes winner at Turf Paradise, in Arizona on April 24, when his five-year-old daughter Table Mesa rallied to victory in the \$50,000 Ann Owens Distaff Handicap.

### Salt Lake

The veteran racemare Nicks, a six-year-old daughter of this Golden Eagle Farm sire, successfully defended her 2009 title in the \$86,250 Governor's Lady Handicap at Hawthorne Race Course in Illinois on April 24, while improving her 23-race earnings to \$400,333.

### Sea of Secrets



Sea of Secrets

The broodmare sire credentials of this Ballena Vista Farm stallion were enhanced on April 25, when his maternal grandson Calling Elvis (Brz) captured the group II Grande Premio Antenor Lara Campos for two-year-olds at Cidade Jardim in his native Brazil.

## CURRENT CALIFORNIA SIRES OF STAKES WINNERS

Stallion	Foals of Racing Age	SWs
Salt Lake (1989)	1,201	68
In Excess (Ire) (1987)	888	60
Bertrando (1989)	900	50
High Brite (1984)	893	44
Roar (1993)†	649	43
Beau Genius (1985)†	734	39
Cee's Tizzy (1987)	697	38
Turkoman (1982)†	707	33
Olympio (1988)	491	30
Stormin Fever (1994)	558	28
Benchmark (1991)	570	27
Memo (Chi) (1987)†	507	27
Unusual Heat (1990)	455	26
Rhythm (1987)†	966	25
Deputy Commander (1994)†	560	24
Game Plan (1993)	361	22
Lit de Justice (1990)	384	21
Moscow Ballet (1982)†	756	21
Swiss Yodeler (1994)	606	20
Formal Gold (1993)•	416	19
Sea of Secrets (1995)	366	18
Valid Wager (1992)†	498	18
Storm Creek (1993)•	559	17
Houston (1986)†	553	13
Old Topper (1995)	395	13
Tribal Rule (1996)	239	13
Western Fame (1992)	266	13
For Really (1987)	239	12
Future Storm (1990)•	480	12
Souvenir Copy (1995)•	439	12

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

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



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## California Closers

This year's Western States Expo will be held at Cal Expo in Sacramento from Friday, June 11 to Sunday, June 13...The California Thoroughbred Farm Managers Association (CTFMA) will next meet at the Sizzler Restaurant in Murrieta on Tuesday, June 15...The ballots for this year's election to the Board of Directors of the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) need to be post-marked by Tuesday, June 15...The next meeting of the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) will be at Hollywood Park in Inglewood on Thursday, June 17...Barry Ball, professor and John P. Hughes Endowed Chair in Equine Reproduction at the University of California,



Davis, has accepted the position of the Albert G. Clay Endowed Chair in Equine Reproduction at the University of Kentucky's Maxwell H. Gluck Equine Research Center in Lexington, while the William and Inez Mabie Family Foundation has pledged \$3 million to the Center for Equine Health (CEH) which is also part of the School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Davis...In a letter to veterinarians dated Apr. 28, the West Nile Virus (WNV) vaccine PreveNile was recalled due to an increased incidence in the number of adverse events following vaccination...The date for the second annual California Cup Yearling Sale, co-sponsored by Barretts Equine Limited and the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA), has been officially set for Tuesday, Oct. 12.



## Qualifying Claiming Levels

The following claiming levels for California owners premiums and stallion awards are currently in effect:

**Golden Gate Fields** (closes June 20) — \$20,000

**Hollywood Park** — \$40,000

**Stockton: San Joaquin County Fair** (June 16 - 20) — \$20,000

**Pleasanton: Alameda County Fair** (opens June 23) — \$20,000

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## News Bits Cont'd.

Peter Lovemore, the Sale Auctioneer for CTBA (California Thoroughbred Breeders Association) Sales from 1982 to 1984, passed away at the age of 66 at his home in Cape Town, South Africa, on April 26.

Born in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, Lovemore began his career as a tobacco auctioneer before gracing

podiums with his witty and exuberant style at horse sales in his homeland, Australia, Ireland, South Africa and the United States. He is survived by his wife Soni and their daughter Jessica and son Alex, his ex-wife Helen and their daughters Tracy, Leanne and Ursula, and his sisters Zanny, Charmian and Ronda.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Peter Lovemore

## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

### 10 Years Ago

In his 50th start, the six-year-old gelding B. Mr. Lucky won the only black-type race of his career with a victory in the \$100,000 Silky Sullivan Handicap at Golden Gate Fields on June 10, 2000. Bred in California by Marcia and Leslie Blumer, the son of B. In Time and the winner Miss Foolish Luck retired four seasons later with a record of 86-19-12-8 and \$510,295.

### 25 Years Ago

At Hollywood Park on June 1, 1985, California-bred Fifty Six Ina Row, a grade III winner at three the previous year, posted his third and final lifetime stakes win with a triumph in the \$65,500 Triple Bend Handicap. By Dimaggio, out of the two-time winner Dusty Row, John Valpredo's homebred colt made eight more starts through October of the following year, before retiring with a bankroll of \$355,650 from seven wins and eight placings in 32 starts.

June 1, 1985



**Fifty Six Ina Row**  
\$65,500 Triple Bend Handicap

### 50 Years Ago

Solid Thought, a three-year-old daughter of Solidarity and Unforgettable bred in California by W. R. Johnson, won the \$22,850 Honeymoon Stakes at Hollywood Park on June 7, 1960, for her second black-type win of that year. She retired two seasons later with 10 wins and \$77,800 in earnings from 49 starts, and became the dam of three stakes winners, including the dual group I winner Gentle Thoughts who was the champion two-year-old filly in England and Ireland during 1973.



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### Stakes Winner Boosts CTBA's Northern California Yearling Sale

Excessive Passion, who sold for \$25,000 as the highest-priced colt at the 2008 CTBA Sales' Northern California Yearling Sale, rallied tenaciously through the stretch to win the \$75,000 Harry Henson Stakes for three-year-olds, the Opening Day feature at Hollywood Park on April 21.

The winner of last year's \$60,000 Everett Nevin Alameda County Stakes at Pleasanton is by Vronsky, out of the winning In Excess (Ire) mare Ms. Hearts N Arrows, and



was bred by Bud and Judy Johnston's Old English Rancho in partnership with Patsy and Sal Berumen. He is owned by Rusty Brown, Philip Lebherz and Alan Klein and trained by Jeff Bonde.

Excessive Passion ran the six furlongs on turf in 1:08.93 and won by half a length at odds of 17-1. In four trips to post, he now has three wins and earnings of \$97,840 after making his first start since finishing unplaced in the \$50,000 Lost in the Fog Juvenile Stakes at Turf Paradise in Arizona on Dec. 26.

### Look For The CTBA At Horse Expo

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) will participate in the Western States Horse Expo at Cal Expo in Sacramento from Friday, June 11 to Sunday, June 13.

The associations' President Leigh Ann Howard and its Event Coordinator Christy Chapman, as well as Nancy Easton, will welcome visitors to the CTBA booth (#4110), located in Building D.

At least three off-track Thoroughbreds will be present to showcase the talent and versatility of re-trained Thoroughbreds in the daily breed demonstrations. The mission for these events continues to focus on educating the public on the versatility, usefulness and value of an off-track-Thoroughbred in an attempt to increase awareness and adoption of these wonderful horses that we have an excess of in California.

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### Foundation Awards Scholarships At U.C. Davis

The California Thoroughbred Foundation (CTF) selected Casille-Ann Batten and Natalie Zdimal to receive scholarships at U. C. Davis. Each will receive a doctorate in veterinary medicine in 2011.

Batten, who has a B. S. in Animal Science from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, rode horses from an early age while living in several countries, but she became intrigued with Thoroughbreds while pursuing her pre-veterinary degree.

She worked a breeding season at Bud and Judy Johnston's Old English Rancho in Sanger before attending Davis, where she spent her first summer vacation rotating through the equine surgery and medicine services, as well as working the breeding season in South Africa.

Her senior year will have a strong focus on equine reproduction.

Zdimal seeks to practice equine medicine and has a particular interest in sport horses. She earned her B. S. in Animal Sciences at Davis. A competitive rider starting at age seven, she worked and trained in three-day eventing first in Northern California and later in England with an Olympic training barn.

In 2009, she served externships at two California veterinary facilities and others in Germany and the Netherlands. At Davis, she has worked as a technician in large animal radiology, ultrasound and intensive care and isolation.

### The California Thoroughbred Foundation

The California Thoroughbred Foundation (CTF) is dedicated to the advancement of equine research and education. Since 1958, the Foundation has operated as a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that can accept tax deductible contributions. For more than four decades, the CTF has sponsored numerous research and educational projects and awarded scholarships to veterinary students at U.C. Davis.

The Foundation maintains the Carleton F. Burke Memorial Library, one of the most extensive collections of equine literature found anywhere. Several generous

donations of book collections and artwork form the core of the library, which is housed in the CTBA offices in Arcadia. Among its 10,000 volumes are current veterinary publications, turf histories, sales catalogs, and books spanning a wide range of subjects from equine nutrition and care to fine arts. The latest instructional videos are also available for viewing in the library.

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The CTF accepts donations in memory of relatives and friends, with all such donations allocated to Scholarship Funds of the Foundation and to the Carleton F. Burke Memorial Library. Please remember members of our industry with a donation to the CTF Memorial Fund. Donations may be sent to CTF, P. O. Box 60018, Arcadia, CA 91066-6018.

The CTF joins in honoring the memory of those whose names appear in bold type. We also thank and acknowledge the donors for their generous contributions.

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# Spring Rush



by LISA GROOTHEDDE

One of the annual rites of spring on the Hollywood Park racing calendar is the California Gold Rush program, a special day set aside to celebrate the state's breeding industry.



of the dual California Horse of the Year Free House. The five-year-old gelding outran the salty stakes winners Bestdressed, Rush With Thunder, Liberian Freighter and Star Nicholas in his 10-1 Tiznow upset.

Receiving the lion's share of attention during the event's 2010 renewal on April 24 was the prominent colt Alpie's Bet, a California-bred who flirted with the Triple Crown trail when he won Santa Anita Park's \$150,000 Sham Stakes (grade III) in March, but who was forced to settle for less lofty ambitions when he failed to fire in the track's \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (grade I) on April 3, running sixth of 10 in that key Kentucky Derby (grade I) prep.

The Tribal Rule colt was installed as the 3-5 favorite for the \$200,000 TVG Snow Chief Stakes, the 1 1/8-mile feature race on the Gold Rush card in which he faced only his fellow state-bred sophomores. He did not disappoint this time out, rocketing from last to first to capture his second stakes trophy for breeder Teresa McWilliams, who campaigns him with co-owner Peter Johnson Sr.

Bringing home the hardware in the 1 1/16-mile distaff equivalent of the Snow Chief was Camille C, the front-running winner of the \$150,000 Melair Stakes for three-year-old females. The Roman Dancer filly powered to a 3 1/4-length victory under jockey Rafael Bejarano, who enjoyed two wins on the day to bring his career Gold Rush total to eight.

Jockeys Mike Smith and Joel Rosario also booted home two winners apiece on the restricted program. The most lucrative of these scores was achieved by Rosario, who was forced to maneuver around a loose horse in the \$147,000 B. Thoughtful Stakes for older females. His mount in that race was the heavily favored U R All That I Am, a Tommy Town Thoroughbreds homebred who emerged from the challenge with her second stakes title.

The final black-type event of California Gold Rush XI, the \$150,000 Tiznow Stakes, was captured by Fantasy Free, a son

Four minor stakes races for runners who were either bred in the Golden State or sired by a locally based stallion rounded out the special eight-race program. In the opener, Rancho San Miguel's homebred Marino Marini filly Money Lover led from gate to wire in the \$60,400 Alphabet Kisses Stakes at 6 1/2 furlongs. Contested at the same distance for males was the \$62,000 NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association) Stakes, which closed the day's proceedings with another front-running winner, Fun and Frolic, a Freespool colt who is owned and trained by Paula Capestro, who bred the two-time starter in partnership with Special T Thoroughbreds.

The seven-furlong Grey Memo Stakes and Warren's Thoroughbreds Stakes were won, respectively, by the Kentucky-sired Cal-breds Uncle Don and Excellent News. Five-year-old Uncle Don, by Lemon Drop Kid, is the first stakes winner out of the grand state-bred mare Soviet Problem, a \$905,546-earner and five-time California champion, and was bred by Harris Farms, Donald Valpredo and Rob Johnson. Three-year-old Excellent News, meanwhile, defeated 12 rivals in her \$73,200 race. She is a Rahy half-sister to the state-bred grade III winner Here's to You, and was bred by Harmony Farms and Gainsborough Farm.

In all, 66 horses competed in the eight Gold Rush races of 2010, contributing to an all-sources handle of \$11,948,154 for the 10-race card. Hollywood Park reported 6,067 patrons in attendance. All three figures were down from the same event in 2009, when 91 horses faced off in 10 Gold Rush races; last year, all-sources handle was \$14,418,885 and attendance was 7,693.

Over the next eight pages, *California Thoroughbred* focuses on the highlights from California Gold Rush XI. 🐾



Alpie's Bet



Camille C



Fantasy Free



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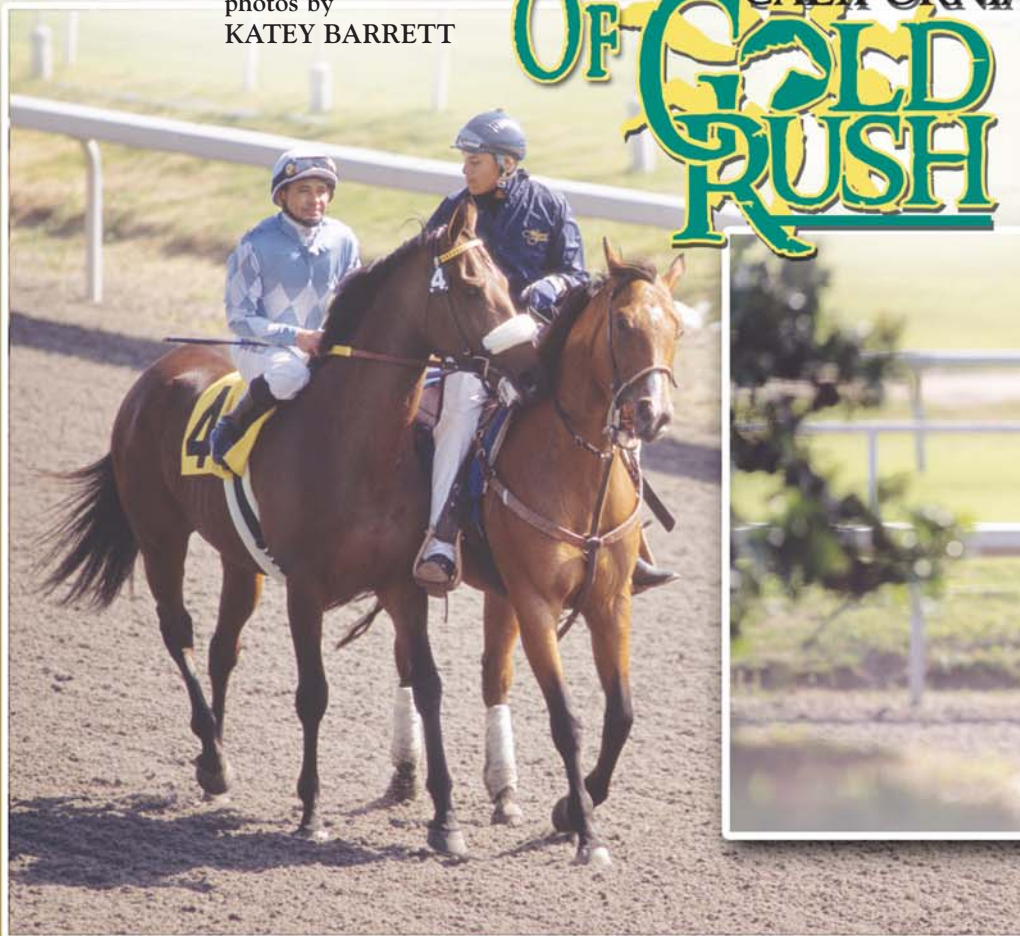
*California Gold Rush*



# GLIMPSES OF GOLD RUSH

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# A Smooth Transition

by EMILY SHIELDS

On paper, Alphonse's Bet stood out as the clear favorite in the \$200,000 TVG Snow Chief Stakes. The lone stakes winner in a field of eight California-breds, Alphonse's Bet was only in the race because he lacked sufficient graded stakes earnings to make it into the gate for the 136th Kentucky Derby (grade I) being held one week later.

