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Bob Fletcher well remembers the long, hard road to sobriety. He spent 4½ months in and out of Arcadia Methodist Hospital near Santa Anita Park, both his racetrack job and his marriage in jeopardy.

Newly sober and back to work, Fletcher was terrified that he would drink again and send his life into a further tailspin.

“On my coffee breaks and my lunch hour, I would come over to the Winners Foundation,” he said. “I would come to meetings here. I stayed real close to this place. Nobody judged me. It was safe here.”

Today, 18 years later, Fletcher sits on the other side of the table as the execu-
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True 'Winners': From left, Gino Roncelli, Darrell Haire, and Bob Fletcher at Santa Anita

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1. UNUSUAL HEAT	140	905	138	\$5,827,513
2. STORMIN FEVER	169	1,078	157	\$3,888,594
3. DEPUTY COMMANDER	176	1,270	174	\$3,852,212
4. IN EXCESS (IRE)	148	838	117	\$3,185,482
5. SALT LAKE	158	981	172	\$3,163,658

LEADING SIRES BY 2008 TURF EARNINGS

(MINIMUM 100 STARTS LIFETIME)

	RUNNERS	STARTS	RACES WON	EARNINGS
1. UNUSUAL HEAT	91	357	57	\$2,893,629
2. STORMIN FEVER	64	182	19	\$934,297
3. DEPUTY COMMANDER	69	245	42	\$884,742
4. BERTRANDO	56	146	19	\$848,630
5. IN EXCESS (IRE)	53	124	19	\$728,235

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STORM WOLF

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 See gray pages—Nearctic

RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2	1	0	0	0	\$2,640
3	4	3(1)	0	0	\$145,200
Totals	5	3(1)	0	0	\$147,840

Won At 3

Lazaro Barrera Memorial S (gr. II, \$150,000, 7 furlongs in 1:22.26, by 6, dftg. Dover Dere, Ransom Demanded, Thirsty Guy's, Positive Prize, High Standards).

A race at Santa Anita Park (\$48,000, 6 furlongs in 1:09.13, TW, by 7½, dftg. Fallfree, Zats It, Cepheus Star, My Boy Joey, Miracle Maker).

A maiden special weight race at Santa Anita Park (\$44,000, 6 furlongs in 1:09.27, by 7, dftg. A. P. Arrow, Currency Trader, I'll Prey for You, Cherono, Beltline Jack, General Antonio, Opera Glass).

SIRE LINE

STORM WOLF is by **STORMIN FEVER**, stakes winner of 8 races, \$484,664, Sport Page H (gr. III), 2nd Vosburgh S (gr. I) twice, Philip H Iselin H (gr. II), Salvador Mile H (gr. III), 3rd Withers S (gr. II).

To December 31, 2008: Sired 6 crops, 480 foals, 341 mrs (71%), 233 wnr (49%), 79 2yo wnr (16%), 21 sw (4%), 1.26 AEI, 1.53 CI, 275 sale yrlds, avg \$48,692, 1.15 TNA. In 2008: 43 2yos, 22 2yo mrs, 5 2yo wnr, 7 sw, 25 sale yrlds, avg \$21,058.

STORMIN FEVER has sired **SWEET TALKER** (Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup S, gr. IT, WinStar Distaff H, gr. III, Martha Washington Breeders' Cup S, Edgewood S, Caressing H, Dahlia S, etc.), **TARLOW** (Santa Margarita Invitational H, gr. I, La Canada S, gr. II, 2nd Oak Leaf S, gr. II, 3rd El Encino S, gr. II), **STORMIN IRISH** (Clasico Agustín Mercado Reveron, PR-I, 2nd Clasico Verset's Jet, PR-I, to 6, 2008), **HOWICK FALLS** (Polypipe Flying Childers S, Eng-II, Costcutter Roses S, 3rd Derrinstown Stud Mahab Al Shimaal, UAE-III), **MISTY ROSETTE** (Old Hat S, gr. III, Crank It Up S, Sandpiper S, 3rd Darley Test S, gr. I, Forward Gal S, gr. II), **FUSAICHI AUSTER** (Miyako Oji S, Yonago S, 2nd American Jockey Club Cup, Jpn-II, R. F. Radio Nippon Sho St. Lite Kinen, Jpn-II, to 6, 2008), **STORMIN NORMANDY** (Hudson H, High Rock Spring S, Papua S, 2nd Hudson H, Noble Nashua S, to 4, 2008), **STORMIN BAGHDAD** (Bonapaw S, Thanksgiving H, 2nd Colonel Power S, F. W. Gaudin Memorial S, 3rd Kentucky Cup Sprint S, gr. IIIA, to 4, 2008), **AFTER THE TONE** (Long Look S, 2nd Affectionately H, Oakley S), **INTENTIONAL FEVER** (Walking in Da Sun S, Beautiful Day S, 2nd Miss Woodford S, Drumtop S, 3rd Sweet and Sassy S, Heed S, to 4, 2008), **AIR LORD** (Whirling Ash S, 2nd Dover S, 3rd Mountaineer Juvenile S, Barksdale S, to 4, 2008), **DORM FEVER** (Heed S, 2nd Life's Magic S, to 4, 2008), **VALENTINE FEVER** (Cincinnati Trophy S, Valdale S, 2nd Bourbonette Oaks, gr. IIIA, to 3, 2008), **STORMIN QUALITY** (Wilma Mankiller S, 3rd Chaves County S, to 4, 2008), **SANGAY** (Warren's Thoroughbreds S, to 5, 2008), **NASTY FEVER** (Fort Erie Slots Cup S, Labatt Cup S, 2nd Mike Anderson Memorial Cup S, to 4, 2008), **FIRST CLASS FEVER** (Channel Three S, 3rd Blue Mountain Juvenile S, to 2, 2008), **BRAZEN SON** (Edmonton Juvenile S, Two Year Old Sales S, 2nd Birdcatcher S, to 3, 2008), **CANTERBURY GOLD** (Thoroughbred S, 2nd Mr. Pappion Starter H, to 6, 2008), **COMMAND THUNDER** (J. W. Sifton S, to 4, 2008), **Brilliant Son** (2nd Queens County H, gr. III, 3rd James Marvin S, to 5, 2008), **Whirlie Bertie** (3rd Monmouth Oaks, gr. III, to 3, 2008), **Newton John** (3rd BC Premiers H, Can-III, to 6, 2008), **Striving Storm** (2nd Bettfredpoker Classic Trial S, Eng-III, Prix Francois Boutin, 3rd Stan James Horris Hill S, Eng-III, to 4, 2008), **Dancehall FEVER** (2nd H Steward Mitchell S), **Feb Eleven** (3rd Beau Brummel S), **Pronger** (3rd Prince Of Wales S, to 3, 2008), **Casanova Story** (2nd Dashing Beauty S), **Fahrenheit Wild** (2nd Damon Runyon S, to 4, 2008), **Dontfeartthereaper** (2nd Romano Gucci S), **Mr. Negotiator** (3rd Golden Bear S, to 4, 2008), **Hot and Cold** (3rd Rocket Man S),

STUD ANALYSIS

Storm Wolf enters stud in 2009. His first foals will arrive in 2010.

