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Ballena Vista boasts expanding stallion roster

BY TRACY GANTZ

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When Martin and Pam Wygod decided last June to sell their River Edge Farm near Buellton, the California breeding industry reeled. River Edge, after all, stood some of the state's leading stallions. Would California lose them as well?

Fortunately, Donald Cohn had a ready solution. He had built Ballena Vista Farm near Ramona from scratch and had been standing such stallions as Fighting Fit, Deputy Commander, Sea of Secrets, and the now-pensioned Beau Genius. In 2009 the Wygods had retired their grade I stakes winner Idiot Proof to stud at Cohn's farm.

It didn't take long for Cohn and the Wygods to arrange for Bertrando, Benchmark, Tribal Rule, and Dixie Chatter to move from River Edge to Ballena Vista. Cohn bought Benchmark outright and also purchased major interests in Tribal Rule and Dixie Chatter, while Bertrando remains the property of the syndicate that owns him.

The Wygods live in Rancho Santa Fe, about 30 miles from Ballena Vista, whereas River Edge Farm is some 250 miles to the north.

"Marty and I are friends," Cohn said. "We've talked for some time about perhaps moving some of his horses closer. He elected to close River Edge, and we came to a gentleman's agreement about the stallions."

That agreement is allowing Cohn to further his



Donald Cohn used an adobe and tile motif at his Ballena Vista Farm

TRACY GANTZ PHOTOS



NUMBER ONE IN CALIFORNIA!

The Usual Q. T.



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2010 Leading Sire UNUSUAL HEAT

Leading sire in 2008, 2009 and 2010 with record 3-year progeny earnings of \$14.2 million and a lifetime average earnings per runner of \$81,000. His five stakes winners this year include G1 winners **The Usual Q.T.** (\$1,013,320), **Acclamation** (\$502,048) and G2 winner **Pretty Unusual** (\$304,152).

Nureyev-Rossard, by Glacial • 2011 FEE: \$20,000 LF payable Nov. 1 of year bred

2010 Leading Sire of 2-year-olds SWISS YODELER

Perennial leader among sires of California-bred 2-year-olds and current West Coast leader by 2-year-old progeny earnings. Three promising juveniles have already won or placed in stakes at Del Mar and Hollywood Park, including **Hi Ho Yodeler**, a 3-plus length winner of the \$100,000 Generous Portion Stakes.

Eastern Echo-Drapeau, by Raja Baba • 2011 FEE: \$5,000 LF payable at foaling

Hi Ho Yodeler



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Luckarack



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2010 Leading Freshman Sire LUCKY PULPIT

Nationally-ranked among the top 20 first-crop sires and a dominant leader among California's Freshmen. In 20 starts, his seven runners have won six races and placed in five, including **Luckarack**, back-to-back stakes winner in Northern California and Del Mar starter allowance winner **Desperate Measures**.

Pulpit-Lucky Soph, by Cozzene • 2011 FEE: \$2,500 LF payable at foaling

Sire progeny statistics available though 9/12/10.

ALSO STANDING:

TIZBUD

*Cee's Tizzy-Cee's Song,
by Seattle Song*
2011 FEE: \$3,000 LF

SINGLETARY

*Sultry Song-Joiski's Star,
by Star de Naskra*
2011 FEE: \$1,500 LF

STORMY JACK

*Bertrando-Tiny Kristin,
by Steelinctive*
2011 FEE: \$2,500 LF

DESERT CODE

*E. Dubai-Chatta Code,
by Lost Code*
2011 FEE: \$1,500 LF

LUCKY J. H.

