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## Cal-breds Help Fill Races

At a time when a shortage of racehorses has led to tracks shortening the race week, California-breds are more than doing their part to help racing secretaries.

The racing cards at Hollywood Park for Thursday and Friday night include five races exclusively for California-bred and California-sired horses.

For the two cards combined, of the 146 horses entered, 102 (70 percent) are Cal-bred or Cal-sired, including 60 of 78 on Thursday (77 percent). That includes three races restricted to

California products, plus four of the eight 2-year-olds entered in the Willard Proctor Stakes.

On Friday night, two races are exclusively for Cal-breds or Cal-sired horses, plus three of the eight 3-year-old fillies entered in the Manhattan Beach Stakes are Cal-breds. The eight-race card has 42 California products from the 68 entries (62 percent).

Each card has one California-restricted race that is over-subscribed.



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# Leading Sires In California: January 1 Through May 31, 2009

## Leading Sires by Money Won

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Races	
			Won	Earnings
1. Silic (Fr) . . . . .	30	93	10	\$3,377,704
2. Unusual Heat . . . . .	102	425	63	2,373,092
3. Birdonthewire . . . . .	24	99	17	1,262,555
4. Salt Lake . . . . .	103	364	70	1,027,154
5. Benchmark . . . . .	116	436	64	1,019,947
6. Bertrando . . . . .	93	283	43	957,267
7. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	93	274	42	918,433
8. Tribal Rule . . . . .	48	159	31	884,375
9. Deputy Commander . . . . .	120	419	44	795,963
10. Sea of Secrets . . . . .	113	453	63	792,314
11. Old Topper . . . . .	86	326	42	711,823
12. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	113	413	46	690,531
13. Lit de Justice . . . . .	69	281	29	611,566
14. Souvenir Copy• . . . . .	62	231	36	594,992
15. Stormin Fever# . . . . .	103	339	37	574,960
16. Skimming• . . . . .	79	239	38	537,931
17. Formal Gold . . . . .	65	250	27	522,442
18. Thunderello . . . . .	49	208	31	485,376
19. Siberian Summer . . . . .	53	207	39	456,308
20. Valid Wager* . . . . .	78	264	37	452,634
21. Cee's Tizzy . . . . .	61	191	39	441,093
22. Decarchy . . . . .	44	148	23	399,843
23. Ten Most Wanted# . . . . .	49	181	23	385,543
24. Beau Genius . . . . .	57	220	31	372,943
25. High Brite . . . . .	72	260	33	348,955
26. Roar* . . . . .	53	204	24	343,624
27. Atticus . . . . .	45	130	18	319,482
28. Muqtarib . . . . .	45	138	15	316,398
29. Kelly Kip . . . . .	19	93	16	308,418
30. Game Plan . . . . .	48	187	23	293,725
31. Perfect Mandate . . . . .	35	150	22	289,737
32. Redattore (Brz) . . . . .	10	37	6	285,880
33. Behrens . . . . .	49	208	19	266,586
34. Freespool . . . . .	38	138	19	242,333
35. Poteen . . . . .	18	63	8	237,910

## Leading Sires by Turf Earnings

(Minimum 50 Starts Lifetime)

Rank Sire	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races	
				Won	Earnings
1. Silic (Fr) . . . . .	5	12	1	3	\$3,294,764
2. Unusual Heat . . . . .	59	138	18	21	1,181,530
3. Bertrando . . . . .	20	39	6	7	241,600
4. In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	28	40	6	6	190,495
5. Lit de Justice . . . . .	20	45	2	2	135,330
6. Benchmark . . . . .	23	37	3	5	121,644
7. Siberian Summer . . . . .	14	31	4	6	117,360
8. Tribal Rule . . . . .	12	21	3	3	110,949
9. Cee's Tizzy . . . . .	16	24	4	4	110,740
10. Deputy Commander . . . . .	23	39	4	4	81,175
11. Atticus . . . . .	12	21	2	2	80,687
12. Souvenir Copy• . . . . .	11	18	2	2	79,730

