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Acting Out

Don Ameche III continues his famous family's run with horses

BY LENNY SHULMAN

The Roman numeral in back of Don Ameche III's name not only denotes his ancestral lineage, it also marks the third generation of his family that has been involved in the Thoroughbred business.

Having entered the world of horses just five years ago, Ameche, 51, has all ready made his mark as the breeder of Necessary Evil, the 2-year-old bay filly by Harlan's Holiday—Song and Danz, by Unbridled's Song, who beat the boys in July in the Hollywood Juvenile Championship Stakes (gr. III). Following that up with a second in the Sorrento Stakes (gr. III) at Del Mar, just down the road from Ameche's home in Mission Viejo, Necessary Evil is recovering from surgery that removed chips from her leg and is being pointed toward a 3-year-old season by trainer Doug O'Neill.

If the Ameche name sounds familiar, it should. Ameche's *(continued on page 4572)*



Don Ameche Jr., left, and son Don Ameche III continue actor Don Ameche's involvement with Thoroughbreds

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Bertrando-Tiny Kristin, by Steelinctive

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Cee's Tizzy-Cee's Song, by Seattle Song

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Grade I winner Cost of Freedom defeated a nose and a head in this year's **Breeders' Cup Sprint** is the third son of **Cee's Tizzy** to finish among the top three in a **Grade I** Breeders' Cup event.



