



Managing Editor's Welcome

The More Things Change, The More They Are The Same

At first glance, this November 2006 copy of *California Thoroughbred* looks different than the corresponding magazine I worked on six years ago. Upon closer inspection, however, it's really a case of the above heading's translation of the original French phrase, "Plus Ça Change, Plus C'est La Mème Chose."

In the November 2000 publication, the cover story featured California-bred Tiznow winning the Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap (grade II) prior to his trip to Churchill Downs, where he won the first of two consecutive Breeders' Cup Classics (grade I).

This year, even though Lava Man is slightly overshadowed on the front page by the CTBA/Barretts California's October Yearling Sale sale-topper, his next start is also scheduled to be in the Classic at the Nov. 4 Breeders' Cup World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky, where he will hopefully be joined by fellow Cal-bred cover boy Bordonaro, winner of the grade I Ancient Title Breeders' Cup Stakes on Santa Anita Park's same Oct. 7 Goodwood program.

This issue includes a seven-page review of the aforementioned Oct. 3 auction, as compared to two pages on the 2000 Barretts October Preferred Yearling Sale which was eventually combined with the CTBA Sales' Del Mar Yearling Sale to produce the inaugural California's October Yearling Sale last year.

Six years ago, our magazine featured a wrap-up of the CTBA Harris Ranch Seminar, where MEC (Magna Entertainment Corp.) Chairman Frank Stronach was the keynote speaker. This year, it was CHR (California Horse Racing Board) Chairman Richard Shapiro who provided a "take no prisoners" talk at the 10th renewal of this popular event held on Sept. 22.

In 2000, a number of other Cal-bred graded stakes winners were reported upon and we are again proud to recount the major black-type victories by Cambiocorsa and Bordonaro. On the same subject, we once again feature a host of Cal-bred stakes winners in our Northern California Report.

Both issues covered the relevant Cal-bred stakes successes achieved at Fairplex Park's annual Los Angeles County Fair meeting held in Pomona during September, as well as a CTBA Member Profile. This copy spotlights the impressive accomplishments of Marianne Millard, a member of the association since 1969.

In 2006, there are no A Glorious Time and California Sires Stakes pieces, yet our Cal-Bred Millionaires' Row and Cover Gal Stakes articles on Cal-breds Men's Exclusive and Mistical Plan are able substitutes. Plus, this year's additional editorials include an analysis of the recent installation of Cushion Track

at Hollywood Park, a preview of the stallions making the Golden State their new home for 2007, and the debut of Past Champions in which Jackie Barnes highlights the exploits of 1975 California Champion Two-Year-Old Female Walk in the Sun.

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 . . . Becky Shields (middle) who, along with her husband Craig as Shields Thoroughbreds Inc., bred and raised the \$240,000 sale-topper purchased by John Brocklebank (right) at the CTBA/Barretts California's October Yearling Sale in the Hinds Pavilion at Fairplex Park in Pomona on Oct. 3, 2006.

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