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Awards, stakes programs benefit owners of Cal-breds

BY LENNY SHULMAN



Doug Burge, far right, with, from left, California Assemblyman Adam Gray, Dr. William T. Gray, and Jill Gray at Golden Gate Fields

AS FAR AS the racing community is concerned, California is considered an island—far enough removed geographically from other major jurisdictions that it is left to fend for itself. Despite a bonus program instituted by Del Mar for those that ship into the Golden State to run, California remains largely self-reliant when it comes to filling fields. Just as significantly, California is an island when it comes to trying to maintain top-shelf racing without the benefit of casino money. It is the only major racing circuit that receives not a dime from the spinning of some sort of slot machine, video lottery terminal, or table game. *(continued on page 36)*

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			Stakes						Cumulative			
напк	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index		
1	BLUEGRASS CAT (03, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$7,500	249/143	5/11	0/5	(Bluegrass Singer, \$182,360)	\$5,563,497	*625	25	1.24	1.86	
2	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat)	Died, 2014	168/101	6/8	3/6	(Spanish Queen, \$423,600)	\$4,182,910	638		1.31		
3 4	LUCKY PULPIT (01, Pulpit), Harris Farms UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$7,500 \$20,000	127/57 120/69	0/0 3/4	0/0 2/3	(California Chrome, \$2,100,000) (Bobby Z Man, \$158,084)	\$4,014,048 \$3,474,822	*239 *711	3 40	1.73 2.01	1.22	
5	EDDINGTON (01, Unbridled), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,500	90/44	3/3	1/3	(Secret Circle, \$1,240,000)	\$3,009,523	*371		1.30		
6	SQUARE EDDIE (06, Smart Strike), Ocean Breeze Ranch	\$25,000	61/40	3/4	1/3	(Found Money, \$286,100)	\$2,458,355	85	5			
7 8	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbred	\$4,500 Is \$5,000	79/44 96/48	4/4 1/3	4/4 0/1	(Kiss At Midnight, \$273,180) (Singing Kitty, \$267,800)	\$2,402,410 \$1,708,351	343 298		1.04 1.04		
9	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	\$6,500	53/30	2/2	1/2	(Poshsky, \$150,360)	\$1,656,305	155		1.51		
0	SALUTE THE SARGE (05, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	70/39	2/4	1/2	(Salutos Amigos, \$435,000)	\$1,653,292	*199		1.08	1.1	
1	STREET HERO (06, Street Cry), Oak Creek Farm	\$3,500	71/41	2/2	0/2	(Gabriel Charles, \$264,600)	\$1,597,572	*168		1.08		
2 3	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker)	\$2,500 Died, 2014	73/38 74/37	2/5 1/4	0/2 0/1	(Smokey Image, \$297,600) (Stryker Phd, \$197,430)	\$1,502,091 \$1,487,117	*469 1066		1.11 1.32		
	PAPA CLEM (06, Smart Strike), Legacy Ranch	\$5,000	83/38	2/2	1/2	(Mischief Clem, \$139,977)	\$1,420,845	156		0.88		
	U S RANGER (04, Danzig), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,000	126/47	0/0	0/0	(Trigger Finger, \$79,191)	\$1,413,864	*240		0.58		
6 7	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar) STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Rancho Temescal	Pnsd \$2,500	84/42 77/38	1/1 1/1	1/1 1/1	(Frandontjudge, \$102,035) (Just Google Me, \$147,750)	\$1,352,839 \$1,340,467	717 *743	29	1.21 1.15	1.1	
7 8	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	76/44	0/0	0/0	(Head South, \$166,374)	\$1,340,407	*521				
	HEATSEEKER (IRE) (03, Giant's Causeway), Harris Farms	\$5,000	55/23	2/2	2/2	(Heatseeker Sharon, \$137,900)	\$1,268,455	*140		1.12	1.3	
0	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	78/41	1/1	0/1	(Marino's Wild Cat, \$98,978)	\$1,197,355	327	4			
1	DESERT CODE (04, E Dubai), Harris Farms GRAZEN (06, Benchmark), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$2,000 \$2,500	48/27 33/23	2/2 1/1	1/2 1/1	(Desert Steel, \$160,772) (Grazen Sky, \$269,618)	\$1,170,128 \$1,149,263	78 46		1.01 1.42	1.1	
3	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	55/35	1/1	1/1	(Chati's On Top, \$204,390)	\$1,041,909	520		0.95	0.8	
ŧ.	AFFIRMATIVE (99, Unbridled), BG Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,000	28/14	1/3	0/1	(Warren's Veneda, \$525,100)	\$972,492	86	2	1.21	0.7	
5	DIXIE CHATTER (05, Dixie Union), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,000	58/27	1/1	1/1	(Forest Chatter, \$220,810)	\$922,333	122				
5	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Gray's Farm MCCANN'S MOJAVE (00, Memo)	\$5,000 Died, 2013	31/20 47/24	3/3 0/0	2/3 0/0	(Handfull, \$144,019) (Missy Mouse, \$123,900)	\$866,000 \$809,104	326 89	11	0.82 0.68	1.1	
3	EINSTEIN (BRZ) (02, Spend a Buck), Magali Farms	\$6,000	58/34	0/0	0/0	(Cashie's Way, \$53,863)	\$739,241	*123	0	0.67		
	LUCKY J. H. (02, Cee's Tizzy)	N/A	39/20	0/0	0/0	(Lucky J Lane, \$130,310)	\$709,083	70	1			
)	SURF CAT (02, Sir Cat), Old English Rancho	Private	35/25	0/0	0/0	(K Thirty Eight, \$141,584)	\$708,433	78	0	0.73	1.2	
1 2	ROCKY BAR (98, In Excess) TIZBUD (99, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	N/A \$1,500	47/28 37/21	0/0 1/1	0/0 1/1	(Ticaboo, \$77,152) (Ambitious Brew, \$90,460)	\$706,438 \$701,879	142 156	9 5	0.89 1.08	8.0 8.0	
3	SOUGHT AFTER (00, Seeking the Gold)	Died	27/11	1/2	0/1	(Masochistic, \$424,800)	\$671,229	108		0.83	0.8	
1	SILIC (FR) (95, Sillery)	Died, 2013	27/8	1/2	1/1	(Chaulk 0 Lattey, \$235,408)	\$597,034	*182		0.94		
