

## From the EXECUTIVE CORNER



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## THE CTBA HALL OF FAME

Hall of Fame celebrates great accomplishments, but more importantly, it honors service to the industry. The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association over the years has inducted people and horses that embody both.

This year the CTBA inducted two very worthy additions—the incredible sire Unusual Heat and racetrack executive Brad McKinzie. We lost both of them in 2017, but their accomplishments will continue to be felt in the racing and breeding industries.

Unusual Heat's bloodlines flow throughout the state, in his many terrific racehorses, in his foals not yet old enough to race, and already through his sons and daughters in the breeding shed. His impact is such that in addition to being inducted into the Hall of Fame at the CTBA awards banquet Jan. 12, he also was honored as 2017's leading California sire of California-conceived foals by earnings and turf earnings.

Brad McKinzie not only was a successful track executive at Los Alamitos but co-founded the Finish Line Self Insurance Group that provides worker's compensation coverage to so many in our industry. Brad also has a namesake in trainer Bob Baffert's barn who could make that name famous should McKinzie succeed in this year's Triple Crown races.

Every member of the CTBA Hall of Fame has contributed to our industry. Below is a list of all the people and horses inducted over the years.

## **CALIFORNIA HALL OF FAME MEMBERS**

| Horses             | Year Inducted |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Alibhai            | 1987          |
| Ancient Title      | 1988          |
| Best Pal           | 2007          |
| Bertrando          | 2015          |
| Brown Bess         | 2012          |
| Decidedly          | 2008          |
| Determine          | 1988          |
| Emperor of Norfolk | 1988          |
| Fleet Nasrullah    | 1988          |
| Flying Continental | 2010          |
| Flying Paster      | 2008          |
| Fran's Valentine   | 2016          |
| Free House         | 2007          |
| Gummo              | 2009          |
| Hill Rise          | 2010          |
| Honeymoon          | 1987          |
| In Excess (IRE)    | 2014          |
| Iron Reward        | 2009          |
| Khaled             | 1987          |
| Melair             | 2009          |
| Morvich            | 1988          |
| Native Diver       | 1987          |
| Nostalgia's Star   | 2016          |
| Pirate's Bounty    | 2011          |
| Quicken Tree       | 2012          |
| Snow Chief         | 2011          |
| Swaps              | 1987          |
| Unusual Heat       | 2018          |
| Windy Sands        | 2013          |

| People                  | Year Inducted |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Johnny Adams            | 1988          |
| Elias J. (Lucky) Baldwi | n 1988        |
| Russell Baze            | 2008          |
| Bob Baffert             | 2017          |
| Keith Card              | 2011          |
| Bing Crosby             | 1988          |
| Trevor Denman           | 2013          |
| Rex Ellsworth           | 1987          |
| Cecilia deMille Harpe   | r 2009        |
| John Harris             | 2008          |
| Bruce Headley           | 2015          |
| Joe Hernandez           | 1987          |
| Fred W. Hooper          | 1988          |
| Charles S. Howard       | 1987          |
| Ellwood B. Johnston     | 1987          |
| E. W. "Buddy" Johnst    | on 2012       |
| Farrell W. Jones        | 1988          |
| Colonel F.W. (Bill) Koe | ster 1988     |
| Mervyn LeRoy            | 1988          |
| John Longden            | 1987          |
| John and Betty Mabe     | e 2007        |
| Senator Ken Maddy       | 2007          |
| Louis B. Mayer          | 1987          |
| R.H. (Red) McDaniel     | 1988          |

| People                  | Year Inducted |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Dave McGlothlin         | 2016          |
| Brad McKinzie           | 2018          |
| M.E. (Buster) Millerick | 1988          |
| William Molter          | 1987          |
| William Morey, Jr.      | 2014          |
| Laffit Pincay Jr.       | 1988          |
| George A. Pope Jr.      | 1988          |
| Kjell Qvale             | 2009          |
| Connie M. Ring          | 1988          |
| Dr. Jack Robbins, DVM   | 1 2009        |
| Louis R. Rowan          | 1987          |
| Art Sherman             | 2017          |
| Bill Shoemaker          | 1987          |
| Dr. Charles H. Strub    | 1987          |
| Mel Stute               | 2008          |
| Brian Sweeney           | 2011          |
| Meshach Tenney          | 1987          |
| Jim & Pat Thompson      | 2016          |
| Donald Valpredo         | 2017          |
| Robert H. & Barbara W   | /alter 2010   |
| Jack Westrope           | 1988          |
| Charlie Whittingham     | 1987          |
| George Woolf            | 1987          |
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