Stormin Fever, dkb/br, 1994 21s, SW, \$484,664 480 f, 21 SW, 1.26 AEI	Storm Cat, 1983 8s, SW, \$570,610 1,272 f, 167 SW, 3.26 AEI	Storm Bird, 1978 6s, SW, \$169,181 681 f, 63 SW, 2.27 AEI	Northern Dancer, by Nearctic
		Terlingua, 1976 17s, SW, \$423,896 11 f, 9 r, 6 w, 2 SW	South Ocean, by New Providence
Pennant Fever, 1989 15s, wnr, \$87,222 7 f, 5 r, 4 w, 3 SW		Seattle Slew, 1974 17s, SW, \$1,208,726 1,050 f, 114 SW, 3.66 AEI	Secretariat, by Bold Ruler
		Letty's Pennant, 1982 19s, wnr, \$48,100 11 f, 10 r, 9 w, 1 SW	Crimson Saint, by Crimson Satan
Exclusive Rosette, ch, 1993 17s, SW, \$27,281 8 f, 8 r, 6 w, 2 SW	Ecliptical, 1982 10s, wnr, \$9,482 132 f, 5 SW, 0.85 AEI		Bold Reasoning, by Boldnesian
		Minnetonka, 1967 Unraced 15 f, 13 r, 9 w, 4 SW	My Charmer, by Poker
Zetta Jet, 1984 5s, unpl, \$880 10 f, 8 r, 8 w, 1 SW		Tri Jet, 1969 46s, SW, \$413,084 504 f, 48 SW, 2.04 AEI	Bold Forbes, by Irish Castle
		Queen Zetta, 1976 6s, unpl, \$570 3 f, 3 r, 1 w	Nalees Flying Flag, by Hoist the Flag
		Exclusive Native, 1965 13s, SW, \$169,013 507 f, 66 SW, 3.65 AEI	Raise a Native, by Native Dancer
			Exclusive, by Shut Out
			Chieftain, by Bold Ruler
			Heliolight, by Helioscope
			Jester, by Tom Fool
			Haze, by Olympia
			Crozier, by My Babu
			Miami Mood, by Greek Game

Smokestack (3rd Revidere S), **Stormy Siege** (3rd Smoke Glacken S), **Feverish Affair** (2nd M. Tyson Gilpin S), **East Bay** (3rd Three Chimneys Juvenile S), **Cocktail Clarence** (2nd Louisiana Champions Day Juvenile S, to 2, 2008), **South Branch Storm** (2nd Middleground Breeders' Cup S, to 3, 2008), **Ruff Diamond** (3rd Weatherbys Bank Wensleydale Juvenile Novices Hurdle Race, to 3, 2008), **Midnite Fever** (3rd Jack Hardy S, to 3, 2008), etc.

STORMIN FEVER'S 2008 stakes winners are **STORMIN NORMANDY**, **STORMIN QUALITY**, **VALENTINE FEVER**, **FUSAICHI AUSTER** (in Japan), **FIRST CLASS FEVER**, **SANGAY**, **NASTY FEVER** (in Can).

STORM CAT, grandsire of **STORMIN FEVER** has sired **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** (Horse of the Year in Europe, champion 3yo colt in Eng and Ire, Esat Digifone Irish Champion S, Ire-I, etc.), **BLACK MINNALOUSHE** (champion 3yo colt in Ire, Entenmanns Irish Two Thousand Guineas, Ire-I, etc.), **STORM FLAG FLYING** (champion 2yo filly, Long John Silver's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, gr. I, etc.), **SWEET CATOMINE** (champion 2yo filly, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, gr. I, etc.), **ONE COOL CAT** (champion 2yo colt in Europe, champion 3yo colt in Eng and Ire, Independent Waterford Wedgwood Phoenix S, Ire-I, etc.), **DENEbola** (champion 2yo filly in Fr, Prix Marcel Bouscay Criterium des Pouliches Royal Barriere Deauville, Fr-I, etc.), **CATRIL** (champion 3yo colt and older male in Eng), **TABASCO CAT** (Belmont S, gr. I, Preakness S, gr. I, etc.), **CAT THIEF** (Breeders' Cup Classic, gr. I, etc.), **NEBRASKA TORNADO** (Prix de Diane Hermes, Fr-I, etc.), **MISTLE CAT** (champion older male in Italy, Premio Vittorio di Capua, It-I, etc.), **AMBITIOUS CAT** (champion turf female in Can), **MUNAJI** (champion 3yo colt in Ger), **SILKEN CAT** (champion 2yo filly in Can), **HOLD THAT TIGER** (champion 2yo colt in Europe), **ALJABR** (champion 2yo colt in Europe), **SHARP CAT** (Acorn S, gr. I, etc.), **FINDER'S FEE** (Acorn S, gr. I, etc.), **BLUEGRASS CAT** (Haskell Invitational H, gr. I, etc.), **RAGING FEVER** (gr. I), **HIGH VILY** (gr. I), **GOOD REWARD** (gr. IT), **SARDULA** (gr. I), **CATINCA** (gr. I), **DESERT STORMER** (gr. I), **AFTER MARKET** (gr. IT), **CONSOLIDATOR** (gr. I), **FORESTRY** (gr. I), **HENNESSY** (gr. I), **NOVEMBER SNOW** (gr. I), **ALDIZA** (gr. I), etc.

FAMILY

1st dam

EXCLUSIVE ROSETTE, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$27,281, Florida Thoroughbred Charities S. Dam of 8 foals, including—

MISTY ROSETTE (by Stormin Fever), 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$184,021, Old Hat S (gr. III), Crank It Up S, Sandpiper S, 3rd Darley Test S (gr. I), Forward Gal S (gr. II).

STORM WOLF (Subject stallion).
CANYONETTE (Canyon Creek), 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$91,159.

VINTAGE RED (Explosive Red), 2 wins at 3, \$73,584. Producer. Dam of **Red Raffles** (\$251,356, 2nd Vice Regent S, 3rd Achievement S, Deputy Minister S, to 4, 2008).

CUP OF COCO (Marlin), Winner at 5, \$22,700.

2nd dam

ZETTA JET, Dam of 10 foals, including—
CIUCCHETTONE, 6 wins, 2 to 7, \$39,422.
GRAND VIEW GIRLS, Winner at 2, \$25,120.

3rd dam

QUEEN ZETTA, Dam of 3 foals, including—
PLANTATION QUEEN, Winner at 2. Producer.

4th dam

MIAMI MOOD, 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$72,980, Four Winds H, Jasmine S, 2nd Columbiana H, Mimosa S. Dam of 7 foals, including—

MIAMI SUN, 12 wins, 2 to 6, \$277,365, Palisades H, Golden Bear S, 3rd San Felipe H (gr. II), Premiere H, All American H, Berkeley H. Sire.

MIA MOOD, 6 wins, 2 to 4, \$74,815, Monrovia H, 3rd Honeymoon S, Goose Girl S. Producer. Dam of **Master Warrior** (\$107,909, 3rd Phil D. Shepherd S).

