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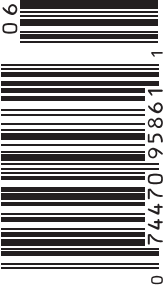
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Since last year's racing at Del Mar, the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association, in conjunction with the Thoroughbred Owners of California and track racing secretaries, has hammered out a series of lucrative incentives to reward connections supporting the local industry.

If you need a refresher on those inducements provided exclusively to Cal-breds, you don't need to scramble for a Del Mar condition book. Just keep reading.

CALIFORNIA BRED OR SIRE MAIDEN BONUS PROGRAM ALONG WITH ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR CALIFORNIA BREDS

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As a reminder, here are the current scheduled Cal-bred 2-year-old stakes for 2026. Note that the distances of the Generous Portion and I'm Smokin Stakes have been lengthened this year from 5½ furlongs last year:

Date	Stakes	Conditions	Distance	Track
Sunday, Aug. 2	CTBA	2YO Fillies	5.5 furlongs	Del Mar
Friday, Aug. 7	Graduation	2YO	5.5 furlongs	Del Mar
Friday, Sept. 4	Generous Portion	2YO Fillies	6 furlongs	Del Mar
Monday, Sept. 7	I'm Smokin'	2YO	6 furlongs	Del Mar
Saturday, Oct. 31	Golden State Juv. Fillies	2YO Fillies	7 furlongs	Santa Anita
Saturday, Oct. 31	Golden State Juv.	2YO	7 furlongs	Santa Anita
December	Soviet Problem	2YO Fillies	8 furlongs	Los Alamitos
December	King Glorious	2YO	8 furlongs	Los Alamitos



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California-bred champion Om N Joy is a multiple graded stakes winner

SANTA ANITA HONORS OM N JOY

California-bred Om N Joy, along with her trainer, Aggie Ordonez, were honored for best achievement at the Santa Anita winter-spring meeting. That achievement occurred when the filly returned to capture the Santa Margarita Stakes May 30 after competing in the Fran's Valentine Stakes just one week earlier.

"A race on an unpreferred surface, whether it be mud or turf or whatever, then when they come back on their preferred surface, they can fire big," Ordonez said. "She won't

run again until August most likely, so we had (the Santa Margarita) in mind when we went in the grass race."

A 4-year-old daughter of Om, Om N Joy is campaigned by breeders Jerry Baker and Connie Baker along with partners Michael Golovko and Terrence J. Scanlan. Om N Joy is likely to make her next start at Del Mar in the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes (G1) at 1½ miles on dirt Aug. 1.

For further information on Om N Joy's Santa Margarita victory, see page 12.

Cal-breds at Lethbridge

California-breds Jacrodra's Devil and Momo's Kiddo have done well at Lethbridge in Alberta, Canada. Jacrodra's Devil won back-to-back stakes races, while Momo's Kiddo became a stakes winner there.

Jacrodra's Devil, owned and trained by Lyle Magnuson, made it three in a row at Lethbridge with the June 20 Fillies and Mares Spring Stakes. She began the streak last year in an allowance event Oct. 13. The mare returned for her 7-year-old season with an 8¾-length blowout in the June 6 3-Year-Old Spring Stakes, which despite its name was for fillies and mares 3-year-olds and up. Under jockey Larris Allen, Jacrodra's Devil completed the distance of about 5½ furlongs in 1:07.61.

Two weeks later, Jacrodra's Devil added the Fillies and Mares Spring Stakes, winning by 1¾ lengths under Allen in 1:27.61 for seven furlongs. She has now won 13 of 44 races for earnings of \$139,365 and has competed

throughout California, at several tracks in the East, in Arizona, and in Oregon, in addition to Canada.

Premier Thoroughbreds LLC bred Jacrodra's Devil, a daughter of Smiling Tiger—Starship Duchess, by Speightstown. She was a \$20,000 yearling at the 2020 Fasig-Tipton California yearling sale.

Michael Moran bred Momo's Kiddo, a 6-year-old gelded son of Richard's Kid—Gouyen, by Tribal Rule, and began racing him at Golden Gate Fields in 2022. After competing in the claiming ranks throughout California, Momo's Kiddo made his first start at Lethbridge and the first stakes appearance of his career in the June 7 Spring Overnight Spring Stakes. Magnuson now also owns and trains Momo's Kiddo.

Fourth early in the stakes, conducted over about 5½ furlongs, Momo's Kiddo rallied to take command and win by 8¾ lengths in 1:07.39. Allen also rode Mom's Kiddo for Magnuson.

Full Sisters Run One-Two

Quantum Innergy and Fibonacci Ride, who are California-bred full sisters, finished one-two at Santa Anita May 31. Both came from well back in the one-mile turf allowance/optional claiming race, with Quantum Innergy scoring by a neck over her sister in 1:39.48.

Tiago Pereira rode Quantum Innergy for trainer Jeff Mullins. Frank Reynoso Jr. owns the 5-year-old mare, who has won four of 25 starts for earnings of \$246,442. Reynoso claimed her for \$40,000 at Los Alamitos in mid-2025.

Victor Espinoza piloted Fibonacci Ride for trainer Antonio Garcia. James Shenouda's Zephyr Racing LLC owns the 4-year-old filly, who has won two of 11 starts for earnings of \$96,000.

Shenouda bred Quantum Innergy and Fibonacci Ride, daughters of Clubhouse Ride—Wild Caroline, by Wildcat Heir.

QUALIFYING CLAIMING LEVELS

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

LOS ALAMITOS/\$40,000

DEL MAR/\$40,000



IN MEMORIAM

CINDY NIEMETZ

Cindy Niemetz, the longtime West Coast representative for the International Racing Bureau and a former staff member of this magazine, died in May after a long battle with cancer. The veteran horsewoman was an omni-present figure at the annual Breeders' Cup for more than three decades, running the quarantine barn for international shippers.

"Some people do a job; others become part of the fabric of an industry," said Dora Delgado, executive vice president and chief racing officer for the Breeders' Cup. "Cindy was the latter—tireless in her work, extraordinary in her life story, and deeply respected by everyone fortunate enough to know her. Behind every successful international foray was Cindy Niemetz and the IRB team. She will be missed by so many."

Niemetz began her career out of college by working for the CTBA publication then known as *The Thoroughbred of California*, where she put her art history degree to work in the art department.

She later was an assistant trainer to Hall of Famer Gary Jones for five years in the mid-1980s. Niemetz opened her own stable in 1987 and became the first woman to train a stakes winner at the Orange County Fair at Los Alamitos. She saddled California-bred Thai Dye, a daughter of Flying Paster, to win the 1987 T.S.C. Lowe Stakes prior to joining the IRB that fall.

Niemetz devoted much of her free time to working with her therapy dog as docents for Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. Niemetz was preceded in death by her second husband, former Santa Anita Park veterinarian Ray Baran.

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Mrazek

10 YEARS AGO

Fittingly, Doug O'Neill trained California-bred **MRAZEK** to win the \$100,345 Thor's Echo Handicap at Santa Anita July 4, 2016. O'Neill had trained Thor's Echo to win the 2006 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and an Eclipse Award as that year's champion male sprinter. After an ankle issue forced Mrazek to miss the 2015 Hopeful Stakes (G1) at Saratoga, O'Neill gave him several months off. The colt won the six-furlong Thor's Echo in his fourth start back, scoring by 1½ lengths in 1:09.45 under Mario Gutierrez. "He's

just such an honest horse," said O'Neill. "Seven out of eight times now he's been first or second." Paul and Zillah Reddam's Reddam Racing bred and owned Mrazek, a son of Square Eddie—Heckuva Rush, by Wild Rush. Mrazek earned \$312,304 on the track and stood at the Reddams' Ocean Breeze Ranch until his death in 2021.

25 YEARS AGO

Eddie Delahoussaye piloted California-bred **GO GO** to victory in the \$200,000 A Gleam Handicap (G2) at Hollywood Park July 1, 2001. Favored at 13-10 in the seven-furlong event, Go Go put her head in front on the turn and scored by a half-length in 1:22.19. Fellow Cal-bred Kitty on the Track finished second over Nany's Sweep. Warren Stute, at age 79, trained Go Go for owners Alan and Paula Thomas. Chris Ray bred the 4-year-old daughter of Falstaff—Key Mist, by Plugged Nickle. A \$25,000 graduate of the 1998 Del Mar yearling sale, Go Go had won the Las Cienegas Handicap (G3) and Desert Stormer Handicap (G3) immediately prior to the A Gleam, and she was voted champion Cal-bred sprinter of 2001. She went through three different Kentucky sales after her racing career, selling for six figures each time, and her foals included stakes winner Champagne Taste.

50 YEARS AGO

California-bred **SPORTING GOODS** defeated Shirley's Champion in the Hollywood Express Handicap July 3, 1976, at Hollywood Park. Purchased as a 2-year-old at a CTBA sale for just \$2,000, Sporting Goods raced as a claimer early on. He was initially claimed for \$15,000, and then Verne Winchell claimed him for \$20,000 as a 4-year-old. Winchell won several races with Sporting Goods and brought him back at 6 in 1976 after a sesamoid injury. Sporting Goods won the Premiere Handicap and ran third in the Los Angeles Handicap (G2) before adding the Hollywood Express. Sandy Hawley rode him in the Hollywood Express for trainer Elven Adams. Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Morrison bred Sporting Goods, a son of Winonly—Quesabe, by Princequillo. Sporting Goods, who ultimately earned \$187,725, was foaled at Gem State Stables in Tipton, Calif.



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Cal-bred Wins Energy Downs Stakes

PTwentytwo successfully carried the California-bred flag to Wyoming in the \$53,200 Jack Greer Memorial Stakes May 25 at Energy Downs 307 Horse Racing. The gelding, ridden by Nakia Teeter, raced in fifth early in the five-furlong event to win by a neck over Vlahos in :59.30.

Shaun Story owns and trains P Twentytwo, a 4-year-old gelded son of Grazen—Dim Lights, by Munnings. Nick Alex-

ander bred P Twentytwo and began racing him at Pleasanton in 2024. Story claimed P Twentytwo for \$16,000 at Santa Anita in March 2025.

Since the claim, P Twentytwo has raced at several tracks in Wyoming. He has placed in four other stakes in that state and has an overall record of three wins, six seconds, and three thirds in 14 starts for earnings of \$79,899.

KEENELAND LIBRARY RECEIVES AWARD

Keeneland Library has received the Thomas D. Clark Award of Excellence from the Kentucky Historical Society in recognition of its outstanding achievement in preserving, sharing, and promoting Kentucky's heritage.

An agency of the Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the Kentucky Historical Society is an affiliate of the Smithsonian, has full accreditation from the



American Alliance of Museums, and is a founding member of the History Relevance Campaign.

"This award is a tremendous honor," said library director Roda Ferraro, "and affirmation of an impactful year of record-setting excellence across Keeneland Library's research services and education and outreach initiatives, which—in collaboration with 70 community organizations and 62 horse industry organizations—freely reached nearly 200,000 industry stakeholders, researchers, members of the media, and community learners from every state and 39 countries."

Keeneland Library was founded in 1939, three years after Keeneland opened for racing. The institution collects, preserves, and shares all types of materials related to Thoroughbred racing. The CTBA recently donated its extensive photography collection to the Keeneland Library.

