

# The Perfect Trip



Blood-Horse Magazine is pleased to present this week's nominees for the second annual **Perfect Trip Award presented by Sentient Jet.**

**Ferneley** 2009 Del Mar Mile H.

Del Mar, CA | Owners: Silver Springs Stud Farm

Trainer: Ben D.A. Cecil | Breeder: Mount Coote Stud and Richard Pegum

Irish-bred horse notched his first North American stakes win after getting the mile in a zippy 1:33.11. He now has three wins in the U.S. since shipping from Europe last year and was third in Santa Anita's San Marcos Stakes earlier this season. The 5-year-old horse is named for British equine artist John Ferneley.



**Spring House** 2009 Del Mar H.

Del Mar, CA | Owner: R.D. Hubbard

Trainer: Julio Canani | Breeders: Rio Claro T'breeds, Hubbard, C. Sczesny

Seven-year-old followed up last year's course record-setting win in the Del Mar Handicap by winning this year's renewal by a nose and has proved to be a durable runner, having won graded stakes going long on the turf for three years running. His sire, Chester House, won the Arlington Million in 1999.



**Carlsbad** 2009 Rancho Bernardo H.

Del Mar, CA | Owner: Dennis E. Weir

Trainer: Jeff Mullins | Breeder: Dennis E. Weir

Homebred filly breaks the Polytrack record for 6½ furlongs at Del Mar while winning the Rancho Bernardo by four lengths, providing jockey Tyler Baze a delightful "Welcome Back" to riding. The young rider had been out since Aug. 22 with an injured finger. Earlier this year Carlsbad annexed the grade II Hollywood Oaks.



**Richard's Kid** 2009 Pacific Classic S.

Del Mar, CA | Owner: Arnold Zetcher

Trainer: Bob Baffert | Breeder: Fitzhugh

Son of Lemon Drop Kid jumped up to win Del Mar's \$1-million signature race at 24-1, defeating multiple grade I winner Einstein by a neck. Arnold Zetcher, who has been involved in Thoroughbred racing since 2000, purchased Richard's Kid earlier this year from Marylander Robert Meyerhoff.



**Zensational** 2009 Pat O'Brien S.

Del Mar, CA | Owner: Zayat Stables

Trainer: Bob Baffert | Breeder: Claiborne Farm

Sophomore ridgling has now proved to be the top sprinter in North America with three successive wins in grade I company against older horses in Southern California. Trainer Bob Baffert has won the last two runnings of the Breeders' Cup Sprint with Midnight Lute.



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