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Still Soaring

Larry Mabee putting his own stamp on Golden Eagle Farm

BY TRACY GANTZ

Larry Mabee loves to watch people at the racetrack. The regulars in particular fascinate him because they come every single day and make up the backbone of the sport.

"You need to recognize them," Mabee said. "You need to say, 'Hi.' That fan base literally makes the whole thing worthwhile. They appreciate having somebody appreciate them."

Mabee, 67, has had plenty of opportunities to see the regulars at Del Mar. As the only child of John and Betty Mabee, Larry had a ringside seat in the development of one of California's all-time leading breeding and owning operations.



The Mabees' Golden Eagle Farm near Ramona, Calif., turned out such runners as Best Pal, elected in 2010 to the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame; General Challenge, winner of the Santa Anita Handicap (gr. I), Santa Anita Derby (gr. I), and Pacific Classic (gr. I); and \$2.5 million earner Dramatic Gold. The Mabees also stood many stallions and produced a host of good race fillies that went on to build the broodmare band that led to the couple's three Eclipse Awards as the nation's top breeders.

John Mabee, who spent many years as president of Del Mar and was a founding member of the Breeders' Cup, died in 2002 at age 80. Larry stepped in to help his *(continued on page 3790)*



Larry Mabee with some memorabilia; above the famed burgundy and gold Golden Eagle silks

TRACY GANTZ PHOTOS

California's Leading First-Crop Sire,
Lucky Pulpit adds an important chapter
to the "Sire of Sires" success of **PULPIT**.



All Category Leading Freshman Sire
Leading 2yo Sire by Average Earnings per Runner



Luckarack / Vassar Photo

9 starters • 8 winners • \$267,791
\$29,775 Average Earnings per Runner

including back-to-back stakes wins by **LUCKARACK** and a Cal-Cup stakes-placing by **Woodmans Luck**; also allowance wins by **Desperate Measures** (Del Mar) and **Gatheratthealter** (Golden Gate).

38 Starts: 13 Wins • 11 Placings • \$7,052 Average per Start
including stakes victories at 5 ½ and 6 furlongs, a stakes third at 1 1/16 miles, allowance wins on synthetic and turf, in addition to maiden scores on dirt, turf and synthetic from 4 1/2 furlongs to one mile.



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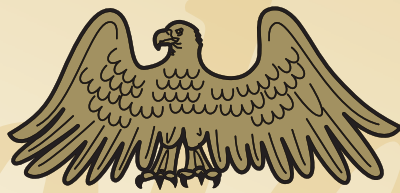
2010 Leading Sires in California

State sire lists updated daily online. Go to <http://www.bloodhorse.com/horse-racing/thoroughbred-breeding/sire-lists>