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Shea Brennan puts daylight between himself and Speedy Wilson in the Bertrando

GETTING EVEN

SHEA BRENNAN FINALLY DEFEATS STABLEMATE SPEEDY WILSON

BY TRACY GANTZ

Nick Alexander was feeling sorry for Shea Brennan before the \$100,000 Bertrando Stakes June 20 at Los Alamitos. Every time Shea Brennan had met Speedy Wilson, both Alexander-bred sons of his stallion Tough Sunday, “he’s gotten his butt kicked by his stablemate.”

Not this time.

Tough Sunday and Alexander still had the Exacta, as they did in last year’s Real Good Deal Stakes. But it was Shea Brennan who came home victorious—by 3¼ lengths.

Phil D’Amato trains both colts for Alexander. It wasn’t his original plan to pit the two against each other again because Speedy Wilson

is “really a good seven-eighths horse” and the Bertrando is a mile.

Speedy Wilson and Shea Brennan met initially at seven furlongs in the 2024 Golden State Juvenile Stakes at Del Mar. That day Speedy Wilson defeated R Heisman by a half-length, with Shea Brennan 1½ lengths back in third after making up ground from sixth.

The next summer at Del Mar, in the seven-furlong Real Good Deal Stakes, Speedy Wilson again beat Shea Brennan. They ran one-two, with 1¼ lengths separating them.

“Speedy Wilson always got the best post,” said Alexander, who noted that Shea

Brennan had drawn the “one or the two hole” in the majority of his 10 lifetime starts.

Even with post two, Shea Brennan won the 2024 King Glorious Stakes at Los Alamitos, without Speedy Wilson in the field. He drew the rail in the 2025 California Chrome Cal Cup Derby, finished first, but was disqualified to second for a bumping incident.

Neither Alexander runner was favored in the Bertrando. Bettors instead preferred Coach Cronin, who came into the Bertrando off three consecutive allowance/optional claiming wins at Santa Anita, one in open company.

Shea Brennan hadn’t started since finishing third in the Nov. 8 The Chosen Vron Stakes. While D’Amato expected him to track the early pace, the colt was fresh enough that he popped out of the gate on top under jockey Armando Ayuso.

“He broke really well, relaxed perfectly, and I let him do it on his own,” Ayuso said.

Shea Brennan and Coach Cronin raced together on the lead to the first turn, with Shea Brennan cutting the corner better and emerging on the front end down the backside. He set a leisurely pace of :23.69 for the first quarter-mile and :47.30 for a half-mile.

A couple of rivals challenged Shea Brennan in the second turn. But during the stretch run, Shea Brennan drew off. Speedy Wilson closed for second after racing last early, as Shea Brennan stopped the timer in 1:40.76.

“Armando made the right move to just go with it and not fight him,” said D’Amato. “I thought coming off the layoff that was a pretty good performance.”

Alexander not only bred Shea Brennan, he also bred the sire, Tough Sunday, and dam, Carrie Rose, a daughter of Old Topper.

“I’m happy for Carrie Rose,” Alexander said. “She’s had a long string of tough claiming-type geldings, and she was a tough racehorse herself. So this is kind of cool that she’s got a multiple stakes winner. And she had a filly last year—she had had eight colts in a row.”

The filly is by Grazen, Alexander’s longtime leading California sire and the sire of Tough Sunday. **CTB**



Trainer Phil D’Amato (second from left) joins owner/breeder Nick Alexander (white cap) and jockey Armando Ayuso in the winner’s circle



OM N JOY GOES FOR UNORTHODOX

A WEEK AFTER THE FRAN'S VALENTINE, THE CALIFORNIA-BRED WINS A GRADED STAKES

BY TRACY GANTZ

Because Aggie Ordonez knows Om N Joy's temperament so well, the trainer can make what might seem like unorthodox choices.

"First of all, she's a big, strong, sound filly," Ordonez said. "Second of all, she doesn't fret. When she goes to the races, she puts her own bridle on. The races don't take a lot out of her. She doesn't stress."

Jerry Baker, who with his wife, Connie, bred Om N Joy and owns her with Michael Golovko and Terrence Scanlan, agreed.

"She's full of love," he said. "She's come up and nuzzle you. You can just hold onto her head. I just enjoy every minute with her."

Om N Joy had disparate racing opportunities at Santa Anita in late May. She could stick with California-bred and California-sired company in the May 23 Fran's Valentine Stakes on turf or tackle graded company on dirt in the May 30 Santa Margarita Stakes (G2).

"Connie and Jerry and I sat in the office at the barn," said Ordonez, "and I presented the plan. They said, 'Well, the grass race is easier—it's Cal-breds—and the other race is her surface. I said, 'Well, what about both?' It got quiet for a moment, but they liked the idea."

Om N Joy finished seventh in the Fran's Valentine, confirming that turf is not her preference. A week later, she found the dirt much more palatable and defeated a small but mighty field in the 1¼-mile Santa Margarita.

Seismic Beauty, last year's Santa Margarita winner, went off as the prohibitive 2-5 favorite in the field of four over second-choice Simply Joking, who was coming off a 6¾-length victory in the Santa Maria Stakes (G3). Bettors made Om N Joy the 8-1 third choice, but Or-



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Om N Joy returns on just a week's rest to capture the Santa Margarita Stakes

donez liked the way the race set up.

"We drew the inside; we're going to save ground," the trainer said. "Everybody else wants the lead."

Simply Joking set quick fractions of :22.44 and :45.37, with Seismic Beauty right next to her. Om N Joy and regular rider Kent Desormeaux trailed in fourth.

After the race, Desormeaux explained his thinking, saying, "I was like, 'Go ahead—entertain each other and I'll be back here.' Joy stayed in drive the whole time. At the apex of the (second) turn, in the middle, I got to encouraging her."

That encouragement included Desormeaux reaching for his crop, only to have it fly away.

"My riding crop is at the sixteenth pole," he said. "She was already passing

them. She was fantastic."

Om N Joy beat Simply Joking by 3¾ lengths in 1:50.03. Seismic Beauty finished third, six lengths behind Simply Joking, while Lavender Love pulled up at the top of the stretch, did not finish, but walked off the track.

"If I was nervous about anything, it was about the feedback from other people," said Ordonez of the decision to run the filly back in a week. "And if I trained a horse based on feedback from other people, then I might as well just go home and sit down."

Champion Cal-bred 3-year-old female last year, Om N Joy now has six wins and five thirds in 17 starts for earnings of \$616,703. The Bakers bred her from their Hard Spun mare Margie's Minute, also the dam of stakes winner Vodka Vodka. **CTB**



The filly's many connections and fans celebrate in the winner's circle



Summer Boosts Cal-breds

GOLDEN STATE SERIES OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

It isn't just the money—though the purses for Golden State Series races are lucrative. The extensive schedule of Del Mar stakes for California-breds and California-sired runners over the years has given a leg up to the career of many a great state-bred star.

No less a champion than Ancient Title won his first stakes as a 2-year-old in 1972 at Del Mar. He captured the CTBA Stakes, a race that harks back to 1954, and he went on to become a millionaire, multiple graded stakes winner, and two-time Cal-bred Horse of the Year. Ancient Title is also a member of the national and California Hall of Fame.

The I'm Smokin Stakes was inaugurated at Del Mar in 1990. That year Best Pal took it, emulating Ancient Title by winning his first career stakes at Del Mar before going on to earn millions, three Cal-bred Horse of the Year titles, and a double Hall of Fame induction.

More recently, California Chrome got his initial stakes victory in the 2013 Graduation Stakes at Del Mar. That popular horse earned two national and Cal-bred Horse of the Year titles and is a member of the national Hall of Fame.

Some Cal-breds make a habit out of winning during Del Mar's summer season. Millionaire Halo Dolly became a fixture in the Solana Beach Stakes, collecting trophies in 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Del Mar will offer 37 stakes throughout the 2026 summer season. Eight of those stakes are exclusively for Cal-breds and Cal-sired runners, with purses totaling \$1 million.

But Cal-breds also perform well in open stakes company. Last year, Lovesick Blues captured the Bing Crosby Stakes (G1) en route to his Cal-bred Horse of



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California Chrome won the 2013 Graduation Stakes as his initial stakes

the Year title. Om N Joy became a graded stakes winner with her performance in the 2025 Torrey Pines Stakes (G3), and she has since added the 2026 Santa Margarita Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita.

Del Mar's total stakes program for the meet will total \$7.775 million, headed by the \$1 million Pacific Classic (G1) Aug. 22. Cal-breds have acquitted themselves well in the Pacific Classic, with seven winning the race, beginning with Best Pal in the 1991 inaugural running. Bertrando, Free House, General Challenge, Lava Man, Acclamation, and California Chrome subsequently followed his lead.

Several enhancements will spotlight the Del Mar meet, including the successful "Ship & Win" program, now in its 16th year, and \$100,000 purses for open maiden 2-year-old races on the dirt. Del Mar will also offer \$70,000 purses for select 2-year-old maiden races limited to horses purchased (or RNA)

for \$150,000 or less. All other maiden allowance races will carry a purse of \$80,000.

Friday cards, which previously began at 4 p.m., will now start at 2 p.m., creating a constant race-day schedule. Closing weekend, Sept. 5-7, will feature a 1:30 p.m. post time.

Many of Del Mar's popular trackside events, such as Tacos & Tequila (July 18), Uncorked: Del Mar Wine Fest (Aug. 1), and Taste of New Orleans (Aug. 15), are returning. New this year is a Turf & Surf Fest Aug. 8 and a BBQ & Beer Fest Sept. 5.

The Del Mar jockey colony is always one of the best in the nation. This year two favorites are returning: Joel Rosario and Julien Leparoux. Rosario was Del Mar's leading rider for three consecutive seasons, in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Del Mar will open its 87th summer meeting July 17 and run through Sept. 7. **CTB**



‘As Kind as He Was Large’

**DEL MAR
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DEAL WITH A
STAKES NAMED
FOR THE
CAL-BRED**

BY TRACY GANTZ
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E.B. (Pie Man) Johnston visits with Old English Rancho star Real Good Deal

In today’s climate, almost anyone who can qualify their horse to the Kentucky Derby (G1) enters him. But the 1960s were different—in more ways than peace, love, and rock ‘n’ roll. No Derby field during that decade swelled beyond 15, and only 12 faced the starter in 1964.

That field did not include California-bred Real Good Deal, who certainly had the credentials to participate. However, the Johnston family of Old English Rancho elected to skip the big race with Real Good Deal, a gigantic son of The Pie King, a stallion named for E.B. Johnston.

The patriarch of Old English, E.B. was known as the Pie Man because he began his career by delivering pies. His son,

E. W. (Buddy) Johnston, continued Old English's dominance in California breeding and racing after his father died until his own death in 2015.

Buddy once explained why he and his father bypassed the Run for the Roses with Real Good Deal.

"A race like the Kentucky Derby can pull the cork on such a growthy individual as this fellow," Buddy said. "It would be in Real Good Deal's favor to give him time to mature a bit more."

