



Managing Editor's Welcome

Fifty, Not Out!

This June 2004 issue of *California Thoroughbred* signifies a case of "fifty, not out" for me. No, it's not my age, so what am I'm talking about? Well, it's my 50th consecutive magazine as Managing Editor and I'm referring to this milestone by a term commonly used in the sport of cricket.

The subject came to mind when I went to a bachelor party for one of our regular journalistic contributors, Craig Harzmann, which was held in one of the stadium suites during a recent Los Angeles Dodgers game. During proceedings, my thoughts turned to cricket as it is most comparable to baseball because it also involves a player throwing a ball at another player who is trying to score runs with a bat without being declared "out."

Though it has never truly been embraced by American sports fans, cricket is a game that is very popular in many other countries worldwide, including Zimbabwe and South Africa (where I was born and grew up). The specific term to which I refer, relates to when a batsman, in a single inning, reaches the admirable score of 50 runs without being out. Cricket matches are either played over one day or a few days, during which time each team's batsmen have one or two innings in which to score runs, respectively.

As you will most likely have already surmised, cricket matches result in much higher scores than in baseball, but even though the world record for runs scored by a batsman in an inning stands at 501, not out, the

50-run mark is still something of which to be proud.

Something which I'm very proud of, is being at the helm of this great publication for that many issues so far. I am also looking forward to achieving a "century" of magazines to my name, but I'll make you wait until then before providing you with a further explanation of this term when it's used in a cricketing context.

In this landmark copy of *California Thoroughbred*, we're pleased to bring to you a detailed cover story on Magali Farms, Rich and Gaby Sulpizio's impressive Thoroughbred ranch located in the Golden State's beautiful Santa Ynez Valley, as well as a 10-page special feature section on the successful \$1.31 million Citibank California Gold Rush V Day, held at Hollywood Park on April 24.

As usual, there are also a host of other articles inside the magazine—from Debra Ginsburg's personal tale of her first trip to the Kentucky Derby and Oaks to Pat Thompson's reflections of the changes that she and her Ridgeley Farm have seen in Riverside County over the past 40-plus years, and everything else in-between—that we hope will provide you with a read that is both entertaining and informative.

Well, that's all I have time and space for in this June inning of mine so, until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not have to just hope for the best!

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In the company of... Pat Thompson, owner of Ridgeley Farm in Hemet, Calif.



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