5	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie)	Private Pnsd	45/22 10/5	0/0 2/3	0/0 2/2	(Tannersmymuscle, \$80,336) (Sheer Pleasure, \$282,250)	\$587,579 \$575,267	155 *271		0.64 1.31	0.7	
, 7	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig)	Died, 2015	22/10	1/2	0/1	(Ashleyluvssugar, \$347,050)	\$543,693	436		0.85		
3	CINDAGO (03, Indian Charlie)	Died	41/19	0/0	0/0	(Midnight Lady, \$47,620)	\$511,882	94				
	IDIOT PROOF (04, Benchmark), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	13/8	1/2	0/1	(Richard's Boy, \$282,310)	\$491,482	26		1.32		
)	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express) AWESOME GAMBLER (04, Coronado's Quest), Lovacres Ranch	Died, 2013 \$5,000	35/20 54/19	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Velvet Mesquite, \$82,590) (She's Flush, \$76,526)	\$482,634 \$480,279	994 166		1.53 0.81		
	PEPPERED CAT (00, Tabasco Cat), Daehling Ranch	\$3,000	22/14	0/0	0/0	(Pepper Crown, \$93,901)	\$477,025	55	1		0.6	
	DON'TSELLMESHORT (01, Benchmark), Running Luck Ranch	\$2,500	50/23	0/0	0/0	(Elmonte Cristo, \$59,557)	\$467,681	113	1	0.51	0.7	
1	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall) WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West)	N/A Died	26/14	0/0	0/0	(Zanbo, \$111,540) (Go West Marie, \$245,000)	\$445,455	176 298		0.81	0.7 0.8	
	TERRELL (00, Distorted Humor)	Died Died	11/5 39/22	1/3 0/0	1/1 0/0	(Gurnick, \$55,520)	\$443,935 \$414,753	290 179		0.92 0.60		
7	ROI CHARMANT (01, Evansville Slew), Magali Farms	\$1,500	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Gangnam Guy, \$114,128)	\$393,047	18		1.55		
	TIME TO GET EVEN (04, Stephen Got Even), Lovacres Ranch	\$2,000	21/10	0/0	0/0	(Xingontothebone, \$111,356)	\$377,779	35	1			
	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds CYCLOTRON (00, Grand Slam), Old English Rancho	\$2,500 Private	46/21 20/12	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Justonemorething, \$49,350) (Mangita, \$65,930)	\$374,022 \$334,172	*469 77	16	0.85 1.40		
	STORM WOLF (02, Stormin Fever), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	25/13	0/0	0/0	(Seven Storms, \$60,325)	\$323,525	44	0	0.56		
2	BEDFORD FALLS (03, Forestry), Poplar Meadows	\$2,000	21/8	0/0	0/0	(Zuzu's Petals, \$65,070)	\$316,424	43	0	0.86	0.9	
3	MR. BIG (03, Dynaformer), E. A. Ranches	\$3,500	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Big Book, \$94,400)	\$304,210	11	0			
;	THE PAMPLEMOUSSE (06, Kafwain), Rancho San Miguel TRAPPER (00, Iron Cat), Rivendell Ranch	\$2,500 \$2,000	16/9 13/10	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Thermodynamics, \$89,970) (Papercoversrock, \$47,164)	\$303,523 \$291,330	34 39		0.78 1.04		
	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$1,500	22/14	0/0	0/0	(Suances Dream, \$46,934)	\$284,968	121		0.86	1.0	
	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Brazeau Thoroughbred Farms, LP	\$1,000	30/16	0/0	0/0	(Storm Comin Thru, \$63,960)	\$279,815	189	1	0.57	0.7	
	GRACE UPON GRACE (07, Rio Verde), Lovacres Ranch	\$2,000	12/7	0/0	0/0	(London Legacy, \$122,670)	\$248,665	26		0.79	0.9	
	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander) GREY MEMO (97, Memo), Ridgeley Farm	Died, 2013 Private	16/3 28/13	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Spirit of Ten, \$157,610) (Bushrod, \$33,728)	\$240,915 \$222,420	181 88	2	0.68 0.61	1.1 0.7	
	THORN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2014	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Yodelsong, \$56,500)	\$217,761	64		0.37		
	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express)	Died, 2011	27/12	0/0	0/0	(Convoy, \$56,655)	\$210,017	*418	12	0.97	0.8	
	ONEBADSHARK (00, Diligence), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Puttybadshark, \$51,600)	\$201,885	43	1			
	SEQUOYAH (05, A.P. Indy), Fruitful Acres Farm PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West)	\$3,000 Died, 2012	7/2 19/12	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Kobel, \$168,740) (Justification, \$36,460)	\$194,060 \$193,582	22 298	0 8	0.94 0.88	0.9	
	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$3,500	30/8	0/0	0/0	(Miz Strawberry Dee, \$43,724)	\$192,468	457			1.4	
	¶ SLEW'S TIZNOW (05, Tiznow), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(One Bye Two, \$50,350)	\$185,537	18	0	0.73	1.0	
	LIGHTNIN N THUNDER (01, Storm Cat), Fruitful Acres Farm	\$3,000	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Changingtide, \$54,651)	\$184,896	193		0.87		
	THISNEARLYWASMINE (94, Capote) CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector)	Died, 2013 N/A	17/5 7/4	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Fast and Foxy, \$102,233) (Downtown C. T., \$71,759)	\$180,041 \$177,896	80 *188	0	0.76 0.87	0.0	
	BLAZONRY (00, Hennessy), Running Horse Equine Training Center	\$2,500	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Guy Code, \$80,076)	\$177,286	53		0.62		
	¶ SIERRA SUNSET (05, Bertrando), Paradise Road Ranch	\$2,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Carlos Dangerous, \$64,870)	\$176,147	29	0	0.91	0.8	
										1 50	11	
	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch) IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat)	Died, 2015 Died, 2013	15/9 13/7	0/0 0/0	0/0 0/0	(Tiz a Kiss, \$80,096) (J and S Express, \$47,255)	\$175,300 \$165,556	734 148	28 3	1.58 0.84	1.1 0.9	

