



## CAL-BREDS HAVE MANY AVENUES AVAILABLE

From graded-stakes wins at the Del Mar summer meet, to the spotlight of Breeders' Cup weekend for California-bred juveniles, to boosted maiden bonuses beginning with the Santa Anita winter meet, the climate is increasingly favorable for California breeders.

- At the Del Mar summer meet, a pair of Cal-breeds captured graded stakes—Lovesick Blues in the \$400,000 Bing Crosby Stakes (G1) and Om N Joy in the \$100,000 Torrey Pines Stakes (G3) for 3-year-old fillies.

The Bing Crosby is part of the Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge Series, meaning the 7-year-old gelded son of Grazen, bred by Nick Alexander, received an automatic berth in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1), to be held on the same track at the same six-furlong trip.

Om N Joy, a daughter of Om bred by co-owners Jerry and Connie Baker, ran her win streak to five in the Torrey Pines for trainer Aggie Ordonez. It was Om N Joy's first venture into open company after winning a trio of Golden State Series stakes — the Evening Jewel, Melair, and Fleet Treat.

- The Del Mar summer meet also saw juicy opportunities for Cal-bred maidens, with 33 of them winning maiden special weight races and the Cal-bred maiden

bonus that goes directly to each winning owner of those races. The total of 33 Cal-bred maiden winners was up from 28 at last year's corresponding meet and 27 the previous year. Those bonuses were in addition to the lucrative purses already offered by Del Mar.

- Reflecting improving business trends and the resulting increase in fund generation, the Cal-bred maiden bonus has been boosted beginning when the Santa Anita winter meet opens Dec. 26 and will also be increased for the Del Mar summer meet.

All maiden special weight races in restricted and open company run at Santa Anita Park will receive a \$2,500 increase in the maiden bonus award from \$10,000 to \$12,500. The same category of race will see a \$2,500 increase from \$12,500 to \$15,000 during the Del Mar summer meet.

This adds to the growing success of the Cal-bred program, which produces winners at a high rate. The popular program has been in place since 2009, and the bonus is offered in races run at 4½ furlongs or longer.

Maiden special weight races run at Los Alamitos will continue to offer a \$10,000 bonus award, and the \$12,500 bonus award for Del Mar fall will also remain unchanged. The maiden bonus program

is funded jointly by the Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) and the CTBA to increase the value of investing in Cal-bred and California-sired horses.

Owners of Cal-bred horses that win an open maiden special weight race also receive the benefit of the current Cal-bred bonus available in open company in addition to the maiden bonus.

- Cal-breeds will be showcased to the racing world during the Breeders' Cup at Del Mar, with a pair of Golden State Series races on the undercard Friday, Oct. 31.

The Golden State Juvenile for colts and geldings and the Golden State Juvenile Fillies — both for 2-year-olds at seven furlongs with purses of \$175,000 — will put our most precocious runners on display.

Final race order and post times for both Friday and Saturday programs will be announced Wednesday, Oct. 22. Nominations for all undercard stakes close Oct. 23 with the Del Mar Racing Office.

Owners and trainers of contenders that are participating in the undercard races will receive race-day seating, parking, and a range of other premium benefits.

Further information is available by contacting Del Mar Racing Secretary David Jerkens via email ([David@dmtc.com](mailto:David@dmtc.com)) or phone (858-792-4230), or the Breeders' Cup Racing Department at [racing@breederscup.com](mailto:racing@breederscup.com) or [members@breederscup.com](mailto:members@breederscup.com). **CTB**