

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**Internet Poker.** AB 2863 would authorize Tribes and card rooms to offer Internet Poker in California. The bill would provide for \$60 million in annual compensation for the horse racing industry to be paid from the first dollars of license fees and taxes paid by the i-Poker operators. This compensation would include over \$20 million in new Thoroughbred purses. The legislation has passed the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee (19-0) and Assembly Appropriations Committee (15-0) and will be up for vote by the full Assembly later this summer before heading to the Senate. Passage of the legislation requires a two-thirds majority vote in both houses. TOC strongly supports the bill in its current form.

**Daily Fantasy.** In February the Assembly passed AB 1437 (Internet Fantasy Sports Game Protection Act) that would create a regulatory framework authorizing Daily Fantasy Sports contests in California. The legislation has now moved to the Senate Governmental Organization Committee. There continues to be strong opposition to AB 1437 from Tribal leaders. While TOC has not taken a formal position on the legislation, we have discussed with leaders in the Assembly and Senate our concerns regarding the potential impact of AB 1437 on ADW.

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## U.S. Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators

Indicator	May-16	May-15	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$1,219,536,873	\$1,269,632,905	-3.95%
U.S. Purses	\$100,167,344	\$110,493,169	-9.35%
U.S. Race Days	446	508	-12.20%
Indicator	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$4,646,931,390	\$4,551,930,279	2.09%
U.S. Purses	\$387,985,313	\$397,466,487	-2.39%
U.S. Race Days	1,673	1,786	-6.33%

\*Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races. Data from Equibase.

## California Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators

Indicator	May-16	May-15	% Change
Wagering on CA Races	\$158,577,836	\$186,141,494	-14.81%
CA Purses Generated*	\$11,185,647	\$12,546,148	-10.84%
CA Race Days	36	38	-5.26%
Indicator	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% Change
Wagering on CA Races	\$766,785,275	\$822,008,166	-6.72%
CA Purses Generated*	\$50,584,166	\$53,246,592	-5.00%
CA Race Days	175	173	1.16%

\*Total Purses Generated. All Data from CHRIMS. Figures for wagering on CA races are from all locations ADW and Brick and Mortar on the CA live Thoroughbred races. CA Purses Generated are TOTAL all source purses generated and do not directly correlate to the handle figure, wagering on CA Races.

# Track Reports (Purse Generation)

SB 1072 Purse Revenue accounts for over 17% of total purses at Santa Anita and 16% at Golden Gate.

## Santa Anita - Total Purse Rev Generated - Total Rev Producing Handle

	2016	2015	Diff \$\$	Diff %
May 4, 2016 - June 12, 2016				
Total Purses Generated	\$11,219,448	\$11,407,610	-\$188,162	-1.65%
Total Revenue Producing Handle	\$255,971,396	\$256,268,251	-\$296,855	-0.12%
Race Days	24	24	0	0.00%

## Golden Gate Fields - Total Purse Rev Generated - Total Rev Producing Handle

	2016	2015	Diff \$\$	Diff %
December 26, 2015 - June 12, 2016				
Total Purses Generated	\$13,650,734	\$13,816,147	-\$165,413	-1.20%
Total Revenue Producing Handle	\$305,738,695	\$301,565,744	\$4,172,951	1.38%
Race Days	97	98	-1	-1.02%

Data from CHRIMS

## LEADING OWNERS FROM THE SANTA ANITA MEET May 4 through June 12, 2016

MOST STARTS		MOST WINS		MOST EARNINGS	
1	Hronis Racing LLC .....37	1	Hronis Racing LLC .....7	1	Hronis Racing LLC .....\$543,750
2	DP Racing, LLC ..... 25	2	Spendthrift Farm LLC ..... 4	2	Spendthrift Farm LLC ..... \$372,945
2	Reddam Racing LLC..... 25	2	DP Racing, LLC ..... 4	3	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.....\$244,000
4	Rockingham Ranch ..... 18	2	Fanticola, Anthony and Scardino, Joseph ..... 4	4	A Venneri Racing, Inc. and Little Red Feather Racing .....\$240,000
5	Kings River Ranch.....17	2	B G Stable and Palma, Hector ..... 4	5	DP Racing, LLC.....\$191,525

Statistics generated from Equibase.com

## LEADING OWNERS FROM THE GOLDEN GATE MEET December 26, 2015 – March 28, 2016

MOST STARTS		MOST WINS		MOST EARNINGS	
1	Kings River Ranch..... 63	1	Lanning, Curt and Lila ..... 15	1	Lanning, Curt and Lila ..... \$321,212
2	Lanning, Curt and Lila ..... 59	2	Hollendorfer, Janet and Todaro, George ..... 10	2	Reddam Racing LLC ..... \$213,667
3	Steve Moger ..... 56	2	Kings River Ranch..... 10	3	Peter Redekop B. C., Ltd.....\$199,532
4	Daehling, Joe and Evans, Holly..... 50	3	Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D..... 8	4	Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D..... \$171,528
5	Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D..... 49	3	Mary Tucker ..... 8	5	Mary Tucker ..... \$140,722
		3	Victor Trujillo ..... 8		
		3	Lamonte Isom ..... 8		

