



From the *EXECUTIVE CORNER*



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EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT

Eighty-five years ago, in 1937, the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association began (minus the word “Thoroughbred” in the early years). The organization initially communicated with its membership via a newsletter, which quickly morphed into a magazine, the most recent issue you are reading now, whether in printed form or online.

Communication has always been an essential part of the CTBA’s mission. The monthly edition of *California Thoroughbred* over the decades has proved a valuable method by which the CTBA can inform its members of anything going on in the organization and the industry in general. But it is much more than that.

Each month we strive to give readers an in-depth look at what California-breds are doing, at the racetrack and at the farm. We celebrate stakes victories, both in California and around the country, paying special attention to big days

such as California Cup. The February issue promoted winners of 2022 Cal Cup races at Santa Anita, and because of the lucrative Golden State Series, the June issue will give us another chance to laud Cal-breds who succeed May 28, when five Golden State stakes will be offered at Santa Anita.

Those aren’t the only ones, however, as you’ll see in this issue, with Smuggler’s Run and Power Surge, two offspring of upcoming California sire Straight Fire, having won the Echo Eddie and Evening Jewel Stakes. On tap soon—turf stakes at Golden Gate Fields and a slew of Cal-bred opportunities at Del Mar.

The magazine also promotes the work being done at California farms. Feature articles focus on individual farms, management techniques, and—perhaps most importantly—the people who make all of this happen. We are constantly looking for interesting people to profile, whether at the track or at the farm, and our monthly Member Profile

highlights a CTBA member who has had success.

Legislative issues and sale coverage are also major components of the magazine’s content. And one of the true joys every year is featuring each and every California-bred champion and the CTBA awards banquet where the awards are handed out. Lieutenant Dan was named the 2021 California-bred Horse of the Year, and his story as well as those of the other champs was featured in the April issue.

The magazine also pays tribute to those no longer with us. The In Memoriam section of this month’s issue, for example, includes Marianne Millard. In remembering her, the magazine also remembers the splendid Cal-bred Melair, bred by Millard and the late Bea Rous.

The CTBA will continue to communicate with its members through this magazine. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we head toward the organization’s centenary in 2037. **CTB**