



Managing Editor's Welcome

Non-Stop Celebrations

This year, we will be "Honoring California Farms" during California Cup XVI at Santa Anita Park and hope that each and every one of you will join us for this exciting affair, especially at the annual Infield Party. Scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6, closing day of the 2005 Oak Tree Racing Association meet, this event worth \$1.365 million exclusively to California-breds, promises once again to be an afternoon of non-stop celebrations.

Not surprisingly, 20 pages of this October issue of *California Thoroughbred* is dedicated to this popular occasion with editorials on the "Then & Now" exploits of those Cal-breds who won at Cal Cup VI back on Nov. 11, 1996, as well as complete details of the 400-plus Early Bird Nominations that were received for the 16th renewal of this biggest day of racing for Cal-breds. With respect to our local Thoroughbred nurseries, this edition of the magazine appropriately includes our 2005/2006 *California Thoroughbred Farms* supplement.

On the subject of big days like Cal Cup, we spotlight the locally bred horses who are most likely to compete at the Breeders' Cup XXII World Thoroughbred Championships being held at Belmont Park, New York, on Saturday, Oct. 29. Plus, we preview the Oct. 21 release of *Dreamer*, a Breeders' Cup-themed movie inspired by the true story of Mariah's Storm, the multiple graded stakes-winning dam of leading sire Giant's Causeway. We suggest that you book your tickets now for this family drama.

Racing-wise, we also review Dream of Summer's victory in the grade III Gardenia Handicap at Ellis Park on Aug. 20, and provide you with our regular monthly updates on Cal-bred stakes winners in both Southern and Northern California.

Furthermore, this publication includes profiles on CTBA member Bill Boswell, whose homebred grade I-winning gelding Greg's Gold looks like a legitimate contender for the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Sprint, the Golden State's leading turf sires so far this year, and the Hideaway Farms stallion Olympio in the latest chapter of our "A Glorious Time" series.

The Barretts October Mixed Sale to be held in the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex Park in Pomona on Monday, Oct. 24, and Tuesday, Oct. 25, is covered in-depth, while our readers can also look forward to the latest eight-page section from the CTT (California Thoroughbred Trainers).

Additional pieces have been supplied by CTBA Past President Dan Schiffer (The Legal Side Of It), JW Equine (Greener Pastures), Bob Fox (Industry Insight) and Morton Cathro (Guest Forum) which we hope—along with all our other regular features and departments—will provide all of you with an enjoyable and helpful 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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In the Company of... Racing fans at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, during the Breeders' Cup XXI World Thoroughbred Championships held on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004.



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