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Rancho San Miguel

2016 STALLION ROSTER



California's Leading Sire of 2015 Two-Year-Old Winners

- US RANCER Danzig My Annette, by Red Ransom/ \$3,000 LF
- Sire of SEVENTEEN 2-year-old winners THIRTEEN Maiden Special Winners, TEN first/second start winners, 20 wins by a 61 combined lengths.
- Graded Stakes Sire in each of his first two crops, sire of \$250,000 Grade 3 Dixiana Bourbon SW LAWN RANGER (\$211,304); \$150,000 Grade 3 Arlington-Washington Futurity SW SOLITARY RANGER (\$212,333); Austrailian Group 3 SW GET THE NOD.
- Champion Miler by Sire of Sires DANZIG, o/o 3/4 sister to Leading Sire DYNAFORMER and half to dam of Eclipse Champion Sire OFFLEE WILD.

California Champion Two-Year-Old

ROUSING SERMON Lucky Pulpit – Rousing Again, by Awesome Again/ \$2,000 LF

- Ranked among the *Top NINE Colts of his crop* on the Experimental Free Handicap, 2nd by only a neck in the \$750,000 Grade 1 CashCall Futurity beating DRILL (G1), HANDSOME MIKE (G2), BLINGO (G2), SKY KINGDOM (G3), etc.
- Ran 1-2-3 in 20 of 36 career starts earning **\$821,571**, winning and placing in 13 Stakes, incl. the \$1,000,000 Grade 2 Louisiana Derby, \$200,000 Grade 2 Robert B. Lewis S. and \$150,000 Grade 3 Native Diver S.
- Offers breeders an A++ TrueNicks rated pedigree as a grandson of Sire of Sires PULPIT and AWESOME AGAIN, o/o a half to millionaire CHINDI (G3, 111 Beyer).





Half-Brother to Grade 1 Winners BEHOLDER & INTO MISCHIEF CURLIN TO MISCHIEF Curlin – Leslie's Lady, by Tricky Creek/ \$3,500 LF

- Half-brother to two-time Eclipse Champion and two-time **Grade 1** Breeders' Cup SW **BEHOLDER** (\$4,436,600, **114 Beyer**), nine-time **Grade 1** SW, incl. **Grade 1** Pacific Classic, **Grade 1** Zenyatta S. (three times), etc.
- Half-brother to Grade 1 CashCall Futurity SW INTO MISCHIEF (103 Beyer), sire of 13 SWs, incl. two-time Grade 1 Breeders' Cup SW GOLDEN-CENTS, VICAR'S IN TROUBLE (G2), VYJACK (G2), MISS MISCHIEF (G2), etc.
- By two-time Horse of the Year/Leading Sire CURLIN, sire of 24 SWs, incl. PAL-ACE MALICE (G1), KEEN ICE (G1), CURALINA (G1), STELLAR WIND (G1), etc.

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2016 STALLION ROSTER



A Top Twelve Active Sires by 2015 Cal-Bred Earnings

- Outstanding 2015 season with SIX Stakes performers including Record-setting Graded performer SWEET MARINI (\$411,668), 1-2-3 in 10 of 14 starts incl. 1st \$200,000 Fleet Treat S. by 4 3/4 lengths, 2014 NTR at LRC, 5 1/2F in 1:01.95, 2015 2nd in \$200,000 Grade 2 Santa Monica S., placed in Grade 3 Rancho Bernardo H.); 2014 & 2015 SW MARINO'S WILD CAT (\$271,388), 8 wins incl. \$100,000 Harris Farm S. by 5 3/4 lengths and Lost In the Fog S. in 1:08.92; 2015 SW ROCK N BUNNY and 2015 Stakes-placed winners SILVER SENSA-TION, Chocolate Caliente and Tip Top Lady.
- Sire of **12%** Stakes Horses, including SHUDACUDAWUDYA (\$337,639); STARLIGHT MAGIC (\$334,900); etc.

