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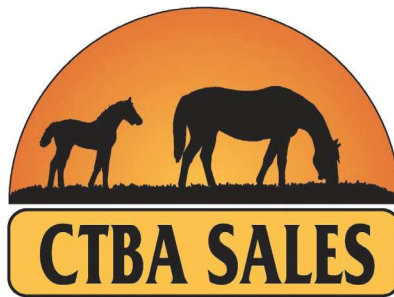
CTBA PRESIDENT

CALIFORNIA-BREDS DOMINATE SUMMER

The local commercial yearling sales kick off this month with the Northern California Sale Aug. 15 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton and with the Barretts Select Yearling Sale Aug. 29 in Del Mar. The market for quality California-breds has shown significant strength the past few years, fueled by the lucrative purses both in the Golden State stakes series and in overnight races, plus the bonuses for maiden special weight winners and owners awards for horses that successfully compete in open company.

The Northern California Sale, which also includes a small number of horses of racing age, has cataloged 142 yearlings and seven 2-year-olds. This sale continues to provide a successful outlet for consignors. A very high percentage of horses sold at this venue populate the field sizes at Golden Gate and the Fairs, with some competing successfully in Southern California.

This year's catalogue is significantly smaller than last year's, which should assist better in meeting the demands from buyers. Over the years this sale has proved to offer value as purchasers have realized significant profits both with racing and pinhook-



ing. Many current 2-year-olds from last year's sale have already won, with some now competing in stakes races.

The sale will once again be conducted in the Amador Pavilion. However, the entire barn area will be available, which will be much more convenient for consignors and buyers. The walk from the stables to the auction ring will be much shorter and provide a consistent flow of horses being sold. This setup should be well received by all.

The third annual Barretts Select Yearling Sale, conducted at the Surfside Race Place in Del Mar, has cataloged 87 yearlings. Once again, yearlings will be conveniently stabled inside the Del Mar horse show arena, located next to the sales pavilion.

In regard to this upcoming auction, Barretts officials have stated that "we strongly believe that this year's yearlings are the very best group, in terms of quality, that our consignors have presented at this sale since its inception." All California-breds offered are already nominated to the Golden State Series.

Both of these auctions are previewed in this edition of *California Thoroughbred*. Good luck to all for a great summer of sales. **CTB**

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