In practice, Alphonse's Bet rewarded his backers at 3-5, winning the 1 1/8-mile contest, the crown jewel of Hollywood Park's 11th renewal of the California Gold Rush program, by 2 1/4 lengths. Although the victory was expected, the path to the wire was rough.

Under Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith for the first time since December, Alphonse's Bet broke slowly and found himself trailing the field early. The 18-1 shot Working Capital bounded to the lead and controlled the pace through solid fractions. Smith began to urge Alphonse's Bet forward on the backstretch and, entering the far turn, the strapping sophomore had just two horses beat and 4 1/2 lengths to make up. Smith guided his mount to the inside, passed one rival, then swung him to the outside. Alphonse's Bet responded with a three-wide rally into the stretch, taking aim on Working Capital and then steadily putting him away before drawing clear to the wire. He stopped the clock in 1:51.15, giving Smith his first win in the 17th edition of the Snow Chief.

The victory offered vindication for trainer Alexis Barba, co-owner Peter Johnson Sr. and owner/breeder Teresa McWilliams. After winning the Sham Stakes (grade III) at Santa Anita Park on Mar. 6, Alphonse's Bet was considered a

leading West Coast contender for the Run for the Roses. Unfortunately, a sixth place finish in the roughly run \$750,000 Santa Anita Derby (grade I) stunted those dreams.

"I thought the Snow Chief was a great race," McWilliams said afterwards. "Mike (Smith) did a very good job of getting through the traffic; he's such a big horse that it's hard for him to weave around like that." She also acknowledged one of Alphonse's Bet's best traits is his fantastic turn of foot. "Alphonse has such a strong closing kick he was able to open up on the field so quickly."

The \$120,000 winner's share of the purse boosted Alphonse's Bet's earnings to \$261,320. He has three wins and a second place finish in seven lifetime starts, having broken his maiden one start prior to the Sham victory.

Alphonse's Bet is the first foal out of the Candi's Gold mare Miss Alphonse. He is by Tribal Rule, a leading California sire who stands at River Edge Farm for \$6,000 live foal. Miss Alphonse is a half-sister to group I winner Absolut Glam (Aus).

The Snow Chief Stakes is named for the popular dark Cal-bred who won the Preakness Stakes in 1986. Although the third leg of the Triple Crown, the 1 1/2-mile Belmont Stakes (grade I) at Belmont Park on June 5, was originally mentioned as a possibility for Alphonse's Bet, Barba will instead point him to a turf campaign this summer, starting with the Jim Murray Handicap (grade II) against older horses on May 15. Johnson and Barba's Make Music For Me, fourth in the Kentucky Derby, will run in the Belmont Stakes in Alphonse's Bet's place. 🐾



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## Alphonse's Bet

\$200,000 TVG Snow Chief Stakes



Saturday,  
April 24, 2010



# Never In Doubt



by JACKIE BARNES

In Thoroughbred racing, speed is a major asset. A runner blessed with this ability plays a major factor in controlling the outcome of a race. During California Gold Rush XI at Hollywood Park on April 24, California-bred Camille C won the \$150,000 Melair Stakes with a brilliant gate-to-wire performance.

Trained by Marcelo Polanco, Camille C was coming into the Melair Stakes off a fourth place finish in the grade II Providencia Stakes. Prior to that she was second, beaten 1 1/2 lengths in the one-mile China Doll Stakes by the Providencia winner City to City. Both races were run on the turf at Santa Anita Park.

As a two-year-old, Camille C was victorious in a gate-to-wire effort in the \$100,000 Generous Portion Stakes for Cal-bred fillies at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. She followed that with a runner-up finish in the California Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes and was third in the Anoakia Stakes at Santa Anita Park's Oak Tree Racing Association meeting.

The daughter of Roman Dancer lined up against six opponents with her main competition coming from stakes winners La Nez and Salty Fries. The fans made La Nez the 3-5 favorite as the horses approached the starting gate. Camille C, ridden by Rafael Bejarano, bobbled a bit at the start, but quickly gathered herself to command the pace.

Allowed to relax on an easy lead, Camille C put away her competitors and began to draw away as the field turned for home. In complete control, she lengthened her stride drawing off to an easy 3 1/4-length victory at the wire.

Northern California invader Salty Fries, trained by Terry Knight, rated just off the lead before launching a late run to finish in second. Stretch-running La Nez, who had

trained exceptionally well coming into the race, had no excuses finishing far back in third.

It was the third win in a row in the Melair Stakes for Bejarano, who was aboard previous winners Bel Air Sizzle (2009) and Pretty Unusual (2008) for trainer Barry Abrams.

All smiles after the race, Polanco, who trains the winner for his brother Carlos, commented, "She ran pretty good the other day when she went a mile and an eighth against grade two horses. She's always trained well, but the last two weeks she's been training awesome." He continued, "I think she stole the race. She can do anything. She's blooming."

Camille C was bred by Rod and Lorraine Rodriguez, who have been CTBA members since 2001. They are the owners of Cottonwood Creek Ranch in Northern California.

Old Fashioned, a grade II winner by Unbridled's Song, was also bred by the couple. He was a Triple Crown contender in 2009, until his career was cut short due to an injury. Old Fashioned stood his first season in 2010 at Taylor Made Stallions in Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Standing at Cottonwood Creek is the promising young stallion Roman Dancer. The son of Polish Numbers won the grade III Bay Shore Stakes and earned \$269,329. Along with Camille C, he has also sired the stakes winner Rockin Roman and stakes-placed Roman Account.

Paris Operetta, the dam of Camille C, has produced six other foals with four of them winners from five to race. She is by Rahy, broodmare sire of more than 80 stakes winners, including the nation's leading sire of 2009, Giant's Causeway.

Camille C was purchased as a two-year-old for \$4,200 at the Barretts January Mixed Sale. Her record now stands at 13-3-4-2 with earnings of \$269,551. 🐾



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## Camille C

\$150,000 B. Thoughtful Stakes



Saturday,  
April 24, 2010





## California Gold Rush

by MARCIE HEACOX

Fantasy Free beat a more fancied stablemate and overcame his jockey's doubts to win the \$150,000 Tiznow Stakes during California Gold Rush XI at Hollywood Park on April 24.

Trainer A. C. Avila entered Fantasy Free and grade I-placed Rush With Thunder in the race named after the richest California-bred of all time.

"I told (jockey Omar Berrio) that I thought he was going to beat Thunder today, but he didn't think so," Avila said. "I told the owners of Rush With Thunder that if you want to go, let's go, but Fantasy Free's going to beat you."

Fantasy Free was sent off at odds of 10-1, twice that of Rush With Thunder.

He broke evenly and stalked a fast pace set by One Track Mind. As that leader and the 2-1 favorite Liberian Freighter drifted out, jockey Omar Berrio steered Fantasy Free through an opening on the rail. The leaders gradually tired and Fantasy Free inherited the lead, holding it to the wire to win his first stakes race by half a length.

Bestdressed and Mobilized closed quickly down the middle of the track to get second and third, respectively. The order was completed by One Track Mind, Rush With Thunder, defending champion Liberian Freighter, Earnednevergiven and Star Nicholas.

"He's been feeling real good in the morning and training well, but I actually liked the other horse more than mine," Berrio said. "Avila told me to stay inside the whole way because this horse likes to run on the rail. It worked out great."

Fantasy Free carried 118 pounds over the 7 1/2 furlongs on the all-weather Cushion Track surface in a time of 1:28.76. His backers received payouts of \$22.80, \$8.60 and \$5.60.

Fantasy Free earned \$90,000 for the victory, pushing his career earnings to \$299,884. He has earned \$143,444 for current owner Roddy Valente. Including the Tiznow, the

five-year-old gelding has raced a hearty 41 times with eight firsts, seven seconds and four thirds.

Katy Cowan created the winning breeding combination in 2004. Fantasy Free's dam Cat Ballado placed just once at the races and Fantasy Free is the only winner she's produced.

Fantasy Free became the fifth stakes winner and the third black-type winner for the late Free House. House Of Fortune and Freesgood are that sire's only other black-type winners. Fox in the House, another five-year-old gelding by Free House, won the \$27,750 Hasta La Vista Handicap at Turf Paradise on May 2, to become his sixth stakes winner.

A two-time California Horse of the Year, Free House died from a freak accident in July of 2004, only four years after entering stud in 2000. His 2005 crop, which includes Fantasy Free and Fox in the House, is his last.

Fantasy Free took eight starts to break his maiden on Nov. 29, 2007. He then entered the \$138,375 California Breeders' Champion Stakes but could only manage a sixth-placed finish.

Fantasy Free was claimed by trainer Rafael Becerra in July of 2008, and won two of his next seven starts. He was then tagged by Mike Marlow and won once before being claimed back by Becerra. He went winless for six starts until Bob Hess Jr. put a tag on him and won two of five races.

He was claimed a fifth time on Dec. 12, at Hollywood Park, this time by Avila for \$22,500. He won in his second start for his current connections. A second place effort in a Mar. 28 allowance optional claiming race at Santa Anita Park propelled him into the Tiznow win.

Avila said Fantasy Free will run next in an allowance race as a prep for the grade I Triple Bend Handicap at Hollywood Park on July 10. 🐾



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# At His Peak

## Fantasy Free

\$150,000 Tiznow Stakes



Saturday,  
April 24, 2010



# Keeping Her Cool



by EMILY SHIELDS

A horse's racing connections—the owner, trainer, exercise rider and groom—can only do so much before a race. After weeks of thorough preparation, with stiff gallops, timed workouts and painstaking care, a horse is led to the paddock and is turned over to the jockey. Once the gate opens, the horse's success is in the hands of the rider, who must make flash decisions as the race unfolds.

Prior to the \$147,000 B. Thoughtful Stakes at Hollywood Park on April 24, U R All That I Am looked the picture of health and happiness. The chestnut filly's coat dazzled in the sunshine on her way to the post, and she simply looked the part of her heavy favoritism at 1-2 odds. However, once the gates opened, drama quickly played out as the race's 15-1 longshot Witchy Meeting reared and lost rider David Flores at the break.

Jockey Joel Rosario sat quietly aboard U R All That I Am, letting the riderless Witchy Meeting storm past before taking his mount back behind horses early in the 7 1/2-furlong race. The front-running Lady Alex chased the loose horse early, but Witchy Meeting dropped out on the turn, backing up into U R All That I Am. Rosario steadied his filly, angled her inside to pass Witchy Meeting, then swung wide into the stretch to run down Lady Alex and the closing Ruffled Feathers at the wire.

After the race, Rosario noted that all he wanted was, "to keep her as far away from that loose horse as (he) could." In doing so, the pair completed the distance in 1:30.81 to give trainer Jerry Hollendorfer his third win in the B. Thoughtful, following Fleet Lady (1998) and Somethinaboutlaura (2008).

U R All That I Am is a homebred for Tom and Debi Stull's Tommy Town Thoroughbreds. Her sire Valid Wager stood at Tommy Town from 2001 until his death in 2007, and was best known for his New York grade I-winning son Valid Video.

U R All That I Am's winning dam, the Fort Calgary mare Fort Silver, has become quite well known in California by producing nine winners—five in stakes company—from 12 foals. Seven of her foals have earned over \$100,000; U R All That I Am has banked \$270,188 from seven wins, three seconds and a third in 14 starts. Tommy Town sold Fort Silver for \$2,700 to Roger Stein at the 2007 Barretts January Mixed Sale.

Tommy Town Farm Manager Mike Allen was pleased with Rosario's ride. "I thought U R All That I Am was really professional in the race, considering the loose horse. She handled that really well, and then won easily; she could have won by more but didn't need to."

U R All That I Am will start next in the \$60,000 Fran's Valentine Stakes at Hollywood Park on May 23. Although the race is on the turf, a surface the four-year-old Cal-bred has yet to win on, she finished second by a head to subsequent graded stakes winner Unzip Me in March's \$100,000 Irish O'Brien Stakes on the grass. "She can run on either surface," Allen noted. "The goal down the road is to get her a graded stakes win. If the distance is right, she can run anywhere."

As proven in the B. Thoughtful, she can also overcome race adversity. 🐾

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## U R All That I Am

**\$150,000 B. Thoughtful Stakes**



**Saturday,  
April 24, 2010**





California Gold Rush

# The Deciding Factor

by RUDI GROOTHEDDE

Speed made the difference in the four added-money stakes races contested during this year's California Gold Rush at Hollywood Park in Inglewood on April 24, as the 11th renewals of these events for California-breds and California-sired progeny, three-year-old and up, all resulted in gate-to-wire victories on the all-weather Cushion Track surface by Money Lover, Uncle Don, Excellent News and Fun and Frolic.

## Nothing Like A Quick Return

Opening proceedings on the 10-race program that included \$914,200 in purses for the day's eight stakes races was Money Lover, who won the \$60,400 Alphabet Kisses Stakes by 2 3/4 lengths over Myra G, while finishing in a dead heat for the show spot were California Heat and Sibersky. As the 2-1 favorite in the six-strong field, the four-year-old filly clocked 1:17.41 for the six furlongs after setting fractions of :22.61, :46.01 and 1:10.87 for the 6 1/2-furlong test.