California's #4 Juvenile Sire of 2015

SOUTHERN IMAGE Halo's Image - Pleasant Dixie, by Dixieland Band/ \$2,500 LF

- Sire of **2015 undefeated FOUR-time SW SMOKEY IMAGE** (\$297,600), five wins by a combined margin of victory of 18 1/2 lengths, incl. \$200,000 Golden State Juvenile S., \$150,000 I'm Smokin S. by 4+, Everett Nevin S. by 6+, and Cavonnier Juvenile S. by 2.
- First two California-sired crops incl. SW BETTER BET (\$306,372), on-the-board to CALIFORNIA CHROME 4-times, winner of the \$200,000 Golden State Juvenile S. besting Grade 1 SW TAMARANDO; 2015 SPW Image of Joplin; etc.
- His first crop, now matured to eight, has average earnings over \$77,000 and has produced 11% \$100K+ earners, like **Grade 1** SW **SOUTHERN SPEED** (\$2.9 Million); **G1**-placed **CALIBRACHOA** (**G3**, \$666,040); etc.





California's Leading Second-Crop Sire of 2015 <u>THE PAMPLEMOUSSE</u> Kafwain – Comfort Zone, by Rubiano/ \$2,500 LF

- Sire of **13% Stakes Horses**/Runners in 2015, incl. **Thermodynamics** (\$98,370) 2nd \$200,000 Melair S., and **Bullwinkle Babe** 2nd Arizona Oaks.
- The #1 Freshman Sire outside of Kentucky in 2013, ranked among the Top Ten nationally with a seven yearling average over \$53,000.
- Yearling prices up to \$160,000 & 2YO prices up to \$105,000.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G3** Sham S. by 6L (**107 Beyer**) and **G3** San Rafael S. at one mile.
- Sire of **\$160,000 BARRETTS SALES TOPPING YEARLING** in his First Crop!

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Three-Quarter Brother to AMERICAN PHAROAH's dam

STORM WOLF Stormin Fever – Exclusive Rosette, by Ecliptical/ \$1,500 LF

- Graded SW full brother to G1-performing GSW MISTY ROSETTE.
- Won 3 of 5 starts, including the **G2** Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. by 6L in 1:22 1/5.
- Posted a **104 Beyer** breaking his maiden at Santa Anita and a **101 Beyer** winning an allowance there in 1:09 flat.
- 2013 juvenile sold for **\$95,000** at the Barretts March sale.
- Solid 71% winners/runners in first two crops incl. three-time 2015 Canadian SW SWAYZE ROAD, 2015 Stakes-placed winner Vegas Bound, etc.





California's Leading Freshman Sire

SLEW'S TIZNOW Tiznow – Hepatica, by Slewpy/ \$2,500 LF

- Over 83% of his first twelve starters hit the board in their FIRST TWO STARTS!
- First-crop winners incl. 3 3/4-length Del Mar Maiden Special winner <u>TIZ LOVE</u>, backto-back winners <u>ONE BYE TWO</u> and <u>TRIBAL HEADDRESS</u>, etc.
- Won on dirt and synthetic, including Del Mar's El Cajon S. at one mile by 3 lengths and Hollywood Park's War Chant S. at 1 1/16 miles in a *TRACK RECORD* 1:40.34.
- Saratoga maiden winner and 2nd in Keeneland's G1 Breeders' Futurity at two.
- In his final start, posted a **102 Beyer** in Hollywood Park's G2 Californian S.
- 1st Barretts 2YOs sold for up to \$92,000 36.8-Times His Fee!

Pedigree Powerhouse – First Foals Arrive in 2016

NORTHERN CAUSEWAY Giant's Causeway – Getaway Girl, by Silver Deputy/ **\$2,500 LF**

- Graded Stakes-Winning son of Three-Time Leading Sire **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, sire of 176 SWs, 310 SHs & earners of over \$142 Million.
- Out of a half-sister to Leading Sires **GHOSTZAPPER** and **CITY ZIP**, the sires of 114 SWs, 210 SHs & earners of over \$104 Million.
- **NORTHERN CAUSEWAY** is a Graded Derby winner from the foundation family that produces Breeders' Cup Classic & Kentucky Derby winners.



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UNUSUAL HEAT STILL COOKING

There is a special bond that ties outstanding regional sires to their locale of excellence. Not For Love was loved by Maryland breeders and owners as he dominated that state's progeny earners. And in California, Unusual Heat, a six-time leading sire in the Golden State, is beloved for his excellence and longevity. The 26-year-old son of Nureyev–Rossard,

by Glacial, is poised for yet another book of mares in 2016.

Unusual Heat ranked fourth for 2015 on the California sires list, and for the ninth consecutive season his progeny earned more than \$3 million. After setting a California record with \$5.8 million in progeny earnings in 2008, Unusual Heat proceeded to top the chart every year through 2013.

"A lot of it has to do with the heart and the mental aspect he instills in his progeny," said Harris Auerbach, the managing partner of the Unusual Heat syndicate. "No matter

what their natural ability, they are all competitive and like to win races. They enjoy their job and love being racehorses."