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

Rank Sire	Runners	Winners	Races	
			Won	Earnings
1. Freespool . . . . .	7	4	4	\$70,948
2. Swiss Yodeler . . . . .	12	3	3	123,663
3. Atticus . . . . .	2	2	2	55,600
Souvenir Copy• . . . . .	2	2	2	44,220
Stormin Fever# . . . . .	3	2	2	28,780
6. Nineelevn . . . . .	7	1	1	48,284
Rio Verde . . . . .	10	1	1	41,476
In Excess (Ire) . . . . .	3	1	1	27,680
<b>Emeritus</b> . . . . .	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23,200</b>
Salt Lake . . . . .	3	1	1	21,776
Vronsky . . . . .	1	1	1	18,720
Memo (Chi) . . . . .	2	1	1	18,020
Momentum . . . . .	3	1	1	13,600
Bertrando . . . . .	2	1	1	9,400
Snowbound . . . . .	6	1	1	4,295
Sea of Secrets . . . . .	3	1	1	4,111

The statistics contained in these rankings are compiled by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. While every effort is made to prevent errors and omissions, California Thoroughbred cannot guarantee their complete and total accuracy. A dagger (†) indicates a stallion has been retired, an asterisk (\*) that he has died, a dot (•) that he is now standing elsewhere, a number sign (#) that he did not stand in California in 2008 but is standing in the state in 2009, a double dagger (‡) that he did not stand in California in 2009 but will stand in the state in 2010 and in bold that he is a freshman sire. In all cases, the sire will remain in the rankings until the year after his last California foals are two-year-olds. Statistics cover racing in North America (U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico), England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the United Arab Emirates only.



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## Canyon Yodeler Wins Aspen Cup

California-bred Canyon Yodeler won the \$50,000 Aspen Cup for 3-year-old fillies on Saturday, May 30, at Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Canyon Yodeler is by Swiss Yodeler, out of the For Really mare Really a Lady, was bred by Billingsley Creek Ranch, is owned by Desert Sun Stables and trained by David Wolochuk. She has three wins in five starts, earnings of \$48,400 and was coming off a second in a May 2 allowance.

She ran the six furlongs in 1:11.80 and won by three-quarters of a length at odds of 7-1.

## CHRB Meetings Combined

The California Horse Racing Board will hold a single meeting June 5 in place of two meetings previously scheduled for May and June.

The June 5 meeting will be held in the Baldwin Terrace Room at Santa Anita Park. The CHRB has canceled a meeting previously scheduled for May 19 at Hollywood Park as well as a June 11 meeting that was to be held in Arcadia.

The agenda for the June 5 meeting, including the starting time, is posted on the CHRB website ([www.chrb.ca.gov](http://www.chrb.ca.gov)) through the 'Board Meeting' link. The audio portion of the meeting will be accessible through the 'Webcasts' link.

## Sale Of Del Mar On Meeting Agenda

The monthly meeting of the 22nd District Agricultural Association's Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Surfside Race Place building at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.



Those wishing to be present or give input in regard to the proposed sale of the Del Mar Fairgrounds are encouraged to attend. If you would like to speak, please plan to arrive between 12:30 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. to register.

The Board agenda is posted on the Fairgrounds Web site, [www.sdfair.com](http://www.sdfair.com)

## Harris Seminar Pre-empted

The CTBA's annual Harris Ranch Seminar for 2009 has been pre-empted this year for regional events that will be posted on [www.ctba.com](http://www.ctba.com) soon.

## Thor's Echo Back in Dubai



California-bred Thor's Echo, winner of the Breeders' Cup Sprint in 2006, has returned to Dubai, where the seven-year-old gelding will be prepared for a race in November and the \$2 million Golden Shaheen next March.

Owned by Sheikh Rashid al Maktoum, the oldest son of Sheikh Mohammed. Thor's Echo has raced only four times without hitting the board since closing out his campaign with victories in the Breeders' Cup Sprint and the Laurel Dash that clinched for him an Eclipse Award as North America's top sprinter.

"He was in light training here and went back to Dubai about a month ago," Omar Trevino, the racing manager of Sheikh Rashid, said from Lexington, Kentucky. "He's had some physical problems, but they seem to be behind him."

Thor's Echo is a son of Swiss Yodeler, out of the Mr. Integrity mare Helen of Troy. has won five of his 22 career starts and earned \$2,441,920. In the United States, he was trained by Doug O'Neill and owned by Californians Pablo Suarez and Royce Jaime.