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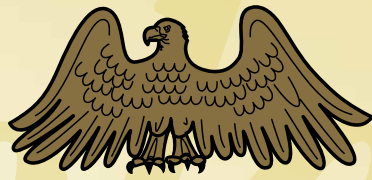
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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in California (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 2, 2009. As supplied 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	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Old English Rancho	N/A	139/74	9/11	6/9	(The Usual Q. T., \$438,670)	\$4,997,330	*418	24	2.17	1.06
2	SILIC (FR) (95, Sillery), Getaway Thoroughbred Farm	\$3,500	39/15	1/3	0/1	(Gladiatorus, \$3,297,720)	\$3,700,584	*116	1	1.04	0.96
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), River Edge Farm	\$4,000	172/88	5/7	2/5	(Grazen, \$245,000)	\$2,800,322	498	26	1.33	1.19
4	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	158/69	3/4	0/3	(Biofuel, \$305,436)	\$2,480,956	*537	24	1.23	1.51
5	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	\$5,000	133/84	2/5	1/2	(Nicks, \$130,742)	\$2,356,211	*1116	48	1.45	1.43
6	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	127/67	6/12	0/6	(Repo, \$191,322)	\$2,347,174	841	59	1.81	1.46
7	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	117/62	4/6	0/4	(Don't Forget Gil, \$240,972)	\$2,295,176	239	9	1.14	1.35
8	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), River Edge Farm	\$8,000	133/59	3/4	2/3	(Liberian Freighter, \$191,000)	\$2,169,243	844	50	1.45	1.60
9	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister), Ballena Vista Farm	Died, 2009	155/70	2/5	0/2	(Shawanaga, \$148,275)	\$2,148,957	*540	23	1.28	1.67
10	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$3,000	142/75	2/2	1/2	(Hermosillo, \$150,420)	\$1,800,479	*309	17	1.02	1.12
11	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	134/84	2/4	1/2	(Shifty Time, \$92,877)	\$1,768,466	351	13	1.08	0.92
12	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$6,000	156/79	1/1	0/1	(Alpine Yodel, \$100,262)	\$1,708,973	542	20	1.13	1.07
13	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), River Edge Farm	\$6,000	66/37	4/5	2/4	(Georgie Boy, \$255,000)	\$1,617,110	154	12	1.60	1.08
14	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	92/41	4/5	2/4	(Bestressed, \$154,788)	\$1,433,865	375	21	1.33	1.20
15	LORD CARSON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	75/40	3/3	3/3	(You Lift Me Up, \$160,537)	\$1,253,697	464	27	1.18	1.31
16	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	\$5,000	102/52	0/0	0/0	(Enriched, \$186,160)	\$1,206,268	*870	44	1.07	1.20
17	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	31/15	1/2	0/1	(It's a Bird, \$911,100)	\$1,204,961	*235	9	1.32	1.42
18	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	\$6,000	85/46	2/2	1/2	(Cost of Freedom, \$222,953)	\$1,151,864	673	38	1.75	1.18
19	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	104/54	2/3	1/2	(U R All That I Am, \$134,810)	\$1,144,190	489	18	1.09	1.25
20	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$4,000	83/29	2/3	0/2	(Strawberry Tart, \$181,745)	\$1,134,625	375	11	1.14	1.59
21	FORMAL GOLD (93, Black Tie Affair), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	92/43	1/1	0/1	(Semaphore Man, \$136,394)	\$1,119,081	383	19	1.26	1.47
22	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	68/34	0/0	0/0	(Blame the Wine, \$67,020)	\$963,651	133	2	0.98	1.06
23	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$4,000	66/35	0/0	0/0	(Karakorum Fugitive, \$142,190)	\$959,993	109	0	0.64	1.30
24	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	76/35	1/1	0/1	(Surf Town, \$95,700)	\$881,870	338	11	1.05	0.91
25	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus), Ballena Vista Farm	Pnsd	80/34	2/3	1/2	(Niner Genius, \$95,524)	\$767,974	*727	39	1.23	1.19
26	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	Pnsd	62/25	2/3	0/2	(Devoted Magic, \$175,540)	\$706,041	*256	4	0.61	0.95
27	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	49/29	1/1	1/1	(Run Brother Ron, \$88,100)	\$696,811	198	10	1.07	1.29
28	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	71/31	1/1	0/1	(Orphan Brigade, \$92,509)	\$688,869	*613	17	1.53	1.40
29	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Rancho San Miguel	\$1,500	72/36	0/0	0/0	(Monstrip, \$72,260)	\$663,327	258	8	0.80	1.21
30	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	N/A	66/33	1/2	0/1	(Highland Games, \$59,696)	\$611,565	329	22	0.90	0.84
31	HIGH DEMAND (97, Danzig)	N/A	31/14	1/2	0/1	(Tommy Danziger, \$221,858)	\$607,909	98	1	0.96	1.30
32	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$3,500	42/20	2/2	0/2	(Chars Problem, \$74,340)	\$600,078	97	2	0.87	1.13
33	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector), Windfall Farms	\$5,000	31/19	0/0	0/0	(Dapper Devil, \$71,490)	\$596,303	*74	1	0.92	0.95
34	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$3,500	51/23	0/0	0/0	(Hickory Gray, \$53,340)	\$591,215	144	1	0.86	1.12
35	REDATTOR (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	31/16	1/5	1/1	(Compari, \$183,000)	\$574,178	*196	1	1.00	1.23
36	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), KingsWay Farm	N/A	23/12	3/3	2/3	(M One Rifle, \$198,572)	\$573,916	62	4	1.30	0.91
37	POTEEN (94, Irish River), Old English Rancho	\$1,500	25/12	1/1	0/1	(Star Nicholas, \$186,366)	\$551,719	71	3	0.89	0.80
38	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	60/26	0/0	0/0	(Reel Danger, \$48,025)	\$528,762	127	1	0.49	0.84
39	BEHRENS (94, Pleasant Colony), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	60/22	0/0	0/0	(Weggie, \$57,805)	\$518,666	182	0	0.60	1.53
40	KELLY KIP (94, Kipper Kelly), Vinewood Farms	\$4,000	27/13	1/1	1/1	(Olde Glamour, \$154,147)	\$511,511	104	2	1.15	1.03
41	RIO VERDE (92, Nureyev), Lovacres Ranch	N/A	62/30	0/0	0/0	(Grace Upon Grace, \$77,170)	\$493,075	215	3	0.60	0.87
42	GENERAL MEETING (88, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	33/15	2/4	0/2	(Century Park, \$177,296)	\$477,960	*471	34	1.89	1.61
43	MUD ROUTE (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	44/20	0/0	0/0	(Our Road Scholar, \$53,610)	\$460,763	235	6	0.86	0.96
44	BARTOK (IRE) (91, Fairy King)	N/A	46/14	0/0	0/0	(Novato, \$76,120)	\$428,584	201	7	1.10	0.93
45	RICHLY BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	39/20	1/1	0/1	(Ultra Blend, \$119,922)	\$415,841	117	2	0.77	0.81
46	DIXIE DOT COM (95, Dixie Brass)	Died, 2007	46/24	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Magic, \$59,020)	\$391,050	111	1	0.65	1.14
47	GOTHAM CITY (98, Saint Ballado), Applebite Farms	\$2,000	31/18	0/0	0/0	(The Bat Signal, \$71,480)	\$379,613	87	0	0.89	1.02
48	FREE HOUSE (94, Smokester)	Died, 2004	30/13	0/0	0/0	(Spinning Yarns, \$111,284)	\$376,776	181	5	0.98	1.56
49	ILLINOIS STORM (93, Storm Cat), Ponzo Equine Center	N/A	40/14	0/0	0/0	(Shadow of Illinois, \$184,760)	\$361,216	183	3	0.68	1.01
50	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	41/22	0/0	0/0	(Gio Bou Liza, \$29,141)	\$359,594	97	1	0.78	0.81
51	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms	\$2,500	42/20	0/0	0/0	(Sittytwoffity, \$32,948)	\$351,770	254	13	0.96	0.83
52	ALYMAGIC (86, Alydar), Daehling Ranch	\$1,000	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Phantom Ali, \$91,540)	\$350,444	84	0	0.70	0.80
53	SMOKESTER (88, Never Tabled)	Died, 2005	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Angus, \$82,980)	\$348,807	403	12	1.39	1.27
54	ROYAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Old English Rancho	\$2,000	38/16	0/0	0/0	(Sidepocket Cat, \$41,360)	\$338,999	123	0	0.60	1.08
55	CAPSIZED (96, Summer Squall), Oak Hill Farm	N/A	42/15	0/0	0/0	(Nitro Active, \$87,560)	\$317,803	77	0	0.61	0.83
56	THE SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$5,000	35/12	0/0	0/0	(Privileged, \$52,838)	\$311,446	*117	0	0.59	1.52
57	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Oak Hill Farm	\$2,500	29/14	0/0	0/0	(Newport Lulu, \$53,060)	\$307,105	105	3	1.00	0.93
58	FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	42/13	0/0	0/0	(Lupita's luckyangal, \$96,072)	\$306,414	493	23	0.93	1.09
59	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	36/10	0/0	0/0	(Catsalot, \$112,100)	\$305,696	79	0	0.56	1.10
60	ROMAN DANCER (99, Polish Numbers), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	17/9	1/1	1/1	(Camille C, \$154,021)	\$294,970	37	2	0.84	1.05
61	OLYMPIO (88, Naskra), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	32/14	2/2	0/2	(Kalookan Dancer, \$75,462)	\$279,759	*479	30	1.14	1.35
62	RHYTHM (87, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2007	28/14	0/0	0/0	(Bad Sneakers, \$40,941)	\$249,596	*820	11	1.29	1.17
63	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Adonia, \$53,560)	\$224,039	27	0	0.83	1.03
64	SNOWBOUND (95, Meadowlake), Burns Ranch	N/A	51/25	1/3	0/1	(Sun City, \$35,328)	\$219,879	292	14	0.40	0.45
65	NINEEVEN (93, Phone Trick), Lovacres Ranch	N/A	31/13	1/1	0/1	(Call Aly, \$25,860)	\$218,939	116	5	0.65	0.76
66	RAINBOW BLUES (IRE) (93, Bluebird), Applebite Farms	Pnsd	21/11	0/0	0/0	(Tudor Blue, \$93,780)	\$213,642	74	1	0.73	1.17
67	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$3,500	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Feisty Suances, \$116,000)	\$206,110	33	1	1.56	1.71
68	STORMY JACK (97, Bertrando), Harris Farms	\$2,500	29/11	0/0	0/0	(Daylight Storm, \$72,400)	\$192,669	60	1	1.07	0.67
69	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	\$2,500	15/3	1/1	0/1	(Autism Awareness, \$145,078)	\$189,976	40	1	1.19	0.78
70	MR. BROAD BLADE (96, Broad Brush), Magali Farms	\$2,000	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Justdontcallmejeri, \$115,232)	\$183,861	40	1	0.79	0.96