Miami Game, 9 wins at 3 and 4, \$80,550, 2nd Pucker Up S (gr. III), Dam of **CONTACT GAME** (\$208,480, Fifth Season S, Bloomington S, 2nd Essex H, gr. III, 3rd Jack Frost Breeders' Cup S), **COPELAN'S GAME** (\$138,163, Fast Hilarious H, 3rd Sheridan S, gr. III), **HOMEcoming GAME** (\$127,347, Trenton S, 2nd Exclusive Native S), **ON the COAST** (\$113,463, Henry Wajda Memorial H), **Game Wager** (\$286,347, 3rd Prescott Downs Breeders' Cup Sprint H), **Evaluating** (\$156,079, 2nd Bruce Roberts H, 3rd Four Winds S), Granddam of **ON the GAME** (\$491,233, William Almy Jr. S, 2nd McConnell Springs S, Topsider S, 3rd Labeeb S), **LA MISMA** (\$60,304, Miss Gibson County S, 3rd Sun Devil S, Scottsdale H), **MASTERFULLY'S GAME** (\$21,572, Yavapai Downs Triathlon Series S).

LORD ATLAS, 7 wins, 3 to 6, \$21,665.
MIAMI QUEEN, Winner at 3. Producer. Dam of **Profit System** (\$28,300, 3rd Junior Miss S, gr. III), Granddam of **MERUS MIAMI** (\$74,400, Gold Rush S), **LADIES NITE OUT** (\$55,685, Silver Spur S, 2nd Mockingbird S, Selma S, 3rd Lakeway S).

5th dam
HOOP MOOD, 3 wins at 2 and 3. Dam of 8 foals, including—

GREEK CIRCLE, 26 wins, 2 to 11, \$72,470.
SUGGEST, 6 wins at 2 and 3. Producer. Granddam of **SHEAPHIN** (\$187,896, Kelly-Olympic S).

MOODALEA, Placed at 2 and 3. Dam of **GAUCHE** (Premio Asociacion Hipica de Proprietarios, Premio de los Sprinters, 2nd Premio Criacion Nacional, etc., in Ven), **Porloalto** (3rd Premio Republica de Venezuela-Venezuelan Derby, Ven-I).

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STORM WOLF

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STORM WOLF returned in his next start to win a Santa Anita allowance setting the fractions of :22.05, :44.87, :56.89 and 1:09.13 to win by 7½ lengths with a **101 Beyer**.

With his third straight win in as many starts, **STORM WOLF** went wire-to-wire to win the **Grade 2** Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. with fractions of :21.96, :44.80, 1:09.47 and 1:22.26 to win by 6 lengths.

The top-priced **STORMIN FEVER** colt of his crop, **STORM WOLF** is a full brother to **Grade 1**-placed GSW **MISTY ROSETTE**.

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

Sires	2yos	2yo Rnrs	2yo Wnrs
Old Topper.....	84	37	17
Swiss Yodeler.....	64	28	15
Benchmark.....	72	30	13
Bertrando.....	53	25	9
Valid Wager.....	55	19	9
Lord Carson.....	23	15	9
Marino Marini.....	34	13	6
Atticus.....	70	24	6
Rio Verde.....	40	21	6
Nineeleven.....	11	9	6
Muqtarib.....	58	18	6
Momentum.....	32	17	6
Cat Dreams.....	39	15	5
Unusual Heat.....	63	18	5
Lit de Justice.....	25	14	5
Stormin Fever.....	117	22	5
Sea of Secrets.....	24	13	5
Capsized.....	26	7	5
Decarchy.....	41	18	5
Flame Thrower.....	23	12	5
Siberian Summer.....	45	18	4
Formal Gold.....	35	11	4
Phonetics.....	14	4	4
Spinelessjellyfish.....	22	9	4
Royal Cat.....	40	7	4
Popular.....	14	9	4
In Excess (IRE).....	65	18	4
Sought After.....	6	3	3
Beau Genius.....	23	8	3
Salt Lake.....	32	17	3
Deputy Commander.....	30	9	3
Mud Route.....	27	6	3
Snowbound.....	28	8	3
Tribal Rule.....	34	13	3
Richly Blended.....	27	6	3
Jackpot.....	18	6	3
Crafty C. T.....	24	9	3
Takin It Deep.....	12	5	3
Gotham City.....	23	7	3
Ten Most Wanted.....	75	42	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
Freespool.....	39	10	2
Globalize.....	17	6	2
High Demand.....	21	7	2
Bartok (IRE).....	16	7	2
Rainbow Blues (IRE).....	16	5	2
Redattore (BRZ).....	41	12	2

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tive director of the Winners Foundation, the Southern California-based organization that helps anyone in the racetrack industry battle substance abuse. He's an in-your-face example to anyone who walks in: "If I can do it, so can you." His firsthand knowledge of what clients are going through gives him a leg up on helping them.

"Being recovered alcoholics gives us a much better insight into the people who come in here," Fletcher said.

The Winners Foundation came about through another recovered alcoholic. The late Lou Rowan, a prominent California owner and breeder of such horses as Santa Anita Handicap and Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Quicken Tree, had successfully fought alcohol dependency earlier in his life. He helped establish the Bishop Gooden Home in Pasadena, Calif., for recovering alcoholics, and in 1984 spearheaded the Winners Foundation.

"Lou used to help on his own, one-on-one with people," said Thoroughbred owner Gino Roncelli, the Winners Foundation president. "Rowan established the Winners Foundation to allow the racing industry to help more people than any one individual could."

The Oak Tree Racing Association immediately contributed funds to get the Winners Foundation started, and that soon spread to all California racing associations, primarily through charity days. The

initial board included Roncelli, himself a recovering alcoholic; the late Herman C. Smith of Oak Tree; and the late Howard W. Koch, a movie producer, horse owner, and vice president of Hollywood Park.

Twenty-five years later, the Winners Foundation is helping hundreds of people every year. Be they hot-walkers, trainers, jockeys, mutuel clerks, or people in any other racing profession, they are welcome at the Winners Foundation's trailers and offices at every racetrack and training center in the state. That help even extends to family members.

"Without the Winners Foundation, I wouldn't be riding today," said Garrett Gomez, who in 2008 completed his third year atop the nation's jockey standings and won his second consecutive Eclipse Award.

Gomez said the Winners Foundation provided critical help to his family when he went through his rehabilitation period. The organization gives support to family members, helping them understand the recovery process their loved one is going through. They can talk individually with Winners Foundation personnel or attend meetings structured like Al-Anon, designed specifically for family members.

"My wife, Pam, went over there all the time," Gomez said. "Bob was somebody that she could talk to while I was in rehab. I think she actually used the Winners Foundation and Bob more than I ever did until I got out of rehab."



Lou Rowan helped launch the Winners Foundation

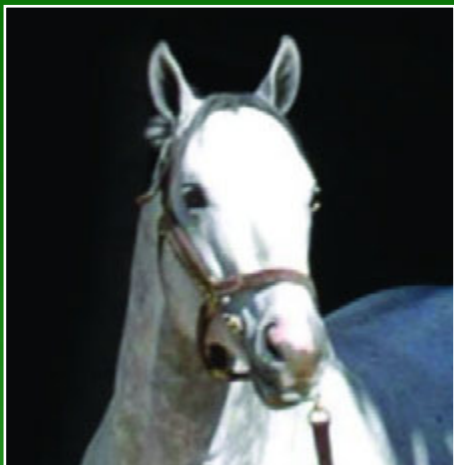
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**2008 California First-Crop Sires
By Earnings**

Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Momentum.....	32	17	6	0	\$173,640
Marino Marini.....	34	13	6	0	\$161,368
Ten Most Wanted.....	75	42	2	0	\$142,229
Popular.....	14	9	4	0	\$121,180
Cat Dreams.....	39	15	5	0	\$119,081
Suances (GB).....	14	3	1	0	\$91,180
Redattore (BRZ).....	91	13	2	2	\$62,325
Spinelessjellyfish.....	22	9	4	0	\$46,256
Jackpot.....	18	6	3	0	\$33,755
Ancient Art.....	16	7	1	0	\$25,720
Slew's Prince.....	5	2	1	0	\$21,984
Reba's Gold.....	6	3	0	0	\$16,160
Lasersport.....	13	2	0	0	\$11,290
Dramatic Copy.....	4	2	1	0	\$10,498
Defy Logic.....	15	3	0	0	\$10,380
Peppered Cat.....	1	1	1	0	\$8,400

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Among California's Freshman sires of 2008, **MARINO MARINI** was the leader by races won and the co-leader by winners. This year, he is the second-crop leader by number of lifetime winners and races won.