Harris' mother, Madeline, and trainer Barry Abrams believed in Unusual Heat from the get-go, standing him first at Kachina Farm in 1999 and then at Old English Rancho from 2000-09. From 2010 to the present, Unusual Heat has stood at Harris Farms, where his fee since 2011 has been \$20,000. "When he first started, my mom and Barry Abrams bred some of the worst mares you could ever find to him, and he just threw runners and encouraged us to get some better mares," Harris Auerbach noted.

Today, some 20% of those better mares that are bred to Unusual Heat come from out of state, from respected breed-

ers such as Charles Fipke. The Auerbachs, among others, have purchased mares in Kentucky specifically to send to Unusual Heat, whose book is limited to about 35 mares. That number could rise, depending on how Unusual Heat is handling breeding. Last year he bred 46 mares.

"He does have one arthritic knee," Auerbach noted, "but he gets around fine on it and he loves to breed. He sees mares going to the breeding shed for other stallions and he gets pretty upset that they're not all for him. He continues to want to do it, and that's why we're keeping at it."

Not only have Unusual Heat's progeny earned better than \$3 million in 2015, but he also approached that figure as a broodmare sire. Masochistic won the 2015 Triple Bend Stakes (gr. I) and Spanish Queen took the American Oaks (gr. IT), led the way among his progeny as a broodmare sire.

Unusual Heat has sired Eclipse Award winner Acclamation, 2011's champion older horse, who is at stud at Old English Rancho, standing for \$15,000. By Lenny Shulman



Burge, center, with Madeline and Harris Auerbach

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It has not gone unscathed. Hit by the Great Recession along with the rest of the continent, racing is now held most of the year just four times a week (five at the summer meet at Del Mar). Mare population and foal crops cratered to stark lows. Yet the industry has in the past couple of years stabilized and now is starting to show modest growth, no mean feat given the island factor and the lack of help from gaming. In large part the uptick is due to an aggressive series of programs emphasizing the homegrown product—Cal-breds.

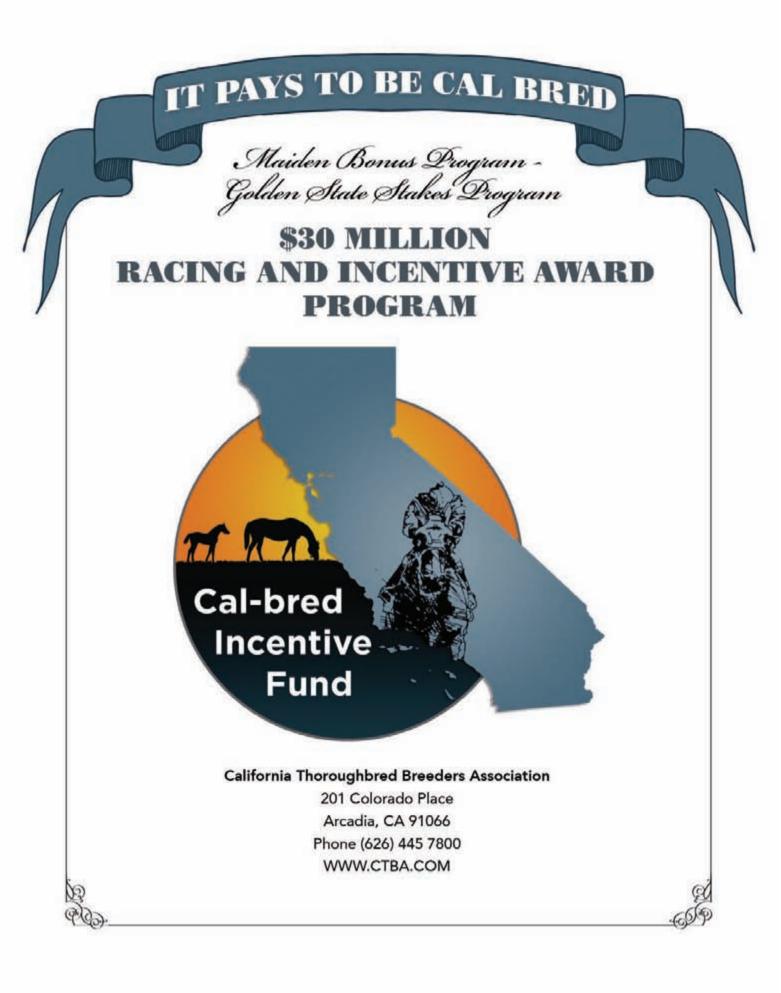
In the early 1990s when the horse industry retracted, foal numbers in California hit a low of about 3,200. A couple of years ago, in the teeth of the recession, the foal crop diminished to half that number and is just now beginning to work its way north of 2,000. *(continued on page 38)*

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2011 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2015. As supplied to Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2014 is \$21,617 or 45% of the 2014 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings are adjusted by 19%; Singapore by 54%. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes vinners include all N.H.-foaled stakes vinners include all N.H.-foaled stakes vinners include all stakes vinners vinners all stakes vinner

Unusual Heat

*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned in relation to the average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00; 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 AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.





Burge has been at the helm of the CTBA for nearly 20 years

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Something had to be done to stimulate breeding-and subsequently owning-Cal-breds, and that something was to try to increase their value.

Enter the California Thoroughbred

Breeders Association under the guidance of Doug Burge, a Kentucky native who grew up in a family that owned some horses and who graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in marketing and from the University of Louisville with a graduate degree in equine administration. Now in his mid-40s, Burge has helmed the organization for close to 20 years and has succeeded in bringing the various alphabet groups in the state together to keep racing going, and to make Calbreds attractive.