Steve Warner, his co-breeder, recently died of cancer at 65. —Larry Bortstein

### California Weekly Hay Report Friday, May 29, 2009

Tons FOB:	69,488	Last Week:	48,453	Last Year:	80,318
Tons Delivered:	39,075	Last Week:	22,605	Last Year:	33,650
Year To Date FOB:	614,493	Last Week:	545,005	Last Year:	908,738
YTD Delivered:	324,316	Last Week:	285,241	Last Year:	490,863

Northern California		Tons	Price	Wtd. Ave.	Last Year	Wtd. Ave.
Premium		200	\$130-\$155	\$143.75	\$200-220	\$212.04
Good/Premium		1,500	\$115-\$150	\$120.67	—	—

Sacramento Valley FOB Prices Alfalfa Retail/light<110 lb bales

Central California		Tons	Price	Wtd. Ave.	Last Year	Wtd. Ave.
Premium		100	\$220-\$220	\$220	\$230-250	\$246
Good/Premium		—	—	—	—	—

South-Central Coastal Areas Delivered Prices Alfalfa Retail/light<110 lb bales

Southern California		Tons	Price	Wtd. Ave.	Last Year	Wtd. Ave.
Premium		100	\$220-\$220	\$220	\$250-255	\$251.11
Good/Premium		—	—	—	—	—

Chino-Los Angeles-San Diego Delivered Prices Alfalfa Retail/light<110 lb bales

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## California-Bred Flashback

### La Feminn

On June 3, 2000, unbeaten La Feminn, a 4-year-old daughter of Memo, won the \$100,000 Alcatraz Handicap at Golden Gate Fields by eight lengths over Feverish, with Dream of Gifts finishing third in the field of five. La Feminn was trained by Richard Mandella, ridden by Russell Baze and ran the mile in 1:34 2/5 on a fast track. La Feminn was the third of seven foals out of the Mamaison mare Lila Finn, who also produced the Grade I-placed Revello. The Alcatraz was La Feminn's fifth win in as many starts. She finished her brief but brilliant career with six wins and two seconds in eight starts and earnings of \$366,429. She also won the B. Thoughtful and Irish O'Brien Stakes. She was bred by Palisair Place, foaled at Ridgeley Farm in Hemet and was owned by Diamond A Racing. As a broodmare, she has four foals of racing age, one winner.

# California-Bred Maiden Winners In North America: May 25-31, 2009

## AVANZADO (ARG)

May 26 (YAV, \$4,800 MCL.)  
**Concinnity.** Miguel A. Silva and Reyes Morales' ch. c., 4, by Avanzado (Arg)—Phacelia by Flying Paster. **Breeder: Donald Valpreo.** Trainer: Miguel A. Silva. Jockey: Wilson O. Dieguez.

**Beau Genius**  
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May 31 (POD, \$ 975 MSW.)  
**Our Genius.** Rita Shelton's ch. g., 4, by Beau Genius—Our Lutka by Splendid Courage. **Breeders: Anthony and Marian Galanis.** Trainer: Amber Leland. Jockey: Shad Holdaway.

## BERTRANDO

May 30 (EMD, \$5,100 MCL.)  
**Sunday Sermon.** K J Star Stable's b. g., 4, by Bertrando—Fergie's Witch by Prospector's Music. **Breeder: Sunny Ridge Farm.** Trainer: Charles Essex. Jockey: Troy Stillwell.

## BRING THE HEAT

May 31 (CBY, \$9,100 MCL.)  
**The Big Lombowski.** Randy Rarick and Gary McCloud's ch. g., 3, by Bring the Heat—Ms. Michela by M. Double M. **Breeders: Harold and Connie Harrison.** Trainer: Randy Rarick. Jockey: Ry Eikleberry.

## DECARCHY

May 29 (GG, \$14,020 MCL.)  
**Zephaniah.** Curt and Lila Lanning's ch. g., 3, by Decarchy—Amber Hills by Bold Badgett. **Breeders: Curt and Lila Lanning.** Trainer: Ed Moger Jr. Jockey: Alex Bisono.

