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# Pioneer of the West

BY TRACY GANTZ

## Trainer Kathy Walsh busts down barriers

**K**athy Walsh's training career intertwines so thoroughly with Washington's Longacres Race Course that many people think she hails from the Pacific Northwest. Four times the leading trainer at Longacres, Walsh actually grew up in Northern California.

Now based in Southern California, where she trains a 25-horse stable that includes 2007 Del Mar Futurity (gr. I) and 2008 San Vicente (gr. II) and San Felipe (gr. II) Stakes winner Georgie Boy, Walsh took a circuitous route from the north end of the state to the south. Not only did she spend much of her career in Washington, she has trained strings at Canterbury Downs (now Canterbury Park) in Minnesota and at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas.

"I went to New Orleans in 1967 with my father," Walsh said. "I even went with him to Vancouver, Canada, when I was 10 years old."

Given that her father, Jim, led trainers twice at Longacres, it's not surprising Kathy followed his career path, much to her mother's chagrin. However, Southern California legend Buster Millerick, who conditioned three-time Hollywood Gold Cup winner Native Diver, was perhaps even more responsible for Kathy choosing to become a trainer.

"Buster gave my dad his first broodmare," Walsh said. "My dad grew up in Sonoma, Calif., and Buster was from Petaluma, right next door."

Contemporaries, Millerick and Jim Walsh came of age in the early part of the 20th century, when people owned all sorts of horses instead of those that specialized in one sport.

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Kathy Walsh received early schooling from her father, trainer Jim Walsh

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"Buster's uncle, Jack Millerick, at one time had the biggest bucking horse string in the United States," Kathy said. "He supplied horses for Madison Square Garden. He kind of halfway helped raise Buster."

Jim Walsh had different types of horses too when Kathy arrived in 1940.

"We had rodeo stock and stuff like that, but that was just fooling around stuff," she said. "We always had the neighbor kids there because that was the only place that had horses."

Jim learned all aspects of horsemanship, having to take care of his horses himself.

What he excelled at was keeping a horse's foot in good condition, a talent that aided Millerick when Native Diver came to him in the 1960s.

"Buster would get him to help shoe Native Diver because he had foot problems," Kathy said. "Buster felt that my dad was the greatest foot specialist there was."

For seven years, Native Diver ruled California, spurning challengers not only with his deadly speed but with his haughty demeanor. Cantankerous to the point where he would often refuse to train in the mornings, The Diver responded to Millerick's ministrations, winning 34 stakes and

earning \$1,026,500 back when that meant something.

"He used to speedy cut so bad," Kathy said. "He'd wear white patches on the insides of his back legs. That horse never trained in a full shoe. He'd race in a full shoe, but he trained in tips, with the back being barefoot."

Kathy soaked up knowledge from her

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#### 2008 California Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners

Sire	2yos	2yo Rns	2yo Wnrs
Old Topper.....	84.....	33.....	14
Swiss Yodeler.....	64.....	26.....	13
Benchmark.....	72.....	28.....	11
Bertrando.....	53.....	22.....	9
Valid Wager.....	55.....	18.....	8
Lord Carson.....	23.....	14.....	7
Rio Verde.....	40.....	21.....	6
Cat Dreams.....	39.....	15.....	5
Lit de Justice.....	25.....	14.....	5
Nineeleven.....	11.....	8.....	5
Muqtarib.....	57.....	17.....	5
Momentum.....	32.....	16.....	5
Flame Thrower.....	23.....	12.....	5
Marino Marini.....	34.....	12.....	4
Atticus.....	70.....	22.....	4
Formal Gold.....	35.....	10.....	4
Stormin Fever.....	42.....	18.....	4
Phonetics.....	14.....	4.....	4
Sea of Secrets.....	24.....	11.....	4
Capsized.....	26.....	7.....	4
Decarchy.....	41.....	16.....	4
In Excess (IRE).....	65.....	14.....	4
Sought After.....	6.....	3.....	3
Beau Genius.....	23.....	8.....	3
Salt Lake.....	32.....	16.....	3
Siberian Summer.....	44.....	17.....	3
Unusual Heat.....	62.....	14.....	3
Deputy Commander.....	29.....	8.....	3
Mud Route.....	27.....	5.....	3
Snowbound.....	28.....	8.....	3
Spinelessjellyfish.....	22.....	7.....	3
Royal Cat.....	40.....	7.....	3
Richly Blended.....	27.....	6.....	3
Jackpot.....	18.....	6.....	3
Crafty C. T.....	24.....	9.....	3
Gotham City.....	23.....	6.....	3
Popular.....	14.....	9.....	3
Ten Most Wanted.....	75.....	41.....	2
D's Bertrando.....	13.....	3.....	2
High Brite.....	43.....	7.....	2
Makaleha.....	6.....	4.....	2
Emerald Jig.....	5.....	4.....	2
Score Quick.....	7.....	3.....	2
Roar.....	23.....	5.....	2
Illinois Storm.....	28.....	7.....	2
Hold for Gold.....	8.....	4.....	2
Tribal Rule.....	34.....	11.....	2
Freespool.....	39.....	10.....	2
Globalize.....	17.....	5.....	2
High Demand.....	21.....	7.....	2
Takin It Deep.....	12.....	5.....	2
Bartok (IRE).....	16.....	6.....	2
Rainbow Blues (IRE).....	16.....	4.....	2
Redattore (BRZ).....	40.....	11.....	2