"The biggest difference in the state now from a decade ago is how dependent California racing has become on Cal-breds," said Burge. "Fifteen or 20 years ago Cal-breds made up about one-third of the field size out here. Now they make up between 55-60%. and growing. Without a strong Calbred product, we'd go from four days a week to being lucky to have two.

"When the recession hit in 2008 and 2009, our foal crop numbers were diving and people were not investing in breeding horses. We knew we had to do something to stabilize breeding trends and, hopefully after that, concentrate on some growth, and that's exactly what we've been able to do."

Burge stressed these accomplish-(continued on page 40)

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Sire			Sire
Bluegrass Cat		143	Sea of Sec
Tribal Rule	168	101	Tizbud
Unusual Heat	120	69	Lucky J. H.
Lucky Pulpit	127	57	In Excess (
Ministers Wild Cat		48	Comic Strip
U S Ranger	126	47	Awesome (
Eddington	90	44	Cindago
Decarchy		44	Stormy Jac
Kafwain		44	Affirmative
Benchmark		42	Globalize .
Marino Marini		41	Peppered C
Street Hero			Suances (C
Square Eddie	61	40	Grey Memo
Salute the Sarge		39	Storm Wolf
Papa Clem		38	Siberian Su
Stormin Fever		38	Cyclotron.
Southern Image		38	Perfect Ma
Bertrando			Sought Afte
Old Topper			Game Plan
Einstein (BRZ)			Time to Ge
Vronsky		30	Tough Gan
Rocky Bar			Trapper
Dixie Chatter		27	The Pample
Desert Code		27	Cee's Tizzy
Surf Cat		25	Gotham Ci
McCann's Mojave		24	Flame Thro
Heatseeker (IRE)		23	Atticus
Don'tsellmeshort			Silic (FR).
Grazen			Bedford Fa
Tannersmyman		22	Idiot Proof
Terrell			Souvenir C

2015 CALIFORNIA SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Pors	Whre
Sea of Secrets		
Luckv J. H		
In Excess (IRE)		
Comic Strip		
Awesome Gambler		
Cindago		
Stormy Jack		
Affirmative		
Globalize		
Peppered Cat		
Suances (GB)		
Grey Memo		
Storm Wolf.		
Siberian Summer		
Cyclotron		
Perfect Mandate		
Sought After	27	11
Game Plan		
Time to Get Even	21	10
Tough Game	15	10
Trapper		
The Pamplemousse	16	9
Cee's Tizzy	15	9
Gotham City		
Flame Thrower	13	9
Atticus	30	8
Silic (FR)	27	8
Bedford Falls	21	8
Idiot Proof	13	8
Souvenir Copy	31	7

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Thorn Song	24	7
Blazonry	18	7
Momentum	18	7
Iron Cat	13	7
Onebadshark	13	7
Popular	13	7
Grace Upon Grace	12	7
Best Minister	21	6
Olympio	12	6
Prime Timber	10	6
Roi Charmant	10	6
One Man Army	8	6
Thisnearlywasmine	17	5
Capsized		
Lightnin N Thunder	13	5
Western Fame	11	5
Birdonthewire	10	5
Impeachment	10	5
Under Caution	10	5
Alymagic	9	5
Doc Gus	8	5
Sierra Sunset	13	4
Slew's Tiznow	12	4
Golden Balls (IRE)	10	4
Forest Command	9	4
River Flyer	9	4
Singletary	9	4
Crafty C. T	7	4
Informed	6	4

GERVINHO

Unusual Heat - Foreverinthegame, by Out of Place



Outstanding at both Two and Three

A stakes winner at 2, he was assigned one of the top ten weights on the *Experimental Free Handicap* ahead of **Grade 1** SWs **OXBOW**, **ITSMYLUCKYDAY**, etc.

California Champion at three, he won Santa Anita's \$200,000 **Grade 2** Sir Beaufort Stakes, besting **Grade 1** stakes winner **TOM'S TRIBUTE**, and Del Mar's \$100,000 Oceanside Stakes.

GERVINHO earned over \$420,000 and was on-the-board in EIGHT of NINE career starts, including the \$250,000 **Grade 1** Hollywood Derby, the \$250,000 **Grade 2** Del Mar Derby and Santa Anita's \$150,000 **Grade 3** Twilight Derby.



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Burge in the winner's circle with the late Bobby Frankel, right

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ments were possible because of cooperation among the CTBA, Thoroughbred Owners of California, the state's racetrack operators, and the California Marketing Committee in collectively turning things in the right direction for Cal-breds. First, Cal-breds were given more favorable conditions to optimize their earning potential. For example, Cal-breds that win an entry level allowance race restricted to state-breds can come right back and run in that same condition against open company.

About six years ago Burge and Martin Panza, the former racing secretary at Hollywood Park who has gone on to become the New York Racing Association's director of racing, came up with a bonus plan to reward owners of Calbreds when those horses broke their maidens in either open or restricted company. In addition to the purse, the program awarded \$20,000 to owners whose horses broke their maidens in Southern California and \$10,000 if the horse broke its maiden in Northern California. Due to the popularity of the program, the Southern California bonus has since been reduced to \$17,500.