### Money Lover

\$60,400 Alphabet Kisses Stakes



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The runner-up in her debut going 5 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita Park on March 31, Money Lover is trained by Eric Kruljac and was again ridden by Mike Smith for her breeders and owners, Tom and Nancy Clark's Rancho San Miguel. By that farm's promising young sire Marino Marini, she is out of the winning Unbridled daughter Affordability and has now earned \$44,800.

## A New Lease On Life

Away from the races with a tendon injury problem since November of 2007, Uncle Don's 2010 campaign now includes three consecutive wins and two seconds from five trips to post after his victory by 1 1/2 lengths over Killer Bear in the \$71,600 Grey Memo Stakes. With regular pilot Joel Rosario aboard, the 2-1 favorite in a field of nine set fractions of :22.83, :45.79 and 1:09.73 before posting a final time of 1:22.59 for the seven furlongs in which Scofield Barracks finished third.

### Uncle Don

\$71,600 Grey Memo Stakes



Saturday, April 24, 2010



Owned by Antonio Ocampo and Ulises Alan Alguin and trained by Richard Rosales, Uncle Don is by Lemon Drop Kid out of Moscow Ballet's Soviet Problem (\$905,546), the 1994 California Horse of the Year who finished second in that year's grade I Breeders' Cup Sprint. Bred by Soviet Problem's breeders Harris Farms Inc. and Donald Valpredo in partnership with Rob Johnson, the five-year-old gelding boasts a record of 7-3-2-0 and \$72,320.

#### Good Story In The Making

It was another 2-1 favorite who won the \$73,200 Warren's Thoroughbreds Stakes at seven furlongs, when Excellent News defeated 12 rivals for her second win in six starts to date that have also yielded three placings and earnings of \$106,930. Ridden by Rafael Bejarano, the three-year-old filly got to the wire in 1:23.20 after setting fractions of :22.76, :46.06 and 1:10.66 in her 1 1/2-length win over Our Road Scholar, who nudged out Taro for the place.

Trained by Bob Baffert for Kaleem Shah, who purchased her for \$250,000 at Fasig-Tipton's Calder Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training Sale in Florida during March of 2009, Excellent News was bred by

Harmony Farms and Gainsborough Farm LLC. A daughter of Rahy and the dual stakes-placed Mstoyou, by El Baba, she is a half-sister to Here's To You who won the \$175,000 Fran's Valentine Stakes during the inaugural California Gold Rush day in 2000.

#### Great Time Had By All

The closing event of California Gold Rush XI was the \$62,000 NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association) Stakes which saw Fun and Frolic race to a 1 1/4-length victory as the 11-2 fourth wagering choice in the field of 10 who went to post. His fractions of :22.48, :45.31 and 1:10.18 resulted in a final time of 1:17.03 for this three-year-old colt who was followed home by My Boy Walsh and Dana Dynamo, respectively.

Owned and trained by Paula Capestro, who bred him in partnership with Rick and Kathy Taylor's Special T Thoroughbreds in Temecula, Fun and Frolic's only previous start had been a fourth-placed effort, also with David Flores in the irons, going 5 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita just 15 days earlier. By the Special T sire Freespool and out of the winner Western Blondy, by Gilded Time, he now boasts a bankroll of \$38,640. 🐾



#### Excellent News

##### \$73,200 Warren's Thoroughbreds Stakes



#### Fun and Frolic

##### \$62,000 NTRA Stakes



Saturday, April 24, 2010





# The 2010 Crop: California Central Valley



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**Bedford Falls—Tangled Lace**  
*Filly born March 21*  
 Breeders: Joe Stiglich & Carol Lingenfelter  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 From the family of grade I winner and  
 California Horse of the Year Cat's Cradle



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**Unusual Heat—Helen's Echo**  
*Filly born March 28*  
 Breeders: Fast Lane Farms,  
 Josh Cantor, T. Finn,  
 T. Mitchell, S. Wenguer and  
 Block-Forman  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Dam is a full sister to dual  
 grade I winner and Eclipse  
 champion Thor's Echo



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**In Excess (Ire)—Freedom Dance**  
*Filly born March 2*  
 Breeder: Harris Farms  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Half-sister to grade I winner Cost of Freedom



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**Bedford Falls—Favorite Gift**  
*Colt born January 29*  
 Breeder: Jane Lytle  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 From the family of dual grade I  
 winner Protagonist, group I winner  
 Transworld and stakes winner  
 Harbor Prince



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**Don'tsellmeshort—My Country Girl**  
*Filly born January 25*  
 Breeder: Running Luck Ranch LLC  
 Farm: Running Luck Ranch  
 Dam is a dual stakes winner



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**Storm Wolf—Susan Powter**  
*Colt born February 15*  
 Breeder: Liberty Road Stables  
 (Marsha Naify)  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Half-brother to grade I winner  
 and California Horse of the Year  
 Joey Franco and stakes winner  
 Miss Lawless





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**Don'tsellmeshort—Charming Surprise**  
Colt born April 10

Breeder: Running Luck Ranch LLC  
Farm: RL Management Inc.

Dam is a half-sister to stakes winner Quick Draw



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**Bedford Falls—Tee Dee**  
Filly born March 22

Breeder: Carol Lingenfelter  
Farm: Poplar Meadows  
From the family of grade I winner  
Mandy's Gold and group-placed  
stakes winner Matula



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**Swiss Yodeler—Sister Gabriel**  
Colt born April 27

Breeders: Bill Boswell (Stonehenge Stable) & Doug Hibbs  
Farm: Harris Farms

Dam is a full sister to grade I winner Greg's Gold



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**Unusual Heat—Sci Fi Kin**  
Filly born March 22

Breeders: Madeline Auerbach & Barry Abrams  
Farm: Old English Rancho  
Full sister to grade II winner Pretty Unusual



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**Bedford Falls—Ruckus Ridge**  
Colt born February 28  
Breeder: Dr. Lloyd Grant  
Farm: Poplar Meadows

Half-brother to graded stakes winner Paradise Dancer



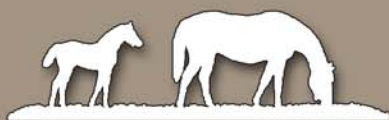
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**Don'tsellmeshort—Racetrack Queen**  
Filly born April 10

Breeder: Gavel Ranch  
Farm: Running Luck Ranch  
Dam is a half-sister to stakes winner Wild Gear

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## California-Bred Foals Cont'd.

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**Aragorn (Ire)—Escape With Me**  
*Colt born February 17*  
 Breeders: Harris Farms & Donald Valpredo  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Half-brother to graded stakes winner Unzip Me

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**Surf Cat—Preserving the Peace**  
*Filly born February 11*  
 Breeder: Old English Rancho  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Dam is a half-sister to multiple grade II winner and California champion Disturbingthepeace

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**Onebadshark—Hottodi**  
*Colt born April 12*  
 Breeder: E-Racing.com  
 Farm: Running Luck Ranch  
 From the family of grade II-placed stakes winner Prying (Arg)

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**Bedford Falls—Onemorefortheroad**  
*Filly born March 2*  
 Breeder: Carol Lingenfelter  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 Dam is a grade II winner

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**Bedford Falls—Happy Countess**  
*Filly born March 18*  
 Breeder: Dr. Lloyd Grant  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 Dam is a half-sister to grade I-placed dual graded stakes winner Cassaleria and stakes-placed Charming Rori

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**Benchmark—Ermine Fever**  
*Filly born April 15*  
 Breeders: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Williams (Tree Top Ranch)  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Dam is a half-sister to multiple grade I-placed graded stakes winner Tejano Run and grade II winner More Royal





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**Bedford Falls—Pecos Queen**  
*Colt born March 20*  
 Breeder: Carol Lingenfelter  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 From the family of graded stakes winner Truce Maker and  
 stakes winner Pecos Pepper



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**Unusual Heat—Bel Air Belle**  
*Filly born March 2*  
 Breeders: Madeline Auerbach, Barry Abrams & Vincenzo Lovero  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Half-sister to grade I-placed dual stakes winner Bel Air Sizzle and  
 stakes winner America's Friend



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**Onebadshark—Smokin Tempo**  
*Filly born March 31*  
 Breeder: Wayne Atwell  
 Farm: Running Luck Ranch  
 Dam is stakes-placed



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**Redattore (Brz)—Interactive**  
*Filly born March 20*  
 Breeder: Harris Farms  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Half-sister to graded stakes-placed stakes winner Bella Bella Bella



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**Surf Cat—Butterfly Kiss**  
*Filly born February 5*  
 Breeders: Old English Rancho & Headley  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Half-sister to dual stakes winner Soldier's Kiss

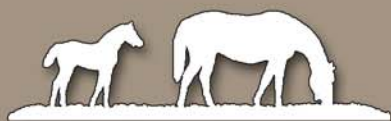


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**Bedford Falls—Jet Propelled**  
*Filly born February 15*  
 Breeder: Carol Lingenfelter  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 Dam is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Cherokee Country and  
 stakes winner Runaway Jet

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**Vronsky—Cute As a Bug**  
*Filly born February 5*  
 Breeder: Old English Rancho  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Dam is a full sister to dual stakes winner Bugsy Marrone



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**Bedford Falls—Tonsilitis**  
*Colt born April 4*  
 Breeder: Carol Lingenfelter  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows

From the family of multiple stakes winner Errantry and stakes winner Jason's Drummer



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**Lucky J. H.—Team Decision**  
*Filly born March 31*  
 Breeders: Harris Farms & Double D Farms  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Dam is a full sister to multiple stakes winner Green Team and half-sister to grade II-placed dual stakes winner Spot the Diplomat



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**Don'tsellmeshort—Cool Miss Ann**  
*Colt born April 2*  
 Breeder: RLI Investment Inc.  
 Farm: Running Luck Ranch  
 Half-brother to dual stakes-placed Kool Suggestion



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**Yes It's True—Christiana's Heat**  
*Filly born March 18*  
 Breeder: Albert & Kathleen Mattivi LLC  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Dam is a graded stakes-placed stakes winner



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**Surf Cat—Perfectly Perfect**  
*Filly born March 15*  
 Breeder: Old English Rancho  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Half-sister to stakes winner Epitome of a Lady



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**Bedford Falls—Factual Lady**  
*Filly born February 20*  
 Breeder: Joe Stiglich  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 From the family of stakes-placed Pirate's Gulch

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**Salt Lake—Lady Evergreen**  
*Colt born March 8*  
 Breeders: Mr. & Mrs. Larry Williams (Tree Top Ranch)  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Half-brother to multiple stakes winner Lady Railrider

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**Unusual Heat—Little Hottie**  
*Filly born February 23*  
 Breeders: Madeline Auerbach, Barry Abrams & Sonny Pais  
 Farm: Old English Rancho  
 Full sister to stakes winner Brushburn

**Don'tsellmeshort—Albertrandi**  
*Filly born March 28*  
 Breeder: Cecil Peacock  
 Farm: Running Luck Ranch  
 Dam is a half-sister to  
 stakes-placed Del Mar Ticket

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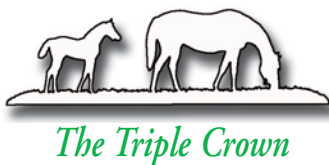
**Surf Cat—Santa Patricia**  
*Filly born April 5*  
 Breeder: Eduardo Gamez  
 Farm: Harris Farms  
 Half-sister to dual stakes  
 winner All Saint

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**Bedford Falls—Alaana's Song (Aus)**  
*Colt born March 9*  
 Breeder: Dr. Lloyd Grant  
 Farm: Poplar Meadows  
 From the family of dual group I winner Bawalaksana (NZ) and  
 group I-placed dual group winner Damaschino (Aus)





## Cal-Breds In Contention

by EMILY SHIELDS

The heartbreaking photo finish that separated Blind Luck and Evening Jewel in the \$584,300 Kentucky Oaks (grade I) on April 30, capped a series of strong performances by California-breds during the rich Kentucky Derby weekend at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

The main event, the \$2,185,200 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands, went to WinStar Farm's three-year-old son of Maria's Mon, Super Saver. Trainer Todd Pletcher collected his first win in the "Run for the Roses," while jockey Calvin Borel picked up an unprecedented third Derby trophy in four years.

California-based runners fared poorly in the Derby, with the troubled Lookin At Lucky finishing best in sixth place. American Lion (11th), Conveyance (15th), Sidney's Candy (17th) and Line of David (18th) completed the order of finish for the Golden State's contenders.

However, the Oaks proved to be a different story, with hometown heroines finishing one-two. Evening Jewel was attempting to become only the second Cal-bred to wear the lilies, following Fran's Valentine's victory in 1985, and led from the quarter pole until the very final jump. It took a lengthy photo review to name Blind Luck the winner for owners Mark Dedomenico, John Carver, Peter Abruzzo and her trainer Jerry Hollendorfer.

Evening Jewel is a daughter of Northern Afleet. After missing the \$250,000 Las Virgenes Stakes (grade I) in February, also by a nose to Blind Luck, she traveled to Kentucky to win the grade I, \$400,000 Central Bank Ashland Stakes for owners Tom and Marilyn Braly. Evening Jewel is one of only two racehorses the couple has in training.

The most shocking result of the weekend came when Unrivalled Belle defeated the 2009 Eclipse Horse of the Year

Rachel Alexandra by a head in the grade II, \$400,000 La Troienne Stakes. Rachel Alexandra was the overwhelming 1-5 favorite, but Unrivalled Belle drew moderate respect as the 9-1 third choice. In a memorable stretch duel, the two fillies fought gamely to the wire, with Unrivalled Belle the narrow victor. The Kentucky-bred daughter of Unbridled's Song has a Golden State connection; her dam, Queenie Belle, was a star Cal-bred.

A daughter of Bertrando (River Edge Farm), Queenie Belle had the misfortune of being born into a tough group of Cal-bred fillies. In 2000, she won the \$150,000 CTT/TOC California Cup Matron Handicap, defeating defending champion and grade II winner Feverish as well as future grade I winners Gourmet Girl and Lazy Slusan. As a four-year-old in 2001, Queenie Belle won the grade II, \$209,400 Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup Handicap. Unrivalled Belle, who has now banked \$524,929 from five wins in eight starts, is her third foal.

Enriched, who will always be known as "Lava Man's little brother," made his dirt debut in the \$169,650 Alysheba Stakes (grade III) over 1 1/16 miles on the Oaks undercard. The Doug O'Neill-trainee finished a strong third to multiple grade II winner Arson Squad as the longest shot in the field at 15-1, defeating grade I winners Macho Again and Bulls-bay and grade II winners Friesan Fire and Cool Coal Man.

