



Managing Editor's Welcome

Fame & Fortune

While examining the contents of this January 2007 issue of *California Thoroughbred*, it reminded me of something that a couple of Thoroughbred legends told me during my days in South Africa.

"I'm not in it for the glory, I'm in it for the hashy cashy," was the comment that I always got from Reg and Hilly Passmore during early morning visits while they trained a filly for my dad. The octogenarian brothers, who had already forgotten more about horse racing than I will ever learn, were confirming that they preferred winning money than scoring a prestigious win.

That brings me to this latest magazine, which allows us to bask in both the glory of both fame and fortune.

Our cover story features this year's inductees to the California Hall of Fame; John and Betty Mabee, Senator Ken Maddy, Best Pal and Free House. All five of these individuals have made such an important contribution to our local Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry over the years that it is fitting that they will be honored at this year's CTBA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner being held at The Ritz-Carlton Huntington Hotel & Spa in Pasadena on Monday, Feb. 5.

Enough about fame, what about fortune? Besides an analysis of the success the \$3.6 Sunshine Millions day has enjoyed since its inception in 2003, we also provide a preview of those California-breds and Florida-breds who are likely to make an appearance at the fifth renewal of this event at Santa Anita Park and Gulfstream Park on Saturday, Jan. 27.

We also review the latest grade I wins by Thor's Echo and Romance Is Diane, bringing the 2006 California-bred total to 12 individual winners of 22 graded stakes races, including five more grade I winners of eight other contests at this highest level. These achievements more than match last year's record-breaking numbers of 18 winners of 22 graded stakes and seven individual winners of a grade I event.

The balance of the magazine includes editorials on the leading local sires Swiss Yodeler, Deputy Commander and Old Topper, those stallions who will be making California their new home for the 2007 breeding season, CTBA members Larry and Suzanne Bollmann, the Barretts January Mixed Sale on Monday, Jan. 22 and Tuesday, Jan. 23, the quarterly news from the CTT (California Thoroughbred Trainers) and those members on the ballot for the CTBA's 2007 Board of Directors election, along with all the magazine's other regular features and departments.

Until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not just have to hope for the best!

—Rudi Groothedde
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In the Company of...Suzanne and Larry Bollmann (right), breeders of 1997 graded stakes winner I'm a Jewel and now the owners of grade III winner Uncle Denny who retires to stud this year at Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC, at California Cup XVII on Oct. 28, 2006, during the 38th Oak Tree Racing Association meet at Santa Anita Park.



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