*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.



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Necessary Evil and Joel Rosario win the Hollywood Juvenile Championship in July

2009 California Sires By 2-Year-Old Winners

Sires	2yos	2yo Fmrs	2yo Wnrs
Old Topper.....	79	38	22
Stormin Fever.....	60	35	17
Swiss Yodeler.....	63	32	16
Southern Image.....	117	35	12
Ministers Wild Cat.....	48	24	10
Kafwain.....	68	25	9
In Excess (IRE).....	60	18	8
Bertrando.....	49	16	7
Marino Marini.....	63	21	6
Benchmark.....	62	21	6
Freespool.....	53	18	6
Atticus.....	64	11	5
Rio Verde.....	28	14	5
Snowbound.....	28	11	5
Globalize.....	26	14	5
Ten Most Wanted.....	32	13	4
Salt Lake.....	44	11	4
Formal Gold.....	46	16	4
Decarchy.....	37	13	4
Redattore (BRZ).....	33	6	4
Terrell.....	27	9	3
Singletary.....	32	12	3
High Brite.....	31	8	3
Valid Wager.....	31	11	3
Western Fame.....	23	5	3
Nineelevn.....	15	9	3
Deputy Commander.....	42	13	3
Sea of Secrets.....	22	9	3
Tribal Rule.....	19	6	3
Capsized.....	14	7	3
Jackpot.....	15	4	3



ANNE M. EBERHARDT

Famous actor Don Ameche

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grandfather was the noted television, radio, film, and Broadway performer of the same name who first made his mark in the 1930s with the film *Alexander's Ragtime Band* and continued with *Heaven Can Wait*. After his long career had slowed down, Ameche experienced a brilliant resurgence late in life when he starred with Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, and Ralph Bellamy in 1983's *Trading Places*, and followed that up two years later with *Cocoon*, for which he won an Academy Award as Best Supporting Actor.