MARINO MARINI's second crop of 68 two-year-olds - twice the number of his first crop - will race this year.

Storm Cat-Halo America, by Waquoit • **Fee: \$5,000 Live Foal**

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Black Tie Affair-Ingoldsby, by Screen King
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progeny with earnings of \$15 million.
Fee: \$5,000 Live Foal

SOUGHT AFTER

Seeking the Gold-Smolensk, by Danzig
Leading 2008 California sire of Cal-bred
2-year-olds by Sire Production Index.
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COMIC STRIP

Red Ransom-Now's That's Funny, by Saratoga Six
Ranked fifth among state's leading turf sires
of 2008 by California-bred earnings.
Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal



*Marino Marini's Hollywood Park
Allowance winner Miguel's Mascot (at 2)*



*Marino's Marino's Golden Gate
Allowance winner Merry Marino (at 2)*

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Gomez and several Southern California riders recently presented a check for \$16,500 to the Winners Foundation. Other racing groups, such as the Thoroughbred Owners of California and the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation, have also helped the organization, which like many others is facing difficulties raising money during the current tough economic times.

"We try to get some of the guys to pitch in," said Gomez. "Darrell Haire (a member of the Winners Foundation board) with the Jockeys' Guild also goes out and tries to hustle more money. I'm just glad to be

able to give back a little bit, hopefully pay for somebody else's tuition into rehab or whatever help the Winners Foundation needs."

Anyone in the industry facing the challenges of substance abuse can avail themselves of the Winners Foundation programs free of charge. Fletcher and his team, which includes LeRoy Martinez and Yolanda Pina in Southern California and Nora Lee and Armando Calero in Northern California, evaluate the clients and refer them to the treatment program they feel will best suit each person's needs. The cost of those programs is based upon a

person's ability to pay.

Referrals could include anything from outpatient services to long-term facilities where the client remains 24 hours a day for weeks or months. Recently, Fletcher has found Spanish-speaking facilities for backstretch workers who are not fluent in English.

In addition, meetings are held every night and many days at the group's Santa Anita headquarters, a trailer next to the backstretch employees' parking lot. Some meetings are primarily for racetrack people while others are open to the public. Fletcher and Don Murray, who retired as

Special T's Stallions 2009

COUNCIL MEMBER

Seattle Slew - Zoe Montana, by Seeking the Gold



Multiple Group 2-placed, multiple stakes winning sprinter in England. On the board in seven U.S. stakes (6 Graded) including the 2008 G1 Metropolitan H. Posted a 104 Beyer winning a Saratoga allowance in 1:09. Earned \$347,306. By SEATTLE SLEW out of a half-sister to seven stakes horses, including English Hwt. HALF A YEAR. Family of Graded millionaire EVENT OF THE YEAR.

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Geiger Counter - Broadtail, by Olden Times

2009 Top-5 third-crop sire of West Region-Breds by SPI, #6 of CA Breds by Earnings and #9 of West Region-breds by earnings (BRIS). Sire of first-crop multiple SW JOE'S CANNON (2nd in his 2009 debut on Jan. 16) and 2009 Golden Gate maiden winners Coconut Telegraph on Jan. 18 and Phone Analyst, first by 5 on Feb. 1! Fee: \$4,000

LASERSPORT

Gilded Time - Beamy, by Forty Niner

Undeclared 2YO, by Champion 2YO GILDED TIME, 1st two dams by Champion 2YOs FORTY NINER & APALACHEE. GSW winner of 1st three starts by 18+ lengths. 6F in 1:08%. Fee: \$2,500

TASKMASTER

A.P. Indy - Zuri, by Danzig

Gorgeous, well-bred son of Leading Sire A.P. INDY. Half-brother to G1 millionaire VOODOO DANCER & a \$3.1 million yearling. Sire of 2008 SWs SCRUMPY (\$188,660, 6 wins in 10 starts in 2008, 1st \$60,300 Sam J. Whiting Memorial H.), and PEACEFUL TURZIA (1st \$50,465 Jim Colman Province S.). Fee: \$1,000

AWESOME SPIRIT

Awesome Again - Tizsweet, by Cee's Tizzy

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Sire	Rhrs	Wnrs
Deputy Commander	176	101
Salt Lake	158	96
Swiss Yodeler	165	94
Benchmark	182	92
Sea of Secrets	162	91
Valid Wager	141	82
Stormin Fever	169	81
Bertrando	160	77
Unusual Heat	140	72
Lord Carson	133	69
Old Topper	129	69
In Excess (IRE)	148	64
High Brite	117	62
Roar	85	51
Beau Genius	107	49
Formal Gold	94	49
Cee's Tizzy	102	48
Lit de Justice	98	48
Game Plan	79	46
Comic Strip	81	39
Siberian Summer	79	37
Tribal Rule	68	37
Thunderello	66	34
Free House	61	34
Snowbound	68	33
Behrens	75	32
Memo (CHI)	66	32
Perfect Mandate	62	31
Western Fame	61	31
Bartok (IRE)	57	30
Flame Thrower	57	30
Dixie Dot Com	47	30
Muqtarib	63	29
Smokester	55	28
General Meeting	52	28
Atticus	68	25
Event of the Year	54	25
Decarchy	52	25
Richly Blended	39	23
Flying Continental	61	22
Rio Verde	56	22
Mud Route	52	22
Olympio	48	21
Silic (FR)	52	20
Nineelevn	33	19
Birdonthewire	32	19
Iron Cat	34	18
Poteen	28	18

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the executive director in 2002, lead some of them.

“Every night of the week we have some form of recovery meeting here,” said Fletcher. “It might be Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous. We have a Bible study on Tuesdays. Wednesday nights we have a Spanish Al-Anon meeting. Two nights a week we have strictly a women’s meeting.”

Fletcher said it’s a valuable give-and-take, with the Winners Foundation providing facilities to the community and the meetings giving racetrack people more options.

“We really suggest that our people go to these community meetings,” said Fletcher. “Generally, there is someone in there who has long-term recovery. Our people need to see and be around that. We tell them, ‘Those people have been where you’re going to go. They already know the dangers and the difficulties, and they’re going to be able to help you get through them.’”

Gomez experienced the Winners Foundation’s resources firsthand. He now speaks candidly about his recovery and never fails to recognize the role the organization played in it.

“I got out of rehab and started using the Winners Foundation as my meeting place,” said Gomez. “Bob has been there for me since day one. I learned how to open up



The Southern California-based Winners Foundation helps anyone in the racetrack industry battle substance abuse

to Bob and let him know what was really going on with me.”