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 December 8, 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	2011 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/Wns	Rstrl SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2010 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$20,000	121/62	6/7	0/6	(The Usual Q. T., \$888,570)	\$4,280,259	*455	27	2.17	1.11
2	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$6,500	121/60	5/13	1/5	(A Little Warm, \$708,000)	\$3,211,216	*564	27	1.28	1.47
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$4,000	165/101	6/8	1/6	(Bench Points, \$144,600)	\$2,763,585	575	30	1.29	1.21
4	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	Died, 2010	119/62	4/6	2/4	(Hamazing Destiny, \$441,424)	\$2,322,232	*1167	51	1.45	1.43
5	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	124/68	4/4	2/4	(Bran Jammass, \$135,716)	\$2,137,091	896	62	1.75	1.46
6	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), Ballena Vista Farm	\$8,000	117/59	2/4	0/2	(Karelian, \$320,000)	\$1,956,852	907	50	1.42	1.58
7	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	138/75	5/5	1/5	(Radio Relay, \$106,600)	\$1,955,468	*312	12	1.09	1.33
8	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	145/84	3/5	1/3	(Bond James Bond, \$95,570)	\$1,891,409	402	15	1.01	0.91
9	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$5,000	142/62	3/3	1/3	(Hi Ho Yodeler, \$118,912)	\$1,852,025	608	23	1.09	1.06
10	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,000	89/46	4/6	0/4	(Alphie's Bet, \$279,000)	\$1,780,176	247	14	1.51	1.21
11	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2009	126/66	2/3	0/2	(Dubai Gold, \$77,350)	\$1,708,638	*562	24	1.23	1.63
12	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	Pnsd	80/38	2/8	0/2	(Cost of Freedom, \$245,158)	\$1,628,154	697	39	1.72	1.18
13	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$2,500	111/46	4/7	1/4	(Secret Gypsy, \$268,541)	\$1,510,578	*370	19	1.00	1.11
14	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	81/44	2/3	1/2	(Antares World, \$221,480)	\$1,425,348	177	5	1.08	1.01
15	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$4,000	91/40	1/1	0/1	(Calibrachoa, \$99,600)	\$1,399,421	*216	1	0.81	1.48
16	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	66/41	2/5	0/2	(No Hesitation, \$295,658)	\$1,383,673	*362	13	1.08	0.89
17	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	Died, 2010	87/46	2/2	0/2	(Enriched, \$349,496)	\$1,347,916	*896	46	1.06	1.20
18	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	60/32	1/5	0/1	(Compari, \$220,000)	\$1,330,792	*311	1	1.09	1.20
19	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	81/43	3/3	1/3	(Money Lover, \$105,740)	\$1,218,482	138	4	0.93	1.07
20	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$3,000	80/34	1/2	1/1	(Bruce's Dream, \$176,880)	\$1,073,176	392	12	1.11	1.55
21	OLMODAVOR (99, A.P. Indy), Magali Farms	\$5,000	70/36	1/1	0/1	(Sir Heart Throb, \$95,471)	\$924,557	*142	4	0.94	1.41
22	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	75/35	1/1	1/1	(Mr Tokyo, \$107,572)	\$871,881	170	2	0.59	0.82
23	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	58/28	2/4	1/2	(Swiss Wild Cat, \$189,552)	\$785,266	103	2	0.73	1.05
24	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	71/37	1/1	1/1	(Dotsy Jean, \$169,948)	\$778,887	385	22	1.28	1.18
25	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	63/29	1/3	1/1	(U R All That I Am, \$235,409)	\$753,747	498	18	1.06	1.22
26	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$3,000	69/25	1/1	0/1	(Tenth Power, \$70,196)	\$710,165	131	1	0.64	1.27
27	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Gray	\$1,500	58/30	3/4	1/3	(Tornado Betty, \$100,120)	\$703,115	276	11	0.80	1.22
28	RICHLY BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	40/23	1/2	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$137,424)	\$667,880	120	2	0.83	0.79
29	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	50/33	1/1	0/1	(Roaring Home, \$65,121)	\$602,972	*634	17	1.50	1.37
30	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Applebite Farms	\$2,000	43/27	0/0	0/0	(The Bat Signal, \$81,024)	\$569,704	105	0	0.86	0.95
31	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), Milkyway Farm	N/A	26/14	0/0	0/0	(Scofield Barracks, \$115,500)	\$563,002	62	4	1.47	0.89
32	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms	\$2,500	46/24	0/0	0/0	(Frequent Fame, \$64,520)	\$549,996	269	13	0.94	0.82
33	LORD CARSON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	44/22	2/2	1/2	(You Lift Me Up, \$133,902)	\$542,284	465	28	1.16	1.28
34	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus)	Pnsd	61/27	1/2	0/1	(Clair Annette, \$73,224)	\$540,073	*735	39	1.20	1.17
