



# TOC

Thoroughbred Owners of California

## Summer Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY BILL NADER

Like the Melbourne Cup, the Australian national holiday celebrated on the first Tuesday in November as the race that stops the nation, we have our own unofficial state holiday here in California. For us, Friday, July 17 is the day that

starts our special summer. The packaging may be different than our Aussie counterparts, but the ingredients are the same – horse racing, fashion, lifestyle, tradition and, of course, excellence. And so it begins. Again.

We are guaranteed to witness greatness. We are not sure when it will happen but we will recognize it when we see it. It might be a Bob Baffert 2-year-old, a Pacific Classic that will feature Japan's top 3-year-old on dirt or this year's Breeders' Cup Classic winner, or ageless wonders like Gold Phoenix going for a fifth straight Grade 2 Del Mar Handicap or another milestone achievement from jockey Mike Smith. It could be something completely unexpected or all of the above.

Let's begin this message with a thank you. A recent opinion piece in Thoroughbred Daily News on the state of the industry highlighted a key point that is worth repeating. "If the owners are the sport's most important economic force, and the data says they are, then their experience should be the highest priority." We continue our work to find improvements in appreciation of your ongoing commitment.

Purse money remains a primary objective and we have made steady progress over the last two years. We have also eliminated hefty purse overpayments and returned all three racetracks in southern California to balanced budgets, paving the way for further increases in 2027.

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# President's Message, Cont.

Combining the two circuits has allowed California racing to stabilize during a period of significant national challenges. Across the country, racing jurisdictions continue to contend with declining foal crops, smaller fields, and increasing economic pressures. Against that backdrop, California has maintained competitive field sizes, strengthened purse accounts, and positioned itself to continue investing in the quality of its racing product. While challenges remain, the progress made over the past two years provides a stronger foundation for the future.

As we prepare for the opening of Del Mar, we do so with optimism. Horse population in Southern California is 2,600, which is over 100 horses higher than this same time two years ago. Field sizes at Del Mar are historically among the best in the country, complimenting the high quality of racing and the predictable climate for a premium racing and wagering experience. The stage is set for a good summer season.

Looking ahead, TOC will continue working on the issues that matter most to California owners. These include advancing alternative gaming opportunities that can strengthen the industry's long-term future; monitoring the wagering landscape and policies affecting all customer segments; navigating an evolving media rights environment following FanDuel TV's departure; improving stabling, vanning, and operational efficiencies; reviewing funding models for workers' compensation, jockey welfare, backstretch employee programs, and accredited aftercare; and continuing to provide strong regional and national leadership on behalf of California owners.

We look forward to seeing you at the races with like-minded people enjoying the sport we love.

| U.S Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators  |                 |                 |          |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Indicator (May)  | May-26          | May-25          | % Change |
| Wagering on U.S. Races*  | \$1,387,522,075 | \$1,445,426,617 | -4.01%   |
| U.S. Purses Available  | \$122,931,100   | \$122,787,561   | 0.12%    |
| U.S. Race Days   | 345             | 365             | -5.48%   |
| Indicator (Jan ~ May)  | 2026            | 2025            | % Change |
| Wagering on U.S. Races*  | \$4,612,696,658 | \$4,829,128,607 | -4.48%   |
| U.S. Purses  | \$478,956,315   | \$474,878,319   | 0.86%    |
| U.S. Race Days   | 1,301           | 1,332           | -2.33%   |
| <small>*Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races. Data from Equibase.</small>  |                 |                 |          |
| California Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators   |                 |                 |          |
| Indicator (May)  | May-26          | May-25          | % Change |
| Wagering on CA Races*  | \$125,442,152   | \$127,268,631   | -1.44%   |
| CA Purses*   | \$8,276,000     | \$7,428,500     | 11.41%   |
| CA Race Days   | 16              | 15              | 6.67%    |
| Indicator (Jan ~ May)  | 2026            | 2025            | % Change |
| Wagering on CA Races*  | \$482,886,420   | \$530,325,416   | -8.95%   |
| CA Purses*   | \$34,008,500    | \$33,171,000    | 2.52%    |
| CA Race Days   | 67              | 66              | 1.52%    |
| <small>*Figures for wagering on CA races are from all locations - ADW and Brick and Mortar - on CA live Thoroughbred races (excluding Breeder's Cup races)</small> |                 |                 |          |