The actor was one of the Hollywood set that popularized Del Mar at its inception in the 1930s, along with others such as Bing Crosby. His son, Don

"My dad would go to the barn all the time and feed cubes of sugar to Whirlaway."

DON AMECHE JR.

Ameche Jr., said his father claimed a horse in 1937 for \$3,500 and lost it a week later, marking his first dip into Thoroughbreds. In 1945 Ameche bought a couple of horses that included Sir Bim, who won that year's San Felipe Stakes at Santa Anita under John Longden for trainer Hurst Philpot, bringing back \$19,235 to the owner.

"That was the only stakes horse he had," Don Ameche Jr., the middle man of the three generations of Ameches in the horse business, stated. "In 1950 he moved to New York and got out of the horses. He moved back to the West Coast around 1978 to do movies again, and he bought a couple of mares and got involved in the (continued on page 4576)

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- Won the \$1,000,000 Sunshine Millions Classic

Fee: \$5,000

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DIXIE CHATTER

Top-weighted West Coast Juvenile colt of 2007

Grade I winner of the Norfolk Stakes, **Dixie Chatter** received the second-highest weight among colts and geldings ranked on the Experimental Handicap and is the highest-ranked 2-year-old to enter stud in California since **Bertrando**.

Santa Anita Grade II Winner on turf in 2009

Earning \$464,606 over three stakes-winning seasons, **Dixie Chatter** won or placed in six graded races in 13 starts, defeating Grade I winners on turf and the main track including **Artiste Royal**, **Georgie Boy**, **Gio Ponti** and **Global Hunter**.

By a Top 10 Sire of 2009 Graded Winners

A Grade I winner on both coasts, **Dixie Union** has an enviable record of graded success as a sire with 53% lifetime graded winners from stakes winners which includes seven graded winners from 11 stakes winners in 2009.

2010 Fee: \$5,000 Live Foal

by Dixie Union – Mini Chat, by Deputy Minister



Grade I Sires:

Bertrando

Skywalker - Gentle Hands, by Buffalo Lark

Co-leading California Sire of North American Graded Winners

Sire of 50 stakes winners, including 11 graded winners on dirt, turf and synthetic surfaces.

Since 1999, **Bertrando's** annual progeny earnings have topped \$2 million for 11 consecutive years, including \$3,986,255 in 2000, \$3,901,218 in 2001, \$4,054,004 in 2006 and \$4,243,858 in 2007.

2010 Fee: \$8,000 Live Foal



Tribal Rule

Storm Cat - Sown, by Grenfall

Leading California Synthetic Sire by Lifetime Average Earnings per Starter and per Start

Runners by **Tribal Rule** have won 80 races in 393 starts (20.4%) on synthetic surfaces for an average earnings per runner of \$43,217 and \$7,481 average earnings per start.

Four crops to race have produced progeny earnings of nearly \$5.4 million and 23 stakes horses from 102 starters.

2010 Fee: \$6,000 Live Foal



Benchmark

Alydar - Winters' Love, by Danzig

The Leading California Sire by Winners and Races Won in 2009

With 87 winners and 167 races won in 2009, **Benchmark** tops two California sire categories, and his progeny earnings of \$2.8 million ranks him third by money won.

Four of his five 2009 stakes winners are new, including **G3** winner **Grazen** and 2-year-olds **Bench the Judge** and **R El Jefe**.

2010 Fee: \$4,000 Live Foal

Stud fees are payable November 1 of year bred. All Stallions are Breeders' Cup Nominated.
Data provided by Equineline is for racing through 11/29/09.

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breeding side.”

The actor purchased the mare Arctic Swing in 1990 and bred Ferrara, by Capote, out of her. Racing as a homebred, Ferrara placed in six graded stakes and earned \$237,400. According to his son, the elder Ameche named all his horses after notable Italians or Italian cities.

“We were at Del Mar in 1993, and my father was dying,” said Don Ameche Jr. “But he spent the whole meet there, and for the first time since 1945, he was winning races with horses he owned and/or bred; he must have won three or four races that summer. Ferrara broke his maiden then. After Dad died, my brother and I took over, but we didn’t have the capital,

*“These folks are
like family.”*

BERT WELKER

so we started liquidating the horses. We sold half of Ferrara to R.D. Hubbard, and later I sold the horse to Walmac, where he stood. (Ferrara stands in Oklahoma today.) Eventually, my brother dropped out, and my daughter, Kathleen, and I bought the mare Gilded Thunderbird in 2001 and got back in the game. Then Don III came in for a piece of that mare as well.”

But before we get to Don Ameche III’s increasing presence in the business, it is well worth sharing the remembrances of his father, who had the benefit of being around and living and hearing the great stories of his own father, who was friends with so many greats of the game.