35	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	52/22	0/0	0/0	(Catsalot, \$61,501)	\$527,436	135	0	0.59	1.08
36	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	\$2,500	52/33	1/1	1/1	(Highland Games, \$50,580)	\$518,251	362	22	0.88	0.82
37	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West)	Pnsd	51/25	0/0	0/0	(A Jealous Woman, \$90,000)	\$501,061	*268	4	0.61	0.94
38	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	42/23	1/2	0/1	(Perfect Curl, \$109,700)	\$495,509	255	11	1.01	1.25
39	RIO VERDE (92, Nureyev), Lovacres Ranch	\$3,000	52/21	1/1	0/1	(Grace Upon Grace, \$85,476)	\$485,151	239	4	0.61	0.82
40	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$3,500	41/14	1/1	0/1	(Flamin' Hot, \$160,490)	\$432,713	*190	2	0.83	1.08
41	HIGH DEMAND (97, Danzig)	N/A	44/18	0/0	0/0	(High Success, \$67,360)	\$432,208	122	1	0.88	1.21
42	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	21/13	1/1	1/1	(Soul Candy, \$215,020)	\$424,695	*242	10	1.32	1.41
43	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector), Windfall Farms	\$5,000	27/15	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Netti, \$63,259)	\$406,794	*84	1	0.90	0.95
44	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	48/21	0/0	0/0	(Cell Line Forever, \$38,143)	\$389,444	123	1	0.71	0.82
45	SILIC (FR) (95, Sillery), Getaway Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Pretty Silic Chick, \$124,075)	\$375,205	*123	1	1.04	0.95
46	MUD ROUTE (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	32/18	0/0	0/0	(Our Road Scholar, \$73,994)	\$362,244	245	6	0.84	0.94
47	TIZBUD (99, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	\$2,500	19/8	1/2	0/1	(Tizsosexy, \$97,280)	\$358,954	66	1	0.95	0.92
48	BEHRENS (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Sporty Boy, \$52,890)	\$335,545	184	0	0.61	1.50
49	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	\$2,500	16/7	1/1	0/1	(Norvsky, \$94,538)	\$333,746	51	1	1.39	0.78
50	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Harris Farms	\$1,500	24/10	1/1	0/1	(Daylight Storm, \$122,480)	\$333,572	75	1	1.01	0.74
51	FREE HOUSE (94, Smokester)	Died, 2004	19/7	2/3	1/2	(Fantasy Free, \$145,511)	\$321,894	181	7	0.99	1.50
52	ROYAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Old English Rancho	\$2,000	31/16	0/0	0/0	(Benicia Blue Eyes, \$44,300)	\$300,614	130	0	0.60	1.05
53	TERRELL (00, Distorted Humor), Dignitary Downs	\$2,000	28/18	0/0	0/0	(Sense of Humor, \$34,506)	\$294,750	57	0	0.54	1.05
54	AFFIRMATIVE (99, Unbridled), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	10/7	1/1	0/1	(Warren's Jitterbug, \$143,670)	\$288,542	22	1	1.46	0.84
55	UNBRIDLED NATIVE (01, Unbridled), Old English Rancho	Died, 2008	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Where's the Remote, \$171,924)	\$284,636	49	0	0.79	0.77
56	CAPSIZED (96, Summer Squall)	N/A	24/15	0/0	0/0	(Wabash River, \$32,865)	\$274,511	90	0	0.63	0.88
57	♯ LUCKY PULPIT (01, Pulpit), Harris Farms	\$2,500	9/8	1/2	0/1	(Luckarack, \$87,400)	\$267,971	23	1	1.93	1.28
58	POTEEN (94, Irish River), Old English Rancho	\$1,500	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Sidepocket Lou, \$48,410)	\$264,865	71	3	0.85	0.81
59	DIXIE DOT COM (95, Dixie Brass)	Died, 2007	33/13	0/0	0/0	(Witzel Dixie, \$49,145)	\$262,593	112	1	0.62	1.17
60	GENERAL MEETING (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	21/12	2/3	1/2	(Tap It Light, \$104,720)	\$260,704	*471	36	1.86	1.58
61	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Oak Hill Farm	\$2,500	32/18	2/2	1/2	(I. C. Rosie, \$25,128)	\$255,762	118	5	0.93	1.00
62	SINGLETARY (00, Sultry Song), Harris Farms	\$1,500	26/8	2/2	2/2	(Spirited Winner, \$69,097)	\$247,900	62	2	0.63	1.31
63	BARTOK (IRE) (91, Fairy King)	N/A	31/13	0/0	0/0	(Classical Bartok, \$24,316)	\$239,918	205	7	1.06	0.91
64	FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Pack Your Bags, \$85,644)	\$230,165	493	23	0.92	1.08
65	GREY MEMO (97, Memo), Ridgeley Farm	N/A	15/12	0/0	0/0	(Adelicate Miss, \$78,400)	\$228,791	38	0	0.80	0.82
66	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	19/12	0/0	0/0	(Gambling Pokerface, \$40,400)	\$221,947	41	0	0.84	1.00
67	KELLY KIP (94, Kipper Kelly), Vinewood Farms	\$4,000	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Sir Silver Fox, \$48,140)	\$218,782	105	2	1.10	1.03
68	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	N/A	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Caroline Elena, \$38,776)	\$206,903	57	1	0.94	0.78
69	ANCIENT ART (01, Storm Cat), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	23/6	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Kong, \$59,180)	\$199,488	48	0	0.44	0.71
70	MADRAAR (94, Mr. Prospector), G&M Thoroughbred Farm	Died, 2008	26/12	1/1	0/1	(Acute Velocity, \$32,740)	\$189,922	199	2	0.32	0.68

