



Alphabet Soup, California Style

A Guide to California Racing Industry Organizations

Barretts Equine Sales

California's major Thoroughbred auction facility, located at Fairplex in Pomona, Barretts has been conducting Thoroughbred sales since 1989. Traditionally, its annual sales calendar



includes two-year-olds in training in March and May, mixed stock in January and October, and yearlings in October. Contact: Gerald F. McMahon, President & General Manager, (909) 629-3099. www.barretts.com.

Calracing.com

A portal web site for "all-things racing" in California, Calracing.com is a comprehensive guide to information and contacts for California thoroughbred racing, as well as host for free race replays and live streaming of racing from all California tracks. Among the many resources to be found on the site are racing calendars and searchable stakes schedules, track information, race-day information, condition books, information on medication rules and workers' compensation, news and events, and links to other California rac-

ing websites. Contact Gayle Van Leer, Project Manager, (858) 794-6262.

CARF

(California Authority of Racing Fairs)

Formed in 1985 as a "joint powers authority" for the purpose of conducting horse racing and pari-mutuel wagering at California's fair facilities, CARF includes fairs at Stockton, Pleasanton, Vallejo, Santa Rosa, San Mateo, Ferndale, and Fresno. In addition, CARF oversees a satellite wagering network of 23 members. Contact: Chris Korby, Executive Director, (916) 263-3340. www.calfairs.com.

CERF

(California Equine Retirement Foundation)



Founded in 1986, CERF provides charitable assistance to race and performance horses at the conclusion of their working careers, through permanent

retirement or rehabilitation. The facility is located in Winchester, California. Contact Grace Belcour, (951) 926-4190. www.cerfhorses.org.

CHRB

(California Horse Racing Board)

Created in 1933 by a constitutional amendment, the CHRB regulates pari-mutuel wagering for the protection of the betting public, to promote horse racing and breeding industries, and to maximize State of California tax revenues. A seven-member commission appointed by the Governor supervises all race meetings in the state. Its princi-



pal activities include licensing, sanctioning of rule violators, designating racing and charity days, and acting as a quasi-judicial body in matters pertaining to horse racing meets. Contact Ingrid Fermin, Executive Director, (916) 263-6000. <http://chrb.ca.gov>.

CHRIMS

(California Horse Racing Information Management Systems)

Since 1992, CHRIMS has been providing California racetracks with data processing, accounting reports, and related



services, including statutory and contractual distributions of wagering take-out, simulcast host fee settlement, detailed purse calculations, money-room teller balancing and cash reconciliation, and handle and pool accounting reports. It maintains an IT network connecting 36 racetracks and off-track wagering facilities in California. Contact Jenny Lind, President & General Manager, (925) 551-8671. www.chrims.com.

CHSA

(California Horsemen's Safety Alliance)

Formed in 2002 by CTT and TOC to oversee California horsemen's workers' compensation insurance program, including the monitoring of claims and payroll data. CHSA coordinates insurance-related safety and audit programs on the backstretch, with specific help from AIG insurance. Contact Ed Halpern, President, at (626) 447-2145.

CMC

(California Marketing Committee)

Funded by the passage of Senate Bill 27 in 1998, CMC is funded by a portion of the wagering handle at California's satellite facilities, with the express purpose of marketing and promoting Thoroughbred and Fair horseracing, and defraying the cost of workers' compensation coverage. CMC maintains subcommittees that focus on industry marketing opportunities and initiatives throughout the State, and beyond, and is comprised of marketing personnel from various racing associations and fairs. Contact Shannon McDonald, General Manager, (626) 578-9262.

CTBA

(California Thoroughbred Breeders Association)

Founded in 1937, CTBA is a non-profit company dedicated to the advancement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing in California, and is the official registering agency for California-bred Thoroughbreds. A percentage of wagering handle on Cal-bred races – totaling more than \$14 million annually – is deposited with the CTBA to be paid to the owner, breeder, and stallion owners to encourage the breeding of



higher quality horses in the state. CTBA also maintains an equine library available for research, and hosts a series of farm and racing seminars. Contact Doug Burge, Executive Vice President & General Manager, (626) 445-7800. www.ctba.com.

