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BREEDERS' CUP AUTHORIZES CONTINUATION OF STAKES PROGRAM IN 2009

The Breeders' Cup, which announced last Friday a decision to suspend the Breeders' Cup Stakes program that co-funds existing stakes in North America, reversed that position and has decided to continue the program in 2009.



Explaining the organization's decision to authorize the allocation of funds for the program in 2009, Breeders' Cup Chairman of the Board Bill Farish stated:

The Breeders' Cup will announce [today] that our Board has authorized funding a national Breeders' Cup Stakes program in 2009 from its reserves. There has been much discussion about the Board's decision last week to temporarily suspend this program, which we did with an eye toward achieving a balanced budget in these extremely uncertain times. Since then, we have been urged by a number of leading nominators and Trustees to reconsider. Given the economic circumstances of our breeders and with our goal of being responsive to our nominators, we have listened.

The Board still believes, as I do personally, that it's critical to maintain sufficient reserves to allow for the long-term viability of the Breeders' Cup. In this instance, however, the Board has been persuaded that these extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures.

We are not in a position to commit to the Stakes program beyond 2009, but we vow to use every effort going forward to continue providing as many nominator benefits as possible while at the same time ensuring we stage the best two days of thoroughbred racing in the world.

William S. Farish, Jr.
Chairman of the Board, Breeders' Cup



Further details of the continuation of the 2009 Breeders' Cup Stakes Program will appear in Thursday's TDN.

LARAGH TO FLORIDA

IEAH Stables, Pegasus Holding Group and Gary Tolchin's **Laragh** (Tapit), winner of Saturday's GI Hollywood Starlet S., will launch her 2009 campaign in Southern Florida this winter, according to *Daily Racing Form*. Fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita Oct. 24, the grey will remain in California until after Christmas and will then be shipped to Florida. According to trainer John Terranova, the filly will be pointed toward the GI Kentucky Oaks May 1. "I don't think distance is going to be a problem with her," Terranova told *DRF*. "She's real classy, talented filly, and I think over time and [with] natural maturity she'll be able to relax a little bit."



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WAIT A WHILE HEARING POSTPONED

The hearing regarding a positive for the anesthetic procaine found in champion **Wait a While** (Maria's Mon) following a third-place finish in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Santa Anita Oct. 24 has been postponed until early next year, reports *DRF*. Attorney Neil Papiano, who is representing trainer Todd Pletcher, requested Hollywood Park stewards that Sunday's scheduled hearing be postponed. A new date has not been set.

Sovereign Award Winner BEAR NOW

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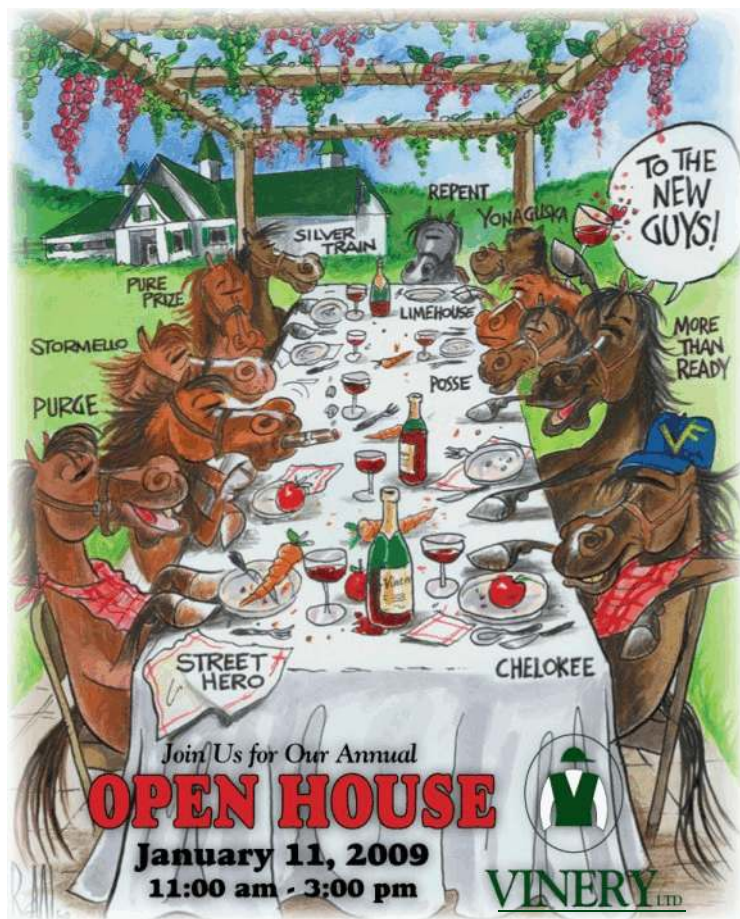
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Dec. 26	GI Malibu S.	SA
	GIII Sir Beaufort S.	SA
Dec. 27	GI La Brea S.	SA
	GIII Gravesend H.	AQU
Dec. 28	GII San Gabriel H.	SA
Jan. 1	GIII El Conejo H.	SA
Jan. 3	GIII Hal's Hope S.	GP
	GIII Monrovia H.	SA
Jan. 4	GII Old Hat S.	GP
	GII San Gorgonio H.	SA
Jan. 10	GII San Pasqual H.	SA
	GIII Col E R Bradley H.	FG
	GIII Lecomte S.	FG
Jan. 11	GIII Santa Ysabel S.	SA
Jan. 17	GII Santa Ynez S.	SA
	GII San Fernando BC S.	SA
	GIII Mr. Prospector S.	GP
	GIII San Rafael S.	SA
Jan. 18	GII El Encino S.	SA
	GIII First Lady S.	GP
Jan. 19	GII San Marcos S.	SA
Jan. 25	GII Palos Verdes H.	SA
	GIII Tuzla H.	SA
Jan. 30	GII Forward Gal S.	GP
	GII Hutcheson S.	GP
Jan. 31	GI Santa Monica H.	SA
	GI Donn H.	GP
	GIII Holy Bull S.	GP
Feb. 1	GI Gulfstream Park Turf H.	GP
	GIII Suwannee River H.	GP
	GIII La Habra S.	SA
Feb. 7	GI Las Virgenes S.	SA
	GII Strub S.	SA
	GII Robert B. Lewis S.	SA
	GIII Risen Star S.	FG
	GIII Silverbulletday S.	FG
	GIII Mineshaft H.	FG
	GIII Thunder Road H.	SA
Feb. 8	GII San Antonio H.	SA