The Winners Foundation doesn’t stop helping after the person has successfully returned to work. Fletcher regards follow-up as one of the most important jobs his team performs.

TOUGH LOVE

Clients arrive at the Winners Foundation in a variety of ways. Often they are pushed into it because they have violated California Horse Racing Board rules dealing with alcohol and illegal substances. The CHRB may mandate that someone attend a Winners Foundation program as

a condition for keeping a racing license. Some may come because their employer, for example a trainer, requires it.

“A very low percentage come to us and say, ‘I need help,’ ” said Fletcher. “It’s hard for anyone to admit that they’ve got a problem. None of us wants to admit that we’re mortal, that we may have issues, or we’re not perfect.”

People mandated to a Winners Foundation program usually arrive defiant, said Fletcher. While that may not seem to be a good start to a recovery program, the threat of losing their license, and thus their livelihood, gets people in the door.

“That Horse Racing Board license carries a lot of weight,” Fletcher said.

Not only do licensees caught violating drug or alcohol rules risk their California job, but because of reciprocity, a suspension will keep them from working in any other racing jurisdiction. That’s something Fletcher doesn’t hesitate to point out.

“We know they don’t want to be here, and that’s OK,” said Fletcher. “We didn’t put you here. You put you here. We’re not telling you that you have to like being here. You just have to accept the fact that you need to be here.

“Once we get them in here, then we really start to address the issue, which is how to live life. Once you stop drinking and using, all the reasons that you drank and used still exist. We’re going to, maybe surreptitiously, teach you how to deal with them.”

It doesn’t always work, or perhaps not the first time. Some people simply go through the motions of attending the required number of meetings while others



Top rider Garrett Gomez (center, pink cap) is a proponent of the Winners Foundation

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**Progeny earnings
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Current leading sire of winners and races won including 1:07.68 stakes winner **DUCKY DRAKE** (\$364,689).

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Fee: \$10,000 Live Foal

TRIBAL RULE

Sire of 10 winners from 24 starters in 2009 including Sunshine Millions Sprint winner **GEORGIE BOY**.

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RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2	0	0	0	0	—
3	8	4(1)	3(1)	0	\$322,420
4	3	3(3)	0	0	\$240,000
5	3	0	2(2)	0	\$125,000
6	8	2(2)	2(2)	2(2)	\$358,000
Totals	22	9(6)	7(5)	2(2)	\$1,045,420

Won At 3
Swaps Breeders' Cup S (gr. II, \$400,000, 1½ miles in 1:48.07, by 5, dftg. Dover Dere, Indian Ocean, Robador, Don't Get Mad, Old Man River).

An allowance race at Oak Tree At Santa Anita (\$54,000, 1¼ miles in 1:41.65, by 3, dftg. Texcess, Keep On Punching, Outta Here, Private War).

An allowance race at Hollywood Park (\$49,000, 6½ furlongs in 1:14.44, by 4½, dftg. Greg's Gold, Rojo Blanco, Runs in the Family, Tinquillo, Trail Mix, Vencer).

A maiden special weight race at Santa Anita Park (\$44,000, 6½ furlongs in 1:16.02, by 3½, dftg. Jack's Kid, Indian Ocean, General Antonio, Snolly Goster, I'll Prey for You, Big Bold Cat, Maria's Blues, Neufie).

2nd Affirmed H (gr. III, 1¼ miles, to Indian Ocean, dftg. Dover Dere, Buzzards Bay).

Won At 4
San Carlos H (gr. II, \$150,000, 7 furlongs in 1:22.09, by 2¼, dftg. Major Success, Oceanus, Jet West, Ulistintome, Imperialism, Congrats, Brand Name).

Mervyn LeRoy H (gr. II, \$150,000, 1¼ miles in 1:40.65, TW, by 3½, dftg. Spellbinder, Dixie Meister, Keep On Punching, Gallardo).

Potrero Grande Breeders' Cup H (gr. II, \$200,000, 6½ furlongs in 1:15, TW, by 2¼, dftg. Grinding It Out, Oceanus, Areyoutalkintome, Keep On Punching).

2nd At 5
Triple Bend Invitational H (gr. IA, 7 furlongs, TW, to Bilo, by a head, dftg. Battle Won, Siren Lure, Sailors Sunset, Gotaghostofachance, Silent Name).

Pat O'Brien H (gr. IIA, 7 furlongs, TW, to Greg's Gold, dftg. Soul City Slew, Publication, Absolute Glory, Bordonaro).

Won At 6
San Carlos H (gr. IIA, \$150,000, 7 furlongs in 1:21.62, dftg. Greg's Gold, Soul City Slew, Johnny Eves, Circular Quay, Men Only, Cooperation).

Mervyn LeRoy H (gr. IIA, \$150,000, 1¼ miles in 1:41.13, TW, dftg. Desert Code, Global Hunter, Neko Bay, Buzzards Bay, Monzante, Zappa, Fly Dorcego).

2nd San Diego H (gr. IIA, 1¼ miles, TW, to Well Armed, dftg. Mostacolli Mort, Mr Napper Tandy, Rebellion, Global Hunter, Tall Texan, You Got Me Rocking, Magnum, Racketeer).

Potrero Grande H (gr. IIA, 6½ furlongs, TW, to Greg's Gold, dftg. El Roblar, Peace Chant, Johnny Eves, Sailors Sunset).

3rd Californian S (gr. IIA, 1½ miles, to Heatseeker, Tiago, dftg. Albertus Maximus).

Palos Verdes H (gr. IIA, 6 furlongs, to In Summation, Barbecue Eddie, dftg. Soul City Slew, Ildidn'tdoanything, Copa de Plata, Fly Dorcego).

SIRE LINE

SURF CAT is by **SIR CAT**, stakes winner of 7 races, \$401,185, National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S (gr. IIT), Appleton H (gr. II), Knickerbocker H (gr. III), Tropical Turf H (gr. III), Kent Breeders' Cup S, 2nd Saranac S (gr. IIIT).

To December 31, 2008: Sired 8 crops, 524 foals, 380 mrs (73%), 279 wnrns (53%), 59 2yo wnrns (11%), 31 sw (6%), 1.30 AEI, 1.19 CI, 164 sale yrlds, avg \$16,652, 0.39 TNA. In 2008: 13 2yos, 6 2yo mrs, 2 2yo wnrns, 13 sw.