It was the first start outside of California for the son of High Brite, bred by Carol Lingenfelter, whose current connections have always contended will mature into a major stakes performer with age. Assistant trainer Leandro Mora noted that Enriched's trial over Churchill Downs' main track could be used as a prep for the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile there on Nov. 6. 🐾



Blind Luck—Grade I Kentucky Oaks—April 30, 2010



Super Saver—Grade I Kentucky Derby—May 1, 2010





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## The Grade California-Breds

by JERRY KLEIN

Veteran campaigner Bold Chieftain had won plenty of money in six years of racing, almost \$1.5 million dollars.

And he had a bushel of stakes wins to his credit, an even dozen, including two California Cup Classics and a Sunshine Millions Classic.

But until the last Saturday in April, one prize had eluded the strapping, near-black son of Chief Seattle—a win in a graded stakes. In 10 tries in such elite company, three seconds were the best the William J. Morey Jr. trainee had been able to manage.

All that changed when the seven-year-old horse, who seemed destined for another minor award in mid-stretch, switched gears and charged past pacesetter Monterey Jazz to post a dramatic half a length victory in the grade II, \$150,000 San Francisco Mile Stakes over Golden Gate Fields' Lakeside turf course. The Harris Farms homebred Red Sun was a length further back in the field of eight over going listed as firm.

The result was a virtual replay of the two horses' last encounter three weeks earlier, when Monterey Jazz surrendered a six-length lead in an allowance race tuneup on the all-weather Tapeta surface. The switch to grass tipped the balance in the minds of bettors, who made Monterey Jazz the 2-1 favorite and early on they were confident, as the favorite took charge while setting sensible fractions of :24.21, :47.75 and 1:11.06. Red Sun was applying only moderate pressure down the backstretch while Bold Chieftain was a comfortable fourth.

Tyler Baze let Monterey Jazz roll into the turn and suddenly had a three-length advantage, giving Morey reason to worry. "Right there, I thought we were in trouble," he said afterwards, "but can that Russell Baze ride this horse. He always puts him where he needs to be." Hall-of-Famer Baze had been aboard for seven of those graded losses but also 14 of Bold Chieftain's 16 victories prior to the San Francisco

# Bold Chieftain: The Wait Is Over

Mile. He got his mount's attention with a few sharp whacks and continued to whip left-handed almost to the wire, as Bold Chieftain surged to the lead in the last 20 yards.

"I thought Monterey Jazz might be gone," Baze said afterward, "but my horse started taking ground off him. He really responds to the stick so I knew we had a chance. He really responded today. The course was a little soft but he marched right over it." Tyler Baze thought the ground was telling. "My horse likes it firmer," he noted, "like at Hollywood Park. If it had been firmer, he would have won."

Morey pointed to a race at Sacramento last September as rejuvenating his horse following a nine-start losing streak. "That gave him his confidence back," he said. "Since then, he's been his old self. I was glad to get that prep race into him before this, too, so I didn't have to be too hard on him in training."

There has been talk of a stud career for Bold Chieftain for the last few years, most recently in South Africa, but nothing has materialized. "The South Africa folks were tickled with the graded win," Morey said later, "but I think he'll be racing some more. I'll talk to Russell about which surface is best. Right now, though, he needs a little break." That is fine for Morey, who bred and owns Bold Chieftain in partnership with Dwaine Hall, Ken Robinson and the late Ernie Langbein.

Hooked on Music, Bold Chieftain's dam, "is doing well," according to Morey. He has her three-year-old daughter Roman Lady—a debut winner on Feb. 4—in training, and awaits a two-year-old filly by Malibu Moon and yearling colt by Lemon Drop Kid. "She's being bred to Stevie Wonderboy," he added, "and we'll bring her back to foal in California."

Bold Chieftain has now won 17 of 36 starts and a healthy bankroll of \$1,522,151. 🏆

## Grade II San Francisco Mile Stakes Golden Gate Fields—Saturday, April 24, 2010





# Acclamation: Celebrating In Style



by EMILY SHIELDS

The nine rivals in Hollywood Park's grade II, \$150,000 Jim Murray Handicap on May 15, must have known that it was Acclamation's actual fourth birthday the following day.

As a gift, they collectively took back and let the California-bred control the pace through slow fractions with as much as a 10-length lead on the backstretch. Although a handful of challengers attempted to rally into the stretch, Acclamation was long gone, hitting the wire 7 1/2 lengths in front for his first stakes score.

Happy birthday, Acclamation!

Although he was sent off as a 14-1 longshot, Acclamation should not have been a surprise. In seven graded stakes tries spread out over the last eight months, he has been beaten a total of only 20 1/4 lengths for wins in all of them. That number is skewed by unplaced finishes in April's Frank E. Kilroe Handicap (grade I) and November's Oak Tree Derby (grade II), races where Acclamation was still less than six lengths behind the winner at the wire. He missed winning the Hollywood Derby (grade I) and grade II Strub Stakes, San Gabriel Handicap and Del Mar Derby, as well as the \$500,000 Sunshine Millions Classic Stakes, all by less than three lengths each. It is fitting that the son of Unusual Heat became his sire's 27th stakes winner with the blowout performance.

Under jockey Christian Santiago Reyes, two days removed from losing his apprentice status and becoming a journeyman, Acclamation broke sharply and took command at once. Fellow Cal-bred Alphie's Bet, fresh off a victory in the \$200,000 TVG Snow Chief Stakes on the main track, pulled to stalk the leader in second, but Acclamation was already easing away. When he passed the stands for the first time, Acclamation already led the field by eight lengths.

After six furlongs in 1:14.85, Acclamation had a commanding lead of 10 lengths on Alphie's Bet, and his rivals

realized the free-wheeling bay wouldn't be coming back to them. Falcon Rock (Ire) closed to within five lengths of the winner around the far turn, but Acclamation kicked clear again. Falcon Rock and Rendezvous finished second and third while Alphie's Bet faded to last.

Trainer Donald Warren acknowledged Acclamation's age after the race. "He's actually a young four-year-old," he said. "We were sure hoping he would run like this at this distance."

In a race largely dominated by European-bred winners, Acclamation became the first Cal-bred to win the Jim Murray Handicap in its 20th running. Only one other state-bred had even come close when Continental Red finished second by a neck in 2004. Acclamation also became only the sixth four-year-old to score in the 1 1/2-mile contest, which he finished in 2:26.59.

Acclamation was foaled on May 16, 2006, at E. W. "Bud" and Judy Johnston's Old English Rancho in Sanger. His dam, the unraced Silveyville mare Winning In Style, was also looking for a breakthrough win. Two of her earlier offspring had come close in stakes events but had yet to score: Strut Your Stuff, a Bold Badgett filly, finished third in the 2005 Cat's Cradle Handicap, while the Lucayan Prince filly Always in Style ran second in the 2007 California Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes.

Winning in Style herself came from a strong female family; her older brother Stylish Winner won the grade II San Vicente Stakes before injury knocked him off of the 1987 Kentucky Derby trail. He retired after seven seasons with \$791,725 in earnings, having faced the likes of Best Pal, Twilight Agenda and Cutlass Reality.

Acclamation has earned \$347,048 with three wins, two seconds and six thirds in 18 starts. Next, he will attempt to capture his first grade I in the \$250,000 Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap at Hollywood Park on June 5. 🏇

## Grade II Jim Murray Handicap Hollywood Park—Saturday, May 15, 2010



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CTBA Member Profile

# Thomas & Marilyn Braly: An Inspiration To All

by EMILY SHIELDS

The story of Thomas and Marilyn Braly should have played out like a fairytale: a California couple with a three-horse racing stable wins the Kentucky Oaks (grade I), a prelude to the ailing husband's miraculous recovery. Instead, their tenacious California-bred filly Evening Jewel missed the \$500,000-plus Oaks by a nose, and Tom Braly has stage four head and neck cancer. Despite the finish that the "racing gods" seemingly got wrong at Churchill Downs, the Bralys' story is still worthy of a fairytale ending, thanks to Evening Jewel.

Born and raised in Long Beach, Tom Braly recalls afternoons spent in his parents' box seat at Hollywood Park. "I thought racing was interesting back when there were a lot more people at the racetrack," he said.

The couple married after Braly graduated from the University of Southern California with a journalism major. Braly was laid off from his job of working as a reporter, ending up in the insurance business. The couple owns Mills Insurance Services.

Before getting into the horse business, the Bralys bred and showed Norwegian Elkhounds. "I became interested in conformation," Braly said. "A dog show friend convinced me to claim a racehorse to run at Bay Meadows."

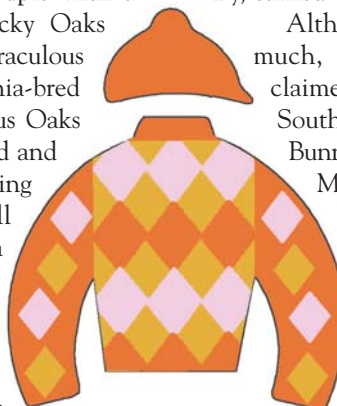
That horse, a son of Marshua's Dancer named Boogie On By, earned \$3,800 in 18 starts.

Although the Bralys' first horse didn't amount to much, they continued to try their hand with claimers. After deciding to pursue racing in the Southern part of the state, they met trainer Tom Bunn Jr. "Tom gave us our initial start in horses," Marilyn said. "We had a lot of fun with him."

However, when Bunn Jr. retired, it would be trainer James Cassidy who helped the couple advance.

Braly met Cassidy while attending a Tattersalls sale in England. Returning to the States, they invested in several horses, having moderate success with runners such as

Raiding Party (Ire) and the stakes-placed winner Exquisite Timing. They spent \$100,000 at the 2005 Barretts March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training to acquire Golden Silk, a daughter of Songandaprayer and half-sister to \$1,699,711-earner Flag Down. Golden Silk was not as successful on the racetrack, but was multiple stakes-placed, including third in the \$200,000 Oak Leaf Stakes (grade II) at Santa Anita Park. The Bralys sold her privately in the fall of 2006, then watched with something akin to horror when she brought \$600,000 at the



Marilyn and Tom Braly



Evening Jewel was the runner-up by a mere nose to Blind Luck in the grade I, \$584,300 Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs on April 30, 2010.



Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale one year later.

It wasn't until the spring of 2009, that the Indian Wells residents who have been members of the California Breeders Association (CTBA) since 1998, stumbled upon their star. Six years removed from the initial diagnosis of Tom Braly's leukemia, Evening Jewel arrived at the right time. "She came out of nowhere," Braly said.

Bloodstock agent Gary Young discovered Evening Jewel in Florida. "He'd seen her work on the dirt, and liked her pedigree connection to Saucey Evening," Braly said, referring to the 2008 California Champion Two-Year-Old Female whose dam, Jeweled Lady, is the second dam of Evening Jewel by way of her daughter, Jewel of the Night. The Bralys purchased Evening Jewel privately, and by August, trainer Cassidy had begun to gush over the filly. "He told us we had the real deal," Braly recalled. "She would work effortlessly out of the gate."

After breaking her maiden in her third start on Nov. 8, 2009, Evening Jewel finished second behind grade II winner Caracortado in an allowance field of males. She won the \$100,000 California Breeders' Champion Stakes at Santa Anita on Dec. 27, then began her march to the Kentucky Oaks in Louisville. After finishing second in the \$100,000 Santa Ysabel Stakes (grade III), she missed by a nose to Blind Luck in the \$250,000 Las Virgenes Stakes (grade I), displaying uncommon grit to the wire. That determination was on display again in the \$400,000 Ashland Stakes (grade I) at Keeneland; Evening Jewel won by a neck.

After some hesitation—traveling is difficult for the 72-year-old Braly—the decision was made to return to Kentucky for the \$584,300 Oaks. Dismissed at 13-1, Evening Jewel sustained a three-wide bid to the lead on the far turn and was drawing away from the field when Blind Luck ran her down for the second time, winning a head bob on the wire. "It hurt, but what can you say? That's horse racing," Braly said. "She handled her first dirt race without a problem, and gave her all, as she does every time."

"She's so special to me," Marilyn said. She recalled an interview given by the filly's jockey, Kent Desormeaux, who stated that Evening Jewel would run over broken glass if asked. "She gives everything, every single time, and that's such an inspiration to me."

"I've had a lot of chemotherapy and a lot of physical abuse, so to speak," Braly admitted. "This horse is my therapy."

Marilyn contends that her husband's illness does not define him. "People are picking up on his enthusiasm for racing. He has invested so much time and energy into learning the statistics of this sport, and has a tremendous knowledge of it."

Two other horses make up the Bralys' small stable. A California-bred daughter of In Excess (Ire) named Move On Gypsy debuted for the couple at Hollywood Park on May 14, finishing fourth. "We were a little worried about starting under the lights," Braly said. "But she's a good mover and a nice filly." They also still own Exquisite Timing, who is currently in foal to Dixie Union.

"When we just had claiming horses, they just came and went," Marilyn explained. "Exquisite Timing earned black type and with her pedigree and conformation, we decided to try breeding." In a bit of good news for the California breeding industry, the Bralys plan to support it. "We really believe in the Cal-bred program," Marilyn said. "Exquisite Timing will be bred to a stallion here. We want to do all we can to bring good mares here, even if what we do is minute. There is no reason people shouldn't keep their mares in California."

Retirement and breeding is only distant possibility on Evening Jewel's horizon as her connections plan the rest of her campaign. She could surface on either the main track or turf course this summer, and could make a return trip to Churchill Downs for the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic (grade I). This fairytale is still being written, and Evening Jewel is already Tom and Marilyn Bralys' happy ending 🐾



\$100,000 California Breeders Champion Stakes—December 27, 2009



Grade I Central Bank Ashland Stakes—April 3, 2010

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## Regional Sales

by LISA GROOTHEDDE

Despite the economic tempest that has battered the commercial Thoroughbred market in recent years, and the treacherous waves of challenges that continue to carry the California breeding and racing industry to destinations unknown, the Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training successfully weathered the storm when its 2010 edition was conducted at Fairplex in Pomona on May 10.

Thanks to a slimmer catalog, which listed 165 racing prospects compared to last year's 263, Barretts Equine Limited reported steady returns in average and median price for the state's second and final juvenile auction of the year.

From the 114 horses who entered the Hinds Pavilion auction ring, 86 were sold for gross receipts of \$3,096,000, representing a 31.4 percent decline from the \$4,511,000 gross achieved at the same sale in 2009, when 123 of the 173 horses offered were sold. The average price ticked downward by 1.8 percent, from \$36,675 to \$36,000, while the median improved by 2.5 percent, from \$20,000 to \$20,500. The buy-back rate of 24.6 percent was better than in 2009, when 28.9 percent of the horses offered failed to meet their respective reserves.

As is often the situation during any sale of two-year-olds in training, the top prices of the California auction were obtained by the youngsters who exhibited the most speed during the May 7 under-tack preview at adjacent Fairplex Park. Two of the juveniles who were among the seven to be timed in :10 for one furlong brought the highest prices for their genders: a War Front colt and a Dixie Union filly, who each sold to a Northern California-based buyer.

