

The Leading California Stallions of 2002

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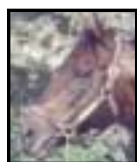
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In Excess (Ire)—The Vessels Stallion Farm resident became the first stallion since General Meeting in 1998 to top California's general and juvenile sire lists by money won in the same year. His runners earned \$3,310,610 overall, while his 2-year-olds compiled \$1,075,736. He also led for average earnings per runner (\$37,094) among juvenile sires and was the third leading general sire for average earnings per start (\$5,859). His top runners included graded stakes winners Above Perfection and Icecoldbeeratreds.



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Valid Wager—This young Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC stallion was ranked second for both earnings (\$2,746,894) and races won (96), thus making him California's leading third-crop sire for the year. His leading runners of 2002 included grade III Sapling Stakes winner Valid Video and multiple stakes victor Yo.



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High Brite—The Harris Farms stallion topped the categories for winners (84) and races won (154) among California's general sires and also ranked third for earnings (\$2,709,177). Super High, winner of the Cal Cup Matron and three other stakes races, leads his top runners in 2002.

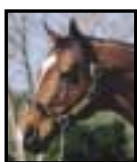


Swiss Yodeler—As California's leading freshman sire of 2002, this Pepper Oaks Farm resident led the state's juvenile sire lists for winners (16). His progeny earnings of \$748,718 is considered a California record for a freshman sire and placed him second for money won, while he was also third for average earnings per runner (\$27,730). Furthermore, he topped the general sires list for median earnings per runner (\$19,880). His first crop to the races included stakes winners Oberwald, My Honey Bunny and Our Lucky Kiss.



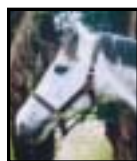
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Lit de Justice—A newcomer to California's stallion roster, the Magali Farms resident tied for second place with Helmsman on the juvenile sire list by number of winners (14), while his 2-year-olds ranked third for money won (\$669,493). Among the nation's leading third-crop sires in 2002, he was represented by stakes winners No Parole and Lit a Fuse in this country, as well as the group stakes-placed Sir Edwin Landseer in England.



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General Meeting—This Golden Eagle resident was California's top turf sire for a second straight year, sending out seven winners of \$754,244 to edge Flying Continental in that category. Fit for a King, an earner of more than \$600,000 in his career, was his leading turf performer of 2002.



Restless Con—Due mainly to the 2002 exploits of multiple stakes winner Echo Eddie, this Pegasus Ranch veteran broke into California's leading sire lists by topping the categories of average earnings per runner (\$69,987) and average earnings per start (\$10,192). He was also represented by 2002 Bull Dog Stakes winner Con Quixote.



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Helmsman—This promising young Pegasus Ranch stallion was California's leading second-crop sire in 2002 with earnings on the general sire list of \$1,517,821. He also tied for second with Lit de Justice for number of winners (14) on the juvenile list. Canadian champion Rare Friends was his top earner of last year.

GENERAL SIRES

California Stallion	No. of Runners	No. of Starts	Winners	Races Won	Progeny Earnings
2002					
In Excess (Ire)	117	565	63	108	\$3,310,610
Valid Wager	96	799	70	151	2,746,894
High Brite	145	1,150	84	154	2,709,177
2001					
Cee's Tizzy	77	527	46	88	\$5,263,777
Bertrando	121	653	66	117	3,933,318
Beau Genius	149	1,244	91	183	3,484,850
2000					
Cee's Tizzy	79	533	43	79	\$5,597,979
Bertrando	108	637	57	106	3,984,215
General Meeting	83	558	42	74	3,603,773
1999					
General Meeting	78	450	39	75	\$4,264,727
Cee's Tizzy	69	472	39	75	3,197,320
Olympio	115	812	74	147	2,772,689
1998					
General Meeting	45	235	28	52	\$2,577,920
Pirate's Bounty	123	958	70	132	2,522,550
Houston	160	1,320	86	144	2,496,915
1997					
High Brite	171	1,653	115	251	\$3,072,626
Pirate's Bounty	156	1,034	78	134	2,155,857
Avenue of Flags	45	259	29	51	1,617,055
1996					
High Brite	172	1,579	112	235	\$2,525,554
Pirate's Bounty	168	1,261	95	165	2,209,580
Batonnier	40	244	22	40	1,562,606
1995					
Pirate's Bounty	151	1,054*	85	162	\$2,801,895
Flying Paster	84	729	53	113	2,413,613
Skywalker	70	520	46	88	1,848,682
1994					
Pirate's Bounty	153	1,164*	86	151	\$2,631,639
Flying Paster	103	729	52	114	1,685,923
Far North	87	689	40	84	1,676,855
1993					
Skywalker	66	410	33	61	\$3,322,192
Pirate's Bounty	150	1,016*	73	150	2,367,426
Flying Paster	106	869	65	121	1,902,462

* Denotes approximate statistics

TWO-YEAR-OLD SIRES

California Stallion	No. of Runners	No. of Starts	Winners	Races Won	Progeny Earnings
2002					
In Excess (Ire)	29	70	13	21	\$1,075,736
Swiss Yodeler	27	147	16	24	748,718
Lit de Justice	34	134	14	22	669,493
2001					
Bertrando	14	33	3	9	\$834,908
Helmsman	25	94	9	13	528,317
High Brite	27	98	10	16	527,974
2000					
In Excess (Ire)	25	79	12	22	\$711,070
Avenue of Flags	23	64	9	12	674,011
Valid Wager	31	123	16	26	653,167
1999					
Bertrando	24	82	14	20	\$800,384
In Excess (Ire)	17	61	10	14	596,771
Falstaff	15	58	8	14	471,354
1998					
General Meeting	14	48	8	14	\$1,288,207
Bertrando	27	60	8	11	592,052
Avenue of Flags	10	47	7	8	366,893
1997					
General Meeting	16	66	11	16	\$774,202
Half a Year	22	85	7	10	359,373
Candi's Gold	32	116	14	18	314,346
1996					
In Excess (Ire)	9	30	7	9	\$433,622
Smokester	6	23	4	6	329,326
Synastry	20	70	11	19	314,394
1995					
Batonnier	7	30	16	11	\$526,858
Prized	16	51	6	9	290,380
Variety Road	13	47	4	8	251,446
1994					
Pirate's Bounty	31	102	13	17	\$419,675
Falstaff	23	122	13	17	419,553
Shanekite	24	113	16	21	316,797
1993					
Flying Paster	15	57	8	10	\$455,553
Pirate's Bounty	34	127	11	18	379,308
Al Mamoon	21	83	10	13	255,258

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