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Winner of eight stakes coast to coast on dirt, turf and synthetic surfaces, **McCann's Mojave** won graded races in California at 6 1/2 furlongs, 1 1/16 miles and 1 1/8 miles (NTR). He defeated 16 Grade I winners and is the only California-bred to win a \$1,000,000 race out of state in 2007.

**Entering Stud • Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal**

*by Memo – Joni U. Bar, by Nordic Prince*



## MARINO MARINI

### Leading Freshman Sire

**Marino Marini** is California's leading first-crop sire by average earnings per start among stallions with at least four starters. His Del Mar track record setter **Miguel's Mascot**, a November allowance winner at Hollywood Park, is the top-money winner sired by a West Coast Freshman sire.

**Fee: \$5,000 Live Foal**

*by Storm Cat-Halo America, by Waquoit*



## FORMAL GOLD

### Graded Stakes Sire 2007-2008

Seven crops of racing age have produced graded winners in three of the past four years, 39 stakes horses (19 stakes winners), 80% winners/starters, progeny with earnings of over \$14.8 million and a \$55,497 average earnings per runner.

**Fee: \$5,000 Live Foal**

*by Black Tie Affair-Ingoldsby, by Screen King*



## SOUGHT AFTER

### Impressive 2-year-old Stats

The sire of 100% winners from 2-year-old starters in 2008, **Sought After** has three 2-year-olds to race this year - all winners with total earnings of \$86,880 and an average earnings per start of \$7,240 - nearly 3X their sire's stud fee.

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**2008 California Sires  
By Winners**

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Deputy Commander	174	99
Salt Lake	155	93
Swiss Yodeler	162	88
Sea of Secrets	160	88
Benchmark	178	86
Valid Wager	140	80
Stormin Fever	161	79
Bertrando	156	76
Unusual Heat	136	67
Lord Carson	131	67
Old Topper	124	66
In Excess (IRE)	142	64
High Brite	116	62
Roar	84	50
Formal Gold	91	49
Beau Genius	106	48
Cee's Tizzy	101	46
Lit de Justice	96	46
Game Plan	79	45
Comic Strip	80	37
Tribal Rule	64	36
Thunderello	66	34
Siberian Summer	76	33
Snowbound	68	33
Free House	61	33
Behrens	74	32
Memo (CHI)	65	32
Perfect Mandate	61	31
Western Fame	61	31
Dixie Dot Com	46	30
Flame Thrower	56	29
Bartok (IRE)	55	29
Muqtarib	58	28
Smokester	54	28

**2008 California Sires  
By Stakes Winners**

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Unusual Heat	10	15
Stormin Fever	7	12
Cee's Tizzy	7	10
Lord Carson	7	8
Tribal Rule	6	11
In Excess (IRE)	6	9
Lit de Justice	6	7
Bertrando	5	6
Benchmark	5	5
Deputy Commander	4	5
Salt Lake	4	4
Sea of Secrets	4	4
Game Plan	3	3
High Brite	3	3
Old Topper	3	3
Mud Route	2	5
Formal Gold	2	4
Thunderello	2	4
Beau Genius	2	3
Flying Continental	2	2
Free House	2	2
Olympio	2	2
Poteen	2	2
Smokester	2	2
Taskmaster	2	2
Western Fame	2	2



**Walsh, right, has a hug for jockey Michael Baze following Georgie Boy's win in the San Felipe Stakes**

father and Millerick. Every summer she found a way to join her dad at the racetrack. Despite the fact women didn't become trainers in the 1960s, she naturally fell into becoming Jim's assistant trainer, getting an assistant's license in 1962.