SIR CAT has sired **MATTO MONDO** (champion 2yo colt in Chile, Polla de Potrillos-HELP-Chilean Two Thousand Guineas, Chi-I, Alberto Vial Infante, Chi-I,

Storm Cat, 1983 8s, SW, \$570,610 1,272 f, 167 SW, 3.26 AEI	Storm Bird, 1978 6s, SW, \$169,181 681 f, 63 SW, 2.27 AEI	Northern Dancer, by Nearctic
	Terlingua, 1976 17s, SW, \$423,896 11 f, 9 r, 6 w, 2 SW	Secretariat, by Bold Ruler
Sir Cat, dkb/br, 1993 14s, SW, \$401,185 524 f, 31 SW, 1.30 AEI	Private Account, 1976 13s, SW, \$339,396 589 f, 61 SW, 3.22 AEI	Damascus, by Sword Dancer
	Desert Run, 1989 Unraced 7 f, 7 r, 5 w, 1 SW	Numbered Account, by Buckpasser
Trust Greta, dkb/br, 1988 12s, wnr, \$34,096 7 f, 7 r, 7 w, 2 SW	April Run, 1978 18s, SW, \$1,182,819 5 f, 4 r, 3 w	Run the Gantlet, by Tom Rolfe
	Mr. Prospector, 1970 14s, SW, \$112,171 1,178 f, 181 SW, 3.99 AEI	April Fancy, by No Argument
Silver Greta, 1984 Unraced 9 f, 6 r, 3 w	Rock Fever, 1974 28s, SW, \$29,545 9 f, 9 r, 8 w, 1 SW	Raise a Native, by Native Dancer
	Mr. Prospector, 1970 14s, SW, \$112,171 1,178 f, 181 SW, 3.99 AEI	Gold Digger, by Nashua
Silver Greta, 1984 Unraced 9 f, 6 r, 3 w	Silver Buck, 1978 16s, SW, \$421,906 623 f, 40 SW, 1.77 AEI	Hawaii, by Utrillo II
	What a Queen, 1974 13s, wnr, \$10,315 6 f, 3 r, 2 w	The Smoocher, by Polynesian
Silver Greta, 1984 Unraced 9 f, 6 r, 3 w	What a Queen, 1974 13s, wnr, \$10,315 6 f, 3 r, 2 w	Buckpasser, by Tom Fool
	What a Queen, 1974 13s, wnr, \$10,315 6 f, 3 r, 2 w	Silver True, by Hail to Reason
Silver Greta, 1984 Unraced 9 f, 6 r, 3 w	What a Queen, 1974 13s, wnr, \$10,315 6 f, 3 r, 2 w	Majestic Prince, by Raise a Native
	What a Queen, 1974 13s, wnr, \$10,315 6 f, 3 r, 2 w	Turn to Talent, by Turn-to

Alvaro Covarrubias, Chi-III, 2nd Cotejo de Potrillos, Chi-III, to 4, 2008), **MEDICI** (St. Leger Cristal, Chi-I, 3rd Gran Premio Criadores, Chi-II, at 3, 2008), **GATO DE LA LUNA** (Gran Criterium Mauricio Serrano Palma, Chi-I, Domingo Segundo Herrera Martinez, Chi-II, 2nd Dos Mil Guineas, Chi-I, at 3, 2008), **LAGUNA PLATEADA** (Alberto Solari Magnasco, Chi-I, 2nd Haras de Chile, Chi-II, Independencia, Chi-II), **INCA KING** (Jefferson Cup S, gr. IIT, Commonwealth Turf S, Bryan Station S, Opening Verse H, Woodchopper H, to 4, 2008), **CATIVA** (Barbara Fritchie H, gr. II, 3rd Bed o' Roses Breeders' Cup H, gr. III), **LALINNE** (Gran Premio Criadores Salvador Hess Riveros, Chi-II, at 3, 2008), **DOMINIC** (Independencia, Chi-II, at 3, 2008), **ARABESQUE** (Haras de Chile, Chi-II, Constancio Silva Mandiola, 3rd Carlos Allende Navarro, Chi-III, to 4, 2008), **PRETTY CAT** (Criadores Dorama, Chi-II, 2nd Arturo Lyon Pena, Chi-I, at 3, 2008), **JUNGLE PRINCE** (Hollywood Turf Express H, gr. IIIT, Zia Park Express S, Phoenix Gold Cup H, Governor's Cup H twice, 2nd El Conejo H, gr. III, etc., to 7, 2008), **PREDAWN RAID** (Fred W. Hooper H, gr. III), **ANARKO** (Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins Riquelme, Chi-III, General Jose Miguel Carrera Verdugo, Chi-III, Ejercito de Chile, 2nd St. Leger Cristal, Chi-I, Fernando Moller Bordeu, Chi-II, Guillermo del Pedregal Herrera, to 4, 2008), **LADY CAT** (Clasico Miguel Fort Magot, Per-III, 2nd Clasico Oscar Berckmeyer Pazos, Per-II, at 3, 2008), **CAT SINGER** (Best of Ohio Endurance S, Cleveland Gold Cup S, Governor's Buckeye Cup S, Isi Newborn Memorial S, George Lewis Memorial S, Sydney Gendelman Memorial H, etc., to 8, 2008), **ROUSE THE CAT** (John McSorley S, 2nd Nearctic S, Can-IIT, Kennedy Road S, Can-IIIA, Pennsylvania Governor's Cup H, Holiday Cheer S, 3rd Turf Monster H, to 4, 2008), **SIR TRICKY** (Blair's Cove S, Minnesota Sprint Championship S, 10,000 Lakes S, Minnesota Turf Championship S, Kenny Schoepf S, 2nd Blair's Cove S, etc., to 7, 2008), **AKATSAKAT** (Michigan Futurity, Frontier H, Lansing S, Spartan S, 2nd Dowling S), **TOMMY CAT** (Sophomore Sprint Championship S), **MAVOREEN** (San Jose S, 2nd California Oaks, 3rd Sixty Sails H, gr. III), **OVERACT** (Sonoma H, Lassie H, 2nd Fantasy S, Strawberry Morn S, 3rd Federal Way H, Kent H, etc.), **CAT ROCKET** (Post Deb S, 2nd Summit S), **CAT'S GLOW** (Audubon Oaks, 3rd Designated Dancer S), etc.

SIR CAT's 2008 stakes winners are **GATO DE LA LUNA** (Chi-I), **MEDICI** (Chi-I), **ARABESQUE** (Chi-II), **DOMINIC** (Chi-II), **LALINNE** (Chi-II), **PRETTY CAT** (Chi-II), **ANARKO** (Chi-III), **LADY CAT** (Per-III), **INCA KING**, **ROUSE THE CAT**, **MISSMEKISSME**, **SIR TRICKY**.

FAMILY

1st dam
TRUST GRETA, 5 wins at 2 and 3, \$34,096. Dam of 7 foals—
SURF CAT (Subject stallion).

ROSIE O'GRETA (by Fight Over). 3 wins at 2, \$132,544, Tremont Breeders' Cup S (gr. III), My Dear S, 2nd WHAS TV S, Scarlet Carnation H. Producer. Dam of **Dancin Joey** (\$372,542, 3rd Play the King H, Can-IIIT, to 8, 2008).

ENGINEMAN (Glitterman). 5 wins at 3 and 4 in HK, \$321,387.

GREAT TRUST (Williamstown). 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$81,364.

2nd dam
SILVER GRETA. Dam of 9 foals, including—
Bucks Big Gray. 5 wins, 2 to 5, \$64,705, 2nd Minstrel S, 3rd Friendship S.
MICHAEL'S BULLET. 3 wins at 4 and 5.

3rd dam
WHAT A QUEEN. Winner at 3. Dam of 6 foals, including—
THE BOY CHIEF. 2 wins, 3 to 5, \$44,457.