Foaled at the Johnstons' Old English Rancho, then in Ontario, Calif., Jan. 27, 1961, Real Good Deal had two Triple Crown winners up close in his pedigree. He was out of the Citation mare Good Folks, whose maternal grandsire was Count Fleet.

Despite his size, Real Good Deal was precocious enough for an excellent 2-year-old season. He won the 1963 Graduation Stakes at Del Mar and finished second to Cal-bred Hill Rise in a division of the California Breeders' Champion Stakes.

Unlike most of today's runners, Real Good Deal started seven times at 3 before the first Saturday in May. In five starts at Santa Anita in 1964, he won the San Miguel Stakes (under a jockey named Bill Shoemaker) and an allowance race, finished third in the San Vicente and San Felipe Stakes, and ran fourth in Hill Rise's Santa Anita Derby. Then Real Good Deal took back-to-back allowance races at Golden Gate Fields in April, both times when ridden by the legendary Johnny Longden.

By today's system, Real Good Deal would have earned 30 points, enough to have qualified him for inclusion into this year's Kentucky Derby field. Instead, while Shoemaker was piloting Hill Rise to second behind Northern Dancer in Louisville, Longden that same day won the California Derby on Real Good Deal at Golden Gate.

Two weeks later, Hill Rise and Shoemaker tried again in the Preakness, finishing third to Northern Dancer. Quadrangle thwarted Northern Dancer's Triple Crown bid in the Belmont, as Northern Dancer and Hill Rise ran third and fourth.

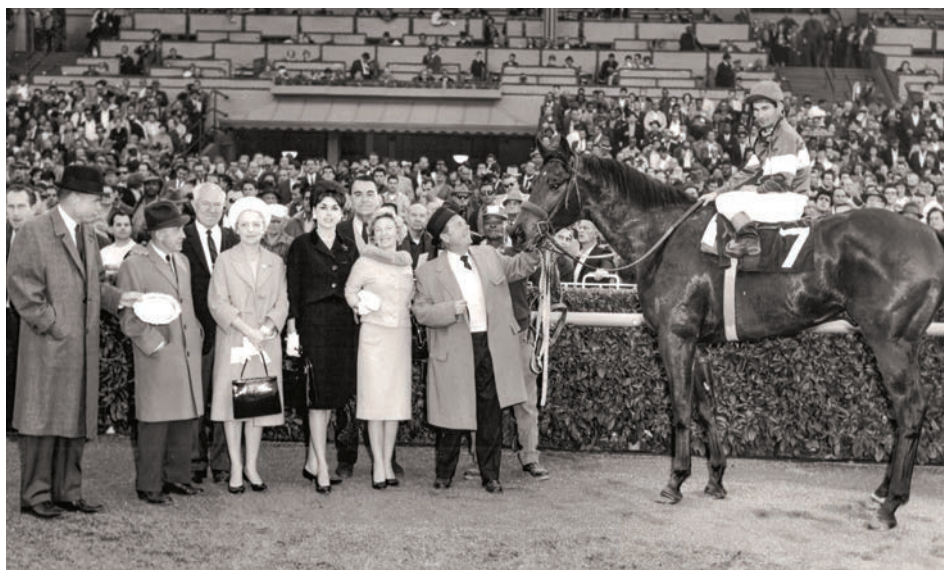
Meanwhile, on Preakness day, Real Good Deal and Longden showed up at Hollywood Park for the Debonair Stakes,



At 2, Real Good Deal won the Graduation Stakes at Del Mar under jockey Ralph Neves

“ He was extraordinary, not only because of his racing ability but because of his size.”

—Buddy Johnston



E.B. Johnston holds Real Good Deal after the colt won the 1964 San Miguel Stakes for jockey Bill Shoemaker



Blast From the Past



Johnny Longden piloted Real Good Deal to several wins, including the 1964 Debonair Stakes at Hollywood Park

scoring by 2½ lengths. Despite his size, Real Good Deal sped six furlongs in 1:09½.

Real Good Deal started four more times in 1964, two of those efforts outstanding and all when ridden by Longden. The colt ran Rex Ellsworth's Close By to a nose while finishing second in the Cinema Handicap and then led every step of the

way to defeat that rival in the Hollywood Derby by 1½ lengths.

T.R. Scott trained Real Good Deal for the Johnston family, and though the colt never reached the heights of his 3-year-old season at 4 and 5, he acquitted himself well. With Don Pierce aboard, he captured the 1965 San Bernardino Handicap at Santa Anita. He

placed in five more stakes before retiring at 5 with 14 wins in 46 starts and earnings of \$298,762.

"He was extraordinary, not only because of his racing ability but because of his size," Buddy Johnston recalled years later. "He was a very large horse. The thing that made you fall in love with him was that he was 17.2 and weighed about 1,300 when he won the Hollywood Derby, and he was as kind a horse as he was large."

Real Good Deal stood at Old English and sired several stakes winners, though none who reached his ability. At age 21 in 1983 he suffered multiple fractures of an ankle in a paddock accident and had to be euthanized.

Five years later, the racing industry remembered Real Good Deal with the inauguration of the Real Good Deal Stakes at Del Mar. The 39th running for 3-year-old Cal-breds and California-sired runners will be held July 31 and sports a \$150,000 purse.

The race has turned out many fine runners over the years. Eight winners have gone on to be named champion Cal-bred 3-year-old male, including six consecutive years from 2015-20. Most recently, Speedy Wilson won the 2025 edition of the stakes and was subsequently voted champion. **CTB**



Real Good Deal led throughout to win the 1964 Hollywood Derby



Real Good Deal stood 17.2 hands as a 3-year-old

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SUE WHITE

BY JACK SHINAR

HER HEART
IS IN
CALIFORNIA

Sue White has spent most of her adult life living on the opposite coast, but her heart, at least when it comes to horses, has always been in California.

She's been hooked on California racing and horses in general ever since she was 12 years old and growing up with her sister Ann in Rolling Hills. Both were avid horseback riders.

"My grandparents had racehorses, and I always followed the horses," said White, now 79 and living with her husband, Jeff, in Westport, Conn. "Our mother often took us to Santa Anita and Hollywood Park."

She and her sister always dreamed of breeding and owning their own racehorses. Many years later, they were able to realize that dream.

"When my mother passed away, (our inheritance) gave us the seed money," White explained.

They incorporated as Packsaddle Road Racing—named for the street where they grew up—in 2006, according to White. A few months later, they were in business, buying their first broodmare, a California-bred daughter of Unusual Heat out of the Corporate Report mare Chairwoman named Electric Chair. They purchased her for \$38,000 in foal to Event of the Year at Barretts' mixed sale in January 2007.

The sisters connected with

trainer D. Wayne Baker through Carlos Cabello, who recommended Baker to them after they acquired Electric Chair, White says. They hit it off right away, and Baker became the stable's trusted friend and racing advisor.

Based in Northern California at the beginning of their partnership, Baker has trained almost all of Packsaddle's horses over the past two decades, including the transition to Southern California following the shuttering of Golden Gate Fields.

Ann died about four years ago, leaving Sue to "forge on," as she says. She's counted on the support of Jeff, now retired after a successful business career that included front-office jobs with the Boston Red Sox and New York Mets.

Her stable is a small operation. Packsaddle has never won more than four races in a single year and hasn't enjoyed a stakes winner yet.

"We've come in fourth a couple of times," White said of their occasional forays into Golden State Series stakes events. "That's our goal, to win one. Well, to place in one first, and if we do that, then win one."

The Golden Gate closure hit them hard.

"Wayne and I didn't know if we could do this (move operations to Southern California full time)," she said. "It was a difficult decision. But we're kind of hanging on. We're kind of earning just enough to keep going."

Sue and Jeff White, who met while both were attending the University of Southern California, left the state



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Jeff and Sue White greet trainer D. Wayne Baker after a win

for the East Coast in 1981 for a business opportunity. Jeff eventually wound up with the Mets, where he was in charge of field operations, and with the Red Sox as a financial advisor. They've been married for more than 50 years, raising three children, and now have four grandchildren as well.

They come out to California every four to six weeks—they own a second home in Rancho Mirage—to see the horses, White says.

Although they live only about 50 miles north of Belmont Park along the Long Island Sound, White says she's never really considered moving her racing operation.

"My heart is in California racing. I can't see doing this anywhere else. I grew up in California, and that's where my roots are. We know how things work there. We know the infrastructure of racing there."

White says her three passions are the grandkids, the horse operation, and playing tennis, a sport she's been active with for more than five decades. She's currently wearing casts on both wrists after breaking them both in a nasty backward tumble on the court in early June.

"I play very hard," she said with a laugh.

Packsaddle has two active broodmares, Star Field and Tribal Torch, at Rancho San Miguel, with three others recently retired there. She also has two yearlings that are ready to go for breaking and training.

Six horses, led by Mars Magic, have started in 2026 for Packsaddle.

Electric Chair, bred by Barry Abrams, was good on the track, where



Victor Espinoza brings Packsaddle homebred Mars Magic back after a race at Santa Anita



Baker has trained almost every one of White's starters

she won four of 15 starts with 11 placings and earnings of \$116,800. She was solid as a foundational broodmare as well, retiring in 2021 after producing six winners from nine offspring to race for total earnings of \$524,374.

Among her progeny was Blow the Whistle, a Dixie Chatter Cal-bred

gelding who was claimed away by Jonathan Wong and found his way to Penn National. At one point, Blow the Whistle won 11 of 13 starts in mostly starter allowance and optional claiming allowance ranks in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Retired at 9 in 2021, he triumphed in 18 of 52 lifetime races and banked \$279,310.

Electric Chair also produced Tribal Torch, a Cal-bred daughter of Tribal Rule who won six of 31 outings and earned \$143,854 for Packsaddle. Tribal Torch has produced Seaver Way, a maiden gelding by Curlin to Mischief.

Mars Magic, a 5-year-old daughter of Danzing Candy out of Star Field, by Decarchy, has accounted for both of Packsaddle's victories in 2026. She's won three of 14 races overall with earnings of \$102,888. White says she plans to add the dark bay mare to her broodmare group once Mars Magic retires from racing.

White keeps looking forward despite tough times in California racing. But she is worried.

"I just hope – well, you hear all these rumors about Santa Anita and what might happen to it after the (2028) Olympics," she said. "Everybody is trying so hard. It just seems like (the future) is not up to the horsemen."

But the concerns haven't diminished White's longtime support of California racing.

"I wouldn't change any of it. I've enjoyed every minute of it. The people we've known in California racing have been wonderful to us. We've made great friends there. I'm absolutely loyal to California racing." **CTB**



Winners

MAY 26, 2026 – JUNE 21, 2026

3-YEAR-OLDS & UP

Bayern—Nice Meidel: Pondicherry (22-12), m, 5 yo, Energy Downs 307 Horse Racing, AOC, 5/31, 5f, 59.20, \$9,250.

Bluegrass Cat—Farmers Wife: American Farmer (8-4), h, 9 yo, Century Mile, STR, 6/19, 1mi 70yd, 1:42.81, \$8,700.

Bronze Star—Lady of Athens: Lady Gambita (5-2), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, SOC, 6/13, 6f, 1:10.50, \$23,100.

Clubhouse Ride—Be Faithful: Clubhouse Drama (84-38), m, 5 yo, Emerald Downs, STR, 5/31, 6f, 1:09.59, \$7,980.