*Cee's Tizzy- Lucky C. H.,
by A. P. Indy*
2011 FEE: \$1,500 LF

DOWNTOWN SEATTLE

*Seattle Slew-Soviet Problem,
by Moscow Ballet*
2011 FEE: \$1,000 LF

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through September 15, 2010. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A † indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2010 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	N/A	115/55	5/6	0/5	(The Usual Q. T., \$496,650)	\$3,251,648	*455	27	2.16	1.09
2	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	113/50	5/10	1/5	(A Little Warm, \$594,600)	\$2,442,385	*571	27	1.27	1.48
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$4,000	153/88	3/4	1/3	(Bench Points, \$144,600)	\$2,097,662	572	29	1.30	1.21
4	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	112/60	4/4	2/4	(Bran Jammass, \$135,716)	\$1,872,794	895	62	1.77	1.45
5	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	Died, 2010	107/55	4/6	2/4	(Salt Flat Speed, \$101,287)	\$1,651,706	*1165	51	1.46	1.43
6	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), Ballena Vista Farm	\$8,000	106/51	2/3	1/2	(Karelian, \$320,000)	\$1,540,049	906	50	1.43	1.57
7	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,000	81/37	3/5	0/3	(Alphie's Bet, \$279,000)	\$1,473,509	247	14	1.56	1.17
8	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	137/73	2/2	1/2	(Self Made, \$66,332)	\$1,436,358	399	14	1.03	0.92
9	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$6,000	132/53	2/2	1/2	(Hi Ho Yodeler, \$112,792)	\$1,429,683	607	22	1.10	1.06
10	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	120/61	2/2	0/2	(Wings of War, \$84,085)	\$1,405,875	307	9	1.11	1.34
11	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister), Ballena Vista Farm	Died, 2009	122/59	2/3	0/2	(Dubai Gold, \$76,800)	\$1,298,965	*562	24	1.24	1.65
12	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,000	104/41	3/5	1/3	(Secret Gypsy, \$268,541)	\$1,221,654	*369	18	1.01	1.11
13	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	72/39	2/3	1/2	(Antares World, \$183,740)	\$1,178,216	177	5	1.10	1.02
14	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	\$6,000	74/30	2/4	0/2	(Cost of Freedom, \$110,158)	\$1,105,079	697	39	1.72	1.18
15	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	62/33	2/5	0/2	(No Hesitation, \$271,658)	\$1,095,227	*360	13	1.07	0.89
16	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	56/25	1/3	0/1	(Compari, \$220,000)	\$1,079,987	*325	1	1.08	1.20
17	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	77/37	1/1	0/1	(Southern Ridge, \$66,250)	\$1,058,823	*205	1	0.85	1.53
18	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	Died, 2010	84/38	1/1	0/1	(Enriched, \$308,496)	\$1,055,178	*895	45	1.06	1.20
19	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,500	76/37	3/3	1/3	(Money Lover, \$99,500)	\$900,098	136	4	0.90	1.08
20	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$4,000	74/28	1/1	1/1	(Bruce's Dream, \$116,880)	\$815,659	392	12	1.12	1.55
21	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	67/31	1/1	1/1	(Dotsy Jean, \$169,948)	\$658,857	384	22	1.29	1.19
22	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	64/28	1/1	1/1	(Raetodandy, \$85,342)	\$647,183	170	2	0.58	0.83
23	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	60/27	1/3	1/1	(U R All That I Am, \$223,409)	\$625,898	498	18	1.07	1.23
24	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	52/28	3/4	1/3	(Tornado Betty, \$96,300)	\$604,529	274	11	0.81	1.21
25	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$4,000	67/22	1/1	0/1	(Tenth Power, \$70,196)	\$554,080	130	1	0.64	1.27
26	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	44/20	2/3	1/2	(Swiss Wild Cat, \$128,812)	\$524,600	102	2	0.70	1.08
27	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), Milkyway Farm	N/A	24/13	0/0	0/0	(Scofield Barracks, \$95,740)	\$498,365	62	4	1.53	0.90
28	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	48/30	1/1	0/1	(Roaring Home, \$65,121)	\$496,977	*634	17	1.51	1.38
29	RICHLI BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	40/20	1/1	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$72,276)	\$465,547	119	2	0.79	0.79
30	LORD CARSON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	44/21	2/2	1/2	(You Lift Me Up, \$131,328)	\$464,278	465	28	1.16	1.29
31	RIO VERDE (92, Nureyev), Lovacres Ranch	\$3,000	50/21	1/1	0/1	(Grace Upon Grace, \$85,476)	\$459,392	239	4	0.62	0.84
32	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus), Ballena Vista Farm	Pnsd	58/22	1/2	0/1	(Clair Annette, \$73,224)	\$435,492	*735	39	1.21	1.18
33	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	37/20	1/2	0/1	(Perfect Curis, \$109,700)	\$428,230	254	11	1.03	1.26
34	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	Pnsd	48/22	0/0	0/0	(A Jealous Woman, \$90,000)	\$421,336	*267	4	0.62	0.94
35	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Applebite Farms	\$2,000	40/22	0/0	0/0	(Earstoyou, \$43,940)	\$416,169	103	0	0.85	0.97