*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.



Golden Eagle Farm

STORMIN FEVER

Storm Cat-Pennant Fever, by Seattle Slew

**SIRE OF 3 GRADED STAKES WINNERS
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- A LITTLE WARM (\$752,280), WINNER OF THE JIM DANDY STAKES (G2) ON DIRT AT SARATOGA.
- BIOFUEL (\$758,492), WINNER OF 4 STAKES IN 2010, INCLUDING THE SELENE STAKES (G3) ON POLY AT WOODBINE.
- LEADING SIRE IN CA OF 2010 STAKES WINNERS WITH 6 SW'S, INCLUDING G2 WINNER TOBRITA ON 11/27/2010.
- SIRE OF RECENT 2-YEAR-OLD STAKES HORSE JERRY'S FEVER, 2ND IN THE GOLDEN NUGGET S. AT GOLDEN GATE ON 11/20/2010.

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- Won 3 of 5 lifetime starts, including a 6-length score in the Grade 2 Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. in 1:22 1/5.
- Won a Santa Anita allowance by 7 1/2 lengths, setting fractions of :22, :44 4/5, : 56 4/5, and 1:09 flat for a 101 Beyer!
- 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 with 2010 earnings of \$3.4 million+ and three 2010 Graded stakes winners, **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.

His attractive first foals will be yearlings in 2011.

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STORM CAT — HALO AMERICA, BY WAQUOIT

#1 Leading California Third-Crop Sire by 2010 Winners & Stakes Winners

With 2010 progeny earnings of \$1.1-million+, sire of three 2010 stakes winners headed by SW **MONEY LOVER** (1st \$60,400 Alphabet Kisses S.), MSW **HOT FUSION** (5 wins in 6 career starts), and undefeated 2-year-old **SILVER SENSATION**.

Total progeny earnings \$2 million+!

■ Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal

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Outstanding first foals will be 2011 yearlings!

■ Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal (Consideration to approved mares)



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HALO'S IMAGE — PLEASANT DIXIE, BY DIXIELAND BAND

California's #1 Leading Second-Crop Sire by money and winners

\$1.4 million+ in 2010 progeny earnings and 44 winners
5 current stakes horses, including record-setting SW **SOUTHERN FIREBALL**, **Privileged** (3rd Swale S.-G2), **Mallory Square** (3rd Florida Oaks-G3), and 2010 multiple stakes-placed **Southern Ridge** (3rd \$175,000 Long Branch S., etc.)

■ Fee: \$4,000 Live Foal



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Betty Mabee and son Larry Mabee were honored during a Race Track Industry Program Symposium banquet

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California's leading sire list for 2010.

"We bred a mare to him," said McCullough in explaining why they acquired the horse. "He had several grade I winners, and he was very good statistically. I suggested to Larry that since prices had come down, he might be buyable."

Mabee and his mother purchased Stormin Fever in late 2008. They moved him from Kentucky to Golden Eagle for the 2009 breeding season, and his first California foals arrived this year.