"That check is written to the owner within 30 days," said Burge. "It is a joint effort between the CTBA and TOC from the purse account. We put up a certain amount of dollars and they matched it from the purse account. This has been extremely successful. Even with smaller foal crops we wanted to increase the value of Calbreds. We wanted to write more maid-



State-bred maiden special weight races at Del Mar go for about \$75,000

2015 CALIFORNIA SIRES BY STAKES WINNERS

Sire	SWnrs	SWins
Tribal Rule	6	8
Bluegrass Cat	5	9
Decarchy	4	4
Square Eddie		
Unusual Heat	3	4
Comic Strip		3
Eddington		
Southern Image		
Salute the Sarge		
Birdonthewire		
Desert Code		
Heatseeker (IRE)		
Papa Clem		
Street Hero		
Vronskv		

en special weight races for Cal-breds and have more people take a shot in those races, and that's exactly what has happened. We also took the maiden claiming price of \$32,000 for statebreds and increased it to \$50,000, to give more protection to the owner and make sure they are running for more money with the same horses."

Unlike other states where the purses for restricted races are smaller than for open company, Cal-bred maiden special weight races carry the same purse as open races. At Del Mar's summer meet, for example, Cal-bred maiden special weight races go for about \$75,000, plus the \$17,500 bonus for a win. That represents a substantial payday for owning a Cal-bred.

"We wanted to reward owners as quickly as we could," said Burge. "We got people's attention and jump-started this turn in the right direction. No other state has anything like this, and it has really helped stimulate breeding in the state as well as ownership."

Another joint effort among the CTBA, TOC, and breeders has yielded the Golden State stakes series composed of about 40 restricted stakes a year, each carrying a purse of at least \$100,000. With the TOC helping from the purse side and a \$300 fee from breeders to nominate their 2-yearolds to the series, the program has been expanded and its purses significantly increased.

Now, California Cup Day, which has been moved from just before Breeders' Cup to a new slot one week before the Super Bowl, offers \$1 million in purs-(continued on page 42)

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			Stakes	Rstrct		Cumulat				live	
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	GIACOMO (02, Holy Bull), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	78/40	1/3	0/1	(Classic Giacnroll, \$133,810)	\$1,194,957	*296	11	1.10	1.23
2	HARBOR THE GOLD (01, Seeking the Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$5,500	102/53	1/3	0/1	(Mach One Rules, \$93,826)	\$1,124,352	250	12	0.61	0.70
3	GRINDSTONE (93, Unbridled), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	77/36	0/0	0/0	(Its Allabout Jerry, \$52,658)	\$554,852	*583	18	1.06	1.42
4	SIXTHIRTEEN (04, Dixie Union), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Three Sixteen, \$19,842)	\$50,967	14	0	0.27	0.53
5	OCHOCO (98, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Cantchaco, \$14,795)	\$28,183	70	0	0.24	0.46
6	ROGUE S. (99, Kris S.)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Carl Command, \$27,972)	\$27,972	12	0	0.37	0.57
7	BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Van Glorious, \$5,209)	\$19,518	213	2	0.29	0.46
8	KLINSMAN (IRE) (94, Danehill)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Zappers Dinner, \$4,216)	\$12,983	65	0	0.36	0.47

2015 LEADING SIRES IN WASHINGTON

				Stakes	Rstrct		Cumulative				
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	PARKER'S STORM CAT (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	71/33	2/3	0/2	(Ben's Cat, \$171,415)	\$709,647	*294	4	1.04	1.04
2	ABRAAJ (03, Carson City), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	19/13	3/5	2/3	(Quatre Cat, \$100,576)	\$446,802	32	3	0.95	0.77
3	RAISE THE BLUFF (03, Pine Bluff), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	34/22	0/0	0/0	(Percy's Bluff, \$36,123)	\$436,554	85	1	0.51	0.46
4	PRIVATE GOLD (00, Seeking the Gold), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	48/28	1/1	0/1	(Gold Rush Dancer, \$83,393)	\$430,387	171	4	0.46	0.58
5	MATTY G (93, Capote), Lucky Acres	\$1,500	47/20	0/0	0/0	(Nico Suave', \$42,735)	\$347,405	*532	10	0.78	0.99
6	PREACHINATTHEBAR (01, Silver Charm), Pulse Ranches	\$1,000	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Aloneatthebar, \$31,761)	\$294,667	75	0	0.32	0.51
7	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano)	Died, 2010	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Night, \$40,420)	\$260,154	*655	26	0.91	1.10
8	COUNCIL MEMBER (02, Seattle Slew), Dreamstar Farm	\$1,500	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Council Rules, \$38,125)	\$254,659	68	0	0.51	0.92
9	NATIONHOOD (02, Cherokee Run), Blue Ribbon Farm	\$1,500	22/13	0/0	0/0	(Arrom Bear, \$45,850)	\$242,048	38	1	0.53	0.74
10	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$1,000	25/13	0/0	0/0	(Fourth Top, \$28,166)	\$141,824	300	8	0.54	0.64
11	POLISH MINER (97, Danzig)	N/A	14/11	0/0	0/0	(Sequestered, \$20,021)	\$113,984	176	1	0.88	0.93
12	TRICKEY TREVOR (99, Demaloot Demashoot), Allaire Farms	\$1,250	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Finding More, \$31,115)	\$109,471	54	0	0.34	0.44
13	LIBERTY GOLD (94, Crafty Prospector), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Mike Man's Gold, \$29,780)	\$108,872	170	4	0.41	0.59
14	NACHEEZMO (00, Carson City), Don Munger Farm	\$1,000	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Spit and Shine, \$13,638)	\$96,010	56	0	0.25	0.34
15	¶ COAST GUARD (05, Stormy Atlantic), El Dorado Farms	\$1,000	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Marqula, \$36,000)	\$77,615	13	0	0.74	0.53

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es to Cal-breds. A second day, which was instituted as Gold Rush Day when the program was run at Hollywood Park, now runs the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at Santa Anita and offers more than \$1 million in purses when factoring in the overnight races.