## ELEGANT FELLOW

May 30 (RUI, \$6,700 MCL.)  
**Ashir.** Billy J. Black's b. g., 4, by Elegant Fellow—Sea Treasure by Pirate's Bounty. **Breeder: Patricia Garvin.** Trainer: Ralph W. Black Jr. Jockey: Vickie Y. Smallwood.

**Expressionist**  
**Harrison Farms Racing**  
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May 31 (YAV, \$4,500 MCL.)  
**Already Wild.** Harold and Connie Harrison and Dan Massagli's dk. b. g., 4, by Expressionist—Heavenly Habit by Skywalker. **Breeder: Monty Ormsby.** Trainer: Jeffrey Metz. Jockey: Carl S. Williams.

**High Brite**  
**Harris Farms Inc.**  
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May 25 (GG, \$9,340 MCL.)  
**High Point.** Steve J. Pickard and James

Svoboda's ch. f., 3, by High Brite—Mrs. Todd by His Majesty. **Breeders: Victoria Polzin, Harris Farms Inc. and Rhoda March.** Trainer: William J. Morey Jr. Jockey: Alex Bisono.

## HIGH DEMAND

May 30 (GG, \$15,520 MCL.)  
**Classic Demand.** Nick Cafarchia's b. m., 5, by High Demand—Somethingmerry by Something-fabulous. **Breeder: Nick Cafarchia.** Trainer: O. J. Jauregui. Jockey: Julio A. Garcia.

## I'MADRIFTER

May 29 (GG, \$10,210 MCL.)  
**County Kildare.** Daniel O'Neill's dk. b. f., 3, by I'madrifter—Supreme Order by Sovereign Dancer. **Breeder: Daniel O'Neill.** Trainer: Steven Specht. Jockey: Frank T. Alvarado.

## MILWAUKEE BREW

May 29 (HOL, \$21,600 MCL.)  
**Anita Brewski.** Templeton Horses LLC's dk. b. g., 2, by Milwaukee Brew—River Cutie by Rio Verde. **Breeder: Terry C. Lovingier.** Trainer: Walther Solis. Jockey: Joel Rosario.

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

May 25 (YAV, \$5,100 MCL.)  
**Fantabulous M Q.** Noslen Farms' gr./ro. f., 3, by Muqtarib—Hey Fabulous by Fabulous Champ. **Breeder: Ronnie Wallace.** Trainer: Jon P. Zimmerman. Jockey: Carl S. Williams.

## POTEEN

May 30 (GG, \$9,340 MCL.)  
**Crafty Rascal.** E. W. Johnston, Patsy and Sal Berumen, et al's ch. g., 3, by Poteen—Craftyasafox by Crafty Prospector. **Breeders: Old English Rancho and Patsy and Sal Berumen.** Trainer: Sherrie Monroe. Jockey: Jose M. Contreras.

## ROYAL ACADEMY

May 27 (ASD, \$6,256 MCL.)  
**Lady Butterfly.** Summit Racing's ch. f., 3, by Royal Academy—Hajji Babe by In Excess (Ire). **Breeders: Fran and Stan Hodge.** Trainer: Jared Brown. Jockey: Alan Cuthbertson.

## SOUVENIR COPY

May 25 (GG, \$38,000 MSW.)  
**Erin's Cajun.** Yuhong Nina Bai and Dave Currie's dk. b. c., 2, by Souvenir Copy—She's Cajun by Lord Avie. **Breeder: Dave Currie.** Trainer: Lloyd C. Mason. Jockey: Francisco Duran.

**Stormy Jack**  
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May 30 (LA, \$5,875 MCL.)  
**Ice Veins.** Arturo J. Garcia's blk. f., 4, by Stormy

Jack—Freezelin by It's Freezing. **Breeder: Arturo J. Garcia.** Trainer: Keith E. Craigmyle. Jockey: Cheryl Charlton.

**Swiss Yodeler**  
**Harris Farms Inc.**  
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May 30 (HOL, \$61,800 MSW.)  
**Really Uptown.** Mike Harrington Trustee's b. c., 2, by Swiss Yodeler—Really Can by Unreal Zeal. **Breeders: Dr. Mikel and Patricia O. Harrington.** Trainer: Mike Harrington. Jockey: Victor Espinoza.