Topping the proceedings on a \$250,000 bid from George Bolton was a first-crop son of War Front out of the winning Miswaki mare Greyciousness, a half-sister to the grade I-performing sire Chief Seattle. The Kentucky-bred colt was consigned by the Jerry Bailey Sales Agency.

Eliciting the second-highest price overall, and best among the assembled females, was Dixie Union's daughter out of the stakes winner Successfully Sweet, by Successful Appeal. She was purchased for \$210,000 by John Liviakis from consignor Stephens Thoroughbreds, Agent for Vision Sales 2009.

## Even Keel

The same consignor hit a \$200,000 homerun with the sale's third-highest-priced horse: a daughter of the California-bred 2000 Eclipse Horse of the Year, Tiznow. The filly is a half-sister to the dam of Tiznow's dual graded stakes-winning son Tiz Wonderful, and was acquired by Dr. Patrick Sheehy's Sheehy LLC.

Posting the fastest two-furlong work of :20 4/5 was Wolf Creek Farm's Successful Appeal colt out of the graded stakes-placed winner Literary Light who subsequently sold for \$170,000 to Cecil Peacock.

The sale's quickest performer, a More Than Ready filly out of the dual stakes winner Saratoga Humor, worked one furlong in :9 4/5 under the Jerry Bailey banner and commanded \$100,000 from buyer Hisae Kato.

There were eight six-figure purchases during the 2010 auction, compared to 11 last year.

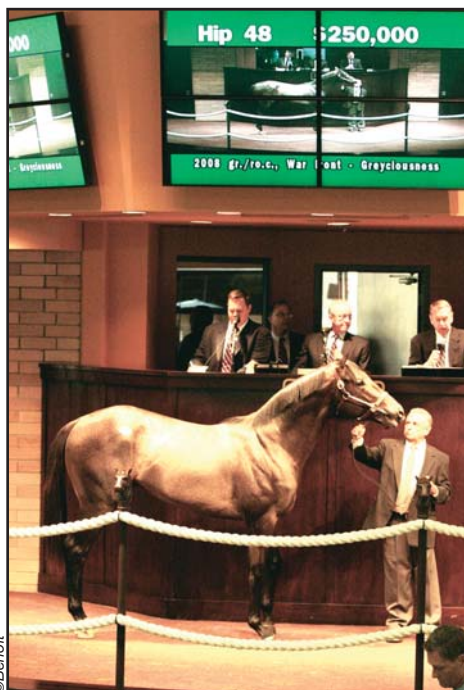
California-breds kept pace with last year's returns, with 37 of the 47 offered selling for an aggregate \$582,000 to yield a \$15,730 average and \$15,000 median. During the 2009 auction, 36 Cal-breds sold for \$590,500, resulting in a \$16,403 average and \$9,750 median. The buy-back rate improved from 34.5 percent to 21.3 percent this year.

A Tribal Rule half-brother to the dual stakes winner Shining Nuggets led the state-bred contingent with a \$42,000 bid from Joyce Long. The colt out of the multiple stakes-placed winner Storybook Fair, by Avenue of Flags, was consigned by Andy Havens' Havens Bloodstock Agency on behalf of Early Equine and posted a one-furlong work in :10.

With 30 juveniles sold for a collective \$685,000, Havens ranked as the auction's leading consignor. Among buyers, Bolton was the biggest spender with his lone purchase of the sale-topper.

War Front garnered respect as the auction's leading sire by average price from two or more sold. A pair of his offspring sold for \$299,000, averaging \$149,500 apiece. The Vessels Stallion Farm veteran In Excess (Ire) led all California sires in this category, with three juveniles sold for an average of \$25,000.

For complete results of the 2010 Barretts May sale, visit [www.barretts.com](http://www.barretts.com).



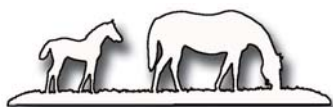


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*Focus On The Future*

# Scott Hazelton: In Tune With The Sport

Article & Photos by EMILY SHIELDS

Scott Hazelton almost didn't have a choice; he was destined to work in the horse racing industry. His father, Richard, was a successful jockey and trainer, and his sister, Christine, served as the assistant racing secretary at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club. Hazelton took time to carve out his own niche in the industry, but after nearly six years as a commentator for Horse Racing Television (HRTV), his face has become one of the most easily recognized in Southern California.

Hazelton was born in Phoenix, Arizona, simply by chance; his father happened to be training horses at Turf Paradise at the time. The elder Hazelton boasts impressive racing credentials: in 1945, at the age of 15, he defeated the great jockey Johnny Longden for the riding title at Mexico's Agua Caliente racecourse. After weight became an issue, Richard Hazelton switched to training and traveled a circuit from Arizona to Illinois, competing at Arlington Park, Sportsman's Park and Hawthorne Racecourse, in addition to Turf Paradise. He won numerous training titles and 4,745 races before his retirement in February.

After graduating from Bartlett High School outside of Chicago and a brief stint at the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana, the younger Hazelton completed his college education at Arizona State University. His focus? Television broadcasting.

Hazelton already had racetrack experience; he started hotwalking for his father as a young teenager. "To sum that up, waking up at 3:30 every morning was not my thing," he jokes.

While hands-on work didn't ignite his passion, Hazelton picked up valuable experience in the racing office. "I learned a lot through working in the racing office at Arlington when I came home for two summers in college. It really showed me how racing works on the administration level, how races are organized, how conditions of races work, and many other intangibles that help me today at HRTV."


Hazelton graduated in 2004, and was hired by HRTV shortly thereafter as a feature segment producer. After a few short months, he was told he'd be working on air covering harness racing, something he knew little about. "I was extremely nervous and way over-handicapped the races

we covered," Hazelton recalled. "I was terrible and never to this day have I watched it back." He even managed a major faux pas. "I called the harness sulky a buggy, and that's a no-no in the harness world."

Now, Hazelton is covering the best horses across the globe. As an adolescent, he watched Cigar tie Citation's 16 consecutive wins mark at Arlington in 1996, not only a moment that stands out in his mind today, but something he was able to revisit in his journeys for work.

"I also got to travel the world to witness Curlin's greatness," he said. "It started at Monmouth Park for his Breeders' Cup Classic win, and then I traveled to Dubai to see him beat the world. Finally, I was at Belmont Park when he eclipsed the \$10 million mark. Not many people got to be there for all of his biggest moments, but I was able to."

However, it is the Kentucky Derby that Hazelton likes best. "I'm allowed to get personal with the twenty horses and connections involved," he explained. "Plus, Louisville during Derby week is awesome, the entire city gets to excited."

Tune in to HRTV, Wednesday through Sunday, to see Hazelton on "Race Day America." 



**Scott Hazelton interviews Eclipse Award-winning jockey Garrett Gomez at Churchill Downs in Louisville during the build-up to the 2010 Kentucky Derby.**



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Gold Rush 2010 Nominations

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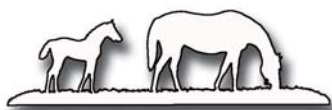
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## Horse Care

# The Horse's Digestive System

by HEATHER SMITH THOMAS

Knowledge about the horse's digestive tract and how it functions can help horse owners feed and manage their horses wisely, reducing some of the feed-related problems that might lead to colic and other digestive tract ailments. The equine digestive system is designed to process forage, and works best if the horse eats small amounts more or less continuously. The horse evolved as a grazing animal, but we often give him large meals once or twice a day, and feed high-energy feeds like grain.

Stephanie C. Mathis, DVM, DACVS (Pioneer Equine Hospital, Oakdale, California) says horse owners often run into problems that are related to feeding horses scheduled meals during the day rather than having them at pasture grazing. "We also load them up on carbohydrates, but this is not how their GI tract was designed to work, either. It was designed for good quality roughage," she says. Therefore their feeding management becomes very important.

"If possible, it's a good idea to have a good quality roughage such as grass hay in front of the horse all the time (versus just a flake of alfalfa morning and evening)," she says.

### The Equine Digestive Tract

The GI tract of an adult horse is about 100 feet long, holding a total volume of 50 to 60 gallons, depending on the size of the horse. This tube consists of esophagus, stomach and small intestine (together called the foregut), followed by the cecum, large colon, small colon and rectum (together called the hindgut). Digestion in the foregut is primarily through the action of enzymes. The latter part of the tract is

where the fibrous portion of the diet is broken down and digested by microbes through fermentation.

Different types of feed pass through the tract at different rates. "Grain is digested more quickly than hay," says Mathis. Pelleted feeds and lush green grass also pass through the tract more swiftly than hay. With a hay-grain diet, about 10 percent of the material passes through within 24 hours, 50 percent within 36 hours and 95 percent after 65 hours. All of the food material is digested and waste material excreted within about 75 hours.

The processing of feed begins in the mouth as the horse mixes it with saliva to make it easier to chew and swallow. "The saliva not only moistens the feed but also contains enzymes that start the digestive process," explains Mathis. Saliva not only assists with passage of food through the gut by moistening it, but also acts as a buffering solution in the digestive tract to help maintain proper pH. This helps counteract acidic gastric fluids in the stomach and bile from the small intestine, and keeps the ingested material at a pH between 6.8 and 6.5 (only slightly acidic) for optimal fermentation in the cecum and large colon. A pH of seven is neutral.

The soft palate in the roof of the mouth helps keep food and water from coming back into the mouth once it enters the pharynx at the back of the throat to be swallowed. This is one reason horses don't breathe well through their mouth (the soft palate tends to drop down and block the windpipe), and why it is difficult for a horse to vomit or burp.

"Another thought about why this is so difficult in horses is that their relatively high distal esophageal sphincter muscle tone prevents movement of material back up the esophagus," says Mathis. "It is also believed that the vomiting reflex is poorly developed in horses. Their inability to regurgitate increases their risk (compared to other species) for colic and gastric rupture. Veterinarians often pass a nasogastric tube into horses experiencing colic signs—to enable the excess gas or fluid/feed in the stomach to exit, relieving the pressure and to prevent gastric rupture."

The esophagus is a one-way street with peristalsis (contracting movements that work along the tube in rhythmic waves) traveling only toward the stomach. After food moves into the stomach, it is subjected to digestive fluids secreted by the stomach walls. These fluids begin breaking down the feed and start the digestion of proteins. The stomach is small, holding only three to five gallons, and





most feeds pass through it rapidly, often entering the small intestine within 15 minutes of being eaten by the horse.

"The pH of the unfed (empty) equine stomach can drop far below four, becoming extremely acidic. The top portion of the stomach has little protection against the acid produced for digestion. If horses are fed often or are grazing at pasture, the stomach always has food in it to help absorb the acid, and the risk of ulcers is diminished. The type of feed can also be a factor in whether or not a horse develops ulcers, also known as Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS)," says Mathis.

"One of the reasons we see gastric ulcers in horses is because of the way they are fed. The horse's stomach continually produces hydrochloric acid, even when empty. Obviously, an empty stomach—with gastric acid production—has nothing to buffer it and is thus at risk for mucosal injury and eventual ulcer formation. This is another reason that grazing is healthier for horses than being fed just at certain times of day. With some breeds there may be additional reasons why they tend to get ulcers (such as the stress experienced by racehorses) but altering their feeding habits is a big reason. Their physiology—how the digestive tract is structured—does not respond well to this unnatural situation," explains Mathis.

"Stabled horses fed two to three large meals per day, that are high in concentrates, are at increased risk for EGUS for several reasons. One is that they tend to consume those meals rapidly, resulting in less saliva production to help buffer the stomach contents. The concentrates also result in an overall more acidic environment, due to both their breakdown products as well as the horse's own physiologic response to consuming carbohydrates, which results in increased production of hydrochloric acid," she says.

"To help avoid ulcers, horses need more roughage and less grain, but the type of roughage can also make a difference. Many people don't realize that alfalfa is actually a better buffer than grass hay. Alfalfa has a higher calcium and protein content than most grasses, and these are thought to be good buffers," she says. It helps neutralize the acid. In horses with ulcer problems, she recommends that some proportion of alfalfa be added to the diet to help buffer the gastric acid.

The small intestine is only two inches in diameter but about 70 feet long and holds 12 to 17 gallons (about 30 percent of the digestive tract's total capacity). The many loops and coils are suspended in the abdomen by a fan shaped membrane called the mesentery, which contains the blood supply to the intestine.

"The last portion of small intestine, the ileum, empties into the cecum through the very muscular ileocecal orifice, which keeps food material from backing up into the small intestine from the cecum. If some type of blockage occurs, however, and feed plugs up in the small intestine, it can back up no farther than the stomach. The one-way valve between stomach and esophagus keeps it from coming up the esophagus," she explains.

If the stomach becomes too full—distended with feed or gas—it causes extreme pain and in some cases may rupture. "This scenario also results in severe small intestinal distention,

which is also extremely painful and a relatively common cause of colic. If the intestine is distended, this can often be detected during a rectal examination performed by a veterinarian. If it can't be palpated per rectum, it can often be easily identified with a brief ultrasound examination of the abdomen. Cases involving small intestinal distention necessitate immediate attention—whether medical or surgical—not only to relieve the horse's discomfort and any buildup of pressure within the stomach/small intestine, but also to prevent more serious injury to the small intestine that results from prolonged distention and stretching of the walls," says Mathis.

Even though food passes through the small intestine rapidly (taking 30 minutes to three hours), this is where most of the digestion and absorption of protein, sugars and starches takes place. The absorbed end products of soluble carbohydrates are glucose and other sugars. It is important that they be efficiently digested in the small intestine. "If large amounts pass on through to the large intestine, this disrupts the fermentation process by altering the pH, adversely affecting the population of microbes, and there is risk for colic or diarrhea," she says.

"Much of the nutrient uptake occurs in the small intestine. Because of this fact, logic would say that a horse that goes to colic surgery and has to have extensive removal of strangulated or devitalized small intestine removed might develop short bowel syndrome post-operatively and be a hard keeper or poor doer. The horse would no longer have as much length of small intestine to absorb the needed nutrients. Even within the veterinary community, this is still the common belief. However, we know now—through research and clinical experience—that horses can tolerate having as much as 60 to 70 percent of their small intestine removed and not subsequently suffer from malabsorption," says Mathis.

"While there is variability in how any one horse will respond to such an extensive small intestine resection, there is good evidence that the residual length of bowel can compensate over time for the decreased absorptive capacity, often with the aid of some feed alternatives to prevent excessive delivery of undigested carbohydrates to the hind gut," she says.

### The Hindgut

The horse evolved as a roughage eater so he has a large hindgut. "The cecum and large colon are where fiber is broken down, and all other nutrients extracted that were not already absorbed by the small intestine, and where water and electrolytes are absorbed. To maintain a horse's hydration, the large intestine must absorb approximately 20 to 30 percent of the horse's own body weight in water per day. That's roughly 200 to 300 pounds (25 to 35 gallons) per day in the average thousand-pound horse!" says Mathis. This water is supplied by drinking, and by recycling of fluids within the body—the salivary glands taking it out of the blood stream and putting it back into the digestive tract.

