



Managing Editor's Welcome

Welcome To The Club

Welcome to the club Harris Farms.

Since the mid-1970s, when the Jockey Club began amassing leading breeder statistics by state, only Old English Rancho, Westerly Stud Farms, Rancho Jonata, William T. Pascoe III, John and Betty Mabee, Blue Diamond Ranch, Pam and Martin Wygod and Tommy Town Thoroughbreds were able to top the annual list for California, until Harris Farms also did it last year.

John and Carole Harris' impressive 540-acre Horse Division split between their main farm in Coalinga and their River Ranch facility and home in Sanger, joined this elite company by recording \$2,488,432 in 2010 progeny earnings by the runners bred under its Harris Farms banner. Adding to this achievement was the fact that more than \$1 million was also earned by starters it had bred in partnership with its many loyal clients.

With the establishment of the farm in 1966, it has been a long journey to the top but after becoming a member of the California's top five breeders in 1996, and never leaving that exclusive club ever since, and then posting runner-up finishes from 2001 to 2004 and in 2009, Harris Farms was finally able to beat out everyone else for last year's title.

Besides the cover story on Harris Farms, this July 2011 edition of *California Thoroughbred* includes the third of four monthly photo-essays featuring the Golden State's 2011 crop of foals, this time spotlighting the group from the California Central Coast, while there's also an editorial highlighting the 70th anniversary of the publication of the first edition of our monthly magazine.

We then have reviews of the respective victories at Hollywood Park by the California-bred duo of Acclamation and Ultra Blend in the June 11 Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (grade I) and May 21 Milady Handicap (grade II), as well as CTBA Member Profile on Aaron and Marie Jones, recent purchasers of 2010 California Horse of the Year, Evening Jewel, and a tribute to trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, a 19-year member of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) who will be inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame on Aug. 12.

Racing in Southern California featured the recent Hollywood Park black-type wins by the Cal-bred fillies Logical Single and Sugarinthemorning, while there's an Industry Insight article on stakes winner and producer Euro Empire titled "A Global Cal-Bred Influence" and a timely Horse Care editorial on Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1), the highly contagious and sometimes fatal neurological disease that numbers 14 recorded cases in the Golden State since its outbreak in Utah during April/May.

The current issue also includes our annual California-Bred Incentive Awards section featuring both an explanation of this lucrative bonus program and complete listings of all the Breeders Awards and Stallion Awards recipients for 2010,

and we have a Guest Forum editorial on Canadian champion Kennedy Road, the winner of the 1973 Hollywood Gold Cup (grade I) who later became an influential sire in California, while the balance of the magazine includes all our other regular columns, features and departments that we hope will also prove to be both enjoyable and helpful.

Until next time, may you breed the best to the best and not just have to hope for the best!

—Rudi Groothedde
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In the Company of... Farm Manager Dave McGlothlin, California's leading sire of the past three years, Unusual Heat, and Stallion Manager Raul Rosas (left to right), at the Coalinga location of Harris Farms, the leading breeder in the Golden State during 2010, on June 7, 2011.

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