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## LEADING OWNERS FROM THE LOS ALAMITOS MEET April 14 – May 1, 2016

MOST STARTS		MOST WINS		MOST EARNINGS	
1	Kings River Ranch.....13	1	Mike Harrington ..... 2	1	Seltzer Thoroughbreds .....\$120,000
2	Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC... 10	1	Kings River Ranch..... 2	2	Mansor, Tom, Purple Shamrock Racing and Sherlock, Gary.....\$90,000
3	Mike Harrington ..... 9	1	Jaime H. Gomez ..... 2	3	Hronis Racing LLC..... \$77,485
4	Hronis Racing LLC..... 8	1	Edward C. Allred ..... 2	4	Kirkwood, Al and Sandra S.....\$60,000
5	Rockingham Ranch.....7	1	Rafael A. Martinez ..... 2	4	Matson Racing.....\$60,000
5	C D Ranch.....7	1	Mark Glatt ..... 2		
		1	Los Pollos Hermanos Racing..... 2		
		1	Michael R. Meeks ..... 2		

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# TOC MEMBERS ELECT ONE NEW BOARD MEMBER, FOUR INCUMBENTS



Joe Ciaglia

TOC's membership elected Joe Ciaglia and re-elected incumbents Nick Alexander, Ron Ellis, Billy Morey and Samantha Siegel to its Board of Directors. All five were elected to three-year terms. The new Board officially takes office on July 1.

Ciaglia is CEO of California Landscape & Design and California Skateparks. He has owned Thoroughbreds since 1999 and has campaigned several graded stakes winners including Weemissfrankie, Dance With Fate and Ashleyuvssugar.

Alexander, who is elected to his second three-year term, serves as Secretary/Treasurer as well as chair of the Finance Committee. Ellis has served on the board for eight years as an owner-trainer representative, and he is a member of the Racing Affairs and Medication & Integrity committees. Morey, who is an owner-trainer member and Northern California representative, has been on the board since 2012. Siegel was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board in January of this year.

A total of 6,980 ballots were mailed out to eligible voters, and 1,513 qualifying ballots were received. The complete vote tally is available for viewing on TOC's web site at [www.toconline.com](http://www.toconline.com).

The newly elected Directors join Allen Aldrich, Bob Baffert, Mark Dedomenico, Mike Harrington, Terry Lovingier, Ed Moger, Jack Owens, Mike Pegram, Bill Strauss and Kathy Walsh in comprising TOC's 2016-17 Board.

Current TOC bylaws require that at least three board members be from Northern California. Representing Northern California on the Board are Aldrich, Moger, Morey and Owens. TOC bylaws allow for up to six owner-trainers on the board, and representing the owner-trainer seats are Baffert, Ellis, Harrington, Moger, Morey, and Walsh.

## PURSE COMPARISON

CONDITION	Del Mar	Monmouth	Arlington
MSW	\$63,000	\$36,000	\$32,000
NW1X	\$65,000	\$40,000	\$33,000
NW2X	\$68,000	\$41,000	\$34,000
\$25,000 Claiming	\$36,000	\$23,000	\$24,000

  

CONDITION	Belmont	Oak Tree @ Pleasanton	Emerald Downs*
MSW	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$18,500
NW1X	\$77,000	\$27,000	\$20,500
NW2X	\$80,000	\$28,000	\$21,000
\$25,000 Claiming	\$47,000	\$24,000	\$16,600

\*Includes Indian Tribe Economic Contribution. Data from Equibase condition books and approved schedules.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT Summer 2016



Recently, there have been a lot of publications and discussions on what's wrong with California racing, which I would like to address by looking at the situation from a "cup half full" as opposed to "cup half empty" perspective.

We have the best horses in North America living, training, and racing in California. That has been proven over and over again during the last several years with our successes throughout the country and world. We have won Triple Crowns, Derbies, Breeders' Cups, and World Cups on a consistent basis. We can only conclude by these accomplishments that in California we have the best trainers and horse owners. All of this is despite the fact that we have no current fuel-injected purses from alternative gaming.

Let's be proud of our ability to maintain a business model that at the very least sustains quality racing. Yes, we do need more to provide long term solutions for our breed and our horse stabling and racing product in order to continue to compete and excel with the rest of the nation. Once we receive the boost – and it will eventually come – whether through ipoker or another source of gaming such as sports betting, the sky is the limit as far as what we can give to the world with the most magnificent creature on earth, the Thoroughbred horse.

Let's stop listening to everyone who is negative and points out our flaws. Yes, we do have flaws, and we need to improve in many areas of our sport, especially when it comes to integrity and customer experience. But we also have many positive attributes that will allow us to successfully move forward.

Finally, I would like to welcome the newest member of our executive staff, Greg Avioli, who was named chief executive officer as of July 1st. This is a great move for TOC and can only make our organization stronger.

Can't wait for Del Mar, as we continue on the path to where we need to be. See you where the surf meets the turf!

Sincerely,

Nick Coukos

## IMPORTANT DATES

- July 23: New Owner Seminar at Del Mar.
- August 6: TOC Southern California Annual Meeting at Del Mar.
- October 8: Open Forum at Santa Anita.
- October 22: TOC Northern California Annual Meeting at Golden Gate Fields..

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