Clubhouse Ride—Wild Caroline: Quantum Innergy (84-38), m, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 5/31, 1mi (T), 1:36.28, \$40,200.

Clubhouse Ride—Margot Machance (GB): Margot's Boy (84-38), g, 9 yo, Louisiana Downs, AOC, 6/9, 5f (T), 56.39, \$14,400.

Clubhouse Ride—Tiz Molly: Clubhouse Cutie (84-38), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/13, 1mi, 1:36.93, \$40,200.

Curlin to Mischief—Hekawi: Princess Hekawi (25-7), m, 6 yo, Emerald Downs, STR, 6/12, 1mi, 1:37.53, \$7,980.

Curlin to Mischief—Crystal House: See Through It (25-7), g, 9 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, STR, 6/21, 5 1/2f, 1:03.11, \$12,240.

Dads Caps—Wedding in Sorano: Ohhh Daddy (43-16), g, 6 yo, Albuquerque, SOC, 5/31, 6 1/2f, 1:15.71, \$7,434.

Dads Caps—Class With a K: Cancun Native (43-16), g, 4 yo, Wyoming Downs, ALW, 6/6, 1mi, 1:40.20, \$8,000.

Dads Caps—Silent Mistake: Travelin Witch (43-16), f, 4 yo, Prairie Meadows, AOC, 6/20, 6f, 1:09.37, \$21,120.

Dads Caps—Romance Is Passion: Whiskey Rye (43-16), g, 5 yo, Wyoming Downs, ALW, 6/20, 6f, 1:11.94, \$7,250.

Danzing Candy—Silver Score: ChromeFlash (41-13), h, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, ALW, 6/15, about 6 1/2f, 1:11.76, \$40,200.

Dialed In—Everything Good: Good Focus (151-55), g, 7 yo, Emerald Downs, STR, 6/5, 6f, 1:09.03, \$5,700.

Gig Harbor—Morning Jewel: Woodrow Call (14-6), g, 4 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, ALW, 5/30, about 6f, 1:11.47, \$3,604.

Gig Harbor—Morning Jewel: Woodrow Call (14-6), g, 4 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, ALW, 6/14, about 6f, 1:11.74, \$3,604.

Idiot Proof—Reine des Neiges: Stars Aligned (17-7), g, 12 yo, Chippewa Downs, ALW, 6/7, 5f, 1:03.10, \$2,000.

Idiot Proof—Reine des Neiges: **Stars Aligned** (17-7), g, 12 yo, Chippewa Downs, STK, Gordy Wilke Memorial S., 6/20, 5f, 1:02.00, \$5,800.

Jeranimo—Lets Get Frisky: Orth (5-3), g, 7 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, SOC, 6/7, about 6f, 1:12.43, \$3,604.

Karakontie (JPN)—Sandy Cheeks: Miso Phansy (60-26), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 5/31, 1mi (T), 1:36.37, \$40,200.

Karakontie (JPN)—Legally Blanca: None Above the Law (60-26), g, 8 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/13, 1 1/8mi (T), 1:48.24, \$52,260.

Lookin At Lucky—Tiz Elemental: Socal Red (97-38), g, 7 yo, Canterbury Park, SOC, 6/4, 1mi (T), 1:37.16, \$7,200.

Mr. Big—Temeeku: Big Spin (36-12), g, 7 yo, Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort, STR, 5/26, 1mi, 1:42.58, \$8,700.

Mrazek—Chexcess: Tequilaandtherapy (10-4), f, 4 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, AOC, 6/21, 5 1/2f, 1:03.70, \$30,600.

Musketier (GER)—Kissamee Glitter: Christine's Jack (2-2), g, 10 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, ALW, 6/13, 7f, 1:26.57, \$4,134.

Om—Margie's Minute: **Om N Joy** (63-24), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, STK, Santa Margarita S. (gr. II), 5/30, 1 1/8mi, 1:50.03, \$120,000.

Om—Doris Johnson: Doris Avenue (63-24), g, 4 yo, Chippewa Downs, ALW, 6/6, 5 1/2f, 1:08.30, \$2,500.

Om—Heat to Perfection: Dominate (63-24), g, 4 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, ALW, 6/6, about 6f, 1:12.00, \$3,657.

Orb—Quizzical: Whimsical Heir (12-7), m, 7 yo, Lone Star Park, SOC, 6/7, 7f, 1:25.15, \$8,940.

Pavel—Quant Savant: She's No Quant (24-9), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/12, 6f (T), 1:08.82, \$40,200.

Richard's Kid—Gouyen: **Momo's Kiddo** (20-7), g, 6 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, STK, Spring Overnite Sprint S., 6/7, about 5 1/2f, 1:07.39, \$5,857.

Sir Prancealot (IRE)—Campionessa Dolce: Prince Dolce (81-31), g, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/6, 1mi (T), 1:35.29, \$40,200.

Sir Prancealot (IRE)—X S Gold: Guiltyofhavingfun (81-31), f, 4 yo, Canterbury Park, AOC, 6/20, 5f (T), 56.97, \$14,400.

Smiling Tiger—Unbridled Summer: No Ordinary Tiger (101-42), g, 4 yo, Emerald Downs, STR, 5/31, 1mi, 1:37.03, \$5,700.

Smiling Tiger—Starship Duchess: **Jacrodra's Devil** (101-42), m, 7 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, STK, 3 Year Old Spring S., 6/6, about 5 1/2f, 1:07.61, \$5,857.

Smiling Tiger—Monkey Mind: Chica Tigre (101-42), f, 3 yo, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, ALW, 6/13, 5f, 1:00.50, \$3,575.

Smiling Tiger—Hotazel: Mr. Disrespectful (101-42), g, 6 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, AOC, 6/19, 6 1/2f, 1:15.90, \$40,560.

Smiling Tiger—Starship Duchess: **Jacrodra's Devil** (101-42), m, 7 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, STK, Fillies and Mares Spring S., 6/20, 7f, 1:27.61, \$5,777.

Stanford—A Kiss for Maria: Long Mayshe Reign (77-32), m, 6 yo, Santa Anita Park, SOC, 6/12, 6f (T), 1:08.90, \$26,640.

Stanford—Lemon Drop Sis: A Little Bit Crazy (77-32), m, 7 yo, Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort, STR, 6/15, 6f, 1:14.76, \$8,700.

Stay Thirsty—French Alps: French Onion (139-41), g, 5 yo, Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort, RHP, 6/2, 5 1/2f, 1:07.39, \$7,540.

Stay Thirsty—Sobresaliente: Staysober (139-41), g, 7 yo, Wyoming Downs, SOC, 6/6, 5 1/2f, 1:04.10, \$6,950.

Stay Thirsty—Sweet Lips Pooh: Tapatia Mia (139-41), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/7, 5 1/2f, 1:05.11, \$40,200.

Stay Thirsty—French Alps: French Onion (139-41), g, 5 yo, Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort, SOC, 6/16, 6f, 1:13.41, \$8,990.

Stay Thirsty—Kowboy's Gigi: Distant Fleet (139-41), r, 4 yo, Albuquerque, SOC, 6/21, 5 1/2f, 1:03.09, \$9,686.

Straight Fire—Tryst: Courtside Action (10-4), g, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 6/7, 5 1/2f, 1:02.80, \$40,200.

Summer Front—Wise Rachel: Allequin Summer (71-30), c, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, SOC, 6/7, 1mi (T), 1:35.33, \$23,100.

Summer Front—Talk Less Run More: Talkless-workmore (71-30), g, 8 yo, Hollywood Casino At Charles Town Races, ALW, 6/12, 1 1/16mi, 1:46.56, \$20,976.

Tap Back—Star of Munster: Midnight Cowgirl (14-3), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, AOC, 5/29, 6f (T), 1:10.62, \$40,200.

Tom's Tribute—Watheeqa: Poco Yo (12-5), g, 4 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, SOC, 6/7, about 6f, 1:09.87, \$3,604.

Tom's Tribute—Watheeqa: Poco Yo (12-5), g, 4 yo, Lethbridge - Rmtc, SOC, 6/14, about 6f, 1:10.60, \$4,028.

Tough Sunday—Carrie Rose: **Shea Brennan** (8-5), c, 4 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, STK, Bertrando S., 6/20, 1mi, 1:35.67, \$60,000.

Win the Space—Fuega: Ryan's Girl (5-2), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, SOC, 6/5, 1mi, 1:39.57, \$18,720.

2-YEAR-OLDS & UP

Acclamation—Clancy Rivers: Rivalation (25-4), f, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/13, 6f, 1:13.39, \$5,700.

Anthony's Cross—Spiced Latte: Bourbon and Spice (7-2), f, 3 yo, Horseshoe Indianapolis, MSW, 6/2, 5f (T), 56.95, \$19,200.

Bodexpress—Onemoresweetkiss: Sir Tom (31-14), g, 4 yo, Lone Star Park, MCL, 5/29, 6 1/2f, 1:18.63, \$7,620.

Bodexpress—Seeking the Ghost: Phantom Express (31-14), g, 3 yo, Prairie Meadows, MSW, 6/1, 6f, 1:10.40, \$20,640.

Bold Chieftain—Red Rachel: Scarlett Letter (10-5), f, 3 yo, Century Mile, MCL, 6/21, 5 1/2f, 1:07.52, \$7,200.

Cat Burglar—Mine Redemption: Hankering (31-11), g, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/12, 5 1/2f, 1:04.74, \$12,600.

Cistron—Quick Song: Jumponthistrack (10-4), f, 3 yo, Wyoming Downs, MSW, 6/7, 4 1/2f, 52.20, \$6,000.

Clubhouse Ride—Stormy Too: Royal Sapphire (84-38), c, 3 yo, Churchill Downs, MCL, 5/29, 7f, 1:23.97, \$28,896.

Clubhouse Ride—Royal Descendent: Bitter Truth (84-38), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/5, 1mi, 1:40.57, \$9,600.

Clubhouse Ride—Warren's Amber: Warren's C J (84-38), g, 4 yo, Wyoming Downs, MSW, 6/7, 6f, 1:14.34, \$6,000.

Clubhouse Ride—Big Easy: Julia Street (84-38), f, 3 yo, Canterbury Park, MCL, 6/7, 6f, 1:13.53, \$6,000.

Clubhouse Ride—Jennifer's Joy: Taking a Joy Ride (84-38), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/14, 6f (T), 1:09.50, \$39,000.

Dads Caps—Surf: Butterfly Beach (43-16), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/13, 6f (T), 1:09.52, \$21,000.

■ The accompanying list includes runners that are both California-foaled and California-sired winners in 2026 of all recent North American races, except straight claiming races.

■ Abbreviations used for the class of race are similar to those used by Equibase: Alw—allowance; Hcp—overnight handicap; names of stakes race are spelled out, with the grade of the race, when applicable, in parentheses.

Danzing Candy—Wild Cat Command: Danzing Wild Cat (41-13), g, 5 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 5/29, 6f, 1:10.68, \$21,000.

Danzing Candy—Do Dat Blues: Doyou Hearyourself (41-13), f, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/21, 5 1/2f, 1:05.22, \$5,700.

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Gato Del Oro—Enchanting Moon: Tess of Hemet (14-5), c, 3 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/21, 6f, 1:12.65, \$9,000.