4th dam
TURN TO TALENT. 8 wins, 2 to 4, \$75,808, Pageant H, Blue Hen S, 2nd Beverly H, Orchid H, 3rd Modesty H. Dam of 12 foals, including—

HAY PATCHER. 5 wins, 2 to 4, \$47,224, New Castle S, 2nd Polly Drummond S, 3rd Cotillion S (gr. II). Dam of **BROAD BRUSH** (\$2,656,793, Santa Anita H, gr. I, Meadowlands Cup, gr. I, Suburban H, gr. I, Wood Memorial Invitational, gr. I, Pennsylvania Derby, gr. II, Ohio Derby, gr. II, Jim Beam S, gr. III, John B. Campbell H, gr. III, Trenton H, gr. III, Federico Tesio S, General George S, Inner Harbor S, 2nd San Fernando S, gr. I, Pegasus H, gr. II, Massachusetts H, gr. II, Saint Paul Derby, Star de Naskra S, 3rd Kentucky Derby, gr. I, Preakness S, gr. I, Charles H Strub S, gr. I, Metropolitan H, gr. I, Whitney H, gr. I, sire), **HAY HALO** (\$233,993, Maryland Juvenile Championship S, Missile S, Inner Harbor S, Alsab S, 2nd General George S, J. Rine Strohecker Memorial S, 3rd Northern Dancer S, Minuteman S, Grantville H, sire), **RIFF** (\$76,740, Maryland Million Steeplechase H), **Homme de Paille** (\$36,800, 2nd Prix de l'Esperance, Fr-III, Prix de l'Avre), **Hey Majesty** (\$34,000, 2nd Harbor Place S). Granddam of **TOKAI WILD** (\$1,162,530, Nikkei Shinsun Hai, Jpn-II, 2nd Opal S, to 6, 2008), **UP AN EIGHTH** (\$466,929, Park Heights S, Very Subtle Breeders' Cup H, Gala Lil S, 2nd Barbara Fritchie H, gr. II, Garden State Budweiser Breeders' Cup H, gr. III, Primonetta S, Jacob France S, Regret S, West Long Branch S, Stefanita S, Safely Kept S, Monmouth County S, 3rd Straight Deal Breeders' Cup H, New Era S, etc.), **HIGHER STRATA** (\$335,084, Mister Diz S, Maryland City S, Endless Surprise S, etc.), **MULL OF KINTYRE** (\$224,630, Scottish Equitable Gimcrack S, Eng-II, etc., sire), **NOT LIKELY** (Tiffany Lass S, etc.).

STUD ANALYSIS

Surf Cat enters stud in 2009. His first foals will arrive in 2010.

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SURF CAT

Sir Cat – Trust Greta, by Centrust

SIX-TIME GRADE 2-WINNING MILLIONAIRE

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Twice won San Carlos H.-G2 with **110** and **100 Beyers**

Won Potrero Grande Breeders Cup H.-G2 with a **105 Beyer**

Won Swaps Breeders' Cup S.-G2 with **105 Beyer**

Allowance winner over **G1SW GREG'S GOLD** with a **114 Beyer**

Second by a head in the Triple Bend Inv. H.-G1 with a **102 Beyer**

Outran such **Grade 1 SWs** as **ALBERTUS MAXIMUS, LAVA MAN, MAST TRACK, BORDONARO, CIRCULAR QUAY, BUZZARDS BAY, MONZANTE, GREG'S GOLD, JOHNNY EVES, SIREN LURE, SPIRIT ONE**, etc.

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embrace the recovery program wholeheartedly and turn their lives around.

"We have some who are just on fire, and it's so fulfilling," said Fletcher. "For the others, we still feel it's a success if they go back to work because part of our job is to get people back to work, just not drinking and using. If they go back, are productive members of the workforce, and aren't drinking or using, then we've had a measure of success."

Fletcher cautions them, however, about the consequences of getting caught again.

"Your punishment will be at least double what it was this time," he tells people. "And by the third time, you'll probably never be allowed to work in this business again. We want you to know that this is really serious, and we will side by the stewards."

While the Winners Foundation must report to the CHRB and the stewards who is and isn't in compliance with requirements to complete a treatment program, anything else said within the confines of the program is confidential.

"This is Switzerland," Fletcher said. "We're a totally independent entity. All we'll do is tell your employer or the stewards that you have come to see us. All of



Santa Anita's George Haines

the other stuff that goes on—we will not tell anybody."

Roncelli applauded the racing industry for creating and funding the Winners Foundation.

"When somebody gets in trouble, the normal way out in industry is that you'd get fired," said Roncelli. "There are no

second chances. You come to work drunk or hung over and it affects your job, you're out of there. Here you have somewhere else to go."

Roncelli said that trainers have approached the Winners Foundation about an employee with a problem. Instead of firing that employee, the trainers ask the Winners Foundation to step in. If employees comply with the suggested program, they can keep their job.

"If you don't want to do that and you want to go on with your life somewhere else, that's fine," said Roncelli. "But you're not going to be here, endangering people's lives. We'd love to be a drug-free workplace."

PROACTIVE MEASURES

As funding allows, the Winners Foundation tries to take a proactive stance to reduce the amount of drug and alcohol problems within the industry. The group in the past has worked with the CHRB to produce a video to be viewed by people applying for work. Winners Foundation is also involved in a pre-race testing program funded by Oak Tree.

Oak Tree provides funding for any trainer to have a job applicant screened for drug testing.


"It's totally free to the trainers," said Fletcher. "Only two use it. But we almost never have trouble at their barns."

If a trainer wants an applicant to submit to a drug test, the applicant comes to the Winners Foundation, where Fletcher or another employee fills out the proper form. The California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation medical clinic conducts the test, which is sealed and sent back with the applicant to the trainer.

The trainer can choose to hire a person whether or not the test is clean. Fletcher said that in some cases the trainer has hired the applicant but made attendance at the Winners Foundation a condition for employment.

Oak Tree may be the most visible contributor to the Winners Foundation, but Fletcher cited numerous people who have helped. Those include Jack Liebau of Hollywood Park, Joe Harper of Del Mar, and George Haines of Santa Anita. Harper serves as the group's chairman, and Haines is the secretary/treasurer.

"I've been involved about seven years," said Haines. "Before that, as part of race-track management, I was involved in referring people at risk or in trouble to the Winners Foundation. They saved people's lives. There were people who weren't going to make it."

"You see the high-profile people. But behind the scenes, there are a lot of rank-and-file people who need the Winners Foundation's help. There are a lot of people doing some really hard work. It's not glamorous, but they make a difference." 

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1	MATTY G (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$4,500	138/71	1/1	0/1	(Matty's Trail, \$95,002)	\$1,819,949	*346	10	1.01	1.08
2	YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$5,000	80/43	1/1	0/1	(Are You Serious, \$151,768)	\$1,153,659	*417	16	1.25	1.48
3	SLEWLEDO (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	114/60	4/8	1/4	(Yacht Spotter, \$129,030)	\$1,133,314	692	42	0.73	0.62
4	TRIBUNAL (97, Deputy Minister), El Dorado Farms	Died, 2008	63/37	2/2	2/2	(Tribal Belle, \$138,518)	\$909,664	111	4	0.80	0.85
5	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$4,000	73/36	1/4	0/1	(Wasserman, \$245,478)	\$852,589	*513	28	1.14	1.25
6	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$3,000	75/34	3/4	1/3	(Reba Is Tops, \$95,400)	\$793,802	210	9	0.59	0.68
7	TRAIL CITY (93, Red Ransom), Allaire Farms	Died, 2008	37/24	1/3	0/1	(Dusty Trail, \$106,632)	\$726,281	119	4	0.83	1.10
8	FREE AT LAST (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	72/31	1/1	1/1	(Emancipated, \$54,305)	\$429,108	368	22	0.61	0.81
9	PETERSBURG (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	56/32	0/0	0/0	(Pete's Glory Girl, \$30,555)	\$414,841	317	20	0.69	0.59
10	KATOWICE (87, Danzig), Woodstead Farm	\$1,250	31/10	2/4	0/2	(Enumclaw Girl, \$81,662)	\$372,258	357	17	0.86	1.08