## Top Performers - Spring 2026

### Ranked by Wins

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Reddam Racing LLC            | 7 |
| 1. Hronis Racing LLC            | 7 |
| 2. Richard Barton               | 6 |
| 3. Harris Farms, Inc            | 4 |
| 3. Williams, Larry and Marianne | 4 |
| 3. Les Blake                    | 4 |
| 3. Paula Capestro               | 4 |

### Ranked by Earnings

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Reddam Racing LLC  | \$444,994 |
| 2. Harris Farms, Inc  | \$308,722 |
| 3. Hronis Racing LLC  | \$271,980 |
| 4. Richard Barton     | \$244,760 |
| 5. Nicholas Alexander | \$218,672 |

Statistics generated from Equibase.com

## SEASON #87 SET TO ROLL AT DEL MAR'S TURF AND SURF HEADQUARTERS

Summer at the shore. Now there's an image worth pondering. Better yet, it's a reality that exists right here and right now at the magical place known as Del Mar, just a little north of San Diego and about a quarter mile or so in from the deep, blue Pacific.

There's only one seaside racetrack in the United States and we've got it here right at our doorstep. And for the 87th time (!!) it will strut its stuff for racing fans – those of longstanding and those coming for the first time – starting on Friday, July 17 and running ahead to Monday, September 7, Labor Day.

Horsemen and horsewomen look forward to the summer season that allows them to take in the sea breezes and avoid the summer swelter in L.A. for an eight-week run consisting primarily of a Thursday-through-Sunday format with a steady 2 p.m. first post (including Fridays). The final weekend, September 5 – 7, first post will be 1:30 p.m.

Besides its lovely setting, Del Mar will offer a lucrative purse program. With \$27.3 million in overall prize money offered during the 32-day race meet. Leading the way in that regard will be a stakes race program providing \$7,775,000 over 37 races.

Foremost among those stakes offerings is the Grade I, \$1,000,000 Pacific Classic, a mile and a quarter that annually lures some of the best horses in the country. This 36th edition of the "Classic" will be run on Saturday, August 22, headlining a card that also will offer the Grade I, \$300,000 Del Mar Oaks for 3-year-old fillies, the Grade II, \$300,000 Del Mar Mile for 3-year-olds and up and the \$200,000 Green Flash Handicap, enhanced this year from a Grade III to a Grade II test for sprinters on the grass.

Overall, the shore oval will present six Grade I contests, including the \$400,000 Bing Crosby at six panels on July 25 and the \$400,000 Clement L. Hirsch on August 1 for fillies and mares at a mile and one-sixteenth.

Further, six Del Mar stakes have been designated Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" races: Bing Crosby (Sprint); Clement L. Hirsch (Distaff); Green Flash (Turf Sprint); Pacific Classic (Classic); Del Mar Handicap (Turf) and Pat O'Brien (Dirt Mile).

After a two-year run at Del Mar, the Breeders' Cup will shift this year to Keeneland in Kentucky on October 30 and 31.

"We're looking forward to a first-class summer race meet," said Del Mar's vice president of racing and racing secretary David Jerkens. "Del Mar is a special place – for our horsemen and women, for our fans and for anyone involved in racing. We're expecting another season of the very best."

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### Del Mar Owner Standings to Adopt NYRA Method

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club will recognize champions in two Owner Standings categories.

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# 2026 Del Mar Highlights, Cont.

In an effort to maintain some of the highest field sizes in the industry, Del Mar, in partnership with the Thoroughbred Owners of California, will once again offer its highly successful “Ship & Win” program. The popular incentive plan that has lured more than 3,000 out-of-town runners to race locally since its inception in 2011.

Just as it did last year, the track will pay “shippers” a \$5,000 bonus if they start in a dirt race, or \$4,000 if they run on turf. Additionally, there will be a 50% supplement on top of their purse earnings for running first through fifth on the dirt, while turf runners earn a 40% bonus for similar accomplishments.“

Del Mar is the complete summer package for racing, wagering and enjoyment, and we look forward to an exciting season ahead,” said Bill Nader, president of the Thoroughbred Owners of California. “It is the perfect blend of top-class racing and good field sizes in one of the most iconic venues in American racing, complimented by a climate and location that is nearly impossible to duplicate.”

Nader further noted that there will be a new format in place starting this year to determine the leading owner at the Del Mar session. He stated:

“The criteria for the owner standing will follow the policy (currently being) used by the New York Racing Association, which credits the win to the managing partner (who is considered) the responsible party for the W-9 and tax liability. In the event of a tie for most wins, the tiebreaker will be the highest number of seconds. If a tie still exists, highest number of third-place finishes and, lastly, highest earnings will determine leading owner for the meet.”