The cecum and large colon have a unique structure in which the walls are pursed out with many small ridges and sacs that slow the passage of food so microbes have more time

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## Horse Care Cont'd.

to work on it. Rate of passage through the cecum and large colon is about 36 to 72 hours. No animal can digest cellulose and other fibrous parts of forage by themselves. The fiber is broken down by helpful microbes that change it into energy-producing fatty acids. The fermentation process also produces amino acids (from which the horse gets usable protein) and B vitamins.

The horse's cecum holds about six to eight gallons. "This is where the feed begins to ferment, through action of the normal gastrointestinal microbial population," says Mathis. The large colon is about 10 to 12 feet long and holds about 15 to 20 gallons. This is where digestion is finished.

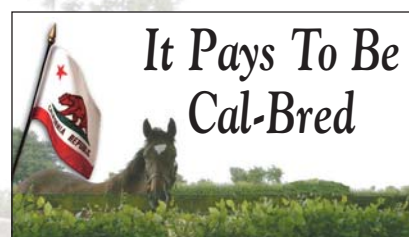
"Its function includes absorbing water and electrolytes, and volatile fatty acids which are the main source of energy in the horse. An interesting thing is that if a large colon resection removing up to 80 to 90 percent of the large colon must be done (as during colic surgery due to a strangulating volvulus or twist that is cutting off the blood supply so severely that the colon is no longer viable), the cecum seems to take over much of this absorption function. Many people think that a horse with the majority of the large colon removed would end up being a poor doer and/or having diarrhea for the rest of its life, but many of these horses have normal manure and can be thriving, healthy animals. While

many of these cases are broodmares, due to their increased tendency to suffer from large colon volvulus/twist, I've had several cases successfully recover enough to go back to athletic careers including racing, eventing and western performance. They adapt and adjust and the only logical explanation is that the cecum takes over much of that function that the colon previously performed," she says.

"From the large colon, material moves into the transverse and small colon, and the feed becomes even more dehydrated. Any remaining excess water is absorbed from the residue passing through the small colon, and formed into fecal balls by the contractile actions of two longitudinal muscular bands and a layer of circular muscle throughout its length. The small colon is about two and a half to four inches in diameter and nine to ten feet long, holding about four gallons." The fecal balls then pass out through the rectum and anus.

The newborn foal is not able to digest forage. At birth, his cecum is not yet functional because it has no microbes to facilitate fermentation. He depends on his simple stomach and small intestine for digesting milk. As he grows and comes into contact with bacteria, he develops the ability to digest solid food. Foals eat some of their dam's fresh manure to gain the proper micro-flora to inhabit the hindgut. The amount of solid food a foal can utilize is limited at first because of the small size of his tract, but as he grows and the hindgut increases in size and function, he has more need for forage and less dependency on milk. 🐾

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# Available Statistics Through April 30, 2010



*Leading Breeders  
in California*

Ranking	Breeder	Total Earnings	Leading Earner (Sire) Earnings
1.	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC	\$742,054	U R All That I Am ( <i>Valid Wager</i> ) \$135,378
2.	Harris Farms	\$679,054	Red Sun ( <i>Redattore (Brz)</i> ) \$92,100
3.	Mabee Family	\$599,903	Evening Jewel ( <i>Northern Afleet</i> ) \$416,343
4.	Benjamin C. Warren	\$557,136	Warren's Pepe ( <i>Rahy's Quackerjack</i> ) \$88,106
5.	Ernest L. Langbein, William Morey, Kenneth Robinson & Dwaine Hall	\$399,740	Bold Chieftain ( <i>Chief Seattle</i> ) \$399,740
6.	Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams	\$378,163	Antares World ( <i>Decarchy</i> ) \$106,740
7.	Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Wygod	\$358,732	Tribal Justice ( <i>Tribal Rule</i> ) \$40,824
8.	Old English Rancho	\$339,739	Norvsky ( <i>Vronsky</i> ) \$94,538
9.	Magali Ventures LLC	\$294,606	Blame the Wine ( <i>Decarchy</i> ) \$88,176
10.	Terry C. Lovingier	\$259,165	Tap Tap I Win ( <i>Tapit</i> ) \$48,600
11.	Carlee Van Kempen	\$253,750	The Usual Q. T. ( <i>Unusual Heat</i> ) \$253,750
12.	Rod & Lorraine Rodriguez	\$244,237	Camille C ( <i>Roman Dancer</i> ) \$115,530
13.	Rancho San Miguel	\$237,736	Off Kilter ( <i>Marino Marini</i> ) \$46,644
14.	Teresa McWilliams	\$237,000	Alphie's Bet ( <i>Tribal Rule</i> ) \$237,000
15.	Harris Farms Inc., Donald Valpredo & John Nicoletti	\$210,000	Compari ( <i>Redattore (Brz)</i> ) \$210,000
16.	Legacy Ranch Inc.	\$190,264	Ruffled Feathers ( <i>Include</i> ) \$58,800
17.	Charlotte M. Wrather	\$179,260	Ruination ( <i>Ferrari (Ger)</i> ) \$53,800
18.	David Abrams & Madeline Auerbach	\$177,440	Pretty Unusual ( <i>Unusual Heat</i> ) \$157,000
19.	Harris Farms Inc. & Donald Valpredo	\$170,780	Unzip Me ( <i>City Zip</i> ) \$158,220
20.	Mike Machowsky	\$153,000	Caracortado ( <i>Cat Dreams</i> ) \$153,000
21.	Applebite Farms	\$152,041	Earstoyou ( <i>Gotham City</i> ) \$27,540
22.	Todd Gerbovaz	\$151,340	Quisisana ( <i>Decarchy</i> ) \$151,340
23.	Katy Cowan	\$146,221	Fantasy Free ( <i>Free House</i> ) \$143,444
24.	Old English Rancho & Patsy & Sal Berumen	\$134,845	One Man's Delight ( <i>One Man Army</i> ) \$49,104
25.	SLU Inc.	\$121,409	Senator Bob ( <i>Skimming</i> ) \$42,512
26.	J. Paul Reddam	\$117,231	Blind Optimism ( <i>Momentum</i> ) \$36,000
27.	BnD Chase Thoroughbreds Inc.	\$115,095	Big N Sassy ( <i>Richly Blended</i> ) \$58,608
28.	Paula Capestro & Rick Taylor	\$113,215	Tap It Light ( <i>General Meeting</i> ) \$104,720
29.	Marvin Malmuth	\$113,203	Top Feeling ( <i>Explicit</i> ) \$79,344
30.	Dr. & Mrs. William T. Gray	\$112,949	Tornado Betty ( <i>Comic Strip</i> ) \$65,500
31.	Joseph A. Duffel	\$112,141	Visionary Vila ( <i>Perfect Mandate</i> ) \$23,364
32.	Fast Lane Farms, Basin, Edwards & Watchorn	\$110,058	Unusual Smoke ( <i>Unusual Heat</i> ) \$99,688
33.	Robert H. Walter Family Trust	\$106,636	Char's a Whow ( <i>Robannier</i> ) \$22,740
34.	Lathrop G. Hoffman	\$103,257	Hayley's Halo ( <i>Sea of Secrets</i> ) \$79,800
35.	Carol A. Lingenfelter	\$101,196	Enriched ( <i>High Brite</i> ) \$100,596
36.	Hi Card Ranch	\$100,000	California Flag ( <i>Avenue of Flags</i> ) \$100,000
37.	Gary & Marlene Howard & Bruce Dunmore	\$98,715	Bob Black Jack ( <i>Stormy Jack</i> ) \$90,000
38.	David Abrams	\$94,910	Unusual Suspect ( <i>Unusual Heat</i> ) \$66,750
39.	Blooming Hills Inc.	\$94,861	Dance With Gable ( <i>Dance Floor</i> ) \$76,840
40.	Denise Kim Thorson & Nick Tamborrino	\$94,050	A Jealous Woman ( <i>Muqtarib</i> ) \$90,000
41.	Madera Thoroughbreds	\$94,009	Soul Candy ( <i>Birdonthewire</i> ) \$38,160
42.	Heinz Steinmann	\$90,163	Alpine Sport ( <i>Swiss Yodeler</i> ) \$28,696
43.	Bruce Headley & Richard Matlow	\$89,804	Woman Warrior ( <i>One Man Army</i> ) \$57,044
44.	Julie Berta	\$88,696	Lady Alex ( <i>Benchmark</i> ) \$88,696
45.	Dr. Mikel C. Harrington & Patricia O. Harrington	\$87,076	Really Uptown ( <i>Swiss Yodeler</i> ) \$30,140
46.	Red Baron's Barn LLC	\$85,620	Princess Suances ( <i>Suances (GB)</i> ) \$34,560
47.	Baseline Equine LLC	\$85,300	Tribalicious ( <i>Tribal Rule</i> ) \$57,040
48.	John D. Murphy	\$84,928	Bonita Sonador ( <i>Dream Run</i> ) \$37,708
49.	Michael Power	\$84,223	Reagan Republican ( <i>Siberian Summer</i> ) \$35,000
50.	Milt A. Policzer	\$83,703	A Clever Ten ( <i>Decarchy</i> ) \$23,280

**GRAND TOTAL OF EARNINGS FOR ALL BREEDERS FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2010 is \$22,967,042**

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*Leading Sires in California*

# Available Statistics Through May 2, 2010

## Leading Sires by Money Won

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Races Won	Earnings
1. Unusual Heat . . . . .	83	316	43	\$1,515,228
2. Stormin Fever . . . . .	74	248	29	920,409
3. Benchmark . . . . .	106	346	50	830,694
4. Bertrando . . . . .	72	234	34	725,614
5. Tribal Rule . . . . .	45	138	29	710,253
6. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	74	244	45	704,587
7. Salt Lake . . . . .	75	223	38	655,689
8. Decarchy . . . . .	47	190	31	652,716
9. Redattore (Brz)• . . . . .	32	91	15	615,111
10. Old Topper . . . . .	89	293	45	531,407
11. Deputy Commander* . . . . .	88	269	32	505,328
12. Skimming• . . . . .	57	189	38	491,217
13. Siberian Summer . . . . .	49	147	33	478,177
14. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	93	279	35	471,540
15. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	75	246	24	471,343
16. Southern Image# . . . . .	48	139	27	455,452
17. Marino Marini . . . . .	52	161	25	438,909
18. Cee's Tizzy . . . . .	52	153	24	401,775
19. High Brite . . . . .	54	195	23	391,839
20. Kafwain# . . . . .	61	189	26	389,551
21. Lit de Justice . . . . .	55	183	19	356,879
22. Formal Gold• . . . . .	52	165	27	355,702
23. Valid Wager* . . . . .	39	154	17	340,311
24. Atticus . . . . .	44	118	16	283,055
25. Comic Strip . . . . .	36	126	22	281,305
26. One Man Army . . . . .	20	64	10	277,064
27. Freespool . . . . .	42	145	16	256,032
28. Muqtarib† . . . . .	35	113	22	249,044
29. Roar* . . . . .	34	126	20	219,637
30. Vronsky . . . . .	8	30	7	219,481
31. Souvenir Copy• . . . . .	37	122	14	195,168
32. Flame Thrower . . . . .	22	66	9	180,879
33. Beau Genius† . . . . .	38	139	14	179,133
34. Ministers Wild Cat . . . . .	24	83	10	171,622
35. Ten Most Wanted . . . . .	47	151	14	170,157
36. Rio Verde . . . . .	33	99	13	169,494
41. Game Plan . . . . .	29	97	16	169,064
42. Momentum . . . . .	38	108	11	162,629
43. Gotham City . . . . .	24	73	14	162,048
44. Mud Route . . . . .	23	83	13	160,802
45. Perfect Mandate . . . . .	29	99	14	153,075
46. Western Fame . . . . .	27	106	15	147,746
47. Silic (Fr) . . . . .	20	57	7	145,628
48. High Demand• . . . . .	28	77	8	145,514
49. Popular . . . . .	11	34	9	139,573
50. Stormy Jack . . . . .	16	49	5	134,299

## Leading Sires by Number of Races Won

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Races Won	Earnings
1. Benchmark . . . . .	106	346	50	\$830,694
2. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	74	244	45	704,587
Old Topper . . . . .	89	293	45	531,407
4. Unusual Heat . . . . .	83	316	43	515,228
5. Salt Lake . . . . .	75	223	38	655,689
Skimming• . . . . .	57	189	38	491,217
7. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	93	279	35	471,540
8. Bertrando . . . . .	72	234	34	725,614
9. Siberian Summer . . . . .	49	147	33	478,177
10. Deputy Commander* . . . . .	88	269	32	505,328
11. Decarchy . . . . .	47	190	31	652,716
12. Stormin Fever . . . . .	74	248	29	920,409
Tribal Rule . . . . .	45	138	29	710,253
14. Southern Image# . . . . .	48	139	27	455,452
Formal Gold• . . . . .	52	165	27	355,702
16. Kafwain# . . . . .	61	189	26	389,551
17. Marino Marini . . . . .	52	161	25	438,909
18. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	75	246	24	471,343
Cee's Tizzy . . . . .	52	153	24	401,775
20. High Brite . . . . .	54	195	23	391,839

## Leading Sires by Average Earnings Per Runner (Minimum 10 Runners)

Rank Sire	Runners	Races Won	Earnings	Average Earnings/Runner
1. Redattore (Brz)• . . . . .	32	15	\$615,111	\$19,222
2. Unusual Heat . . . . .	83	43	1,515,228	18,256
3. Tribal Rule . . . . .	45	29	710,253	15,783
4. Decarchy . . . . .	47	31	652,716	13,888
5. One Man Army . . . . .	20	10	277,064	13,853
6. Popular . . . . .	11	9	139,573	12,688
7. Stormin Fever . . . . .	74	29	920,409	12,438
8. Bertrando . . . . .	72	34	725,614	10,078
9. Siberian Summer . . . . .	49	33	478,177	9,759
10. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	74	45	704,587	9,521
11. Southern Image# . . . . .	48	27	455,452	9,489
12. Salt Lake . . . . .	75	38	655,689	8,743
13. Valid Wager* . . . . .	39	17	340,311	8,726
14. Skimming• . . . . .	57	38	491,217	8,618
15. Marino Marini . . . . .	52	25	438,909	8,441
16. Stormy Jack . . . . .	16	5	134,299	8,394
17. Flame Thrower . . . . .	22	9	180,879	8,222
18. Kelly Kip† . . . . .	13	8	103,961	7,997
19. Poteen . . . . .	15	6	117,948	7,863
20. Benchmark . . . . .	106	50	830,694	7,837