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1	POLISH MINER (97, Danzig), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,500	56/28	0/0	0/0	(Try and Catch Me, \$74,891)	\$958,743	97	0	0.86	1.13
2	SOFT GOLD (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	44/22	0/0	0/0	(Bold Cleo, \$46,840)	\$493,885	112	7	1.07	0.98
3	BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	39/18	1/2	0/1	(Jimbo's Fire Ant, \$30,570)	\$183,984	159	12	0.34	0.54
4	GOLD MERIDIAN (82, Seattle Slew)	Died	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Aza, \$60,908)	\$168,058	417	14	0.84	1.04
5	CASCADIAN (96, Seattle Slew), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	26/12	1/1	1/1	(Giddy Yap, \$40,270)	\$159,144	84	5	0.37	0.73

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1	TAVASCO (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	\$2,000	8/4	2/6	1/2	(Flighty Girl, \$40,740)	\$124,892	28	2	0.83	0.59
2	FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	\$1,200	22/5	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Tango, \$34,017)	\$119,271	171	2	0.46	0.94
3	RENERIA (94, Incinderator), Hi Horse Ranch	N/A	22/5	1/1	0/1	(Bonk, \$50,902)	\$111,269	62	3	0.63	0.77
4	KINGS BLOOD (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	\$1,000	20/9	0/0	0/0	(London Express, \$34,440)	\$103,043	79	1	0.33	0.53
5	COASTAL VOYAGE (84, Coastal)	Died	11/3	0/0	0/0	(To's Maiden Voyage, \$32,350)	\$64,144	72	2	0.93	0.83

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1	HOLD FOR GOLD (95, Red Ransom), Zimmerman Farms	N/A	34/21	0/0	0/0	(Mostacoli Mort, \$172,860)	\$872,572	106	3	1.23	1.21
2	WILD ESCAPEDE (92, Wild Again)	N/A	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Melodic Escapade, \$99,495)	\$293,498	142	1	0.87	0.94
3	MI SELECTO (85, Explodent), Barton Thoroughbreds	N/A	34/11	0/0	0/0	(Selected, \$52,317)	\$233,353	*423	7	0.81	1.04
4	PISTOLS AND ROSES (89, Darn That Alarm), W.R. Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Hawkster's Rose, \$40,745)	\$140,823	153	4	0.63	0.95
5	HOLY MOUNTAIN (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	15/5	0/0	0/0	(The Finagler, \$40,827)	\$104,524	106	2	0.59	0.94

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BELTENE, GEORGIE BOY REPRESENT THE HOME TEAM



Although Florida-breds dominated the Sunshine Millions program Jan. 24, California-bred **Beltene** and **Georgie Boy** represented their home state well by winning the Sunshine Millions Sprint Stakes and Sunshine Millions Oaks, respectively.

Both Cal-bred victories came at Santa Anita Park, which is not too surprising after a quick look at the numbers. Just seven of 32 Cal-breds were entered in the four races at Gulfstream, giving Florida-breds an advantage, while 19 of the 45 Florida-bred horses were entered at Santa Anita.

Beltene notched California's first victory when she beat Hooh Why by a nose in the Oaks to remain undefeated in three career starts. Jack Carava trains the 3-year-old Unusual Heat filly for Ron Valenta's La Canada Stables.

"This was a big step up for her, but I thought she was capable and she improved enough to have a chance," said Carava.

Beltene has improved a lot since Valenta bought her for \$30,000 at the 2008 Barretts October mixed sale from Havens Bloodstock Agency, agent for Charlotte Wrather. The dark bay or brown filly made her first start Dec. 11 and won a \$40,000 maiden claiming race at Hollywood Park and followed that up with a victory Jan. 10 at Santa Anita.

"She hadn't trained all that well when we first got her," said Carava while explaining why he ran her for a \$40,000 tag. "I'm going to give her a little time off now. Her mind's not all that great, so we've got to keep her settled down a little bit."

Valenta has campaigned such other horses as grade I winner Pure as Gold and stakes winners Christmas Stocking, Epic Power, and She's Sensational.

Wrather, who owns Cottonwood Ranch near Los Alamos, Calif., with her husband, Chris, bred Beltene out of the unraced Wavering Monarch mare Wallis of Windsor. They bought the mare for \$20,000 at the 1997 Keeneland November mixed sale from Spendthrift Farm, agent.

Wallis of Windsor is also the dam of stakes winner Scandalous. The Memo colt originally raced for Wrather, but she sold him to Valenta for \$35,000 at the same sale where he bought Beltene. Scandalous has won two of three starts for his new connections.

Other stakes winners bred by Wrather include 2008 Daytona Handicap winner Cheroot as well as other added-money winners Beau Soleil and Guiding Hand.

Wrather entered Wallis of Windsor in the recently concluded Barretts Janu-

ary mixed sale but withdrew the mare, who is carrying a full sibling to Beltene. The 12-year-old mare is also the dam of a juvenile Unusual Heat filly named La Sombre, who was sold as a yearling to Venneri Racing and Eagle Oak Ranch for \$40,000.

While Beltene was maintaining her undefeated record, Georgie Boy was making his first trip to the winner's circle since coming back from an injury. The 4-year-old Tribal Rule gelding defeated Machismo by 2¼ lengths in the Sprint. Kathy Walsh trains the homebred gelding for George Schwary, who is a resident of San Fernando, Calif.

As a 2-year-old, Georgie Boy put himself on the early Triple Crown trail by winning the 2007 Del Mar Futurity (gr. I). He followed up that victory with wins in the 2008 San Vicente and San Felipe Stakes (both gr. II).

However, last spring Georgie Boy pulled a back muscle and did not return to the races until October. He finished fourth in the Damascus Stakes and third in the Dec. 26 Malibu Stakes (gr. I) before taking the Sunshine Millions Sprint.

"We could have brought him back a little earlier, but they wanted to make sure everything was OK, and I didn't have any qualms about that," said Schwary. "You don't want to ruin a horse like that. He's a special personality."

Walsh claimed Georgie Boy's dam, stakes winner Ippodamia, for Schwary in November 2003 for \$32,000 from Tim and Sue Spooner, but hoof problems prevented the mare from racing for her new connections.

"Kathy has been guiding me along," said Schwary. "She is the one that got me to go to Tribal Rule to begin with, and she is the one that got me to claim the mother. She knows what she is doing. We hit the jackpot with Georgie Boy."

Georgie Boy is the first foal out of Ippodamia. The 10-year-old mare was barren to Benchmark in 2006. She has a juvenile Old Topper filly named Miss Georgie Girl and a yearling full sister to Georgie Boy. In foal to juvenile champion and 2007 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) winner Street Sense, Ippodamia is currently boarded in Kentucky.

By Amanda H. Duckworth



Beltene (No. 2) and jockey Joel Rosario, overtake Hooh Why in deep stretch to win the Sunshine Millions Oaks



George Schwary's Georgie Boy is geared down by jockey Garrett Gomez as they hit the wire in the Sunshine Millions Sprint

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