For the most part, being a woman never stopped Kathy Walsh, though she does remember an odd circumstance when she accompanied some of her father's horses from Northern to Southern California.

"In those days, women weren't even allowed to saddle a horse," she said. "I was saddling horses in Northern California—it was no big issue. But in Southern California, the stewards said, 'You'll have to have a man saddle the horse.' I said, 'Why?' It was just very different."

Walsh never received a good answer as to why she couldn't saddle the horses. She simply had to bow to the rules and get a man to saddle for her. It was one of the few times she didn't speak out about something she felt was unjust.

"I've never been called quiet," she said with her raucous laugh. "I've also been quoted as saying that I don't take orders well."

She learned how to run a barn and give orders well by observing her father. The work ethic Jim developed became ingrained in his daughter.

"Someone who wants to work—there are lots of opportunities in this business," she said.

And work she did, especially after Jim became sick in the years before his death in 1970. Kathy virtually ran the barn, which made the transition easier than it would have been for a woman to take over a stable back then. Kathy already had established good business relationships with Jim's owners.

"She's very conscientious, very detail-oriented," said fellow trainer Chay Knight, whose son, Greg, once galloped horses for Walsh. "Nothing is left undone, and she's a good horsewoman."

Knight's wife, Mary, regularly consigns horses to California sales, and they formerly managed Dr. Mark Dedomenico's Pegasus Thoroughbred Center near Redmond, Wash., where Georgie Boy received his early lessons. Dedomenico is the son of the late Paskey Dedomenico, whom Walsh trained for and who was instrumental in

**2008 California First-Crop Sires  
By Earnings**

Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Momentum	32	16	5	0	\$156,040
Ten Most Wanted	75	41	2	0	\$132,884
Marino Marini	34	12	4	0	\$127,619
Cat Dreams	39	15	5	0	\$110,439
Popular	14	9	3	0	\$93,630
Suances (GB)	14	3	1	0	\$58,980
Redattore (BRZ)	89	11	2	1	\$52,804
Spinelessjellyfish	22	7	3	0	\$35,410
Jackpot	18	6	3	0	\$33,155
Ancient Art	16	7	1	0	\$24,520
Slew's Prince	5	2	1	0	\$21,364

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## BERTRANDO

Sire of three new graded winners in 2008 on dirt, turf and synthetic surfaces including **Karelian**,



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Karelian (G3)

winner of the River City Handicap-G3 at Churchill Downs.

**Bertrando** is the only California-based sire whose progeny earnings have surpassed \$3,000,000 in 2005-2008.

### \$10,000 Live Foal

Skywalker – Gentle Hands,  
by Buffalo Lark



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## TRIBAL RULE

First two crops have produced winners of 134 races (20% from starts), progeny earnings of \$3,610,918 (\$50,151 average per runner) and 17 stakes horses.



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Tribal Chief (NTR)

Sire of record holders at Hollywood Park: **Tribal Chief** (1:20.46) and Golden Gate: **Tribesman** (1:08.32).

### \$7,500 Live Foal

Storm Cat – Sown,  
by Grenfall



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## BENCHMARK

Sire of 15 stakes horses in 2008 including stakes winners from four of his past five crops and progeny with earnings of \$2,967,243.



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Brother Derek (G1)

Co-leading sire of 2008 California-bred winners (79) and second-ranked (to **Unusual Heat**) by Cal-bred earnings.

**\$4,000 Live Foal** • Alydar – Winters' Love, by Danzig



Stud fees are due November 1 of year bred.  
Statistics available through Dec. 1, 2008.





Georgie Boy and jockey Rafael Bejarano outrun the field to win the San Vicente Stakes

the family's pasta company, which invented Rice-A-Roni.

**ON TO WASHINGTON**

Northern California trainers often used Longacres near Seattle to complete their circuit. Jim Walsh began taking horses to the Washington track regularly in 1961, and two years later he bought a ranch in Eastern Washington.

Because women found it difficult to

break in at the racetrack, the logical progression might have been for Kathy to run the farm. Instead, her brother, Edward, took that over.

