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Summer Newsletter

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Chairman's Letter

By Nick Alexander



2018-19 Board of Directors Election

For this year's TOC Board of Directors election, there were five open seats and five qualified candidates. At the close of nominations on March 1, we had seven candidates. However, one of those candidates did not qualify for the ballot due to insufficient number of starts in

California in the previous year, and a second candidate subsequently withdrew from the election for personal reasons.

As a result, with five candidates for five spots, we followed previously established TOC procedure (and Section 7522 of the California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law) whereby the TOC Board declared the five candidates that were nominated and qualified as having been elected without the vote of the full membership. This had the added benefit of saving the organization approximately \$16,000 in election expenses.

I am pleased to announce that the five directors elected are: Allen Aldrich, longtime Northern California owner and member of the Northern California Racing Affairs Committee; Bob Baffert, Hall of Fame owner/trainer; Rick Gold, a new TOC board member who races horses on the Northern and Southern circuits; Ed Moger, owner/trainer active on both the Northern and Southern circuits and chair of our Northern California Racing Affairs Committee; and Mike Pegram, prominent California owner and former TOC Board Chairman (2011-2016). These Directors will join current TOC Board members Joe Ciaglia, Mark Dedomenico, Ron Ellis, Gary Fenton, Mike Harrington, Terry Lovingier, Jack Owens, Samantha Siegel, Bill Strauss and me in comprising our 2018-19 Board of Directors.

Thank You to Kathy Walsh

After serving two terms beginning in 2012, Kathy Walsh will not be seeking reelection to the board this year. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort she has given during her tenure. She has been a

vital member of our board, always looking out for all owners, and she will be greatly missed. If you see Kathy, please express your thanks for all her hard work!

Fenton Named Chair of Racing Affairs Committee

At our April board meeting the TOC board appointed Gary Fenton chairman of our Racing Affairs committee, replacing retiring committee chair Kathy Walsh. Racing Affairs is one of the most active working board committees with primary responsibilities including approving stakes and overnight purse schedules and purse contracts and overseeing race date recommendations, horse inventory, race conditions, and incentive programs. Fenton is managing partner of Little Red Feather Racing, one of California's leading owners with over 75 horses and 450 active partners. His involvement and experience in the racing business make him uniquely qualified to lead this important committee. Other committee members are Baffert, Ellis, Harrington, Lovingier, Moger, and Strauss. TOC board and staff appreciate the opportunity to represent you.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions at director@toconline.com.

Congratulations 2017 Owner Award Winners

TOC announced the winners of its 2017 statistical awards for leading California owners. **Hronis Racing LLC** was leading owner in total purse earnings; **Rockingham Ranch** led all owners by number of California wins; **DP Racing** took the award for most California starts; and **Hronis Racing LLC** and **Rockingham Ranch** share honors for most California stakes wins.

Hronis Racing runners earned a total of \$2,442,544 in California last year with 32 wins from 202 starts including seven stakes wins. Rockingham Ranch runners had 39 wins from 171 starts including seven stakes wins. DP Racing made an impressive 273 starts in California last year.

All winners will be recognized at TOC's annual meetings at Del Mar on Saturday, August 11 and Golden Gate on Saturday, October 20.

TOC EVENTS



NEW OWNER SEMINAR DEL MAR Sunday, July 22

Registration Opens June 22

Come listen to a panel of experts discuss acquiring horses at auction and through private sales, claiming horses, and joining racehorse partnerships and syndicates. Following the seminar, a tour of the Del Mar barns will be given by leading Trainers.



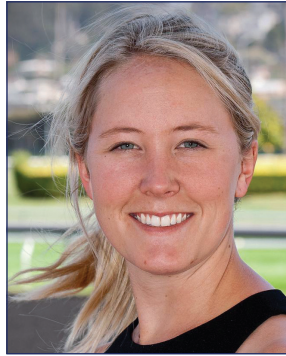
SOUTHERN ANNUAL MEETING DEL MAR Saturday, August 11

Registration Opens July 11

TOC's Southern California Annual Meeting will include a question-and-answer session. Award presentations will also be made to the winners of the annual Owner Awards, and a complimentary buffet breakfast will be served.

Golden Gate Fields Wraps Up a Successful Meet

By Elizabeth Morey
Director of Racing & No. Calif. Operations



Golden Gate Fields finished its flagship meet with average field size up 5% from last year. Highlights from the meet included:

- Paved became the first filly ever

to win the El Camino Real Derby.

- A \$100,000 purse increase in the San Francisco Mile (Gr III) brought a full field of 12 to the starting gate.
- The Albany Stakes received 16 entries and was run in two divisions.
- Justify's half-brother, The Lieutenant, won the All American Stakes (Gr. III) just two weeks before Justify won the Triple Crown.

OFF TO THE FAIRS!

Summer fair racing kicked off June 15 with the Alameda County Fair, which will race an additional week this year (through July 8), featuring the first two-year-old stakes of the year in California including the Everett Nevin Stakes, a sprint for Cal-Breds with a purse of \$100,000. Next up is California State Fair racing at Sacramento (July 13-29). Then turf racing returns with the move to Sonoma County Fair at Santa Rosa (August 2-12), which will offer three \$50,000 turf stakes for older horses.