As a result, the number of mares bred in the state has increased for two years running, and the foal crop, which had dropped to near 1,500, is estimated to climb above 2,000 in 2016. The Golden State series is worth about \$6 million annually.

"What is truly impressive is that even with just half the foals that we had 15 years ago, today we're filling Cal-bred races better than we ever have," said Burge. "That tells me that the horses that are being raised

are making it to the track in greater percentages than they did before. So it's a quality and quantity situation. "A law was put in 25 years ago man-

"A law was put in 25 years ago mandating that the tracks had to write at least one Cal-bred race a day, and we used to have to police that," Burge continued. "We don't have to anymore.



Burge, with Breeders' Cup president Craig Fravel and state legislators at the 2014 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita

We average between one and a half and two Cal-bred races per day in the South. With the smaller inventory in the North there is more a mix of Calbreds and open horses combining to fill races. However, when you win an open race with a Cal-bred anywhere in the state, you get a 30% bonus on top of the purse. So up North, where the percentage of Cal-breds can be 60-70% in some races, you're running in an open race even though most of the horses are Cal-breds, yet you're running for 30% more."

The auction picture in California is very much in transition. Barretts, long the leading auction house in the state, has had to abandon its Pomona location near Santa Anita Park and is now conducting its auctions at Del Mar. The timing of those yearling and 2-year-old sales is being tinkered with, both as far as the calendar and even time of day. While the 2-year-old in training sales performed well in 2015, the yearling numbers have not kept pace with the amount of purse and bonus money being offered for Cal-breds. Barretts' select yearling sale at Del Mar in 2015

sold 42 of 67 head offered for a gross of \$1,534,000, an average of \$36,524, and a median of \$31,000. CTBA's yearling sale in Northern California sold 117 of 157 offered for an average of \$11,537 and a median of \$7,500.

Buyers were far more willing to spend for 2-year-olds at auction with an eye toward more promptly cashing in some of that purse and bonus (continued on page 44)

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The 2015 Barretts select sale of 2-year-olds averaged \$132,909

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money. Barretts 2015 selected 2-yearolds in training sale sold 44 of 65 offered for a gross of \$5,848,000, an average of \$132,909, and a median of \$97,500. Its May sale of 2-year-olds in training saw 92 lots change hands for a \$4,199,000 gross, \$45,641 average, and \$30,000 median.

"There are trainers that tell me they're coming to these sales looking for Cal-breds in large part because of the bonuses," said Burge. "If you're a trainer with a lot of horses, it makes sense to have some Cal-breds so you can split them up where they're not running against one another. Plus, you're running for the same purse money in that Cal-bred maiden special weight as you'd be in an open race. Those are options people should be taking advantage of. The opportunities right now are as good as I've seen them in 20 years."

California's breeding industry has entered a period of transition concerning its sire power. Perennial leading sire Unusual Heat (see page 36) is 26, and top stallions such as Bertrando, In Excess, and Tribal Rule have passed from the scene. Thus, there is opportunity for new stallion prospects coming in such as grade II winner Balance the Books, grade III winner Govenor Charlie, Stimulus Plan, Curlin to Mischief, Cogito, and Circumference.



Balance the Books, by Lemon Drop Kid, enters stud this year in the Golden State

There is also hope that new people will be coming into the state to buy or lease farms.

Burge estimates that there are 3,000 mares in the state, and said that of the 2,000 foals expected in 2016, some 300 will be by out-of-state stallions. California has instituted a breed-back rule so that even though a foal is conceived in, for example, Kentucky, as long as the mare foals in California and is bred back to a California stallion, the Kentucky-conceived foal is considered a Cal-bred eligible for restricted purses and state-bred awards.

In addition, state law was changed a few years back so that races are written for Cal-bred or Cal-sired horses. So an owner can run a Kentucky-bred horse by, for example, Unusual Heat, that is eligible to run in Cal-bred races because it's registered as being Calsired. Such horses, however, are not eligible for owner or breeder awards because they're not Cal-breds.

Cal-breds that run first, second, or third in any race in California earn their breeders award money. Also, breeder awards are paid whenever a Cal-bred wins a graded stakes outside the state.

One legislative bill in California that could potentially help the horse racing industry here is the Internet poker bill, which has been discussed for several years and would legalize Internet poker in the state.

"Our goal with this is to make sure racing has a level playing field and is treated equally," said Burge. "We believe tracks should be able to apply for a license just like a tribe or a card club, and we have significant support from legislators."

California racing may be synonymous nationwide with the stars sent out by Bob Baffert—and, in fact, the first three finishers across the wire in last year's Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) were California-based—but the bread and butter of day-to-day racing in the state has become the Cal-bred program.

Said Burge, "People used to complain about having bred or bought a Cal-bred that was ready to run, only races weren't being written for them or the ones that were, weren't filling. Now you don't hear those complaints. If people complain today about too many state-bred races, the answer is to get a couple of Cal-breds. The opportunities are here to make money." COMMITTED TO BREEDING QUALITY

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