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# The Executive Desk



## A New and Exciting Partnership

by **EDWARD I. HALPERN**

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Commencing with this issue of the *California Thoroughbred* magazine, a long-standing industry partnership builds upon our relationship for the benefit of the members of both organizations. The California Thoroughbred Trainers (CTT) and the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) have, for many years, worked hand in hand to improve the experience of owning and breeding racehorses. We are now working hand in hand to share information with all of our members.

CTT members will now receive the *California Thoroughbred* magazine on a quarterly basis and in each issue a section will be devoted to news about and for trainers. CTBA members will continue to receive the magazine on a monthly basis and will now benefit from an expanded scope of information as a result of the inclusion of the CTT special feature. The Board of Directors and staff of the CTT are pleased

to be providing this new benefit to all of our members.

In other important news, Jenine Sahadi has been elected President of the CTT. Jenine has held a seat on the Board of Directors since July 2001. She takes over as President from Leigh Ann Howard, who has just completed her third term as President but will continue her role as a CTT Director. The entire training community owes Leigh Ann a debt of gratitude for leading us so effectively through a series of industry crises. Because of her leadership, the CTT has moved forward successfully in a number of areas, including defending the industry against outside interference and establishing a workers' compensation program that will save trainers over \$2.5 million in the current policy period. We thank her sincerely and wish her the best of luck in the future.

Well wishes are also extended to Jenine as she assumes the CTT presidency and continues dealing with the critical issues facing California horsemen.



Edward I. Halpern

## Northern California News

By **CHARLES E. DOUGHERTY, JR.**

CTT Deputy Director

After several years of delays, the much anticipated opening of the equine hospital at Golden Gate Fields is near. It is expected that the facility will be ready for use when Golden Gate Fields starts its race meeting on Nov. 5.

The new building, with more than 3,500 square feet of space, was constructed and paid for by Magna Entertainment. The Northern

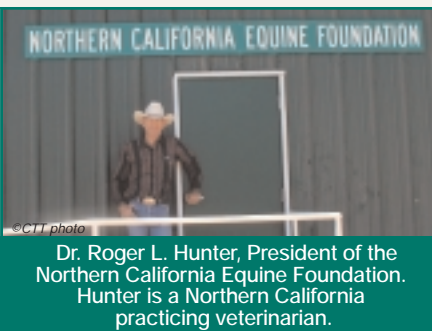
The veterinarians will have the ability to perform such procedures as:

- Gastroendoscopy for the diagnosis of ulcers and other pathologies of the intestinal system
- Orthopedic, soft tissue, and respiratory surgery under general anesthetic
- Full laboratory blood analysis
- Digital radiological services
- Use of x-ray unit capable of abdominal, pelvic, and chest radiology

California Racing circuit has been without a quality facility since 1996, when the hospital was demolished in anticipation of the development that took place on the Bay Meadows grounds.

The hospital will be managed by the Northern California Equine Foundation. This nonprofit corporation was formerly

known as MESH (Mobil Equine Service Hospital). The 11-member board has been hard at work formulating rules and procedures for the operation of the hospital once the facility opens.



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