## UNUSUAL HEAT

May 29 (LA, \$5,875 MCL.)  
**Degreko.** Fotis Georgiadis' dk. b. g., 4, by Unusual Heat—Miss River Storm by Storm Creek. **Breeder: El Presidio Farms.** Trainer: Jorge Periban. Jockey: Baltazar Contreras.

## VALID WAGER

May 31 (GG, \$14,320 MCL.)  
**Super Plan.** Venneri Racing Inc.'s b. f., 3, by Valid Wager—Lake Okeechobee by Magic Prospect. **Breeders: Madera Thoroughbreds and Venneri Racing Inc.** Trainer: Steve M. Sherman. Jockey: Frank T. Alvarado.

## VRONSKY

May 31 (EMD, \$6,400 MCL.)  
**Tri Something New.** Dr. Melinda J. Blue's ch. g., 3, by Vronsky—St Antim (Ire) by Petardia (GB). **Breeder: Dr. Melinda J. Blue.** Trainer: Mike Chambers. Jockey: Seth B. Martinez.

## WESTERN FAME

May 29 (GG, \$10,510 MCL.)  
**Sr Austin.** Frank Aufdermaur and Manuel G. Badilla's ch. g., 3, by Western Fame—Tornado Trish by Irgun. **Breeders: Frank Aufdermaur and Manuel G. Badilla.** Trainer: Allen E. Rogers. Jockey: Omar Figueroa.

## YANKEE GENTLEMAN

May 29 (HOL, \$18,300 MCL.)  
**Collalto.** Steve Dorfman's b. c., 3, by Yankee Gentleman—First Alert (GB) by Miswaki. **Breeder: Nicholas J. Sibillio.** Trainer: Matthew Chew. Jockey: Alonso Quinonez.

## YOU AND I

May 28 (SRP, \$8,500 MCL.)  
**A Star for Us.** Douglas Qualset's b. c., 4, by You and I—Saro Golden by Saros (GB). **Breeder: Stone Ridge Farm.** Trainer: David Wolochuk. Jockey: Alfredo J. Juarez Jr.

## ZONE LORD

May 25 (GG, \$9,640 MCL.)  
**Oh Lord.** JP Racing Inc.'s b. g., 3, by Zone Lord—T. G.'s Babe by Memo (Chi). **Breeder: Daniel L. Harralson.** Trainer: Joe Parga. Jockey: Francisco Duran.

### Maiden Winners

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## CTBA Magazine Update

The June 2009 issue of *California Thoroughbred*, the official publication of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA), has been completed and is currently being mailed out to both its subscribers and the CTBA membership. Featured as this edition's cover story is a tribute to 2000 Eclipse Horse of the Year Tiznow, the only two-time winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic and a \$6,427,830-earner whose progeny have also made him the nation's current leading sire with more than \$5.4 million in earnings, who will become only the sixth California-bred to be inducted into the National Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, New York, on August 14.

Besides this article, the latest magazine also includes many other feature stories of interest, such as: a comprehensive wrap-up of the 10th anniversary of California Gold Rush held at Hollywood Park on April 25, when Cal-breds pocketed \$1,318,800 in purse money during the 10 stakes races of the day won by Compari, Pretty Unusual, Unusual Smoke, Bootleg Annie, Waveline, Liberian Freighter, Tribal Justice, Rule the Storm, Grazen and Woman Warrior; a CTBA Member Profile on John Nicoletti, the co-breeder and co-owner—with John Harris and Don Valpredo—of Compari who won the headline event at California Gold Rush X, the \$250,000 Snow Chief Stakes; a detailed review of this year's Barretts May Sale of Two-Year-Olds in Training that was held in the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex in Pomona on May 11; a report on this year's Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks that details the successes achieved by both the horses raised on all-weather surfaces, including the California-based trio of Pioneer of the Nile (2nd), Papa Clem (4th) and Chocolate Candy (5th), and such local Californians as CTBA member Bo Hirsch who bred and owns Papa Clem; a wrap-up of the victory by Cal-bred Feisty Suances in the \$75,000 Silky Sullivan Stakes at Golden Gate Fields on May 2; a Down on the Farm editorial analyzing a new blood test merely requiring a blood sample that is now available to detect pregnancy in mares; as well as all the many other interesting and informative features, departments and columns that our loyal readers look forward to every month.

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