Complementing Del Mar’s outstanding racing program, the track will host a wide range of promotional events designed to engage existing fans and attract new audiences to the sport. Here’s a sampling of what’s available over the course of the summer stand:

- Sat., July 18 – Tacos & Tequila
- Sun., July 26 – Family Fun Day (New)
- Sat., Aug. 1 – Uncorked: Del Mar Wine Fest
- Sat., Aug. 8 – Turf & Surf Fest (New)
- Sat., Aug. 15 – Taste of New Orleans
- Sat., Aug. 29 – College Day
- Sat., Sept. 5 – BBQ & Beer Fest (New)
- Sun., Sept 6 – Family Fun Day

Very proudly, Del Mar will continue to offer its backstretch meals program, first implemented in 2023. The track, with support from the California Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Foundation and the Oak Tree Racing Association, again will provide free meals to the hard-working men and women who directly care for our horses. In 2025, the program provided more than 22,000 meals annually to backstretch community.

Looking ahead to the track’s Bing Crosby meet in the fall – Friday, November 6 to Sunday, November 29 – it will present a total of 13 racing days. The sport will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the stand with one addition on Thursday, November 26, which is Thanksgiving Day.

## California Stakes Schedule

A listing of Stakes Races held at California Tracks

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2026 SCHEDULE HERE](#)