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vision of developing Ballena Vista into a leading breeding facility.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

The stallions arrived at Ballena Vista in July, and Cohn said he has been receiving great response from breeders interested in booking mares to them.

Bertrando, champion older male of 1993, has long been a leading California sire, with such progeny as grade I winners Officer, Unfurl the Flag, and Bilo. In 2010 his son Karelian won Keeneland's Maker's Mark Mile Stakes (gr. IT).

Benchmark and Tribal Rule join Bertrando in the top 10 of the current California leading sires. Benchmark is the sire of 2006 Santa Anita Derby (gr. I) winner Brother Derek as well as Idiot Proof, while Tribal Rule's offspring include 2010 Sham Stakes (gr. III) winner Alphie's Bet and 2007 Del Mar Futurity (gr. I) winner Georgie Boy.

Dixie Chatter entered stud this

year. The son of Dixie Union won the 2007 Norfolk Stakes (gr. I) and two other added-money events.

Cohn, 78, has succeeded in his business-

es by finding the best, and he brought that same acumen to building Ballena Vista. He hired Manuel Ochoa, his farm manager, in 1991, a year after the farm opened.

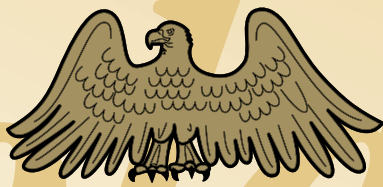
Ochoa had spent several years as manager of El Rancho Murrieta, a Southern California farm owned in part by the late trainer Charlie Whittingham.

Juan Rincon, Ballena Vista's stallion manager, and Mike Jimenez, the broodmare manager, help Ochoa. Becky Ocampo runs the office, and the farm employs about 30 people.

After Cohn arranged for the River Edge stallions to move to Ballena Vista, he brought in Craig Allen to serve as the breeding manager. For the past seven years Allen managed Bud and Judy Johnston's Old English Rancho near Sanger, Calif., and prior to that he worked for seven years at Harris Farms near Coalinga, Calif. Allen's wife, Katy, will also be assisting in the Ballena Vista office and with the



Ballena Vista stallion Sea of Secrets



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STORMIN FEVER

STORM CAT-PENNANT FEVER, BY SEATTLE SLEW



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CHAMPION BIOFUEL (\$612,227), WINNER OF 3 STAKES IN 2010 AND 2ND IN THE CCA OAKS (G1) AND 3RD IN THE MOTHER GOOSE S. (G1).

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1	MATTY G (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	107/51	2/3	0/2	(My Friend Nev, \$142,500)	\$1,142,990	*411	13	0.94	1.05
2	PARKER'S STORM CAT (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,700	65/34	1/1	1/1	(Hawaiian Sky, \$114,940)	\$1,015,407	*165	2	0.89	1.24
3	TRIBUNAL (97, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2008	85/34	3/4	0/3	(Atta Boy Roy, \$345,038)	\$1,015,190	184	9	0.88	0.80
4	POLISH MINER (97, Danzig), St. Hilaire Thoroughbreds	\$600	46/20	0/0	0/0	(Private Miracle, \$99,000)	\$847,539	123	0	1.05	1.02
5	SLEWDLEDO (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	65/34	2/2	1/2	(Slew the Man, \$74,185)	\$442,409	705	44	0.71	0.62
6	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	65/28	1/1	1/1	(Tops Image, \$90,320)	\$428,828	250	10	0.58	0.67
7	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	63/27	2/3	0/2	(Sis's Sis, \$75,345)	\$390,467	*566	30	1.05	1.10
8	YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	64/23	0/0	0/0	(Dutamis, \$33,975)	\$332,684	*467	16	1.16	1.43
9	PRIVATE GOLD (00, Seeking the Gold), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	37/17	2/2	1/2	(Zenovit, \$64,368)	\$332,499	88	2	0.53	0.65
10	KATOWICE (87, Danzig), Woodstead Farm	\$1,250	27/12	0/0	0/0	(Ry's Not Shy, \$79,320)	\$241,362	382	18	0.85	1.04

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horses.