“I’ve met so many wonderful people because of my dad,” said Don Ameche Jr. “He was a great friend, for instance of Ben Jones, the great trainer for Calumet. My dad would go to the barn all the time and feed cubes of sugar to Whirlaway. Dad had that very distinct, deep voice, and one day Ben stopped him before he got to the barn. ‘Listen,’ said Ben, ‘when you come in here, you’ve got to keep your mouth shut until you get down there to

2009 California First-Crop Sires By Earnings

Sire	Named Foals	Rnrs	Wnrs	Stks Wnrs	Earnings
Southern Image	117	35	12	0	\$311,446
Ministers Wild Cat	48	24	10	0	\$152,062
Strive	23	4	1	1	\$107,870
Singleetary	32	12	3	0	\$69,194
Our New Recruit	13	5	2	0	\$50,007
Terrell	27	9	3	0	\$47,207
Calkins Road	5	2	2	0	\$38,020
Supah Blitz	11	5	1	0	\$37,808

The Special T Stallions for 2010

AWESOME SPIRIT

~ Fee: \$2,000

*Awesome Again – Tizsweet,
by Cee’s Tizzy*

- Winning son of G1 Breeders’ Cup Classic winner **AWESOME AGAIN**, sire of 4 G1 Breeders’ Cup winners.
- Out of a full sister to 2-time G1 Breeders’ Cup Classic winner, champion, and leading sire **TIZNOW**.

COUNCIL MEMBER

~ Fee: \$4,000

*Seattle Slew – Zoe Montana,
by Seeking the Gold*

- Group/Graded-performer on dirt & turf. SW of \$347,306.
- One of sire of sires **SEATTLE SLEW**’s last sons at stud.
- Family of **EVENT OF THE YEAR** and **HALF A YEAR**.
- First foals arrive in 2010.

FREESPOOL

~ Fee: \$2,000

*Geiger Counter – Broadtail,
by Olden Times*

- 2009 Top 4 Calif. Third Crop Sire by money and winners
- 2009 Top-10 Calif. Sire of 2YOs with six winners to date led by Santa Anita 2yo MSW **Uncle Rudy**.
- Also sire of SW **JOE’S CANNON** and 2009 SP **Trulu**.

LASERSPORT

~ Fee: \$2,500

Gilded Time – Beamy, by Forty Niner

- Graded Stakes Winner who was undefeated at two.
- By Champion 2yo **GILDED TIME**.
- Sire of **Laser Point**, winner in consecutive Santa Anita starts and 2 placed runners from 3 starters.

TASKMASTER

~ Fee: \$1,000

A.P. Indy – Zuri, by Danzig

- Sire of 7 winners, including SWs **SCRUMPY** (\$188,660) and **PEACEFUL TURZIA** (\$93,049).
- Gorgeous, well-bred son of Leading Sire **A.P. INDY**.
- Family of G1 Breeders’ Cup Mile winner **SINGLETERY**.



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Siberian Express – Kantado, by Saulingo • 2010 Fee: \$12,500

As a Sire:

- #1 By 2009 Stakes Wins, with 12
- Co-Leader Amongst Leading Active Sires by Lifetime Grade 1 SWs
- Co-Leader Amongst Leading Active Sires by Lifetime Graded SWs
- #2 By 2009 Stakes Winners, with 6
- #2 Amongst Leading Active Sires by Lifetime Graded SWs, with 59
- #3 By 2009 West-Region Bred Earnings
- #4 By 2009 Earnings, with \$2,289,255

As a Broodmare Sire:

- #1 Leading Dirt Broodmare Sire by 2009 West-Region Bred Earnings
- #2 Leading Turf Broodmare Sire by 2009 West-Region Bred Earnings
- #2 Leading Sprint Broodmare Sire by 2009 West-Region Bred Earnings
- Broodmare Sire of Six 2009 Stakes Winners, headed by record-setting Grade 1 2YO SW **HOT DIXIE CHICK**, winner of the G1 Spinaway and G3 Schuylerville S., both at Saratoga.



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The Ameches have forged a strong relationship with their advisor, Bert Welker, the owner of Silverton Farm near Midway, Ky.

Whirlaway's stall, because he hears you at the other end of the barn and goes crazy looking for the sugar. He's going to hurt himself.'

"Eddie Arcaro was a great friend of my dad's, and became an adopted uncle. My dad was instrumental in putting together

the Nashua-Swaps match race. He knew the owners of both horses and the owner of Washington Park in Chicago. I was living there at the time, and my dad came in the day before the match race, so I took the train out from downtown to the track to meet him. It was raining like crazy and

the track was sloppy and I'm dressed in my best business suit. I came around a corner near the jocks' room just as they were coming off the track, and Eddie had just won with some longshot. He saw me, came running over covered in mud from head to foot, and jumped right on me. 'Did you see that s.o.b.?' he said. 'I carried him the last eighth, and I got him there.' He was so excited, and I was caked with mud.