Gig Harbor—Exciting Dixie: Dixie's Delight (14-6), f, 4 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 5/31, 5 1/2f, 1:04.19, \$5,700.

Gig Harbor—Night Dance: Rockabilly Rebal (14-6), g, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/7, 6f, 1:13.13, \$9,600.

Grazen—Harper Rae: Lincoln Jay (80-33), g, 4 yo, Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, MSW, 6/12, 5f, 1:00.80, \$3,300.

Halladay—My Senses: Intuitivebynature (29-3), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 5/29, 1mi (T), 1:38.41, \$21,000.

Hard Spun—Whobetterthanus: Hardtobebetternow (206-77), g, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/7, 1mi (T), 1:36.35, \$21,000.

I'll Have Another—Mo Style: Have Style (27-15), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/13, 1mi (T), 1:35.97, \$39,000.

I'll Have Another—Little Treasure (ITY): Go Cami Oh (27-15), f, 4 yo, Wyoming Downs, MSW, 6/20, 5 1/2f, 1:07.80, \$6,000.

I'm Lock N Load—Crepe Suzette: Susie's Loaded (3-3), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/15, 5 1/2f, 1:05.73, \$9,600.

Listing—Too Much Excess: Pocket Listing (7-2), c, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/14, 5f, 58.87, \$39,000.

McKinzie—Honolulu: King Kameha (125-43), c, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/14, 5f, 58.63, \$39,000.

Midnight Storm—Gypsy's Rule: Hando's Rule (68-28), g, 2 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/20, 5f, 58.57, \$18,000.

Mr. Big—Miss Star Maker: Big Reflections (36-12), g, 4 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/20, 1mi, 1:38.32, \$12,000.

Mo Forza—Florentine Diamond: Need Mo Diamonds (32-9), c, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 5/29, 6f, 1:12.07, \$21,000.

Mo Forza—Comealongwithme: Glorys Morning (32-9), f, 2 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/20, 5f, 59.80, \$18,000.

Musketier (GER)—Queen July: Money Mitch (2-2), g, 6 yo, Arapahoe Park, MSW, 6/20, 7f, 1:25.80, \$7,800.

Om—Scary Fast: Run On Om (63-24), f, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/6, 5f, 58.94, \$5,700.

Om—Unzip Me: Zip Me Up (63-24), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/12, 5f (T), 56.43, \$39,000.

Om—Vronsky Zips Away: Oh My Vron (63-24), f, 4 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/20, 1mi, 1:40.29, \$4,845.

Passion for Gold—Sunshine Laurie: Lyndee's Dream (16-6), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/5, 6f, 1:11.45, \$39,000.

Point Piper—Montpelier: Duchess Cat (3-3), f, 3 yo, Los Alamitos, MCL, 6/6, 4 1/2f, 53.09, \$4,400.

Practical Joke—Antares World: No Joke Antares (269-125), g, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/15, 1mi (T), 1:35.53, \$39,000.

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Rousing Sermon—Secret Thorn: Preachers Secret (10-2), g, 4 yo, Assiniboia Downs, MSW, 6/10, 5 1/2f, 1:06.26, \$12,900.

Sir Prancealot (IRE)—Missilette: Miss Hellfire (81-31), f, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 5/30, 6f, 1:09.90, \$21,000.

Sir Prancealot (IRE)—Our Renee: Ottis Betts (81-31), c, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/6, 1mi, 1:38.51, \$39,000.

Sir Prancealot (IRE)—Desert Steel: Owl (81-31), g, 4 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/12, 6 1/2f (T), 1:15.85, \$39,000.

Smiling Tiger—Fragrant Harbor: Sweet Smile (101-42), f, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/13, 5 1/2f, 1:05.17, \$9,120.

Smiling Tiger—Recoiling: Shady Stripes (101-42), f, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MCL, 6/14, 5 1/2f, 1:04.86, \$9,600.

Smiling Tiger—Quickly Gone: Agrowest (101-42), g, 3 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/19, 6 1/2f, 1:17.47, \$18,000.

Smiling Tiger—Addictive: Baby Needs Shoes (101-42), f, 3 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/21, 6f, 1:11.57, \$18,000.

Southern Image—Check Out: Southern Sig (8-2), g, 3 yo, Arapahoe Park, MSW, 6/14, 5f, 59.17, \$7,800.

Stanford—Miss Dolce: Aint Behavin (77-32), g, 4 yo, Canterbury Park, MCL, 6/4, 5 1/2f, 1:04.89, \$6,000.

Stay Thirsty—Clara's Dream: Jolene Fury (139-41), f, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 5/31, 4 1/2f, 52.56, \$39,000.

Stay Thirsty—Miss Athena: Confidence Man (139-41), c, 3 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/6, 5 1/2f, 1:04.40, \$39,000.

Stay Thirsty—Bossy Belle: Stay Bossy (139-41), f, 2 yo, Santa Anita Park, MSW, 6/13, 5f, 59.72, \$39,000.

Tap Back—Sherika: Twisted Humor (14-3), f, 3 yo, Los Alamitos Race Course, MCL, 6/20, 5 1/2f, 1:04.57, \$9,000.

Tap Back—Paladin Bay: Three Putt (14-3), g, 3 yo, Emerald Downs, MCL, 6/21, 6f, 1:09.79, \$9,120.

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Plowing and re-seeding
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PASTURE & PARASITES

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BY HEATHER SMITH THOMAS

For many decades, horse owners utilized routine rotational deworming schedules. But that strategy led to drug resistance in equine parasites, leaving fewer effective options today. Parasite control now depends more on farm management and relies more on testing, timing, and targeted treatment, as well as diligent pasture management.

Dr. Martin Nielsen (former professor at the Gluck Equine Research Center, University of Kentucky, and now a professor of equine clinical sciences at Aarhus University in Denmark) joined the Gluck Equine Research Center team in 2011 to build a productive research program in equine parasitology. His research focus has included parasite diagnostic measures and drug resistance. As a foremost expert in the field of equine parasites, Nielsen chaired the American Association of Equine Practitioners' parasite control



task force, which produced the AAEP parasite control guidelines.

Decades of research have shaped modern parasite control. Nielsen tells horse owners that elimination of equine internal parasites is impossible, and owners still make many mistakes. Veterinarians and farm managers can adapt their programs, however, to be more effective. From tapeworms in adult horses to ascarids in foals, today's biggest concerns are strategies that help preserve drug efficacy for the future.



Most farms use the same pasture for mares and foals every year

“Much of what we try to do is based on what we think we know, looking at the biology and life cycle of the parasites, and their survival on pasture under different conditions,” said Nielsen. “This enables us to give recommendations, but there are very few studies in which people actually did certain things with the pasture and evaluated how much these affected the parasite level in the horses, and the pasture loads.

“This is an area that hasn’t been studied very much. In earlier years, we didn’t think we needed to do any pasture management.”

Horse owners assumed they could depend on de-worming drugs and not have to worry about anything else.

“Now we are waking up from that naïve assumption and facing many questions, though there are some things we do know,” Nielsen said. “The two major categories of parasites we worry about are the large roundworms (ascarids) and the strongyles. These groups are largely different in their external stages on the pasture. With ascarids, the larvae stay inside the eggs.”

The foal ingests the egg to become infected with this parasite. By contrast, strongyle larvae hatch from the egg and migrate onto forage plants.

The ascarid larvae do not migrate, but rainfall may help spread the eggs from manure. This lack of migration is a key factor when deciding on a strategy to try to reduce parasites on the pasture.

“If you plow a pasture, there is a possibility that strongyle larvae may find their way back up to the soil surface,” Nielsen said. “They are mobile, but whether or not they make it all the way back up depends on how much energy they have and how viable they are. Studies have shown that they can migrate as much as 30 centimeters (almost 12 inches) through the soil and find their way back to the surface. Probably only a few of them do, but if you plow to reduce strongyle loads, the reduction may not be 100%. By contrast, if the ascarid eggs are 30 centimeters down in the ground after plowing, they don’t find their way up again by themselves.

“If you have permanent pastures that you use for foals every year, plowing and reseeding them every few years may be helpful. Ascarid eggs can survive for a year or longer; they are very resilient. There are claims that some can survive for many years, but we know they certainly can survive from one year to the next.”

Since these parasites are mainly a problem in foals, plowing and reseeding is a good strategy for ascarids.



“Once foals become eight to 10 months old, they kick these worms out and don’t have them anymore,” Nielsen said. “As adults, they may have a few ascarids, but they don’t get significant burdens again. Most adult horses don’t have these parasites.”

“Within that first year of life, foals become immune. But the eggs they passed earlier are still waiting in the environment for the next foal crop the following year.”

On most horse farms, foals from year to year are in the same pasture. The mares all go through the same foaling barn, and mares and foals are turned out in the same paddocks just outside the barn.

“In many places, those paddocks are never plowed,” Nielsen said. “This may be something to think about since our drugs are losing efficacy against this parasite. We know the macrocyclic lactones (ivermectin and moxidectin) are no longer effective on most farms. We also have some evidence that there may be some resistance developing against the other two drug classes we’ve been using. We don’t have new drugs around the corner, so we may start seeing larger ascarid burdens on farms that have foals every year.”

Farm owners need to think about other management strategies.

“If some of these eggs can survive for several years, depending on climate and environment, plowing every three years might reduce the egg burden waiting there,” Nielsen said.

Horsemen are finding value in running egg counts on fecal samples, but very few are checking the foals.

“It’s not as easy or practical to do it, but it’s the foals that are primarily at risk,” Nielsen said.

“A published study by Dr. Mary Rosano at University of Kentucky looked at the effect of windrowing the manure in pastures. Windrow compost is more effective than using traditional compost piles out behind the barn. In her study, she showed that no strongyle or ascarid eggs survived more than a few days. Her students measured the temperature in the windrows, and all it took to kill the eggs was for core temperature to reach about 104 degrees Fahrenheit.

“They can’t tolerate that temperature for very long. It doesn’t seem to matter



HEATHER SMITH THOMAS

Ascarids are often shed in manure after weanlings are dewormed

whether it’s ascarids or strongyles. Many people are thinking about recycling the manure on farms, and if they pile it up for composting before they spread it, it’s not difficult to check the temperature of the piles. In her study, if the temperature stayed above 104 degrees for five consecutive days, this is all it took to kill all the parasites.”

This would be similar to harrowing and scattering the feces during a hot, dry summer in a pasture where the horses have been temporarily removed. The eggs would soon dry out and die in that heat. The concept of spreading fresh manure is tricky and depends on your location.

“In Denmark, it is cool and moist, and harrowing the pastures would be ideal for worm transmission,” Nielsen said. “In moderate, moist weather, spreading manure around the pasture simply removes the horses’ protective mechanism against worms—which is selective grazing. Unless a pasture is overgrazed, they won’t eat

the grass next to their manure. A horse pasture is typically roughs (ungrazed tall grasses where horses defecate) and lawns (shorter grass the horses graze repeatedly). If you spread the feces all over the pasture, the horses don’t have a chance to stay away from their parasites.”

In U.S. regions with constant high temperatures for several weeks and little precipitation, harrowing pastures might be a way to kill the parasites.