While his parents were alive, Larry spent his time in their other business, the San Diego-based Big Bear Supermarket chain, as well as in real estate investment. But the racetrack always played a major role in his life and was even responsible for his learning to drive at age 13.

"I learned how to drive a car on El Camino Real—this was before Interstate 5," Larry said. "If you were going to go to the racetrack, you had to come up the old highway. I'd get behind the wheel and drive up El Camino Real while Dad was figuring out the Daily Double."

As they approached Del Mar, Larry would stop the car and they would switch seats so that John could complete the drive into the track.

After John and Betty entered racehorse ownership with the purchase of two fillies at a Del Mar yearling sale in 1957, Larry accompanied his father even more frequently and watched the people.

"I remember one little old lady," Larry said. "She was about as round as a 55-gallon drum and about 5'1" and always had a cigarette hanging out of the right corner of her mouth with about a two-inch ash. I don't know how that ash stayed on that cigarette all the time."

The family grew to know the racetrack regulars and often invited them into the winner's circle after they won a race. Larry recalled one incident when General Challenge captured the 1999 Pacific Classic. An older man Larry knew simply as Mr. Davis came to the racetrack every day in a coat and tie.

"He was always there, always pleasant," Mabee said. "You got to know Mr. Davis. You didn't know a lot about him, but he's a fan."

The day General Challenge ran in the Pacific Classic, Larry turned to his mother and said, "If we win this thing, how about if we extend an invitation to Mr. Davis to come to the winner's circle?"

2010 California Sires By Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Benchmark.....	6.....	8
Unusual Heat.....	6.....	7
Stormin Fever.....	5.....	12
Kafwain.....	5.....	5
Sea of Secrets.....	4.....	7
Salt Lake.....	4.....	6
Tribal Rule.....	4.....	6
In Excess (IRE).....	4.....	4
Old Topper.....	3.....	5
Comic Strip.....	3.....	4
Marino Marini.....	3.....	3
Swiss Yodeler.....	3.....	3
Cee's Tizzy.....	2.....	8
Siberian Summer.....	2.....	5
Bertrando.....	2.....	4
Ministers Wild Cat.....	2.....	4
Decarchy.....	2.....	3
Deputy Commander.....	2.....	3
Free House.....	2.....	3
General Meeting.....	2.....	3
Rahy's Quackerjack.....	2.....	3
Snowbound.....	2.....	3
High Brite.....	2.....	2
Iron Cat.....	2.....	2
Lord Carson.....	2.....	2
Singletary.....	2.....	2

General Challenge won and Mr. Davis proudly accepted the Mabees' invitation. Larry asked him for his address so that he could send Davis a photo.

"It made the man's day," Larry said. "He tore a deposit slip out of his checkbook and said, 'This is my address.'"

Growing Up with Groceries

John and Betty Mabee grew up in Iowa riding horses to school. High school sweethearts, they moved to Southern California because John suffered from bad health and had read that San Diego's moderate climate would help. Larry was born in Nevada, where the couple stopped for several months so that John could earn enough money doing construction work to finish the journey.

During World War II, John worked the night shift in the San Diego shipyards. He decided to buy a small grocery store and turned that into his day job. Betty worked in the store, and even young Larry got into the act at age 4.

"I bagged soap," Larry said. "After the

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mother run Golden Eagle until her death this past February at age 88. Since then he has been remaking the business into something smaller, which suits him and the current economy.

"When Dad passed away, we had 800 head of horses," said Larry. "It was uncontrollable at that number. We had horses everywhere. We started trying to figure out which mares we needed to keep. We've got it under manageable control now compared to what it was."

Mabee is in the process of selling the Golden Eagle property and developing a smaller farm for himself in Rancho Santa Fe near Del Mar. He owns about 55 horses, including 15 broodmares, though some of those mares will be offered at the 2011 Barretts January mixed sale.

He and Golden Eagle general manager Janine McCullough, who joined the operation in 2003, selected representatives from every prominent Golden Eagle line for the broodmare band. The mares include multiple stakes winner Western Hemisphere, a full sister to General Challenge; Career Fair, a daughter of Storm Cat and a half sister to grade I winners River Flyer and Victory Ride; Erratic Charm and Saltendipity, both from the family of multiple stakes winner and stakes producer Fantastic Look; and Profit Girl, a full sister to grade II winner Yearly Report.