### Leading Sires by Number of Winners

Rank Sire	Runners	Winners	Races Won	Earnings
1. Benchmark .....	106	43	50	\$830,694
2. In Excess (Ire) .....	74	34	45	704,587
Old Topper .....	89	34	45	531,407
4. Unusual Heat .....	83	32	43	1,515,228
5. Salt Lake .....	75	27	38	655,689
Deputy Commander# .....	88	27	32	505,328
7. Bertrando .....	72	26	34	725,614
Swiss Yodeler .....	93	26	35	471,540
9. Siberian Summer .....	49	25	33	478,177
10. Stormin Fever .....	74	23	29	920,409
Skimming• .....	57	23	38	491,217
Formal Gold• .....	52	23	27	355,702
13. Decarchy .....	47	22	31	652,716
14. Kafwain# .....	61	21	26	389,551
15. Tribal Rule .....	45	20	29	710,253
Sea of Secrets .....	75	20	24	471,343
17. Marino Marini .....	52	19	25	438,909
18. High Brite .....	54	18	23	391,839
19. Southern Image# .....	48	17	27	455,452
Cee's Tizzy .....	52	17	24	401,775

### Leading Sires by Turf Earnings (Minimum 50 Starts Lifetime)

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Earnings
1. Unusual Heat .....	44	93	7	9	\$726,948
2. Bertrando .....	23	48	5	7	350,948
3. Redattore (Brz)• .....	9	17	3	5	316,860
4. Tribal Rule .....	13	21	6	6	168,740
5. Benchmark .....	15	40	6	7	166,137
6. In Excess (Ire) .....	22	46	6	7	162,608
7. Siberian Summer .....	13	23	7	10	153,258
8. Cee's Tizzy .....	11	19	4	5	152,020
9. Skimming• .....	11	18	4	6	139,752
10. Stormin Fever .....	13	27	3	4	134,490
11. Atticus .....	14	26	4	4	121,784
12. Vronsky .....	6	13	4	5	121,405
13. High Brite .....	7	17	3	3	121,280
14. One Man Army .....	9	16	3	3	116,936
15. Muqtarib† .....	7	15	3	4	105,540
16. Swiss Yodeler .....	12	24	3	4	97,478
17. Deputy Commander* .....	20	34	4	4	90,379
18. Decarchy .....	14	28	2	2	72,059
19. Flame Thrower .....	6	9	1	2	69,304
20. Old Topper .....	11	19	1	1	62,212

### Leading Sires by Median Earnings Per Runner (Minimum 10 Runners)

Rank Sire	Runners	Races Won	Earnings	Median Earnings/Runner
1. Popular .....	11	9	\$139,573	\$8,712
2. One Man Army .....	20	10	277,064	7,186
3. Unusual Heat .....	83	43	1,515,228	7,080
4. Siberian Summer .....	49	33	478,177	6,500
5. Tribal Rule .....	45	29	710,253	5,662
6. Ministers Wild Cat .....	24	10	171,622	5,424
7. In Excess (Ire) .....	74	45	704,587	5,173
8. Decarchy .....	47	31	652,716	4,838
9. Roar* .....	34	20	219,637	4,828
10. Gotham City .....	24	14	162,048	4,523
11. Formal Gold• .....	52	27	355,702	4,455
12. Marino Marini .....	52	25	438,909	4,375
13. Capsized .....	17	7	119,759	4,235
14. Cee's Tizzy .....	52	24	401,775	4,210
15. Kafwain# .....	61	26	389,551	4,095
16. Salt Lake .....	75	38	655,689	4,080
17. Mud Route .....	23	13	160,802	4,070
18. Valid Wager* .....	39	17	340,311	3,940
19. Alymagic .....	12	2	47,213	3,850
20. Flame Thrower .....	22	9	180,879	3,432

### Leading Sires by Average Earnings Per Start (Minimum 50 Starts)

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Earnings	Average Earnings/Start
1. Redattore (Brz)• .....	32	91	\$615,111	\$6,759
2. Tribal Rule .....	45	138	710,253	5,147
3. Unusual Heat .....	83	316	1,515,228	4,795
4. One Man Army .....	20	64	277,064	4,329
5. Stormin Fever .....	74	248	920,409	3,711
6. Decarchy .....	47	190	652,716	3,435
7. Southern Image# .....	48	139	455,452	3,277
8. Siberian Summer .....	49	147	478,177	3,253
9. Bertrando .....	72	234	725,614	3,101
10. Salt Lake .....	75	223	655,689	2,940
11. In Excess (Ire) .....	74	244	704,587	2,888
12. Flame Thrower .....	22	66	180,879	2,741
13. Marino Marini .....	52	161	438,909	2,726
14. Cee's Tizzy .....	52	153	401,775	2,626
15. Skimming• .....	57	189	491,217	2,599
16. Silic (Fr) .....	20	57	145,628	2,555
17. Benchmark .....	106	346	830,694	2,401
18. Atticus .....	44	118	283,055	2,399
19. Comic Strip .....	36	126	281,305	2,233
20. Gotham City .....	24	73	162,048	2,220

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## Leading Lifetime Sires in California

# Available Statistics Through May 2, 2010

No	Stallion, Year Foaled, Sire	Crops of Racing Age	Average Size	Foals of Racing Age	Runners	Winners	2-y-o Winners	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Winners	Progeny Earnings	Average- Earnings Index	Comparable Index
1.	Unusual Heat, 1990, by Nureyev	10	46	455	308-68%	217-48%	25-5%	26-6%	8-2%	\$24,590,102	2.17	1.09
2.	Wronsky, 1999, by Danzig	3	17	50	9-18%	7-14%	1-2%	1-2%	0-0%	\$405,906	2.01	0.73
3.	In Excess (Ire), 1987, by Siberian Express	15	59	888	600-68%	446-50%	104-12%	60-7%	11-1%	\$38,900,942	1.79	1.46
4.	Cee's Tizzy, 1987, by Relaunch	17	41	697	467-67%	337-48%	56-8%	38-5%	9-1%	\$33,829,872	1.73	1.18
5.	Tribal Rule, 1996, by Storm Cat	5	48	239	114-48%	77-32%	28-12%	13-5%	2-1%	\$6,183,979	1.65	1.20
6.	One Man Army, 1994, by Roman Diplomat	6	10	62	39-63%	23-37%	2-3%	4-6%	1-2%	\$1,680,059	1.53	0.91
	Roar *, 1993, by Forty Niner	11	59	649	492-36%	376-58%	90-14%	43-7%	22-3%	\$22,682,150	1.53	1.39
8.	Salt Lake, 1989, by Deputy Minister	15	80	1,201	958-80%	771-64%	231-19%	68-6%	23-2%	\$54,936,946	1.46	1.43
9.	Bertrando, 1989, by Skywalker	14	64	900	640-71%	449-50%	108-12%	50-6%	11-1%	\$37,671,177	1.44	1.59
10.	Memo (Chi) •, 1987, by Mocito Guapo (Arg)	13	39	507	308-60%	218-43%	41-8%	27-5%	9-2%	\$17,004,407	1.41	1.15
11.	Benchmark, 1991, by Alydar	9	63	570	379-66%	274-48%	75-13%	27-5%	7-1%	\$19,198,527	1.32	1.21
	Birdonthewire, 1989, by Proud Birdie	3	19	242	173-71%	124-51%	37-15%	9-4%	1-0%	\$10,919,124	1.32	1.42
	Lit de Justice, 1990, by El Gran Senor	11	35	384	314-82%	239-62%	70-18%	21-5%	2-1%	\$20,048,324	1.32	1.19
14.	Good Journey, 1996, by Nureyev	5	35	173	60-35%	28-16%	4-2%	2-1%	2-1%	\$1,619,588	1.28	1.05
15.	Rhythm *, 1987, by Mr. Prospector	16	60	966	620-64%	320-33%	39-4%	25-3%	11-1%	\$37,488,349	1.27	1.19
16.	Deputy Commander *, 1994, by Deputy Minister	9	62	560	448-80%	293-52%	73-13%	24-4%	4-1%	\$26,202,797	1.26	1.66
	Robannier, 1991, by Batonnier	11	8	92	54-59%	33-36%	7-8%	3-3%	0-0%	\$2,715,070	1.26	1.13
18.	Formal Gold •, 1993, by Black Tie Affair (Ire)	9	46	416	312-75%	244-59%	70-17%	19-5%	5-1%	\$16,461,998	1.25	1.46
	Suggest *, 1992, by Topsider	9	7	59	41-69%	35-59%	4-7%	4-7%	1-2%	\$2,363,459	1.25	0.80
20.	Stormin Fever, 1994, by Storm Cat	8	70	558	398-71%	277-50%	99-18%	28-5%	10-2%	\$21,261,732	1.24	1.50
21.	Turkoman †, 1982, by Alydar	21	34	707	538-76%	389-55%	75-11%	33-5%	9-1%	\$25,589,981	1.23	1.42
22.	Beau Genius †, 1985, by Bold Ruckus	17	43	734	598-81%	450-61%	138-19%	39-5%	5-1%	\$33,860,529	1.22	1.18
23.	Moscow Ballet *, 1982, by Nijinsky II	22	34	756	539-71%	363-48%	70-9%	21-3%	6-1%	\$20,388,797	1.20	1.30
24.	Tannersmyman, 1998, by Lord Carson	5	11	53	21-40%	12-23%	4-8%	1-2%	1-2%	\$667,908	1.17	0.79
25.	Kelly Kip †, 1994, by Kipper Kelly	7	15	105	81-77%	65-62%	15-14%	2-2%	1-1%	\$4,062,895	1.15	1.03
26.	Atticus, 1992, by Nureyev	10	39	390	267-68%	157-40%	37-9%	11-3%	5-1%	\$10,693,347	1.14	1.57
	Kafwain, 2000, by Cherokee Run	4	73	291	170-58%	105-36%	41-14%	9-3%	3-1%	\$5,392,130	1.14	1.35
	Olympio, 1988, by Naskra	15	33	491	376-77%	283-58%	60-12%	30-6%	4-1%	\$18,634,792	1.14	1.35
29.	Decarchy, 1997, by Distant View	4	44	176	89-51%	60-34%	19-11%	5-3%	0-0%	\$3,070,062	1.12	1.03
30.	Swiss Yodeler, 1994, by Eastern Echo	9	67	606	425-70%	301-50%	131-22%	20-3%	1-0%	\$19,796,746	1.11	1.07
31.	Bartok (Ire) †, 1991, by Fairy King	11	19	205	151-74%	92-45%	27-13%	7-3%	0-0%	\$6,202,636	1.09	0.92
	Redattore (Brz) •, 1995, by Roi Normand	4	63	251	175-70%	94-37%	27-11%	10-4%	10-4%	\$2,396,846	1.09	1.21
33.	Valid Wager *, 1992, by Valid Appeal	11	45	498	389-78%	304-61%	100-20%	18-4%	3-1%	\$18,178,797	1.08	1.25
34.	High Brite, 1984, by Best Turn	19	47	893	681-76%	547-61%	141-16%	44-5%	7-1%	\$33,185,277	1.07	1.20
	Silic (Fr), 1995, by Sillery	6	20	121	97-80%	58-48%	11-9%	1-1%	1-1%	\$5,979,638	1.07	0.95
	Snow Chief, 1983, by Reflected Glory	19	14	261	179-69%	111-43%	27-10%	9-3%	1-0%	\$5,629,677	1.07	1.32
	Souvenir Copy •, 1995, by Mr. Prospector	9	49	439	321-73%	247-56%	70-16%	12-3%	2-0%	\$14,499,572	1.07	1.26
38.	Siberian Summer, 1989, by Siberian Express	10	36	359	261-73%	183-51%	26-7%	11-3%	3-1%	\$10,156,035	1.06	0.90
	Stormy Jack, 1997, by Bertrando	4	18	73	36-49%	20-27%	7-10%	1-1%	1-1%	\$1,146,628	1.06	0.71
40.	Old Topper, 1995, by Gilded Time	7	56	395	273-69%	199-50%	89-23%	13-3%	0-0%	\$9,924,217	1.05	0.93
	Perfect Mandate, 1996, by Gone West	7	36	253	112-44%	69-27%	13-5%	10-4%	0-0%	\$4,243,379	1.05	1.28
42.	Lake George, 1992, by Vice Regent	11	13	146	88-60%	54-37%	9-6%	5-3%	1-1%	\$3,981,720	1.03	1.06
43.	Huddle Up, 1982, by Sir Ivor	16	9	142	85-60%	60-42%	9-6%	2-1%	0-0%	\$2,937,144	1.01	0.79
44.	Sea of Secrets, 1995, by Storm Cat	8	46	366	268-73%	205-56%	66-18%	18-5%	2-1%	\$13,870,025	1.00	1.11
45.	Iron Cat, 1995, by Storm Cat	9	13	117	76-65%	62-53%	6-5%	5-4%	0-0%	\$2,799,577	0.99	0.95
46.	High Demand •, 1997, by Danzig	5	24	120	56-47%	31-26%	7-6%	1-1%	1-1%	\$1,485,596	0.97	1.27
47.	Michael's Flyer †, 1986, by Flying Paster	15	7	104	46-44%	23-22%	5-5%	3-3%	0-0%	\$1,757,107	0.95	0.60
	Western Fame, 1992, by Gone West	9	30	266	162-61%	121-45%	40-15%	13-5%	0-0%	\$6,370,969	0.95	0.83
49.	Epic Honor, 1996, by Honor Grades	7	10	69	49-71%	37-54%	6-9%	1-1%	0-0%	\$2,134,867	0.93	0.74
50.	Marino Marini, 2000, by Storm Cat	3	44	132	63-48%	37-28%	12-9%	3-2%	0-0%	\$1,269,831	0.92	1.10

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# Available Statistics Through May 2, 2010



## Leading Sires Of Two-Year-Olds by Money Won

Rank Sire	Runners	Races Starts	Won	Earnings
1. Doc Gus* . . . . .	3	3	2	\$41,800
2. Tribal Rule . . . . .	7	9	1	38,710
3. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	9	9	1	38,254
4. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	6	13	0	32,440
5. Northern Devil . . . . .	1	1	1	21,840
6. Fusaichi Accele . . . . .	1	1	1	19,500
<b>7. Crown the King . . . . .</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16,800</b>
In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	1	1	1	16,800
9. Freespool . . . . .	6	11	0	16,183
10. Ministers Wild Cat . . . . .	2	4	0	13,468
11. Nineeleven . . . . .	4	8	0	12,984
12. For Really . . . . .	1	1	1	12,480
Perfect Mandate . . . . .	1	1	1	12,480
Popular . . . . .	1	1	1	12,480
15. Terrell . . . . .	1	1	1	12,000
16. Momentum . . . . .	8	9	0	11,904
17. Marino Marini . . . . .	1	2	0	11,220
18. Salt Lake . . . . .	2	3	0	11,185
19. Cayoke (Fr) . . . . .	2	3	0	9,328
20. Rio Verde . . . . .	3	3	0	9,000
21. Singletary . . . . .	1	2	1	8,351
22. Flame Thrower . . . . .	2	3	0	7,904
23. Roar* . . . . .	1	3	0	6,956
24. Michael's Flyer† . . . . .	1	2	0	6,656
25. Benchmark . . . . .	5	6	1	5,300