“Strongyle larvae, especially, won’t survive for very long,” Nielsen said. “Once they reach the infective third stage (waiting to be ingested by a horse), they can’t eat. They can’t acquire any more energy. They only have whatever is stored in their body, and once that is used up, they will die unless they are eaten by a horse. The warmer the environment, the quicker the larvae use up their energy.”

If horses can be kept out of the pasture for a few weeks after spreading the manure during a hot, dry period, there should be fewer parasites. This would be true for the strongyles, but more of a question for ascarids since they are still in egg form and hardier.

Nielsen visited a farm in Kentucky where one of the research studies was set up.

“This farm had cattle and horses,” he said. “We have evidence that if you alternate or co-graze horses and ruminants, worms can be reduced. These species don’t share parasites, except for a couple very rare ones. Studies have shown that parasites can be reduced with this approach.”



A study showed that windrowing manure is an effective way to kill strongyles and ascarids



Co-grazing horses and cattle can reduce parasites because cows will graze tall grass left by horses and worm larvae cannot complete their lifecycle within cows

Cattle will also graze the tall grass left by horses near their manure piles. Worm larvae on that forage cannot complete their life cycle within the cow; there will be no eggs passed from the cattle.

The same holds true with sheep.

“They graze everywhere and don’t have specific defecation areas,” Nielsen said. “They will also graze down the roughs left by horses. The taller grass in those areas helps protect parasites from heat and drying; it gives them shade from direct sunlight and also helps hold moisture. Grazing these down with cattle or sheep leaves the worms more vulnerable and reduces their survival.”

Depending on climate, mowing the tall grass can be beneficial for this same reason, exposing the manure to more heat and desiccation.

Problems arise if stocking densities are too high and horses overgraze pastures.

“The easiest way to assess this is to look at the pasture and make sure you still have the roughs and the lawns, and it doesn’t look like a golf course,” Nielsen said.

Another approach would be rotational grazing, moving horses from one small segment of the pasture to another, leaving them in each area for only a short time so they never graze it very close to the ground. The strongyle larvae only access the lower part of the forage plant.

“The least aggressively a pasture is grazed, the less the horses are grazing the contamination areas as well,” Nielsen said.

Old studies of pasture management do

exist from the 1920s and 1930s.

“That’s the last time people were worried about this, in terms of parasites,” Nielsen said. “One study was done in the Northeastern U.S., where winters are cold. It showed that if you mowed the pastures at the end of the grazing season, before they are snow-covered (when horses are taken off the pasture for winter), you could reduce winter survival of parasites. There were fewer larvae waiting next

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—Dr. Martin Nielsen

spring to infect the horses. The tall forage and snow cover helps insulate and protect the parasites. If the tall forage is gone, however, the undulating temperatures, freezing, and thawing, before and after the snow cover, is detrimental to strongyles.

“Many horse farms have permanent pastures and don’t plow and reseed them very often, so people need to find ways to manage them to minimize worms. In a hot climate, if we can remove horses from the pasture awhile in summer and let the pastures bake, this may eliminate many of the eggs on the surface.

“In milder climates it may be more effective to compost the manure. There are ways to vacuum or gather manure from a small paddock or pasture, and compost it. In a high-risk area, like a pasture for foals, this might be cost effective. If overgrazing is an issue, pasture hygiene becomes the most feasible solution to reduce parasite loads.

In small pastures, it might be feasible to pick up manure periodically.

“If you can do it even just once a week, this would break the lifecycle, picking up larvae before they reach the infective stage,” Nielsen said. “They may develop quicker in a warm climate, but in that situation the climate itself may help reduce infectivity. The larvae develop quicker, but this means they are also more short-lived.”

In spring or fall, it probably takes two to three weeks for eggs to hatch and become infective larvae.

“If you can remove feces once a week, this significantly reduces pasture infectivity,” Nielsen said. “There may be some horses that have egg counts high enough that treatment might be recommended. But with this approach, it would be possible to reduce your deworming frequency.”

Some parasitism is natural, and not harmful, as long as worm burdens are low. Horses must come in contact with a few parasites to develop immunity.

“It’s impossible to eliminate worms completely,” Nielsen said. “We tried that, and the end result is drug resistance.” **CTB**



2026 LEADING BREEDERS IN CALIFORNIA BY EARNINGS (THRU JUNE 21, 2026)

Breeder	Starts	Wins	Stakes Wins	Leading Earner	Earnings
Reddam Racing	264	39	1	Pavlovian (\$520,750)	\$2,062,532
Richard Barton Enterprises	447	66	3	Mohaven (\$152,000)	\$2,054,424
Terry C. Lovingier	366	56	2	Fionello (\$101,400)	\$1,552,962
Nick Alexander	174	30	3	Christa McAuliffe (\$81,040)	\$1,394,236
Harris Farms	261	38	1	Start the Ride (\$154,990)	\$1,247,925
Jerry Baker and Connie Baker	7	3	3	Vodka Vodka (\$306,250)	\$507,750
Mr. & Mrs. Larry D. Williams	73	10	3	Grand Slam Smile (\$231,000)	\$484,653
William Dory, Sandy Dory, Gary Kropp & Janet Kropp	10	3	2	Majestic Oops (\$452,750)	\$463,512
PT Syndicate #1	55	16	1	Uncle Chilly (\$109,400)	\$425,798
Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	117	18	0	Theresasilverlinin (\$60,540)	\$346,486
Legacy Ranch	79	8	0	Courtside Action (\$61,200)	\$270,137
C-Punch Ranch	44	6	0	Prince Dolce (\$118,720)	\$254,097
BG Stables	69	12	0	Run With Liberty (\$97,200)	\$242,255
Steve Henry Moger	16	6	0	Romantic Ride (\$120,840)	\$230,407
J. Kirk Robison and Judy Robison	43	8	0	None Above the Law (\$84,720)	\$222,816
Milt Policzer	39	7	0	Beeblebrox (\$65,200)	\$214,723
Premier Thoroughbreds	60	14	2	Third Beer (\$56,960)	\$214,124
Linda Madsen	85	9	0	Lyndee's Dream (\$62,260)	\$190,719
Moger Inc. and Neary Racing	12	4	0	Irish Royalty (\$152,140)	\$175,925
DP Racing	34	7	0	Pure Chaos (\$94,620)	\$172,072
Old English Rancho	38	3	2	Flyover (\$122,000)	\$158,324
Willow Tree Farm and G. W. Thomas	13	4	0	Coach Cronin (\$152,460)	\$156,039
Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	35	9	0	Proof He Rides (\$55,380)	\$155,096
Mo Forza Partners	10	2	0	Ventry Strand (\$85,000)	\$153,100
Richard Barton Enterprises and Robert Traynor	46	8	0	Going Deep (\$48,942)	\$152,894
B & B Zietz Stables	3	2	2	Man O Rose (\$147,000)	\$147,000
Liberty Road Stables	41	8	0	Scene by Me (\$46,700)	\$145,339
Thomas W. Bachman	19	3	0	Sammy Davis (\$51,950)	\$144,056
Larry Odbert	68	7	0	Ottis Betts (\$48,240)	\$143,025
Daehling Ranch	55	11	0	Clever Clover (\$36,900)	\$142,479
Red Baron's Barn and Rancho Temescal	3	2	0	Runamileinmyshoes (\$141,900)	\$141,900
JK Racing	22	1	0	Donttellmewhattodo (\$88,100)	\$133,575
Kretz Racing	20	6	0	Ryan's Girl (\$98,240)	\$132,437
Alice Camille Bamford	13	3	0	Apple Pie (\$47,820)	\$132,226
Turner Shiew	14	9	1	Distant Fleet (\$80,930)	\$131,522
James Shenouda	16	2	0	Quantum Innergy (\$71,000)	\$131,260
Rozamund Barclay	64	7	0	Clarina (\$43,000)	\$119,353
Albert and Kathleen Mattivi	11	2	0	A Great Shaking (\$79,740)	\$118,340
Bar C Racing Stables	14	2	1	Big City Lights (\$113,040)	\$115,925
Tiz Molly Partners	7	2	0	Clubhouse Cutie (\$114,880)	\$114,880
Carlwood Farms	16	2	0	Cecilia Street (\$100,150)	\$113,840
Rainmaker Racing	12	1	0	Galloping Ghost (\$58,400)	\$113,000
Paula Capestro	7	3	0	Chrome flash (\$48,740)	\$109,740
Alfred A. Pais	6	3	1	Unrivaled Time (\$87,500)	\$108,300
Four Quarters	26	2	0	Curlin Command (\$51,740)	\$108,270
Rainmaker Racing, Ben and Sally Warren and Bret Lewis	14	2	0	Special Club (\$58,400)	\$107,900
Glen Hill Farm	19	1	0	Maggles McGee (\$45,900)	\$106,056
Gilman Racing and Nat Rubinfeld	5	2	0	Lavender Love (\$105,712)	\$105,712
Dr. & Mrs. William T. Gray	34	1	0	Drop Um (\$59,184)	\$104,312
Ruis Racing	20	5	0	Talklessworkmore (\$77,558)	\$100,602
My Way Racing	4	1	1	Cee Drew (\$99,250)	\$99,250
Say Jay Racing	4	1	1	Hey Jessie (\$95,750)	\$95,750
Robert Traynor	25	7	0	Baby Waylon (\$30,730)	\$94,523
Donald Valpredo	23	4	0	Mayacama (\$56,000)	\$93,627
Francis O'Leary	38	8	1	Rachel's Coach (\$38,680)	\$91,135
Benowitz Family Trust, Convergence Stables and Mathilde Powell	5	2	0	Scatalotadingdong (\$89,920)	\$89,920

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2026 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA BY AVERAGE EARNINGS PER RUNNER

Sire	Rnrs	Races Won	Earned	Earnings/Runner
1 Majestic Harbor, 2008, by Rockport Harbor	10	4	\$529,428	\$52,943
2 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	24	12	\$1,029,185	\$42,883
3 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	82	38	\$1,847,622	\$22,532
4 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	143	80	\$3,042,434	\$21,276
5 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	84	49	\$1,783,941	\$21,237
6 Mrazek, 2013, by Square Eddie	10	5	\$192,821	\$19,282
7 Om, 2012, by Munnings	63	31	\$1,149,538	\$18,247
8 Tamarando, 2011, by Bertrando	12	6	\$208,868	\$17,406
9 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	90	50	\$1,465,573	\$16,284
10 Cistron, 2014, by The Factor	10	4	\$162,656	\$16,266
11 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	58	36	\$905,637	\$15,614
12 Tom's Tribute, 2010, by Lion Heart	12	9	\$177,333	\$14,778
13 Gato Del Oro, 2014, by Medaglia d'Oro	14	7	\$203,685	\$14,549
14 Tap Back, 2017, by Einstein (BRZ)	14	4	\$200,026	\$14,288
15 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	36	20	\$510,851	\$14,190
16 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	77	39	\$1,090,853	\$14,167
17 Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	147	65	\$1,998,449	\$13,595
18 Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	11	7	\$149,279	\$13,571
19 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	32	10	\$433,646	\$13,551
20 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	26	9	\$350,819	\$13,493