The Humboldt County Fair (Aug. 16-26) will race one of its weeks un-overlapped for the first time since 2010. And Golden Gate Fields will race two additional weeks during its summer meet (Aug. 23-Sept. 30). The 2018 fair circuit wraps up with The Big Fresno Fair, which runs from Oct. 4-14.



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Del Mar Season Highlights

by Josh Rubinstein
President & COO, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club



SHIP & WIN

Ship & Win is back and better than ever! The first start fee has been increased to \$2,000 and we'll continue the 30% purse bonus (non-stakes). It is a bit of misnomer that Ship & Win is for out-of-state stables. We actually devised the program to incentivize local horsemen to purchase horses outside the state and to thank all those owners who bring much needed horses to run at Del Mar.

UPDATED STABLE KITCHEN

The stable kitchen has been completely renovated and everyone's favorite, Debbie Baltas, will run the operation. We believe horsemen will notice a real difference.

PADDOCK IMPROVEMENTS

We made significant improvements to the Paddock area with rubberized bricks and enhanced landscaping. The Paddock is Del Mar's signature area, and the new look is really sharp.

FOOD & BEVERAGE DISCOUNTS

Once again, Horsemen will get a 50% enhancement on food and beverage purchases through our "\$30 for \$20" voucher program. While we limit the public to one voucher per visit, horsemen can purchase multiple vouchers per day and use them throughout the meet. Horsemen should see Jenine Sahadi in the Racing Office to purchase.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Horsemen who didn't make it to Del Mar last fall will notice several facility improvements, including enhancements to the box area, renovated restrooms, and new furniture in the luxury suites.

2017 was a tremendous year at Del Mar, and Santa Anita has had a strong season, so there is significant momentum coming into the summer meet. We are excited to welcome everyone back and get going!

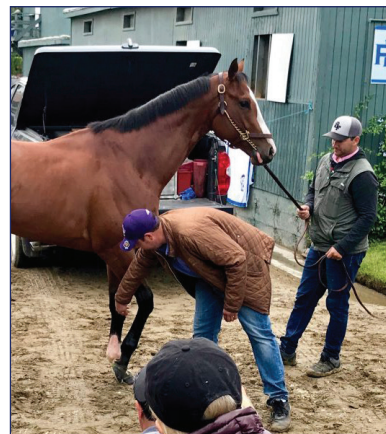


SENTIENT JET DEALS FOR TOC MEMBERS

TOC and Sentient Jet have entered into a partnership to provide discounts for TOC members. With your 25-Hour Jet Card purchase, you will also receive one complimentary hour of flight time AND a \$2,500 betting voucher to the Del Mar Racetrack with your Jet Card purchase.

For more information, call (781) 763-0260

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CONFORMATION CLINIC

SANTA ANITA

Saturday, October 6

Registration Opens September 6
TOC is partnering with expert horsemen to offer a FREE "Conformation Clinic."

The informal workshop is intended to help participants develop an "eye" for a horse. Attendees will visit the trainers' barns, where they will view a variety of horses to identify their conformation strengths and weaknesses.



NORTHERN ANNUAL MEETING

Golden Gate Fields

Saturday, October 20

Registration Opens September 20

TOC's Northern California Annual Meeting will include the general business meeting and question-and-answer session. Award presentations will also be made to the winners of the annual Owner Awards, and a complimentary buffet luncheon will be served

Sports Wagering Update

By Greg Avioli
President & CEO



The TOC was an invited guest at a meeting of the California gaming tribes, cardrooms, and racetracks held by Assm. Adam Gray, chair of the Assembly Governmental Organization (G.O.) Committee and Sen. Bill Dodd, chair of the Senate G.O. Committee, on Tuesday, June 12. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if there was sufficient consensus within the

industry to move forward immediately with a ballot initiative to legalize sports wagering in California. Because there was not that consensus, the chairmen of both committees indicated they would proceed with a bill in the 2019 legislative session.

The TOC position has been, and remains, that any discussions on sports wagering must include two fundamental points: 1) licensees should be restricted to existing brick and mortar operators (tracks and satellites, tribes, and cardrooms); and 2) any wagering at tracks/satellites shall require a 50-50 split with horsemen.

Calracingcares Gets a Boost

By Mary Forney
Executive Director



Calracingcares.com, the California Marketing Committee's public relations website first launched in the fall of 2017, has gotten a refresh since the beginning of the year, when the creative administration was taken over by XBTv. It has seen not only a general refresh of the website itself, but even more significantly the launch on May 1 of a targeted social media campaign on

Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

A growing number of followers are logging in to @calracingcares on Facebook, calracingcares on Instagram, and @calracingcares on Twitter. Both the Facebook and Instagram platforms have built up an impressive stock of videos and photos. Featured videos include Getting to Know the CHRB, Celebrating CARMA, Getting to Know the Grooms, A Day in the Life of a Race Horse, and more. XBTv

and TOC staff are closely monitoring all social media platforms and working to build a fan base.

Visit the newly updated website at calracingcares.com, and consider adding your name to the growing list of followers on social media – to stay up to date on all the good things happening in California horse racing!



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