



Managing Editor's Welcome

It's Like Déjà Vu, All Over Again

In the famous words of baseball great Yogi Berra, my experiences at the race-track during the past month have certainly been a case of, "It's like déjà vu, all over again."

Firstly, at California Cup XVI, the 27-page cover topic for this December 2005 issue of *California Thoroughbred*, repeat wins were recorded by Dream of Summer and Moscow Burning in the Matron and Distance Handicaps, respectively. Plus, last year's leading California-bred older male, McCann's Mojave, was back in championship mode on Nov. 6 with a victory in the Cal Cup Classic. While in the Sprint, Jet West scored another stakes win on behalf of his dam Jetinwith Kennedy, the 2004/2005 California Broodmare of the Year.

Prior to that, the Breeders' Cup XXII World Thoroughbred Championships—at Belmont Park in New York on Oct. 29—was the venue for Cal-bred Tiznow, winner of that event's Classic in both 2000 and 2001, to score a rare double of his own when his daughter Folklore won the Juvenile Fillies. More details of this feat, and the fine performance by Cal-bred Brother Derek, can be found on pages 76 and 77.

There were also some new faces worth talking about, not only at these two major race days but also all the other Thoroughbred points of call included in this latest edition of our magazine.

The CTBA Member Profile spotlights Jim Weigel, owner/breeder of the 39th California-bred millionaire Dream of Summer, while the latest chapter in our A Glorious Time series features Getaway Thoroughbred Farms Inc.'s Houston. Furthermore, the retirement of local legend Continental Red receives coverage and we also provide a review of the 2005 Barretts October Mixed Sale.

Besides Craig Harzmann's first-rate Industry Portrait of fellow journalist Morton Cathro, we also spotlight the most recent stakes winners in Northern California and provide you with our popular annual Equine Gift Guide.

Last, but certainly not least, is Debra Ginsburg's emotional tribute to Art Krawitz, the magazine's Advertising Manager from 1985 to 1990 who passed away on Nov. 9 following a long battle with cancer.



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In the Company of. . . Jim Weigel (right), whose homebred six-year-old mare Dream of Summer became the 39th California-bred millionaire of all-time with her second consecutive win in the California Cup Matron Handicap at Santa Anita Park on Sunday, November 6, 2005

The balance of this issue comprises all our other regular features and departments which we hope affords you with both an enjoyable and informative read.

Well, that's all I have time and space for right now so, until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not just have to hope for the best!

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