CTBL

(California Thoroughbred Business League)

A non-profit entity formed after passage of Assembly Bill 701 in 2004, it oversees and administers workers' compensation reduction programs that render California Thoroughbred racing more competitive. Its board meets quarterly to determine such matters as targeted uses of funds, and the financial structuring of policy renewal details. Contact Drew J. Couto, President, at (626) 574-6620.

CTF

(California Thoroughbred Foundation)

A non-profit organization founded in 1958 through the CTBA, the Foundation funds education, research, and development of equine-related projects. It awards two scholarships each year to exceptional veterinary students at U.C. Davis who demonstrate an interest in pursuing equine-related

careers. CTF also equips and maintains the Carleton F. Burke Memorial Library at the CTBA headquarters in Arcadia. The Foundation is operated on a volunteer basis and has no paid employees. Contact Jim Murphy, CFO, (626) 445-7800.

CTFMA

(California Thoroughbred Farm Managers Association)

A non-profit organization based in Southern California, CTFMA is comprised of farm managers, owners, and others. It offers educational activities, networking opportunities, and a support system for newcomers to the industry. Contact: Sid Huntley, President, at (951) 683-2813. www.thoroughbredinfo.com/showcase/ctfma.htm.

CTHF

(California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation)

A non-profit charitable foundation dedicated to improving the quality of



life for backstretch workers at California's major racetracks, fair circuit tracks, and CHRB recognized off-track training centers. CTHF operates two medical and dental clinics (at Santa Anita and Bay Meadows) and provides a variety of financial assistance to the backstretch community. Contact Kevin Bolling, Executive Director, (626) 446-0169. www.cthf.info/index.php.

CTT

(California Thoroughbred Trainers)

Established in 1995, CTT is a non-profit, mutual benefit corporation representing the interests of over 700 licensed California Thoroughbred trainers. It is recognized as the official trainers' organization by the CHRB. In addition to representing its members leg-

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islatively and in negotiations with race-tracks, CTT administers a pension plan, works in conjunction with the CTHF, conducts English classes, recreation and sports activities, and immigration and naturalization programs for backstretch workers. Contact Ed Halpern, Executive Director & General Counsel, (626) 447-2145. <http://www.thoroughbredinfo.com/showcase/CTT.htm>.

DGRE

(Dolly Green Research Foundation)
See SCEF.

Don MacBeth Memorial Jockey Fund

Named in memory of jockey Don MacBeth, who died of cancer in 1987, the Fund is a staunchly supported charity that assists injured and disabled riders. Co-founded in 1987 by actor/comedian Tim Conway and Judy McCarron, wife of Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron, the Fund assists licensed jockeys and exercise riders, injured on the racetrack in track-related accidents, who are in need of financial assistance. Contact (310) 550-4542. www.macbethfund.org.

EJGF

(Edwin J. Gregson Foundation)

In 1998, the CTT board established a non-profit foundation to develop programs to benefit and enhance the quality of life for California's backstretch workers and their families. In 2000, the foundation was renamed in the memory of veteran trainer, and past CTT president, Edwin J. Gregson. The foundation funds a scholarship program to encourage students to stay in school, succeed academically, and continue their education after high school. Contact Angie Carmona, Secretary, (626) 447-2145. www.gregsonfoundation.com.

The Federation of California Racing Associations

A non-profit organization whose members include eight racing associations and nine racing fairs. The

Federation represents its members in the negotiation and administration of labor agreements, grievance and arbitration hearings, and collects and consolidates data necessary to determine health and welfare eligibility, seniority, compensation rates, etc. Contact Ken Walker, Director of Labor Relations, (909) 629-6626.

GEVA

(Glen Ellen Vocational Academy, Inc.)

A non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status, GEVA Inc. provides homes for injured, retired, and abused horses through an adoption program



that places them in loving homes. They also provide training in the skills necessary to humanely and safely work with horses. Contact Pamela Berg, (888) 527-8092. www.glenellenfarms.com/geva.

Jockey's Guild Inc.