"We have a great team," Cohn said.

A Quiet Getaway

Cohn's vision for a quality breeding farm stems from when he grew up in the San Francisco area and rode reining horses.

"I spent my summers working with a racetrack vet, Dr. Bill Mottrom," Cohn said. "I thought about becoming a vet, but as I grew up, I got away from the horses."

In 1979 Cohn founded Dataquick Information Systems, which provides real estate information on a national level. He sold the company in 1995 and has since been involved in venture capital start-ups and real estate development.

Cohn recognized the real estate potential of the San Diego area, and he moved south in 1961. His wife, Karen, an artist, grew up in San Diego, and the Cohns are active in the community. Cohn chairs the board of the Old Globe Theatre, a year-round theater center renowned for its summer Shakespeare festival. The Cohns gave

generously to the Globe's recent major expansion.

By the 1980s, with San Diego developed into a major metropolitan area, the Cohns wanted land away from the city for a quiet getaway. That search dovetailed with Cohn's longtime dream of owning a horse farm.

They ended up buying two parcels of land in Ramona, Calif., not far from John and Betty Mabee's Golden Eagle Farm and about 35 miles northeast of San Diego. The original 92 acres for Ballena Vista, purchased in 1982, belonged to the Sawday family, who came to California in 1890 and farmed the land. In 2000 Cohn added a 130-acre adjacent parcel. The Swycaffer family had homesteaded that piece of property for a cattle ranch in 1851.

By the time Cohn purchased the initial 92 acres, the land had reverted to its natural state. It took about two years to clear and prep it.

Cohn didn't want to open a farm prematurely by slapping up pre-fab buildings

and wire fencing. He hired a friend, Bill Tobin, who built yachts, to design and build the farm.

"He was a great craftsman," Cohn said. "He did all the architectural design of all the primary buildings that we have here."

The adobe and tile construction is reminiscent of California's early history, when Father Junipero Serra in the 1700s established a line of missions throughout what would later become the state of California. That adobe and tile pattern is not only reflected in Ballena Vista's barn and outdoor pens but also in the small run-in sheds in the pastures.

Allen recalled that on one of his first visits to the farm he saw what he thought was a beautiful adobe home. It actually was the tool shop, which Allen has dubbed "the tool palace."

"Bill built everything to last a hundred years," said Cohn.

The barn, which encompasses the office and has a stallion wing and a mare and foaling wing, has 38 stalls. Ochoa pointed out that the 12' x 12' stalls in the mare wing can be turned into 12' x 24' foaling stalls. Two of those stalls are adjacent to Ochoa's living quarters.

"I watch the mares that are close to foaling through windows directly into those stalls," said Ochoa. "We also have a video monitoring system."

Cohn built another 40 20' x 20' covered sheds, with matching tile roofs. The roof pattern continues on a large round pen, an underwater treadmill, and an Equiciser. Ballena Vista also has a quarter-mile training track with starting gate. That gives Ochoa and his crew plenty of options for fitting young horses and lay-ups.

Plans are in the works for a separate stallion barn since the farm is growing. Though each stallion has a stall in the barn, they spend much of their time outdoors in large, grassy stallion paddocks. Young horses are raised in large grass pastures.



Craig Allen, breeding manager, and Manuel Ochoa, farm manager

BALLENA VISTA FARM

California's Leading Active Sire Roster by Cumulative Progeny Earnings



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BENCHMARK

Alydar-Winters' Love, by Danzig

Leading sire by 2010 winners/races won. Eight 2-year-old winners from 14 starters this year include undefeated **Bench Points**, back-to-back stakes winner at Del Mar.