"Eddie told me a story about another longshot he was riding, and he'd bet a good amount of money on it. They turned for home 10 lengths in front and then at the eighth pole the horse turned and ran right through the fence into the bushes. Eddie said, 'I got so busy counting how much money I was gonna make, I forgot what I was doing.' "

With this sort of rich history behind it, it is no wonder the Ameche family seeks to continue to build its legacy in the sport. And it feels it has assembled the right team to do just that. Instrumental to the Ameche operation today is Bert Welker, the family's bloodstock agent and advisor, who keeps the Ameche mares at his Silverton Farm near Midway, Ky. The give-and-take between the Ameches and Welker makes it obvious this is a team that is enjoying not only the results of its operation, but the path in getting there as well.

2009 California Sires By Stakes Winners

Sire	Stks Wnrs	Stks Wins
Unusual Heat.....	9.....	11
In Excess (IRE).....	6.....	12
Benchmark.....	5.....	7
Kafwain.....	4.....	6
Lit de Justice.....	4.....	5
Tribal Rule.....	4.....	5
Bertrando.....	3.....	4
Lord Carson.....	3.....	3
One Man Army.....	3.....	3
Stormin Fever.....	3.....	3
Deputy Commander.....	2.....	5
General Meeting.....	2.....	4
Old Topper.....	2.....	4
Salt Lake.....	2.....	4
Atticus.....	2.....	3
Beau Genius.....	2.....	3
Valid Wager.....	2.....	3
Cee's Tizzy.....	2.....	2
Marino Marini.....	2.....	2
Muqtarib.....	2.....	2
Olympio.....	2.....	2
Sea of Secrets.....	2.....	2

2009 California Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Benchmark.....	172.....	88
Old Topper.....	134.....	84
Salt Lake.....	133.....	84
Swiss Yodeler.....	156.....	79
Sea of Secrets.....	142.....	75
Unusual Heat.....	139.....	74
Deputy Commander.....	155.....	70
Stormin Fever.....	158.....	69
In Excess (IRE).....	127.....	67
Kafwain.....	117.....	62
Bertrando.....	133.....	59
Valid Wager.....	104.....	54
High Brite.....	102.....	52
Cee's Tizzy.....	85.....	46
Formal Gold.....	92.....	43
Lit de Justice.....	92.....	41
Lord Carson.....	75.....	40
Tribal Rule.....	66.....	37
Comic Strip.....	72.....	36
Siberian Summer.....	76.....	35
Ten Most Wanted.....	66.....	35

Kaywain



California's Leading Third Crop Sire

Cherokee Run-Swazi's Moment
by Moment of Hope
Fee: \$5,000, Live Foal

Progeny earnings are over \$4.7 million,
including graded stakes winners
THE PAMPLEMOUSSE and **DON'T FORGET GILL**

Ministers Wild Cat

Deputy Minister-Hollywood Wildcat
by Kris S.
Fee: \$4,000, Live Foal

44% winners from first time
starters

Leading Freshman Sire of California-breds



Old Topper

California's Leading 2YO Sire by Number of Winners

Gilded Time-Shy Trick
by Phone Trick
Fee: \$3,000, Live Foal

Progeny earnings are over \$9.2 million, \$1.6 in 2009
of which 2-year-olds are responsible for \$442,000





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"The reason I'm in the horse business is my dad; the reason I've stayed in it and started to have some success is because of my friend Bert Welker," said Don Ameche III. "My passion came from my dad urging me to come to the sales; I had been busy building a career and raising kids as a single dad, and I came down and met Bert and the mare I had in partnership with my dad and sister, and that was it. I'm in six mares deep now, and I'm just crazy about it."

Ameche's day job is with Oracle Corporation, a \$20-billion software giant where he's worked for 12 years. Today he runs a large sales team that sells the software that handles accounting and payroll systems to retail giants in North America such as Walmart, Sears, and Macy's.

In 2004 Welker picked out a Grindstone mare, Grandstone, for \$52,000 that the younger Ameche and his sister each own 45% of, with their dad in for the other 10%. They sold a Medaglia d'Oro
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Sire of 70% Wnrs/Rnrs & 11% Stakes Horses – 50% being 2YOs

■ Fee: \$1,500 Live Foal

FORMAL GOLD

BLACK TIE AFFAIR – INGOLDSBY, BY SCREEN KING

Sire of 13% Stakes Horses/Rnrs with 28% being Graded Performers

■ Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal



MARINO MARINI

STORM CAT – HALO AMERICA, BY WAQUOIT

Sire of SW SHUDACUDAWUDYA (1st \$62,900 Golden Nugget S. in 1:09½).