"I wasn't going to be a farm girl," she said. "I had no intention of doing that."

Her apprenticeship under her father put her in an excellent position to dominate Longacres after his death. Jim led trainers there in 1967 and 1969, and Kathy followed in 1972, 1973, 1976, and 1978.

She captured three runnings of the Tacoma Handicap, but has a particular fondness for horses that overcame problems to win. Those included British Columbia Derby winner Auguste and a hard-knocking horse named Little Joker.

Often, Walsh would replenish her stable with horses from trainer Allen Jerkens in New York.

"He's a very, very good friend of mine to this day," Walsh said. "When my owners would say that they wanted a nice horse for the Longacres Mile or the Longacres Derby, I'd get on a plane, go back to New York, and see Allen."

Walsh won several races with a Jerkens horse named Whoa Boy, a 1971 son of Handsome Boy—Overton Miss, by Greek Ship. Racing Whoa Boy at Longacres, Bay Meadows, and Golden Gate Fields, Walsh won the 1974 San Jose Stakes, 1975 San Francisco Mile, and 1975 Seattle Handicap with him for Paskey Dedomenico. Whoa Boy also finished third in the 1975 Longacres Mile Handicap (gr. III) and 1976 Seattle Handicap.

**BRANCHING OUT**

As Walsh bettered her Longacres stable during the 1970s, she began working the richer Southern California tracks into her year-round circuit. In 1980, however, she voluntarily derailed her career when she got married and decided to quit train-

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Sire	Stks Horses	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Unusual Heat	24	10	15
Stormin Fever	17	7	12
In Excess (IRE)	16	6	9
Bertrando	15	5	6
Benchmark	15	5	5
Cee's Tizzy	12	7	10
Deputy Commander	12	4	5
Tribal Rule	11	6	11
Lit de Justice	11	6	7
Salt Lake	11	4	4
Lord Carson	10	7	8
High Brite	9	3	3
Old Topper	9	3	3
Sea of Secrets	8	4	4
Swiss Yodeler	8	0	0
Beau Genius	7	2	3
Game Plan	6	3	3
Olympio	6	2	2
Snowbound	6	1	2
Comic Strip	5	1	2
Atticus	5	1	1
Rio Verde	5	1	1
Free House	4	2	2
Smokester	4	2	2
Western Fame	4	2	2
Roar	4	1	3
Birdonthewire	4	1	2
Decarchy	4	1	1
Memo (CHI)	4	1	1

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# 2008 Leading Sires in Washington

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Washington (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 3, 2008. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. \*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	2009 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2008 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	<b>MATTY G</b> (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$4,500	135/69	1/1	0/1	(Matty's Trail, \$94,502)	<b>\$1,673,039</b>	*339	10	1.01	1.07
2	<b>SLEWDLEDO</b> (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	113/59	4/8	1/4	(Yacht Spotter, \$129,030)	<b>\$1,091,572</b>	692	42	0.73	0.62
3	<b>YOU AND I</b> (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$5,000	80/41	1/1	0/1	(Are You Serious, \$148,380)	<b>\$1,080,625</b>	*417	16	1.25	1.48
4	<b>TRIBUNAL</b> (97, Deputy Minister), El Dorado Farms	Died, 2008	63/37	2/2	2/2	(Tribal Belle, \$138,518)	<b>\$898,695</b>	111	4	0.81	0.85
5	<b>CAHILL ROAD</b> (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$4,000	71/36	1/4	0/1	(Wasserman, \$245,478)	<b>\$833,776</b>	*513	28	1.14	1.25
6	<b>HE'S TOPS</b> (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$3,000	74/33	3/4	1/3	(Reba Is Tops, \$95,400)	<b>\$757,796</b>	210	9	0.59	0.68
7	<b>TRAIL CITY</b> (93, Red Ransom), Allaire Farms	Died, 2008	37/22	1/3	0/1	(Dusty Trail, \$106,232)	<b>\$701,609</b>	119	4	0.83	1.10
8	<b>FREE AT LAST</b> (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	72/31	1/1	1/1	(Emancipated, \$54,305)	<b>\$408,891</b>	367	22	0.61	0.81
9	<b>PETERSBURG</b> (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	56/31	0/0	0/0	(Cielo Rojo, \$29,866)	<b>\$407,681</b>	317	20	0.69	0.59
10	<b>KATOWICE</b> (87, Danzig), Woodstead Farm	\$1,250	31/10	2/4	0/2	(Enumclaw Girl, \$81,662)	<b>\$369,580</b>	357	17	0.86	1.08

**\*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.

ing. The hiatus lasted five years, just a bit shorter than the marriage itself.