Mabee stands just one stallion today, Stormin Fever, a stakes-winning son of Storm Cat—Pennant Fever, by Seattle Slew. The 16-year-old horse's foals include 2010 Jim Dandy Stakes (gr. II) winner A Little Warm. Stormin Fever ranks second on

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General Challenge winning the Santa Anita Handicap in 2000

war, soap flakes came in drums. This was before laundry detergent.”

Larry scooped the flakes into a bag on a counter-balance scale and then sealed it for the customers.

“I had no idea what the poundage was—I couldn’t count then probably,” he said. “But if the scale went ‘clunk,’ I’d put enough in.”

Larry became much more savvy about the grocery business as he grew up and his father built the business into the Big Bear chain. Eventually, his parents concentrated on the horse operation, and Larry took over the grocery and real estate divisions. At one point he oversaw 1,500 employees.

That business acumen served him well when he needed to segue into the horses after his father died. With his mother, Larry began breeding horses, including the likes of Evening Jewel, who won the 2010 Del Mar Oaks (gr. IT) and Central Bank Ashland Stakes (gr. I) and finished second in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I).

Larry took a different approach to the horse business than his father. John Mabee, especially toward the end of his life, kept everything that Golden Eagle bred. Larry markets his foals and enjoys seeing the buyers do well with them. He was thrilled when Evening Jewel began winning, not because it validated the Mabee breeding program but because she gave owner Tom Braly, who was battling cancer, a reason to enjoy life.

Mabee congratulated Braly in the Del Mar winner’s circle this past summer after Evening Jewel won the Del Mar Oaks. Braly smiled broadly while accepting the trophy for the Oaks.

“She has unbelievable heart and energy,” Braly said. “She’s a horse for the ages.”

The Aug. 21 race came just two weeks before Braly succumbed to his disease.

A 3-year-old daughter of Northern Afleet—Jewel of the Night, by Giant’s Causeway, Evening Jewel descends from vintage Golden Eagle roots. Her third dam, Excellent Lady, produced General Challenge, Oak Leaf Stakes (gr. I) winner Notable Career, and Western Hemisphere.

Larry and Betty Mabee sold Evening Jewel for \$8,000 at the 2008 Keeneland September yearling sale. Braly and his wife, Marilyn, later purchased her privately.

“Larry is excited for the people who bought Evening Jewel,” said McCullough. “He was thankfully able to be there for the Del Mar Oaks. He’s proud that he was able to be the funnel for them to have this great joy in their life.”

McCullough sent foal photos of Evening Jewel to the Bralys. Jewel of the Night had difficulty foaling Evening Jewel and nearly died. The Bralys corresponded with McCullough to learn about that and other early stories of their filly’s life. They called the farm to let Mabee and McCullough know when she would run.

“That’s the human side, the personal side that so many industries lose,” said Mabee. “You have to engage people.”

Mabee also noticed that Evening Jewel attracted fans as she began winning.

“There were people who had signs up for her,” he said. “She had a fan base going, which was good to see.”

Patience Rewarded

Golden Eagle is still home to two of John and Betty Mabee’s best horses, General Challenge and Dramatic Gold. The two geldings are enjoying well-earned retirement in paddocks across from each other.

That Dramatic Gold could become a multiple stakes-winning millionaire was amazing given his paddling stride.