■ Fee: \$3,500 Live Foal

McCANN'S MOJAVE

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SEEKING THE GOLD – SMOLENSK, BY DANZIG

Sire of 71% Wnrs/Rnrs with 18% 2YO SPWs & Record Setters

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SOUTHERN IMAGE

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2009 Leading Sires in Idaho

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	♯ CAUSE UR MINE (02, Giant's Causeway), Outback Stallion Station/ Tree Top Ranches	\$750	5/2	1/2	0/1	(Our Minesweeper, \$87,249)	\$94,808	31	1	1.22	0.38
2	TAVASCO (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	\$2,000	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Salsa Express, \$27,780)	\$86,130	32	2	0.81	0.58
3	FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	\$1,200	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Collision, \$24,613)	\$85,428	172	2	0.46	0.93
4	KINGS BLOOD (IRE) (95, Fairy King), Sutherland Farm	\$1,000	15/5	1/2	0/1	(Northern Blood, \$16,551)	\$59,269	88	1	0.32	0.51

*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.

2009 Leading Sires in Oregon

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	POLISH MINER (97, Danzig), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	58/30	0/0	0/0	(Polish Smile, \$113,754)	\$1,080,962	116	0	0.97	1.09
2	GRINDSTONE (93, Unbridled), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	62/23	1/1	1/1	(Ashe's Cat, \$63,700)	\$547,889	*417	16	1.24	1.65
3	HARBOR THE GOLD (01, Seeking the Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$3,000	22/12	3/7	0/3	(Koala Beach, \$92,843)	\$354,001	39	5	0.89	0.55
4	SOFT GOLD (BRZ) (92, Fast Gold), Bar C Racing Stables	\$1,000	37/19	0/0	0/0	(Otisgold, \$31,054)	\$283,570	120	7	0.98	0.96
5	BAQUERO (95, Forty Niner), Oakhurst Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	34/17	2/4	0/2	(De Cantina, \$28,087)	\$167,051	173	13	0.33	0.51

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2009 Leading Sires in Utah

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	WILD ESCAPEE (92, Wild Again)	N/A	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Melodic Escapade, \$50,170)	\$192,365	169	1	0.86	0.92
2	MI SELECTO (85, Explodent)	N/A	24/5	0/0	0/0	(Some Quick, \$57,524)	\$114,979	*427	7	0.80	1.03
3	HOLY MOUNTAIN (91, Devil's Bag)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Holy Elegance, \$26,950)	\$60,076	109	2	0.59	0.93
4	VIA LOMBARDIA (IRE) (92, Shardari), Burch Farm	\$800	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Via Tahoe, \$8,362)	\$43,706	85	1	0.50	0.70
5	PISTOLS AND ROSES (89, Darn That Alarm), W.R. Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Havpistolwiltravel, \$7,944)	\$24,864	154	4	0.62	0.93

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2009 Leading Sires in Washington

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	MATTY G (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	128/56	1/3	0/1	(Greenspirit, \$102,100)	\$1,310,559	*365	11	0.94	1.06
2	TRIBUNAL (97, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2008	81/48	4/9	0/4	(Tribal Belle, \$329,358)	\$1,249,737	153	8	0.87	0.81
3	PARKER'S STORM CAT (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$1,700	68/37	0/0	0/0	(Pagan Cat, \$65,239)	\$889,391	*147	1	0.78	1.27
4	SLEWDLEDO (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	94/46	1/4	0/1	(Ladyledue, \$97,010)	\$846,003	705	42	0.72	0.62
5	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	73/35	2/2	1/2	(Reba Is Tops, \$126,112)	\$697,536	236	10	0.58	0.67
6	YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	69/32	0/0	0/0	(Talkin to Mom Roo, \$128,786)	\$643,496	*450	16	1.21	1.46
7	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	\$3,500	82/32	2/1	1/2	(Wasserman, \$76,400)	\$571,131	*543	29	1.09	1.22
8	PETERSBURG (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	43/26	2/2	1/2	(Midwesterner, \$60,840)	\$398,519	333	22	0.68	0.58
9	FREE AT LAST (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	59/23	1/1	1/1	(Have'n a Wild Time, \$41,190)	\$358,379	387	23	0.59	0.79
10	MATRICULE (94, A.P. Indy), Allaire Farms	\$1,500	44/22	2/3	1/2	(Quinalt, \$58,831)	\$352,675	159	3	0.36	0.51

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Graded Stakes Winner
By Breeders' Cup Classic Winner
Out of a Full Sister to Champion 2YO

SNOORTER

(Awesome Again – Retiro Park, by Meadowlake)

Triple Digit Beyer winner of the **Grade 3 Berkeley Breeders' Cup Handicap**, going one mile in 1:33⁴/₅—only ⁴/₅ off the track record, beating G1SW & Millionaire **TASTE OF PARADISE** and G3SW **YUGOTTAWANNA** (\$729,127).