A national labor organization based in Monrovia, California, the Jockey's Guild represents professional jockeys of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse horseracing. Established in 1940, the organization's founding members included many of the leading jockeys of the day; i.e., Eddie Arcaro, Ray Workman, Johnny Longden, Charlie Kurtsinger, and Red Pollard. Contact Jami Hall, Office Manager, (626) 305-5605. <http://jockeysguild.com>.

NCEF

(Northern California Equine Foundation)

Founded in 1978, NCEF is a non-profit corporation with the express purpose of building and operating equine hospitals at the major Northern California racetracks. Its first hospital opened at Bay Meadows in 1982, and operated until the late 90's, when the property

upon which it was located was sold for development. The NCEF hospital at Golden Gate Fields, built by Magna Entertainment Corp., owner of Golden Gate, opened in December 2003. Veterinarians from UC Davis cooperate on surgeries and research projects at the hospital. Contact Dent Caton, Director, (510) 528-1980.

NCOTWINC

(Northern California Off-track Wagering, Inc.)

A limited partnership, formed in 1992, its partners include the Northern California racetracks, CARF, Northern California Quarterhorse, Standardbred, Appaloosa, and Arabian racing associations, and TOC. NCOTWINC operates an audiovisual signal system for the simulcasting of horse racing to Northern California satellite wagering facilities, and conducts satellite wagering at such



facilities. Contact Patrice Van Dussen, Controller, (925) 560-0520.

Racetrack Chaplaincy

A non-profit organization, the Chaplaincy is a ministry serving the spiritual, as well as the social needs, of the backstretch and other employees of the California Thoroughbred racetrack community. It holds weekly bible studies and jockeys room devotions, ministry outreach picnics, counseling, and weddings. Southern California contact: Richard Mena, Chaplain's Office, (626) 574-6438. Northern California contact: David Corrales, (650) 573-4664. www.racetrackbiblestudy.com.

SCEF

(Southern California Equine Foundation)

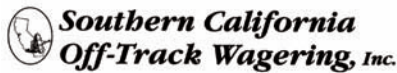
Established in 1976 as a charitable organization, the Foundation is dedicated to the care of the injured horse.

SCEF is a 501(c)(3), non-profit company that provides full service equine hospital facilities on the backside at both Santa Anita and Hollywood Park. Its sister organization, the Dolly Green Research Foundation, funds equine research, advancements in equine care, and other programs that benefit the Thoroughbred racehorse. Contact Dr. Jeff Blea, President, (626) 445-7944. www.scef-inc.com.

SCOTWINC

(Southern California Offtrack Wagering Inc.)

Formed in 1988 as a limited partnership whose partners include Southern California Thoroughbred racing associations, CARE, Horsemen's Quarterhorse Racing Association, and TOC, SCOTWINC operates an audiovi-



sual signal system for the simulcasting of horse racing to Southern California satellite facilities from a wagering hub at Los Alamitos. A portion of the handle received from such simulcasting is

used to reimburse racing associations, fairs, and horsemen for the costs of certain offsite stabling and vanning expenses, with those funds being administered by its Stabling & Vanning Committee. Contact Tom Varela, General Manager, at (714) 761-1660.

Tranquility Farm

A 501(c)(3) racing charity, Tranquility Farm maintains a 40-acre, full-service facility in Tehachapi for equine retraining, adoption, and retirement. They are committed to finding useful second careers for Thoroughbreds through individualized rehabilitation and retraining programs. Contact Priscilla Clark, Farm and Program Director, (661) 823-0307. www.tranquility-farmtbs.org.

UPF

(United Pegasus Foundation)

A 501(c)(3) racing charity, UPF provides California's Thoroughbreds with a chance at a second career, or a humane and deserved retirement. Founded in 1994, it is now one of the nation's largest Thoroughbred retirement organizations and includes two facilities, in Hemet and Tehachapi,



with a capacity of more than 100 horses. Contact Helen Meredith, President, (626) 279-1306. www.unitedpegasus.com.

Winners Foundation

Founded in 1984, the Winners Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides information, support, and referral services for employees and family members of the California horse racing community affected adversely as a result of alcohol and/or substance abuse. With representatives at each of the major California tracks and each of the racing fairs, the Foundation provides assistance free of charge. Contact Bob Fletcher, (626) 574-6498.

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