2026 LEADING TURF SIRES IN CALIFORNIA

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Wnrs	Wins	Earned
1 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	45	90	8	12	\$1,073,839
2 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	56	154	16	23	\$958,203
3 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	51	111	12	14	\$929,609
4 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	42	101	15	16	\$782,145
5 Om, 2012, by Munnings	35	67	6	8	\$501,425
6 Smiling Tiger, 2007, by Hold That Tiger	31	58	5	7	\$451,032
7 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	14	31	2	2	\$282,290
8 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	14	33	4	5	\$244,730
9 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	18	33	3	3	\$236,181
10 Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	29	43	4	4	\$226,490
11 Acclamation, 2006, by Unusual Heat	9	31	3	4	\$193,212
12 Cat Burglar, 2010, by Unbridled's Song	7	12	2	3	\$163,225
13 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	22	35	4	4	\$162,630
14 Halladay, 2016, by War Front	14	34	2	2	\$159,345
15 Curlin to Mischief, 2011, by Curlin	8	18	2	2	\$139,095
16 Catholic Boy, 2015, by More Than Ready	25	63	6	6	\$137,053
17 Richard's Kid, 2005, by Lemon Drop Kid	11	27	2	2	\$129,530
18 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	13	32	1	1	\$117,289
19 Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneer of the Nile	21	48	4	5	\$115,595
20 Tamarando, 2011, by Bertrando	5	14	1	2	\$112,740

2026 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA BY MONEY WON

Sire	Rnrs	Strts	Races Won	Earned
1 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	143	481	80	\$3,042,434
2 Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	147	505	65	\$1,998,449
3 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	82	275	38	\$1,847,622
4 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	84	308	49	\$1,783,941
5 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	90	323	50	\$1,465,573
6 Smiling Tiger, 2007, by Hold That Tiger	101	339	58	\$1,356,775
7 Om, 2012, by Munnings	63	208	31	\$1,149,538
8 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	77	260	39	\$1,090,853
9 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	24	95	12	\$1,029,185
10 Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneer of the Nile	75	274	43	\$946,871
11 Catholic Boy, 2015, by More Than Ready	98	361	41	\$929,593
12 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	58	290	36	\$905,637
13 Dads Caps, 2010, by Discreet Cat	44	160	27	\$549,748
14 Majestic Harbor, 2008, by Rockport Harbor	10	27	4	\$529,428
15 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	36	129	20	\$510,851
16 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	32	93	10	\$433,646
17 Cat Burglar, 2010, by Unbridled's Song	32	95	15	\$362,498
18 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	26	83	9	\$350,819
19 Curlin to Mischief, 2011, by Curlin	25	81	9	\$302,350
20 Tough Sunday, 2012, by Grazen	8	19	5	\$292,132
21 Halladay, 2016, by War Front	29	92	3	\$273,558
22 Acclamation, 2006, by Unusual Heat	25	82	7	\$267,943
23 Richard's Kid, 2005, by Lemon Drop Kid	20	74	9	\$255,747
24 Vronsky, 1999, by Danzig	23	76	8	\$250,178
25 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	18	55	7	\$214,771
26 Tamarando, 2011, by Bertrando	12	41	6	\$208,868
27 Smokem, 2015, by Union Rags	18	57	9	\$204,816
28 Gato Del Oro, 2014, by Medaglia d'Oro	14	50	7	\$203,685
29 Tap Back, 2017, by Einstein (BRZ)	14	48	4	\$200,026
30 Mrazek, 2013, by Square Eddie	10	44	5	\$192,821
31 Point Piper, 2010, by Giant's Causeway	6	22	8	\$180,635
32 Tom's Tribute, 2010, by Lion Heart	12	47	9	\$177,333
33 Cistron, 2014, by The Factor	10	29	4	\$162,656
34 Graydar, 2009, by Unbridled's Song	24	71	6	\$155,869
35 Far From Over, 2012, by Blame	7	33	6	\$155,557
36 Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	17	41	9	\$154,213
37 Conquest Farenheit, 2014, by Scat Daddy	19	70	5	\$149,655
38 Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	11	48	7	\$149,279
39 Passion for Gold, 2007, by Medaglia d'Oro	19	56	6	\$146,165
40 Win the Space, 2012, by Pulpit	5	22	6	\$132,607
41 Originaire (IRE), 2016, by Zoffany (IRE)	7	18	3	\$130,460
42 Northern Causeway, 2008, by Giant's Causeway	21	69	7	\$123,294
43 Govenor Charlie, 2010, by Midnight Lute	9	35	5	\$113,945
44 Desert Code, 2004, by E Dubai	15	61	5	\$106,808
45 Uptown Rythem, 2011, by Speightstown	8	26	1	\$97,404
46 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	15	53	3	\$95,822
47 Gig Harbor, 2008, by City Zip	14	52	7	\$95,433

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**2026 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY MEDIAN EARNINGS PER RUNNER**

Sire	Rnrs	Races Won	Earned	Median
1 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	24	12	\$1,029,185	\$13,823
2 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	32	10	\$433,646	\$12,518
3 Empire Way, 2009, by Empire Maker	11	7	\$149,279	\$11,300
4 Mrazek, 2013, by Square Eddie	10	5	\$192,821	\$10,059
5 Tom's Tribute, 2010, by Lion Heart	12	9	\$177,333	\$9,899
6 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	84	49	\$1,783,941	\$9,853
7 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	82	38	\$1,847,622	\$8,400
8 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	143	80	\$3,042,434	\$8,135
9 Om, 2012, by Munnings	63	31	\$1,149,538	\$7,940
10 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	36	20	\$510,851	\$7,703
11 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	77	39	\$1,090,853	\$7,340
12 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	90	50	\$1,465,573	\$7,290
13 Tamarando, 2011, by Bertrando	12	6	\$208,868	\$7,040
14 Smokem, 2015, by Union Rags	18	9	\$204,816	\$6,999
15 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	58	36	\$905,637	\$6,449
16 Gato Del Oro, 2014, by Medaglia d'Oro	14	7	\$203,685	\$6,118
17 Ministers Wild Cat, 2000, by Deputy Minister	15	3	\$95,822	\$6,000
18 Rousing Sermon, 2009, by Lucky Pulpit	10	2	\$61,555	\$5,985
19 Bold Chieftain, 2003, by Chief Seattle	10	7	\$83,624	\$5,898
20 Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile	75	43	\$946,871	\$5,875
21 Halladay, 2016, by War Front	29	3	\$273,558	\$5,600
22 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	26	9	\$350,819	\$5,346

**2026 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY AVERAGE EARNINGS PER START**

Sire	Rnrs	Srts	Earned	Earnings Start
1 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	24	95	\$1,029,185	\$10,834
2 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	82	275	\$1,847,622	\$6,719
3 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	143	481	\$3,042,434	\$6,325
4 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	84	308	\$1,783,941	\$5,792
5 Om, 2012, by Munnings	63	208	\$1,149,538	\$5,527
6 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	32	93	\$433,646	\$4,663
7 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	90	323	\$1,465,573	\$4,537
8 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	26	83	\$350,819	\$4,227
9 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	77	260	\$1,090,853	\$4,196
10 Gato Del Oro, 2014, by Medaglia d'Oro	14	50	\$203,685	\$4,074
11 Smiling Tiger, 2007, by Hold That Tiger	101	339	\$1,356,775	\$4,002
12 Mr. Big, 2003-24, by Dynaformer	36	129	\$510,851	\$3,960
13 Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	147	505	\$1,998,449	\$3,957
14 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	18	55	\$214,771	\$3,905
15 Cat Burglar, 2010, by Unbridled's Song	32	95	\$362,498	\$3,816
16 Curlin to Mischief, 2011, by Curlin	25	81	\$302,350	\$3,733
17 Smokem, 2015, by Union Rags	18	57	\$204,816	\$3,593
18 Richard's Kid, 2005, by Lemon Drop Kid	20	74	\$255,747	\$3,456
Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile	75	274	\$946,871	\$3,456
20 Dads Caps, 2010, by Discreet Cat	44	160	\$549,748	\$3,436

**2026 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY NUMBER OF WINNERS**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Races Won	Earned
1 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	143	54	80	\$3,042,434
2 Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	147	45	65	\$1,998,449
3 Smiling Tiger, 2007, by Hold That Tiger	101	42	58	\$1,356,775
4 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	84	38	49	\$1,783,941
5 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	90	35	50	\$1,465,573
6 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	82	33	38	\$1,847,622
7 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	77	32	39	\$1,090,853
8 Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile	75	29	43	\$946,871
9 Catholic Boy, 2015, by More Than Ready	98	27	41	\$929,593
10 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	58	25	36	\$905,637
11 Om, 2012, by Munnings	63	24	31	\$1,149,538
12 Dads Caps, 2010, by Discreet Cat	44	17	27	\$549,748
13 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	36	12	20	\$510,851
14 Cat Burglar, 2010, by Unbridled's Song	32	11	15	\$362,498
15 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	24	9	12	\$1,029,185
Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	32	9	10	\$433,646
17 Smokem, 2015, by Union Rags	18	8	9	\$204,816
18 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	26	7	9	\$350,819
Curlin to Mischief, 2011, by Curlin	25	7	9	\$302,350
Richard's Kid, 2005, by Lemon Drop Kid	20	7	9	\$255,747
Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	17	7	9	\$154,213

**2026 LEADING SIRES IN CALIFORNIA
BY NUMBER OF RACES WON**

Sire	Rnrs	Srts	Races Won	Earned
1 Collected, 2013, by City Zip	143	481	80	\$3,042,434
2 Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	147	505	65	\$1,998,449
3 Smiling Tiger, 2007-24, by Hold That Tiger	101	339	58	\$1,356,775
4 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	90	323	50	\$1,465,573
5 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	84	308	49	\$1,783,941
6 Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile	75	274	43	\$946,871
7 Catholic Boy, 2015, by More Than Ready	98	361	41	\$929,593
8 Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	77	260	39	\$1,090,853
9 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	82	275	38	\$1,847,622
10 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	58	290	36	\$905,637
11 Om, 2012, by Munnings	63	208	31	\$1,149,538
12 Dads Caps, 2010, by Discreet Cat	44	160	27	\$549,748
13 Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	36	129	20	\$510,851
14 Cat Burglar, 2010, by Unbridled's Song	32	95	15	\$362,498
15 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	24	95	12	\$1,029,185
16 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	32	93	10	\$433,646
17 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	26	83	9	\$350,819
Curlin to Mischief, 2011, by Curlin	25	81	9	\$302,350
Richard's Kid, 2005, by Lemon Drop Kid	20	74	9	\$255,747
Smokem, 2015, by Union Rags	18	57	9	\$204,816
Tom's Tribute, 2010, by Lion Heart	12	47	9	\$177,333
Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	17	41	9	\$154,213