2011 Fee: \$4,000 • Property of Ballena Vista Farm

DIXIE CHATTER

Dixie Union-Mini Chat, by Deputy Minister

Grade I winner at 2 ranked ahead of **Court Vision**, **Kodiak Kowboy** and **Colonel John** on the Experimental.

Grade 2 winner on turf defeated **Gio Ponti**. First foals arrive in 2011.

2011 Fee: \$5,000 • Property of Ballena Vista Farm, Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Wygod and Herman Sarkowsky

SEA OF SECRETS

Storm Cat-Love From Mom, by Mr. Prospector

Sire of top distaff sprinter **Secret Gypsy**, Grade 2 winner of \$596,926 who recently posted her third career graded win and third consecutive stakes victory of 2010.

2011 Fee: \$2,500 • Property of Ballena Vista Farm

Statistics for racing through 9/12/10

BERTRANDO

Skywalker-Gentle Hands, by Buffalo Lark

One of two California sires represented by a Grade 1 winner in 2010.

Fifty stakes winners include current winners **Karelian** (G1, \$788,675) and **Liberian Freighter**.

2011 Fee: \$8,000 • Property of a Syndicate

IDIOT PROOF

Benchmark-Perfectly Pretty, by Bertrando

Eclipse Award finalist, California Champion 3-year-old Male and Sprinter.

Grade I winner of \$1,294,484 set NTR's on dirt (1:07.47) and synthetic (1:07.57).

First foals arrive in 2011.

2011 Fee: \$2,000 • Property of Ballena Vista Farm and Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Wygod

TRIBAL RULE

Storm Cat-Sown, by Grenfall

The youngest among the top five sires of 2010 Cal-bred progeny earnings and one of three stallions in the state to sire a Cal-bred graded winner this year.

2011 Fee: \$6,000 • Property of Ballena Vista Farm and Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Wygod

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- Broke his maiden in his second start by 7 lengths at Santa Anita, posting a 104 Beyer!

By STORM CAT's #1 leading sire son in California, STORM WOLF is a full brother to G1-performing, G3 SW MISTY ROSETTE. His dam is record-setting SW EXCLUSIVE ROSETTE. Graded stakes family of MIAMI SUN, CONTACT GAME, etc.

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	HARBOR THE GOLD (01, Seeking the Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$3,000	32/19	4/10	0/4	(Noosa Beach, \$225,930)	\$548,149	70	7	1.06	0.50
2	GRINDSTONE (93, Unbridled), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	43/13	0/0	0/0	(Ashe's Cat, \$39,405)	\$315,040	*432	16	1.21	1.62
3	SEATTLE SHAMUS (99, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2007	35/20	1/1	1/1	(Malakwa, \$27,012)	\$225,810	101	2	0.35	0.74
4	SOFT GOLD (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Otisgold, \$15,603)	\$104,169	122	7	0.91	0.96
5	BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	33/13	1/1	1/1	(Baquero's Slewgirl, \$13,765)	\$84,487	181	15	0.32	0.51

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2010 Leading Sires in Idaho

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1	TAVASCO (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	\$2,000	6/6	1/1	1/1	(Salsa Express, \$62,131)	\$121,427	36	2	0.94	0.97
2	CAUSE UR MINE (02, Giant's Causeway), Outback Stallion Str/Tree Top Ranches	\$750	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Mind the Ladies, \$29,502)	\$63,276	47	1	0.78	0.38
3	COASTAL VOYAGE (84, Coastal)	Died	4/2	1/1	0/1	(Shivers Me, \$41,360)	\$46,870	75	3	0.87	0.81
4	KINGS BLOOD (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	\$1,000	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Shady Market, \$19,280)	\$42,080	91	1	0.31	0.52
5	FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schwaneveldt Farm	\$1,200	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Tango, \$32,420)	\$41,011	174	2	0.46	0.92

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"We have a very extensive irrigation system," said Cohn. "We are very motivated to keep good grass in our pastures."

Ballena Vista sits on rolling hills at an elevation of 2,500 feet. Allen noted that the horses get fitter running up and down the gentle hills of the paddocks and pastures than they would on flat land. That topography also gives the farm excellent drainage.