# California Stakes Schedule

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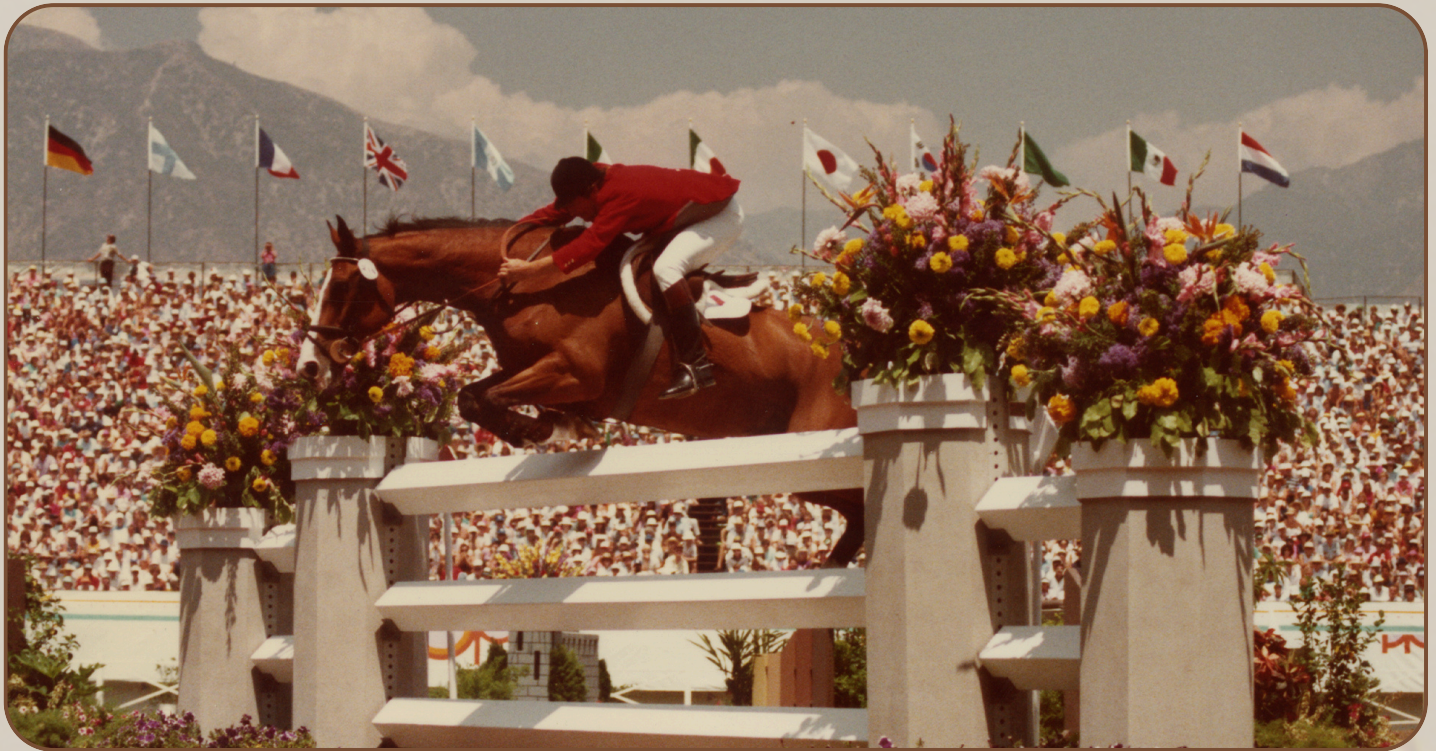
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| TRACK        | 2026   | STAKE                                 | AGE | SEX | FURLONGS | SURFACE | GRADE | PURSE     |
|--------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Los Alamitos | 4-Jul  | Great Lady M Stakes                   | 3+  | F   | 6.5      | D       | 2     | 200,000   |
| Del Mar      | 17-Jul | Ceasars Sportsbook Oceanside Handicap | 3   |     | 8        | T       | L     | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 18-Jul | San Diego Handicap                    | 3+  |     | 8.5      | D       | 2     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 18-Jul | San Clemente Handicap                 | 3   | F   | 8        | T       | 2     | 200,000   |
| Del Mar      | 19-Jul | Wickerr                               | 3+  |     | 8        | T       | R     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 24-Jul | Fleet Treat                           | 3   | F   | 7        | D       | CA    | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 25-Jul | Bing Grosby                           | 3+  |     | 6        | D       | 1     | 400,000   |
| Del Mar      | 25-Jul | Osunitas                              | 3+  | F   | 8        | T       | R     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 25-Jul | Daisycutter Handicap                  | 3+  | F   | 5        | T       | L     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 26-Jul | Eddie Read                            | 3+  |     | 9        | T       | 2     | 250,000   |
| Del Mar      | 31-Jul | Real Good Deal                        | 3   |     | 7        | D       | CA    | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 1-Aug  | Clement L. Hirsch                     | 3+  | F   | 8.5      | D       | 1     | 400,000   |
| Del Mar      | 1-Aug  | California Dreamin'                   | 3+  |     | 8.5      | T       | CA    | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 2-Aug  | CTBA                                  | 2   | F   | 5.5      | D       | CA    | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 7-Aug  | Graduation                            | 2   |     | 5.5      | D       | CA    | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 8-Aug  | Yellow Ribbon                         | 3+  | F   | 8.5      | T       | 2     | 200,000   |
| Del Mar      | 8-Aug  | Best Pal                              | 2   |     | 6        | D       | 3     | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 9-Aug  | Sorrento                              | 2   | F   | 6        | D       | 3     | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 15-Aug | CTT and TOC                           | 3+  | F   | 11       | T       | L     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 15-Aug | Solana Beach                          | 3+  | F   | 8        | T       | CA    | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 16-Aug | Rancho Bernardo                       | 3+  | F   | 6.5      | D       | 3     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 22-Aug | Pacific Classic                       | 3+  |     | 10       | D       | 1     | 1,000,000 |
| Del Mar      | 22-Aug | Del Mar Oaks                          | 3   | F   | 9        | T       | 1     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 22-Aug | Del Mar Mile                          | 3+  |     | 8        | T       | 2     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 22-Aug | Green Flash Handicap                  | 3+  |     | 5        | T       | 2     | 200,000   |
| Del Mar      | 23-Aug | Caesars Sportsbook Del Mar Derby      | 3   |     | 9        | T       | 2     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 29-Aug | Del Mar Handicap                      | 3+  |     | 11       | T       | 2     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 29-Aug | Pat O'Brien                           | 3+  |     | 7        | D       | 2     | 250,000   |
| Del Mar      | 30-Aug | Torrey Pines                          | 3   | F   | 8        | D       | 3     | 150,000   |
| Del Mar      | 4-Sep  | Generous Portion                      | 2   | F   | 6        | D       | CA    | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 5-Sep  | Del Mar Debutante                     | 2   | F   | 7        | D       | 1     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 5-Sep  | Del Mar Juvenile Turf                 | 2   |     | 8        | T       | 3     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 5-Sep  | Tranquillity Lake                     | 3+  | F   | 8        | D       | R     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 6-Sep  | Del Mar Futurity                      | 2   |     | 7        | D       | 1     | 300,000   |
| Del Mar      | 6-Sep  | Shared Belief                         | 3   |     | 8        | D       | L     | 125,000   |
| Del Mar      | 6-Sep  | Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf         | 2   | F   | 8        | T       | L     | 100,000   |
| Del Mar      | 7-Sep  | John C. Mabee                         | 3+  | F   | 9        | T       | 2     | 250,000   |
| Del Mar      | 7-Sep  | I'm Smokin                            | 2   |     | 6        | D       | CA    | 100,000   |
| Los Alamitos | 12-Sep | Becca Taylor                          | 3   | F   | 6        | D       | BT    | 100,000   |
| Los Alamitos | 19-Sep | E. B. Johnston                        | 3+  |     | 8        | D       | CA    | 75,000    |

