



Managing Editor's Welcome

Still Waters Run Deep

It's that time of year again, when schools are out, families are on vacation and Hawaiian shirts are the order of the day at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club where, "The Turf Meets the Surf."

Plus, the 2007 Thoroughbred breeding season is over, so the overall theme for Summer is now one of rest and recuperation.

Or maybe not!

In the California-bred world, still waters run deep with a host of exciting developments that are featured in this August 2007 issue of *California Thoroughbred*.

Our cover story features the 2006/2007 California Broodmare of the Year Li'l Ms. Leonard, as well as her standout gelding Lava Man's record-equaling third consecutive victory in the grade I Hollywood Gold Cup at Hollywood Park on June 30, while the latest Valkyr Trophy winner, Mistical Plan, is also highlighted.

The July 7, grade I-winning trio of Nashoba's Key, River's Prayer and Bilo, Somethinaboutlaura (grade II, July 6) and Idiot Proof (grade III, July 4) also all get their share of ink, along with black-type winners Scottsbluff, Zoning In, Epic Power and Lady Gamer, and Run Brother Ron, Snowdrop and Bold Chieftain, in our Racing in California and Northern California Report, respectively.

Valley Creek Farm in Valley Center, managed by CTBA Vice President Leigh Ann Howard, is the subject of our latest Thoroughbred Farms in California series and this month's CTBA Member Profile features Clark and Janine Hansen.

We also pay tribute to the late Ed Friendly, shine the spotlight on Steve Warner, the 2006 TOBA (Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association) State Breeder of the Year for California, provide a review of the June 26 Barretts Summer Sale of Horses of Racing Age/Two-Year-Olds in Training, and analyze the career of Grey Memo who became the Golden State's 31st millionaire in Dubai on March 23, 2002.

Besides a Greener Pastures piece on the second career of Cracked Cup, a

winner of nine of his 100 lifetime starts, a debut Guest Forum article from Helen and Richard Nielsen-Eckfield titled "Breeding With Unusual Heat" and the California Racing Fair Venues supplement, we also include all our regular columns, features and departments.

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...CTBA member Warren Williamson, the breeder and owner of the four-year-old California-bred filly Nashoba's Key who extended her unbeaten record to five with a win in the grade I Vanity Invitational Handicap at Hollywood Park on July 7, at the CTBA offices in Arcadia, California, during May 2007.



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