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Rank Sire	Runners	Races Won	Earned	Average Earnings/Runner
1. Doc Gus* . . . . .	3	2	\$41,800	\$13,933
2. Ministers Wild Cat . . . . .	2	0	13,468	6,734
3. Salt Lake . . . . .	2	0	11,185	5,593
4. Tribal Rule . . . . .	7	1	38,710	5,530
5. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	6	0	32,440	5,407
6. Cayoke (Fr) . . . . .	2	0	9,328	4,664
7. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	9	1	38,254	4,250
8. Flame Thrower . . . . .	2	0	7,904	3,952
9. Nineeleven . . . . .	4	0	12,984	3,246
10. Rio Verde . . . . .	3	0	9,000	3,000
11. Freespool . . . . .	6	0	16,183	2,697
12. Momentum . . . . .	8	0	11,904	1,488
13. Comic Strip . . . . .	2	1	2,672	1,336
14. Benchmark . . . . .	5	1	5,300	1,060
15. Cactus Creole . . . . .	2	0	2,100	1,050

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

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Bertrando . . . . .	3	1	1	2,971
Comic Strip . . . . .	2	1	1	2,672
Southern Image# . . . . .	1	1	1	1,102

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# Regional Race Meetings, Stakes Races and Sale Dates

## 2010 REGIONAL RACE MEETINGS

Pacific Racing Association, Golden Gate Fields, Albany	Feb. 25-June 20
Hollywood Park, Inglewood	April 21-July 18
San Joaquin County Fair, Stockton	June 16-20
Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton	June 23-July 11
California State Fair, Sacramento	July 14-25
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar	July 21-Sept. 8
Sonoma County Fair, Santa Rosa	July 28-Aug. 15
Humboldt County Fair, Ferndale	Aug. 12-22
Pacific Racing Association, Golden Gate Fields, Albany	Aug. 25-Oct. 3
Fairplex Park, Pomona	Sept. 9-27
Santa Anita Park (Oak Tree Racing Association), Arcadia	Sept. 29-Oct. 31
The Big Fresno Fair, Fresno	Oct. 6-17
Pacific Racing Association, Golden Gate Fields, Albany	Oct. 20-Dec. 19
Hollywood Park, Inglewood	Nov. 3-Dec. 19

## JUNE AND JULY 2010 REGIONAL STAKES RACES

Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value
June 5	Hol	Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (Gr. I)	.3-y-o & up	1 1/4 m. (T)	\$250,000
June 5	Hol	Los Angeles Handicap (Gr. III)	.3-y-o & up	6 f.	100,000
June 5	Hol	Redondo Beach Stakes	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 m. (T)	60,000+
June 5	GG	Oriental Magic Stakes	.4-y-o & up	5 f.	50,000g
June 6	Hol	Hollywood Oaks (Gr. II)	.3-y-o f.	1 1/16 m.	150,000
June 9	Hol	Cinderella Stakes	.2-y-o f.	5 1/2 f.	60,000+
June 12	Hol	Californian Stakes (Gr. II)	.3-y-o & up	1 1/8 m.	150,000
June 12	Hol	Desert Stormer Handicap	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	6 f.	60,000+
June 12	GG	Lost In The Fog Stakes	.2-y-o	5 f.	50,000g
June 13	Hol	Vanity Breeders' Cup Handicap (Gr. I)	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/8 m.	250,000**
June 19	Hol	Affirmed Handicap (Gr. III)	.3-y-o	1 1/16 m.	100,000
June 20	Hol	Will Rogers Handicap (Gr. III)	.3-y-o	1 1/16 m. (T)	100,000
June 26	Hol	Beverly Hills Handicap (Gr. II)	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/4 m. (T)	100,000
June 26	Pln	Alameda County Fillies & Mares Handicap	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 1/16 m.	50,000g
June 27	Hol	Robert K. Kerlan Memorial Handicap	.3-y-o & up	6 f. (T)	60,000+

Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value
July 3	Hol	American Oaks Invitational (Gr. I)	.3-y-o f.	.1 1/4 m. (T)	\$250,000
July 3	Hol	Royal Heroine Mile (Gr. II)	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	.1 (T)	150,000
July 3	Pln	Juan Gonzalez Memorial Stakes	.2-y-o f.	.5 1/2 f.	50,000+
July 4	Hol	American Handicap (Gr. II)	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/8 m. (T)	150,000
July 4	Pln	Alamedan Handicap	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/16 m.	50,000g
July 5	Hol	Hollywood Juvenile Championship (Gr. III)	.2-y-o	.6 f.	100,000
July 10	Hol	Hollywood Gold Cup (Gr. I)	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/4 m.	500,000
July 10	Hol	Triple Bend Breeders' Cup Handicap (Gr. I)	.3-y-o & up	.7 f.	250,000**
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Pln</b>	<b>Everett Nevin Alameda County Stakes</b>	<b>.2-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired</b>	<b>.5 1/2 f.</b>	<b>50,000*</b>
July 11	Hol	Landaluce Stakes	.2-y-o f.	.6 f.	100,000
July 11	Pln	Sam J. Whiting Memorial Handicap	.3-y-o & up	.6 f.	50,000g
July 17	Hol	Swaps Breeders' Cup Stakes (Gr. II)	.3-y-o	.1 1/8 m.	200,000*
July 17	Hol	A Gleam Handicap (Gr. II)	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	.7 f.	150,000
July 18	Hol	Sunset Handicap (Gr. III)	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/2 m. (T)	100,000
July 21	Dmr	Oceanside Stakes	.3-y-o	.1 m. (T)	100,000
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Dmr</b>	<b>CTBA Stakes</b>	<b>.2-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired</b>	<b>.5 1/2 f.</b>	<b>100,000g</b>
July 24	Dmr	Osunitas Stakes	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	.1 1/16 m. (T)	75,000
July 24	Dmr	Eddie Read Handicap (Gr. I)	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/8 m. (T)	300,000
<b>July 25</b>	<b>Dmr</b>	<b>California Dreamin' Handicap</b>	<b>.3-y-o &amp; up, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired</b>	<b>.1 1/16 m. (T)</b>	<b>100,000g</b>
July 25	Dmr	San Clemene Handicap (Gr. II)	.3-y-o f.	.1 m. (T)	150,000
July 28	Dmr	Wickerr Stakes	.3-y-o & up	.1 m. (T)	75,000
July 30	Dmr	Cougar II Handicap (Gr. III)	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/2 m.	120,000
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July 31	Dmr	San Diego Handicap (Gr. II)	.3-y-o & up	.1 1/16 m.	200,000
July 31	SR	Luther Burbank Handicap	.3-y-o & up, f. & m.	.1 1/16 m. (T)	50,000g

\*Purse includes money from Cal-bred Race Fund

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27	28	29	30			

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## 2010 REGIONAL SALE DATES

**August 17** .....CTBA Sales' Northern California Yearling Sale

(Nominations close June 1)

**October 12** .....Barretts/CTBA California Cup Yearling Sale

(Nominations closed April 16)





# Important Events, Dates and California-Bred Stakes Races

<i>June 2010</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30			

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## Guest Forum

# A Brain Game

by **BOB CARSON**

Card playing was wildly popular during the 1930's and 40's. The most popular and most cerebral card game was Contract Bridge. Bridge was more popular than baseball. By the 1940's, bridge was played in 44 percent of American homes. Bridge books were vacuumed off shelves. Rich, famous, poor and notorious all were swept up by the tsunami of the infinitely complex, addictive game. Titans of the game of Bridge, Ely Culbertson, Charles Goren and Harold Vanderbilt were names that reverberated across the land. For most alive, it is hard to imagine the popularity Contract Bridge once commanded.

Today, Bridge, like Chess and horse racing has fallen far and fast. All three games depend on intelligence, patience, practice, determination, study, socialization and time. All three continue to be pushed off stage by hip, quick replacements.

Today the average age of the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) is 68 and rising rapidly (horse racing follows these alarming demographics). Efforts to promote the game to new generations in schools and on the Internet have shown little traction. Bridge, like Chess and horse racing, will continue in some fashion, championed by smaller and smaller groups of hard-core aficionados—but the futures look bleak for pastimes like horse racing that rely on deep thinking, a heavy investment of time and socialization.

Jeff Bayone, Chess player, Bridge player, teacher, co-owner of the Manhattan Bridge Club said, "It take thirty minutes to teach Texas Hold'em (poker), and in one hour you can be as good as fifty percent of the people playing the game. In Bridge, you need a dozen lessons—at two hours apiece—just to learn how to play!"

The games have not changed. Horse racing, Bridge and Chess remain every bit as fascinating and maddening as ever.

Warren Buffett, financial whiz and Bridge player (often partnering Bill Gates) stated, "Bridge is such a sensational game that I wouldn't mind being in jail if I had three cellmates who were decent players and were willing to keep the game going 24 hours a day."

The audiences playing the brain games have changed. Once horse racing and brain games were in the forefront, today, more and more they consist of participants that are obsessively like-mined or remnants of bygone eras.

For the past two decades, Zia Mahmood has been the face of bridge (think of him as the Bob Baffert of horse racing). The dashing Pakistani international champion is famous enough to need only his first name as he leads a James Bond life using Bridge as his calling card. Zia is a youthful 60, a multiple champion, extremely popular and well spoken. And he knows his game is in trouble. He does not dwell on the past but looks to the future,

"Bridge is not in jeopardy of dying out, but it is certainly in jeopardy of becoming very particular and specialized, which is a bad thing."

Despite being the ambassador of Bridge, Zia is a radical. He has a long list of ideas, exciting, dramatic and revolutionary for his game—but, like horse racing, changes are glacier-like and he does not expect them to happen.

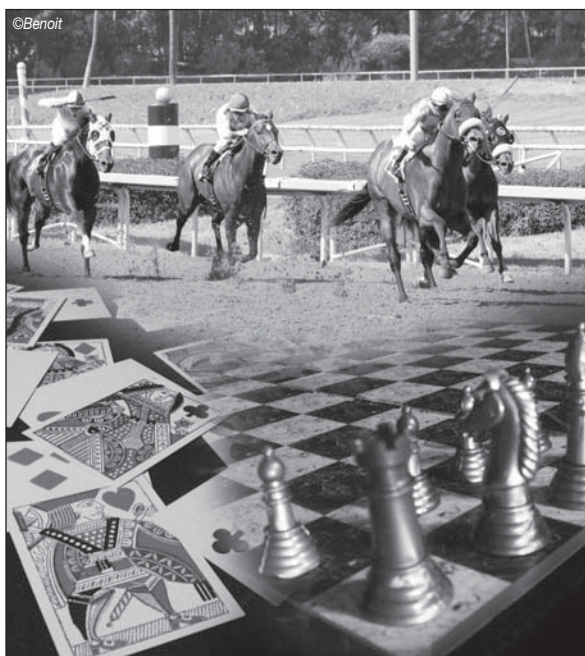
"The players and management, as a whole, are well-meaning but lazy. They don't do anything. And the vested interests in the management of bridge are particularly uninterested in things; usually bureaucrats who want to maintain their positions and live their usual lives. They are not motivated."

For horse racing, discovering parallel problems in other thinking games is of little consolation. Being in the same leaking boat does not get us to

the Promised Land. Ignoring these trends is absurd. Whining is not progress. Ceasing efforts to move horse racing forward is illogical. Quite the contrary, this is a critical time for promotion of our sport. The only direction we can march is forward and, as we march, we must always remember that we have a great game.

Our numbers may not be good these days but brain sports have a few assets that cross country skiing, freestyle bicycling, football and skydiving promoters desire:

- **Tenacity.** People who latch onto brain games like Chess or Bridge or horse racing tend to last, and last. There is an addictive quality to the puzzles in these complex activities, they can never be conquered, and you never stop learning. Once you become a horse racing handicapper, there is a good chance you will be a lifer.
- **Age.** While it is true that the demographics for these "blasts from the past" are skewed upwards, these elderly audiences are living longer and, longer and, unlike snowboarding or bungee





jumping, you can play until your last day. Elder folks often have time and money to spend.

- **Computer transfer.** The perfect formula has not been found but all three of these brain games have had somewhat of a rebound on the Internet. Bridge and Chess can be played constantly on the computer. Horse racing finds much of the wagering moving on-line. This is a sword that cuts both ways. The interaction and socialization that were the foundations of these titans are lost behind the anonymity of a monitor; however, some converts will be made.

- **International Interest.** Chess, Bridge and horse racing have never been limited to America but globalization and the Internet offer nations of people that will have the opportunity to sample our games.

- **Money.** The people who become engrossed in brain games are people high on the economic scale (Bill Gates, Arabian Sheiks, Warren Buffett, CEO's, politicians). Smart people enjoy smart games.

- **Exclusivity.** Many of us take smug satisfaction believing that we have discovered something like horse racing that the masses are missing. Deep down, a successful race handicapper, horse owner, expert Bridge player or Chess grand master realizes that he is a member of an elite club.

- **Flexibility.** While baseball and football rarely change the game, brain sports are subject to variations that often find root. For example, just as horse racing has different types (Harness, Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse), so does bridge. Zia is a propo-

nent of Rubber Bridge, a money game of head to head competition, however he plays Duplicate or Contract Bridge with equal skill. Speed Chess or Lighting Chess is a new hybrid. Bobby Fisher was pushing a random version of Chess where the pieces did not start in normal positions. Hybrids of horse racing are possible.

- **Medicinal.** Studies show that people who engage in consistent, demanding regular mental activities, such as playing Bridge and Chess and horse handicapping, can reap physical and mental benefits. Studies in postponing Alzheimer's are particularly interesting.

So, despite declining numbers, all is not bleak. Fashions, governments and nations all have peaks and valleys. While it is true that, as a whole, brain games are in a valley, this does not make us lepers or untouchables, quite the opposite. Reading these words indicates you have found a pastime that is worthwhile. You have found a game that takes brains, patience and time. If you are a horse racing fan, Chess player or Bridge player, you may no longer be in the mainstream, but you are in good company. 🐾

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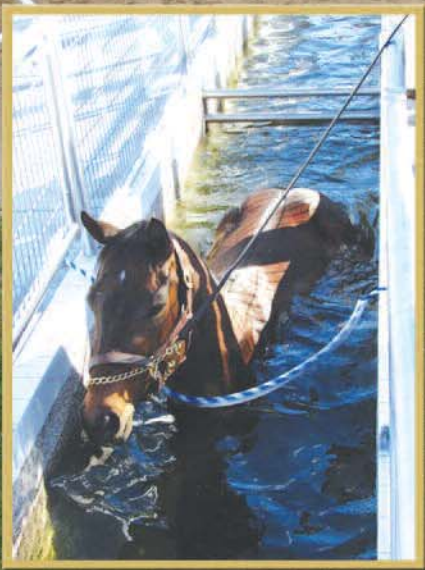


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