Graded Stakes Winner of five races and \$242,593.

By **Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic SW AWESOME AGAIN**, sire of 22 Graded SWs including **Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic SW GHOSTZAPPER** (Eclipse Champion), **Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff SW GINGER PUNCH** (Eclipse Champion), **Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile SW WILKO**, **Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff SW ROUND POND**, etc.

Out of a **MEADOWLAKE** full sister to Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies/Eclipse Champion **MEADOW STAR** (\$1,445,740).

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colt now named Echo Tango out of her to GoldMark Farms last year for \$200,000. That sale didn't run perfectly smoothly, however.

"We get to Fasig-Tipton with this beautiful Medaglia d'Oro colt—my first big yearling," said Don Ameche III. "I'm nervous as all get-out. And then right in the middle of the bidding on the colt, there's a 100% power outage. Every light, everything. I look over at Bert, and he shrugs and says, 'I don't know, I've never seen this happen before.' The lights are out for 10 minutes

Ameche has a yearling Bandini filly out of Song and Danz, and an Any Given Saturday weanling colt. The mare is back in foal to that stallion.

Ameche co-owns First Song, a Rahy mare purchased in 2008 at Keeneland November. First Song has a weanling Exchange Rate filly and is in foal to Lawyer Ron. Noriega and Ameche co-own Babeinthewoods, a Woodman mare also purchased in November 2008. Babeinthewoods has produced stakes-placed Mystic Wood, a colt by Forest Wildcat, and is also in foal to Laywer Ron.

"The reason I'm in the horse business is my dad; the reason I've stayed in it and started to have some success is because of my friend Bert Welker."

DON AMECHE III

and there's my horse standing there. But we finally got him sold."

Ameche owns five of the mares in partnerships with a combination of his sister, Welker, and a colleague at Oracle, Hayden Noriega. The one mare he owns whole is Song and Danz, whom he purchased in 2007 for \$72,000 while she was carrying Necessary Evil.

"We were planning to go to \$70,000 for her, but I called Don and said that I liked her," remembered Welker.

"I know what the code words are now," Ameche said. "When Bert says he really likes one, that means I've got to give a little more. There are people in this business for 40 years that never win a stakes race, and here we've got one who has produced a stakes winner already. It's just terrific. When Necessary Evil won the Juvenile Championship at Hollywood, that was a fantastic day for us. And it's the mare's first foal."

Hurryupandwait, a Boundary mare, and Especially Me, by Coronado's Quest, round out the Ameche broodmare band. Especially Me is in foal to Medaglia d'Oro.

Although he has committed a good piece of change to his Thoroughbred operation, Ameche sees it as a labor of love compared to his job at Oracle.

"I work in a high-stress environment in a very large and powerful corporation," he noted. "There is nothing like throwing that suit on the bed of the hotel when I get to Lexington and looking for the first horse pile I can step in."

His father chimed in, "Don't let him fool you. He was working it as soon as he hit town. While he was waiting for his suitcase at the airport, he was trying to sell a horse to the guy next to him."

"This is an oasis for me," Don Ameche III noted. "It's such a different place after calling on CFOs and COOs of major cor-

porations. I love my job, but coming here is just fantastic."

Welker relishes his role with the operation as well. "We all know some owners can be difficult," he said, "but these folks are like family. It's a pleasure working for them. I've had some bad phone calls that I've had to make to them, and it's always 'Carry on.' You don't get that from everyone. It's refreshing. They don't gripe, and we've never had issues. If it's bad news, we tell it and go on, and try and enjoy the good times. It's hard to beat guys like this; they'll spoil you."

Added Ameche, "It's a fantastic partnership. I'll stay with Bert sometimes when I come to town, and his patience in terms of mentoring me and teaching me, it's so valuable to me. He walks me through it all, and in five years I may have learned some things, but not nearly enough about this business yet. I'm not in this just to write checks and see if we can make money. The whole journey is great, and I appreciate the way he handles it."

Ameche said he will go through a catalog and pick out 40-50 horses that make sense to him. Welker will then whittle that down to a couple he feels are reasonable. "I can read a page now, and maybe I'm dangerous because of that," said Ameche with a laugh. "I'm into it, and I'm trying to learn."

"I put together a five-year business plan when I started. The plan was to buy a mare a year, and we've been a little more aggressive than that. The plan was also to sell a baby for \$100,000 and we did that by the third year. So my goal for the next five years is to get eight-10 mares, have a couple of racehorses, and sell a baby for a million dollars."

Without missing a beat, Welker chimed in, "Can that last one be cumulative?"

Judging by the fun these folks are having, they wouldn't want to be trading places with anybody. 🐾

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