2010 California Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Benchmark.....	165.....	101
Old Topper.....	145.....	84
Kafwain.....	138.....	75
In Excess (IRE).....	124.....	68
Deputy Commander.....	126.....	66
Swiss Yodeler.....	142.....	62
Unusual Heat.....	121.....	62
Salt Lake.....	119.....	62
Stormin Fever.....	121.....	60
Bertrando.....	117.....	59
Sea of Secrets.....	111.....	46
Tribal Rule.....	89.....	46
High Brite.....	87.....	46
Decarchy.....	81.....	44
Marino Marini.....	81.....	43
Siberian Summer.....	66.....	41
Southern Image.....	91.....	40
Cee’s Tizzy.....	80.....	38
Lit de Justice.....	71.....	37
Olmodavor.....	70.....	36
Freespool.....	75.....	35
Atticus.....	80.....	34
Game Plan.....	52.....	33
Roar.....	50.....	33
Redattore (BRZ).....	60.....	32
Comic Strip.....	58.....	30
Valid Wager.....	63.....	29
Ministers Wild Cat.....	58.....	28
Beau Genius.....	61.....	27
Gotham City.....	43.....	27
Ten Most Wanted.....	69.....	25
Muqtarib.....	51.....	25
Western Fame.....	46.....	24
Perfect Mandate.....	42.....	23
Richly Blended.....	40.....	23
Momentum.....	52.....	22
Lord Carson.....	44.....	22
Rio Verde.....	52.....	21
Globalize.....	48.....	21
High Demand.....	44.....	18
Behrens.....	33.....	18
Iron Cat.....	32.....	18
Mud Route.....	32.....	18
Terrell.....	28.....	18
Snowbound.....	44.....	17
Royal Cat.....	31.....	16
Crafty C. T.....	27.....	15
Capsized.....	24.....	15
Flame Thrower.....	41.....	14
Silic (FR).....	28.....	14
One Man Army.....	26.....	14
Dixie Dot Com.....	33.....	13
Bartok (IRE).....	31.....	13
Birdonthewire.....	21.....	13
Nineeleven.....	19.....	13
Madraar.....	26.....	12
General Meeting.....	21.....	12
Popular.....	19.....	12
Grey Memo.....	15.....	12
Kelly Kip.....	24.....	11
Stormy Jack.....	24.....	10
Flying Continental.....	23.....	10
Smokester.....	18.....	10
Rhythm.....	25.....	9
Illinois Storm.....	23.....	9
Rainbow Blues (IRE).....	20.....	9
Takin It Deep.....	18.....	9
Truckee.....	18.....	9

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Colonel John	2.20	135
Unusual Heat	2.19	83
Perfect Soul (IRE)	2.03	63
Pioneerof the Nile	2.02	130
Midnight Lute	1.99	114
Heatseeker (IRE)	1.87	57
Afleet Alex	1.86	150
Not For Love	1.85	55
Successful Appeal	1.83	110
Forestry	1.81	75
Even the Score	1.81	48
Mizzen Mast	1.81	118
\$10,000-\$14,999		
War Chant	2.62	61
Holy Bull	2.26	69
Oriente	2.18	73
U S Ranger	2.17	87
Divine Park	2.10	49
Thewayyouare	2.06	100
Pleasant Tap	2.04	41
Northern Afleet	2.00	126
\$5,000-\$9,999		
Hat Trick (JPN)	2.82	32
Jazil	2.64	35
Alphabet Soup	2.21	51
Cowboy Cal	2.15	128
Swiss Yodeler	2.13	39
Put It Back	1.98	76
Circular Quay	1.92	75
Wildcat Heir	1.91	148
Under \$5,000		
Whatsthescript (IRE)	2.22	26
Deputy Storm	2.06	25
Mobil	1.90	33
Suances (GB)	1.87	34
Fort Prado	1.86	66
Cowntown Cat	1.83	51

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ALSO STANDING: KAFWAIN / MINISTER'S WILD CAT / OLD TOPPER



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Mabee accepts the plaque for Best Pal from Ed Bowen at the induction ceremonies at the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame

"He looked like he was swimming coming down the stretch," said Larry Mabee. "He didn't know he had paddle feet."

McCullough pointed out that with the innovations available today, a horse such as Dramatic Gold might undergo corrective surgery as a yearling before he had a chance to grow into his eventual 17-hand height. She suspects that would have kept him from becoming a successful racehorse.

"A lot of times if you just let them be, like him, they will learn to move through their own bodies," she said.