2026 LEADING LIFETIME SIRES IN CALIFORNIA

Stallion (Foreign Foaled), Year, Sire	Crops	Avg Size	Named Foals	Runners	Winners	2YO Winners	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Winners	Progeny Earnings	AEI	Comp Index
1 Grazen, 2006, by Benchmark	14	33	467	328-70%	237-51%	40-9%	29-6%	5-1%	\$32,450,487	1.33	0.99
2 Bluegrass Cat, 2003, by Storm Cat	17	50	846	701-83%	477-56%	125-15%	38-4%	6-1%	\$51,507,786	1.13	1.41
Collected, 2013, by City Zip	5	72	360	301-84%	200-56%	60-17%	23-6%	8-2%	\$21,957,043	1.13	1.38
4 Clubhouse Ride, 2008, by Candy Ride (ARG)	9	33	298	213-71%	148-50%	34-11%	7-2%	3-1%	\$17,466,479	1.09	0.91
Mr. Big, 2003, by Dynaformer	13	19	253	187-74%	121-48%	27-11%	12-5%	3-1%	\$14,864,311	1.09	0.90
6 Pavel, 2014, by Creative Cause	4	15	61	44-72%	25-41%	13-21%	2-3%	0-0%	\$2,774,450	1.03	1.22
Stay Thirsty, 2008, by Bernardini	11	71	783	621-79%	420-54%	134-17%	25-3%	3-0%	\$43,149,724	1.03	1.21
8 I'll Have Another, 2009, by Flower Alley	11	45	492	461-94%	338-69%	82-17%	7-1%	2-0%	\$59,441,501	1.02	1.04
9 Sir Prancealot (IRE), 2010, by Tamayuz (GB)	9	59	532	413-78%	252-47%	114-21%	17-3%	6-1%	\$21,603,862	1.00	0.91
10 Southern Image, 2000, by Halo's Image	18	20	354	286-81%	205-58%	54-15%	8-2%	1-0%	\$17,079,515	0.99	1.08
11 Jack Milton, 2010, by War Front	8	24	194	144-74%	95-49%	19-10%	6-3%	2-1%	\$9,310,705	0.95	1.04
12 Jersey Town, 2006, by Speightstown	11	24	265	192-72%	141-53%	35-13%	8-3%	3-1%	\$11,782,547	0.93	0.96
13 Acclamation, 2006, by Unusual Heat	11	23	253	181-72%	110-43%	15-6%	7-3%	1-0%	\$10,919,686	0.91	1.07
14 Idiot Proof, 2004, by Benchmark	14	14	193	113-59%	79-41%	20-10%	2-1%	0-0%	\$6,554,591	0.89	0.86
15 Cyclotron, 2000, by Grand Slam	16	10	164	113-69%	86-52%	1-1%	3-2%	1-1%	\$6,843,882	0.88	1.01
16 Midnight Storm, 2011, by Pioneerof the Nile	6	43	260	193-74%	133-51%	30-12%	6-2%	2-1%	\$10,809,370	0.87	1.01
17 Smiling Tiger, 2007, by Hold That Tiger	10	56	562	392-70%	259-46%	55-10%	13-2%	1-0%	\$23,694,257	0.85	0.94
18 Graydar, 2009, by Unbridled's Song	10	40	399	305-76%	201-50%	53-13%	7-2%	1-0%	\$17,273,904	0.84	1.17
19 James Street, 2007, by El Prado (IRE)	9	7	67	32-48%	14-21%	2-3%	1-1%	0-0%	\$1,877,534	0.80	0.83
20 Desert Code, 2004, by E Dubai	14	14	193	150-78%	111-58%	22-11%	4-2%	0-0%	\$8,428,326	0.78	0.97
Om, 2012, by Munnings	4	44	175	100-57%	52-30%	10-6%	3-2%	1-1%	\$3,718,748	0.78	1.00
Passion for Gold, 2007, by Medaglia d'Oro	6	18	107	58-54%	29-27%	6-6%	0-0%	0-0%	\$1,756,984	0.78	0.84
23 Tamarando, 2011, by Bertrando	7	11	75	54-72%	35-47%	7-9%	4-5%	0-0%	\$3,121,715	0.77	1.16
24 Richard's Kid, 2005, by Lemon Drop Kid	10	16	155	98-63%	68-44%	10-6%	0-0%	0-0%	\$5,470,861	0.76	0.82
25 Anthony's Cross, 2008, by Indian Charlie	10	9	92	62-67%	40-43%	5-5%	2-2%	0-0%	\$2,686,768	0.72	0.91
Surf Cat, 2002, by Sir Cat	15	11	163	109-67%	69-42%	11-7%	2-1%	2-1%	\$4,873,111	0.72	1.10
27 Bold Chieftain, 2003, by Chief Seattle	12	9	111	79-71%	54-49%	9-8%	1-1%	0-0%	\$4,544,813	0.70	0.80
Stanford, 2012, by Malibu Moon	6	46	273	196-72%	139-51%	39-14%	2-1%	0-0%	\$9,492,466	0.70	0.83
29 Catholic Boy, 2015, by More Than Ready	4	51	202	171-85%	96-48%	31-15%	2-1%	0-0%	\$6,305,441	0.69	1.54
30 Smokem, 2015, by Union Rags	5	14	72	49-68%	24-33%	12-17%	1-1%	0-0%	\$1,703,814	0.67	0.71
31 Rousing Sermon, 2009, by Lucky Pulpit	8	9	74	47-64%	29-39%	8-11%	0-0%	0-0%	\$2,182,266	0.65	1.01
32 Dads Caps, 2010, by Discreet Cat	7	22	157	101-64%	75-48%	24-15%	2-1%	0-0%	\$4,867,310	0.64	0.78
33 Cat Burglar, 2010, by Unbridled's Song	6	19	111	73-66%	57-51%	16-14%	1-1%	0-0%	\$3,324,852	0.61	0.77
34 Merit Man, 2010, by With Distinction	7	8	55	24-44%	11-20%	5-9%	1-2%	0-0%	\$893,266	0.60	0.82
35 Tom's Tribute, 2010, by Lion Heart	8	13	102	74-73%	46-45%	9-9%	1-1%	0-0%	\$3,011,750	0.59	0.77
36 Gig Harbor, 2008, by City Zip	10	10	102	64-63%	44-43%	4-4%	0-0%	0-0%	\$2,484,502	0.58	0.74
Govenor Charlie, 2010, by Midnight Lute	8	11	84	55-65%	29-35%	15-18%	1-1%	0-0%	\$1,831,513	0.58	0.72
38 Forest Command, 2005, by Monarchos	12	6	76	45-59%	25-33%	3-4%	0-0%	0-0%	\$1,535,551	0.57	0.66
39 Many Rivers, 2005, by Storm Cat	13	7	96	72-75%	42-44%	9-9%	0-0%	0-0%	\$2,645,321	0.56	0.76
40 He Be Fire N Ice, 2008, by Unusual Heat	9	8	69	49-71%	25-36%	5-7%	0-0%	0-0%	\$1,690,661	0.52	0.70
41 Conquest Farenheit, 2014, by Scat Daddy	5	13	67	45-67%	25-37%	7-10%	0-0%	0-0%	\$1,366,689	0.49	0.95
Jeranimo, 2006, by Congaree	9	8	71	53-75%	31-44%	5-7%	0-0%	0-0%	\$1,843,020	0.49	0.81
43 Mo Forza, 2016, by Uncle Mo	2	53	105	37-35%	10-10%	2-2%	0-0%	0-0%	\$532,056	0.45	0.89
44 Boat Trip, 2009, by Harlan's Holiday	8	8	60	40-67%	19-32%	2-3%	1-2%	0-0%	\$1,113,339	0.42	0.63
45 Halladay, 2016, by War Front	2	37	74	30-41%	4-5%	1-1%	0-0%	0-0%	\$449,051	0.41	0.90
46 Texas Ryano, 2011, by Curlin	6	10	58	44-76%	20-34%	4-7%	0-0%	0-0%	\$876,145	0.39	0.95
47 Northern Causeway, 2008, by Giant's Causeway	9	17	156	111-71%	66-42%	6-4%	0-0%	0-0%	\$2,991,404	0.35	0.81
48 Pontiff, 2010, by Giant's Causeway	6	9	51	34-67%	10-20%	2-4%	0-0%	0-0%	\$555,967	0.29	0.55
49 Dosificado (CHI), 2012, by Scat Daddy	5	12	59	26-44%	9-15%	1-2%	0-0%	0-0%	\$209,209	0.21	0.73

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Stakes & Sales Dates

2026 REGIONAL RACE MEETINGS

Los Angeles County Fair at Los Alamitos, Los Alamitos	June 19-July 5
Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar	July 17-Sept. 7
Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos	Sept. 9-22
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Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Del Mar	Nov. 6-29
Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos	Dec. 2-15

2026 REGIONAL SALE DATES

SEPTEMBER 30
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California-Bred/California-Sired STAKES RACES

JULY – SEPTEMBER

DEL MAR

FRIDAY, JULY 24

\$150,000 Fleet Treat Stakes
 Three-Year-Old Fillies
 7 furlongs

FRIDAY, JULY 31

\$150,000 Real Good Deal Stakes
 Three-Year-Olds
 7 furlongs

SATURDAY, AUG. 1

\$150,000 California Dreamin' Stakes
 Three-Year-Olds & Up
 1 1/16 miles (Turf)

SUNDAY, AUG. 2

\$100,000 CTBA Stakes
 Two-Year-Old Fillies
 5 1/2 furlongs

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

\$100,000 Graduation Stakes
 Two-Year-Olds
 5 1/2 furlongs

SATURDAY, AUG. 15

\$150,000 Solana Beach Stakes
 Three-Year-Olds & Up, Fillies and Mares
 1 mile (Turf)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

\$100,000 Generous Portion Stakes
 Two-Year-Old Fillies
 6 furlongs

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

\$100,000 I'm Smokin Stakes
 Two-Year-Olds
 6 furlongs

Stakes & Sales Dates



JULY/AUGUST 2026 AVAILABLE REGIONAL STAKES RACES

Date	Track	Stakes (Grade)	Conditions	Distance	Added Value	
JULY	4	LRC	Great Lady M. Stakes (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	6½ f.	\$200,000
	17	Dmr	Caesars Sportsbook Oceanside Stakes	3-y-o	1 m. (T)	\$150,000
	18	Dmr	San Diego Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1¼ m.	\$300,000
	18	Dmr	San Clemente Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o f.	1 m. (T)	\$200,000
	19	Dmr	Wickerr Stakes	3-y-o & up	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
	24	Dmr	Fleet Treat Stakes	3-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	7 f.	\$150,000
	25	Dmr	Bing Crosby Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up	6 f.	\$400,000
	25	Dmr	Daisycutter Handicap	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	5 f. (T)	\$100,000
	25	Dmr	Osunitas Stakes	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1 m. (T)	\$100,000
	26	Dmr	Eddie Read Stakes (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up	1⅛ m. (T)	\$250,000
	31	Dmr	Real Good Deal Stakes	3-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	7 f.	\$150,000
	AUGUST	1	Dmr	Clement L. Hirsch Stakes (Gr. I)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1¼ m.
1		Dmr	California Dreamin' Stakes	3-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	1¼ m. (T)	\$150,000
2		Dmr	CTBA Stakes	2-y-o f., Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	5½ f.	\$100,000
7		Dmr	Graduation Stakes	2-y-o, Cal-Bred/Cal-Sired	5½ f.	\$100,000
8		Dmr	Yellow Ribbon Handicap (Gr. II)	3-y-o & up, f. & m.	1¼ m. (T)	\$200,000
8		Dmr	Best Pal Stakes (Gr. III)	2-y-o	6 f.	\$150,000
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