Fencing is wooden three-rail with V-mesh wire, not only keeping the horses

safe but adding to the farm's ambience. Visitors first see the fencing and a pond surrounded by trees on the drive to the office.

Genius the Genesis

Cohn opened Ballena Vista in 1990. In the early days, he stood millionaires and graded stakes winners Beau Genius and Fighting Fit. Beau Genius, a 1985 son of Bold Ruckus—Royal Colleen, by Viceregal, remains on the farm today, pensioned

but with a place of honor not far from Bert-rando and the others from River Edge.

In the fall of 2005, Cohn bought the Storm Cat stallion Sea of Secrets, winner of the 1998 San Vicente Stakes (gr. II). Sea of Secrets had been standing in Kentucky.

"He was starting to throw some good runners," said Ochoa.

Added Cohn, "We thought it was an opportunity to buy a horse that was on the upside."

Sea of Secrets' first California foals are 3-year-olds. Ochoa said that the stallion is stamping his foals.

Cohn went to Kentucky again in the fall of 2006 to get Travers Stakes (gr. I) winner Deputy Commander. The son of Deputy Minister had sired a Travers winner in Ten Most Wanted. Cohn expected Deputy Commander to move Ballena Vista forward, but a massive wildfire may have led to the stallion's death.

In October 2007 the Witch Creek fire ravaged major parts of San Diego county, including the Ramona area. All of the people had to evacuate Ballena Vista. Cohn lost his home and the hay barn, but miraculously all of the horses survived and the other structures did not burn.

Cohn credits Rincon and Ochoa with keeping the horses fed during that time. Rincon defied the evacuation order to remain and care for the horses. Ochoa worked hard to get all employees and their families evacuated safely, and he talked his way back onto the property well be-



The Equiciser is one of many exercise options at Ballena Vista

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1	WILD ESCAPE (92, Wild Again)	N/A	14/3	0/0	0/0	(This Way Home, \$31,770)	\$61,941	181	1	0.85	0.92
2	MI SELECTO (85, Explodent)	N/A	13/3	0/0	0/0	(Some Quick, \$14,969)	\$43,417	*427	7	0.79	1.02
3	VIA LOMBARDIA (IRE) (92, Shardari), Burch Farm	\$800	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Our Emily, \$8,645)	\$33,536	89	1	0.48	0.69
4	HOLY MOUNTAIN (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(The Finagler, \$13,331)	\$16,539	110	2	0.58	0.92
5	SIMI DANCER (81, Riverman)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Courtesans Dancer, \$2,310)	\$3,926	78	1	0.19	0.59

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fore the evacuation order was lifted to help Rincon with the animals.

Deputy Commander developed neurological problems not long after the fire, and Cohn is convinced that they resulted from smoke inhalation. The stallion underwent treatments at the University of California-Davis, Texas A&M University, and the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center. But when his health continued to deteriorate, Deputy Commander was euthanized in October 2009.

Cohn rebuilt his house and, with the addition of the Wygod stallions, is seeking to position Ballena Vista at the forefront of the California breeding industry. While most of the horse population during the

breeding season will be clients' mares, the Cohns own about 10 mares, made up of purchases in Kentucky and some of their retired race fillies. All of the mares remain in California to be bred to the farm's stallions.

"I'm true-blue and loyal to California," said Cohn. "I have a lot of faith in California's resiliency."

The Cohns' broodmares include Crown-ing Faith, the dam of Del Mar stakes winner Centerofattention; \$369,910 earner and multiple stakes-placed Song of Summer, a 2-year-old claim; and stakes-placed Point Break, the dam of stakes winner Cee's the Point.

Cohn has focused his efforts on build-

ing the farm and selling young horses at auction. He maintains a racing stable that currently numbers about seven in training. Dan Hendricks, Marty Jones, and Rafael Becerra train for him in Southern California, while Ray Ashworth has horses for Cohn in New Mexico.

With the Ballena property only about 50% developed, Cohn has plenty of room to expand. The canny feeling Cohn had about the San Diego real estate picture in the 1960s may be about to be repeated.

"I have the contrarian viewpoint—as farms are closing, we're going to expand this one," Cohn said. "I want Ballena Vista to become a major influence in the breeding picture in California." 🐾

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