Mabee and McCullough feel strongly about giving horses time

to grow into themselves. Though Mabee sells most of what he breeds as yearlings, he races the few that don't sell or the occasional filly that will ultimately replenish the broodmare band. Mabee and McCullough don't hesitate to bring the horses in training home to rest if they need it, and their trainer, Bruce Headley, also believes in giving horses plenty of time.

"They need to grow up, and they need an extra year sometimes," Mabee said. "Historically, we have not run our 2-year-olds until late in the year, if then."

About two years ago Mabee closed the training portion of Golden Eagle. McCullough preps sales yearlings at the farm, but she sends the horses they keep to nearby Rancho Paseana for breaking and early training. If they need more time, she brings them back to Golden Eagle until they are ready mentally and physically to become racehorses.

"It's like my employees," said Mabee. "If I don't push them out and make them take vacation time, they get pretty dull."

Caffeine High, a 3-year-old son of Purge—Cup of Coco, by Marlin, is currently benefiting from this philosophy. A large 2-year-old, he developed some shin soreness while in training. Mabee and McCullough gave him several months off, and he's currently working well at Rancho Paseana.

"Now his mental capacity can handle that big body," said McCullough. "Before, he was a big moose acting like a 5-year-old child and getting in his own way. He's a completely different horse from eight months ago."

McCullough runs the Golden Eagle operation and is helping Mabee transition to the 28-acre property in Rancho Santa Fe. Mabee is currently going through the permitting process. He has installed a well and is ready to begin work on fencing. A former show-horse property, the acreage has a 21-stall barn. Mabee has gutted the inside of the barn and will ultimately fit it with state-of-the-art stalls.

"I think it will be a nice, fun little operation," Mabee said.

And whether he's the owner-breeder or simply the breeder, he plans to enjoy watching horses of Golden Eagle lineage continue to perform at the top of the game. **U**

2010 California First-Crop Sires By Earnings					
Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Lucky Pulpit.....	23	9	8	1	\$267,971
Crown the King.....	1	1	0	0	\$22,360
Cindago.....	10	1	1	0	\$13,680
Uncle Denny.....	19	5	1	0	\$11,650

2010 California Second-Crop Sires By Earnings					
Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Southern Image.....	216	91	40	1	\$1,399,421
Ministers Wild Cat.....	103	58	28	2	\$785,266
Terrell.....	57	28	18	0	\$294,750
Singletary.....	62	26	8	2	\$247,900
Blazonry.....	19	11	5	0	\$169,774
Trapper.....	13	8	5	0	\$154,507
Calkins Road.....	12	6	4	1	\$109,062
Our New Recruit.....	25	10	3	0	\$104,385
Onebadshark.....	15	5	3	0	\$89,442
Strive.....	23	10	1	0	\$47,355
Indian Country.....	31	12	3	0	\$37,216
Blue Afleet.....	8	3	1	0	\$26,110
Awesome Jet.....	14	6	1	0	\$24,755
Anziyan Royalty.....	14	5	2	0	\$16,686
Race for Glory.....	10	3	1	0	\$13,610
Commander's Flag.....	9	2	1	0	\$11,716
Grand Score.....	5	3	1	0	\$10,372

2010 California Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners			
Sire	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Kafwain.....	71	35	16
Tribal Rule.....	92	36	16
Benchmark.....	73	23	12
Swiss Yodeler.....	64	29	9
Ministers Wild Cat.....	54	25	8
Lucky Pulpit.....	23	9	8
Salt Lake.....	48	21	7
Marino Marini.....	39	13	6
Old Topper.....	50	19	6
In Excess (IRE).....	54	17	6
Bertrando.....	62	19	5
Rio Verde.....	24	10	5
Singletary.....	24	9	4
Southern Image.....	68	24	4
Nineelevn.....	10	5	4
Roar.....	21	6	4
Globalize.....	25	12	4
Decarchy.....	42	12	4
Doc Gus.....	22	8	4
Terrell.....	30	8	3
Western Fame.....	14	7	3
Game Plan.....	32	8	3
Stormin Fever.....	25	10	3
Freespool.....	42	14	3
Grey Memo.....	12	3	3
Flame Thrower.....	46	10	3
Gotham City.....	18	8	3