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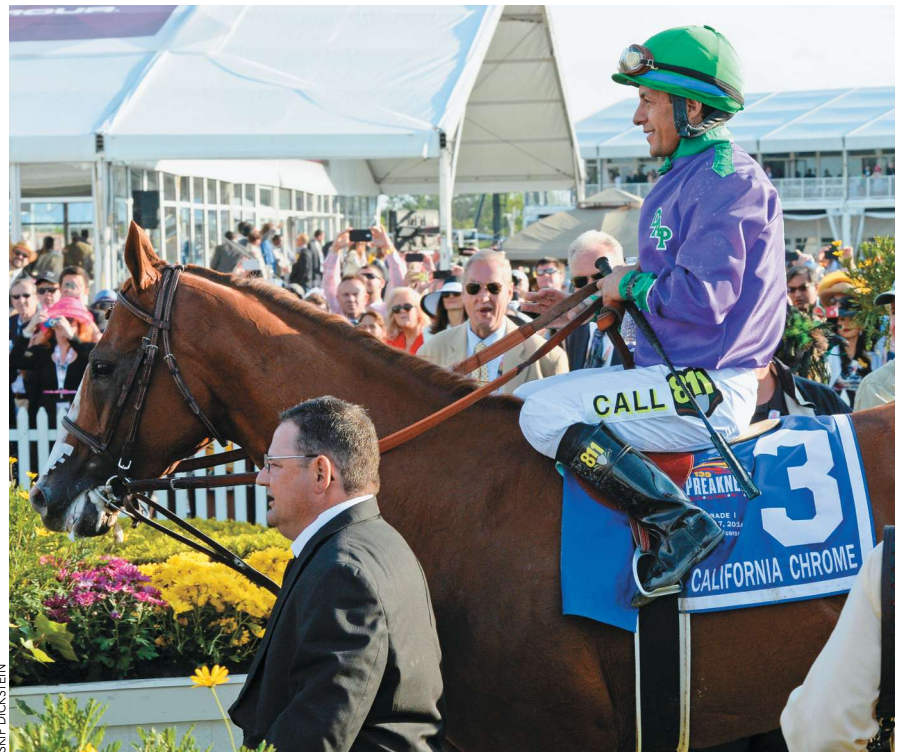
## MAKING MAGAZINE AND RACING HISTORY

We have two things to celebrate in the June issue of *California Thoroughbred*. First, the remarkable achievement so far of our superstar California Chrome, who has already made history in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) and Preakness Stakes (gr. I) and seems well poised for Triple Crown immortality. Second, is our new relationship with Blood-Horse Publications in Lexington, Ky., which began handling production of the magazine with this issue.

*California Thoroughbred* every month will continue focusing on the success of California-breds while further emphasizing the CTBA member/breeder/owners whose investments and dedication are so vital to a vibrant state racing program. By outsourcing the production, it is the goal of the CTBA Board of Directors to supply this award-winning magazine in a more efficient and timely manner. Plus, periodic bonus distribution a few months throughout the year will significantly increase our exposure, which will be beneficial to the Cal-bred program and our advertising supporters.

As we move through this transition, expect to see enhanced designs, layouts, and features. The CTBA will no longer have an in-house publishing department, but the promotional goals of the *California Thoroughbred*—in both print and digital—will be unchanged. We are excited about this new relationship with Blood-Horse Publications and the utilization of its resources to offer a first-class product for our member/subscribers.

As we wait for the last leg of the Triple Crown, it is difficult to write something on California Chrome and all his connections that has not been covered numerous



Triple Crown hopeful California Chrome got his foundation in the Golden State Stakes Series

times in various publications. What an incredible journey for so many of us in the California breeding and racing industry.

This history-making colt is a great example of the value and significance of the Cal-bred program. Born and raised at Harris Farms in Coalinga, and then sent to trainer Art Sherman, California Chrome broke his maiden in a Cal-bred maiden special weight race, earning his owners the additional \$17,500 maiden bonus, and then advanced to state-bred stakes company.

It was through the Golden State Stakes Series he was able to gain the experience and foundation he would need to face tougher competition in open company. His current six-race winning

streak started with the \$200,000 restricted King Glorious Stakes at Betfair Hollywood Park at seven furlongs. He then stretched out in a route for the first time in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile \$250,000 California Cup Derby at Santa Anita Park in late January. From there he defeated the best 3-year-olds not only in California but across the country. This is validation for all the efforts put in by all the breeders in the state, and our partners at the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) and the racetracks that assist in providing such a tremendous restricted racing and incentive program.

Good luck to Team Chrome in the Belmont Stakes (gr. I). The whole state is rooting for you. **CTB**