When she returned to training, Walsh started a string at the new Canterbury Downs upon the advice of Lou Eilken, Santa Anita's racing secretary. Santa Anita management became involved with the opening of the Minnesota track in 1985, and Eilken took on the job of Canterbury's director of racing.

"Mr. Eilken talked me into going to the opening of Canterbury," Walsh said. "It was a very interesting venture with a lot of great people."

Walsh did so well that she tied with Bernie Flint as the leading trainer at Canterbury in 1988. Her circuit then included Santa Anita in the winter and the Midwest in the summer. Walsh only made her way back to Seattle for the last couple of years of Longacres before its closure in 1992.

"In the 10 years I was gone, there was a major change," she said. "At that time, there was a lot of unevenness in the industry. Basically, racing has shot itself in the foot. Right now, a lot of our problems we've created ourselves. We can all be Monday morning quarterbacks, but we've got to market our own game."

To that end, Walsh supports synthetic racing surfaces, though like many trainers she is concerned that tracks learn to properly maintain them. Georgie Boy, bred and owned by George Schwary, was foaled at Old English Rancho in Sanger, Calif., but Walsh shipped him to Pegasus Thoroughbred Center to be broken. One of the reasons was that the center has a synthetic training track.

"I have 15 horses up there being broken for various clients now," Walsh said. "It's a fabulous facility. They have everything there."

Walsh didn't just step in when Georgie Boy became old enough to train. She is responsible for his very existence.

"Kathy had her eye on the mare (Ippodamia)," Schwary said. "She was a



Walsh currently trains 25 horses from her Southern California base

Washington-bred horse. They brought her to California and put her in a \$32,000 claiming race. Kathy told me, 'That's the one you need.' But she had some foot problems, and Kathy recommended we breed her and give her a better life than racing on those feet."

Walsh thought highly of the stallion Tribal Rule and suggested Schwary breed Ippodamia to him. Schwary's wife, Martha, named the resulting colt Georgie Boy for her husband.

"He is a super, super-intelligent horse, and that really makes an easier game out of it," Walsh said.

Georgie Boy was also a little rambunctious, which led to his being gelded while he was at Pegasus.

"Maybe we wouldn't have had as good a horse if he hadn't been gelded," said Schwary. The owner now has a weanling full sister to Georgie Boy, and the mare is in foal to Street Sense.

Georgie Boy has never raced on anything but a synthetic surface thus far, breaking his maiden in the 2007 Gradua-

tion Stakes at Del Mar. Following a second in the Best Pal Stakes (gr. II), he won the Del Mar Futurity (gr. I). Walsh gave him plenty of time, and he responded early this year with victories in the San Vicente Stakes and San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita.

In the Santa Anita directors' room after the San Felipe, Schwary and his friends were quite naturally making plans for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I). Walsh, while ecstatic with the win, refused to think that far ahead.

"We don't even dare mention the Derby to her," said Walsh's friend, Marietta Galich, in the days following the San Felipe.

Walsh's caution served her well when Georgie Boy pulled a muscle in his back at the end of March. Walsh and Schwary decided to give the gelding whatever time he needed, despite the fact it meant no Triple Crown path.

"To show you how cautious she is," Schwary said, "when Georgie Boy had a nuke scan (in early May), she had three vets look at it. I appreciate that. She's up front and tells me exactly how it is. She's hands-on and checks those horses every day. She's a phenomenal trainer."

Walsh didn't bring Georgie Boy back to the races until Oct. 25. He ran fourth behind another comebacker, Into Mischief, in the Damascus Stakes on the supporting card of the Breeders' Cup second day. Georgie Boy will likely next race in the Malibu Stakes (gr. I) Dec. 26, opening day of the Santa Anita winter meeting.

"He doing good, and he's on schedule for the Malibu," Walsh said.

Meanwhile, Walsh's other runners include Eric Jensen's Solar Miss, who finished second by a head in the Nov. 15 Audrey Skirball-Kenis Stakes at Hollywood Park. She, Georgie Boy, and the rest of Walsh's stable are benefiting not only from Walsh's experience, but from the horse sense handed down to her by her father and Buster Millerick. 📌



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