# Santa Anita to Host the 2028 Olympic Equestrian Events



Santa Anita Park is proud to be the official host venue for the equestrian events of the 2028 Olympic Games, returning the international event to the grounds for the first time since the success of the 1984 Olympic Games. Unlike 1984, all three Olympic equestrian events will be held exclusively onsite at Santa Anita from July 15-29, 2028. The full schedule can be found [here](#).

While LA28 is responsible for leading this project, the team at Santa Anita Park and 1/ST remain fully committed to ensuring that Olympic elements are executed in full consideration of racing operations and will provide timely, relevant updates as they become available to our stakeholders.

The exact layout of the Olympic competition has not yet been finalized by LA28, but preliminary construction of the cross-country course for eventing, infield Olympic arena and warmup areas will begin this month. Work on the cross-country course will primarily be done on the hillside west of the downhill turf course and the Colorado Lot on the north side of the racetrack.

Most importantly, this construction will not impact racing, training, or stabling.

The Santa Anita stable area will begin its annual summer shutdown on July 17 and reopen on Sept. 4. The training track will be available for use the following morning, with the main track reopening for training on Sept. 6.



# Owner Spotlight



## Royal Ascot Winner, Tim Cohen

Fresh off an unforgettable victory at Royal Ascot, Rancho Temescal's Tim Cohen joins Andrew Brown to reflect on Green Carrera's impressive win in the Sandringham Stakes—and what's next for the talented filly.

With plans now pointing toward the Del Mar Oaks, Tim discusses why Green Carrera could be one to watch this summer in California, while also sharing the latest on other Rancho Temescal runners, including First Peace and Take a Breath.

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## Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Events

### TOC ANNUAL MEETING

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**Saturday, August 15 – 8:30 AM**

Veranda Café, Del Mar

The general business meeting will provide directors an opportunity to update the membership on important issues and will include a question-and-answer session.

Award presentations will be made to the recipients of the Chairman's Award and Annual Owner Awards.

A complimentary buffet breakfast will also be served.

Reservations are required.



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## Charity EVENT



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### TOC CHARITY EVENT

**Thursday, August 20 - 12:00 PM**

Directors' Room, Del Mar

Join us for a special luncheon to kick off what's sure to be a memorable experience. After the opening program, guests will enjoy an exciting afternoon of racing.

**Proceeds Benefit the Winners Foundation.**

Space is limited, and reservations are required.

All are welcome, whether you're a TOC member or otherwise.

# California Backstretch Services

*Learn about the services available and how you can help!*



## California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation



*Provides comprehensive medical, dental, and optometry services.*  
Referrals to specialists, on-site lab work, prescription assistance  
Diabetes education classes and discounted gym memberships  
Partners with tracks on complimentary backstretch meals

[cthfcare.org](http://cthfcare.org)



## Edwin J. Gregson Foundation



*Supports programs that enhance the quality of life for members of the backstretch community and their families.*

On and off site recreational activities  
College scholarships and career guidance  
English Language Learner classes

[gregsonfoundation.com](http://gregsonfoundation.com)



## Race Track Chaplaincy of California



*Focused on the spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and educational needs of those persons involved in all aspects of the horse racing industry.*

Interdenominational church services and daily prayer  
Provides food, clothing, transportation, and support services  
Visits the sick and injured workers in hospitals

[rtccal.org](http://rtccal.org)



## Winners Foundation



*Helps front and backside employees who are troubled by alcohol, drugs, or gambling problems, as well as mental illnesses.*

Provides an array of services for transition back to gainful employment  
Crisis Intervention in the form of immediate and short-term psychological care  
Referrals to 12-step programs, detox centers, sober living environments, etc.

[winnersfoundation.org](http://winnersfoundation.org)



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