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MINESHAFT—A TOP SECOND-CROP SIRE

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Becerra Hoping for First Grade I with J P Jammer

Trainer Rafael Becerra will be aiming for the first Grade I victory of his career when he saddles **J P Jammer** (Old Topper) in Saturday's GI CashCall Futurity. The 54-year-old native of Jalisco, Mexico came to California in 1970. He worked as an assistant to trainer Gary Jones before going out on his own when Jones retired in 1996.

Becerra earned the first stakes win of his training career when Kingdom Found captured the 1997 GII San Pasqual H. at Santa Anita. He also trained St. Averil, second in the 2003 Futurity and winner of the 2004 GII Santa Catalina S.

St. Averil had to be supplemented to his Futurity, and Becerra is supplementing again with stakes-placed J P Jammer.

J P Jammer will be making just the fourth start of his career in Saturday's Futurity. The chestnut, a debut winner at Del Mar in August, was fourth in the Oct. 5 California Cup Juvenile. He set the pace before settling for second behind fellow Futurity contender **Chocolate Candy** (Candy Ride {Arg}) over track and trip in the Nov. 8 Real Quiet S.



Chocolate Candy Benoit photo

"Looking back on his last race, he ran a really good race," Becerra said yesterday. "He showed speed, but I don't think he really wanted to be on the lead. But there was no speed in the race and that's where he was. And he didn't quit. The other horse just came and caught him, but my horse didn't give up."

Becerra admitted that the Bob Baffert-trained **Pioneerof the Nile** (Empire Maker) could be the one to beat in the Futurity, but the trainer has a lot of confidence in his own charge.

"It looks on paper like Pioneerof the Nile should be the favorite, but I like my horse's chances," he said. "He's doing really well. Every time I race him, every time I train him, he seems to get better and better."

Becerra said J P Jammer would likely sit off the pace Saturday, but added the weather forecast, calling for rain showers in the next few days, could play a part in his race strategy.

"I think he'll probably be in mid-pack," Becerra said. "But we'll have to play it by ear. Speed has been holding, but with the rain, it might slow it down. So we'll have to see in the next couple of days what happens with the rain and the track."

J P Jammer completed his major preparations for the Futurity with a five-furlong work at Santa Anita Saturday in 1:00.20. Becerra was pleased with the drill and added, "He's doing super. He couldn't be doing any better."

Becerra came close to a first Grade I win with St. Averil in 2003, so how does J P Jammer compare with that stable star?

"J P Jammer is more mature than St. Averil was at this time," Becerra commented. "St. Averil wasn't sure what he was doing, but this horse knows what he's doing. I think he can be a really good horse."

And what would it mean to take home a first Grade I triumph?

"I'm definitely looking forward to it, if he can do it," Becerra admitted. "It's just really nice to have a horse like this."

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**FROM THE DESK
OF...**

Bill Oppenheim



THE SALES YEAR

It won't exactly qualify as a news flash to tell you the sales are down this year, and that it got worse as the year went on. Tattersalls' December Sale, which last year saw five fillies or mares sell for 3-million guineas (then about \$6 million) or more, saw its gross cut in half in 'local' currency, and by even more when you convert to dollars, since sterling has dropped by a quarter against the dollar in the last six months. That concluded the sales season (all but concluded, anyway, as it was followed by Deauville, Maryland, and one or two others) on a miserable note, though, as Tatts' marketing director Jimmy George would be quick to point out, and as we've said ourselves, we're not comparing like to like in mixed sales--the December catalogue (as Keeneland November had been) was massively down in quality terms.

If we look at 2008 as a whole (see accompanying table p6), we can calculate that the actual decline in gross, in dollar terms, was near enough \$450 million, or 24 percent. However, that could include as much as \$100 million which may be ascribed to the fall in sterling. If we factor that in, the decline would work out at around 19 percent. Given that we have to convert to a single currency, which happens to be U.S. dollars, in years when there are big shifts in the conversion rates, it should be taken into account when looking at the overall figures. This is a good opportunity for me to thank my ace assistant, Flying Start 2 graduate Brianne Stanley (she turns 29 on Sunday, but don't tell her I told you). She has personfully (we used to say manfully) immersed herself in sales statistics all year, and has done a fantastic job. It would be better if official statistics existed, but since they don't, we can at least say these are largely accurate estimates, thanks largely to Bri.

First-half calendar year sales account for only about 20 percent of the year's total and, taken as a whole, were down only eight percent in gross. Mixed sales accounted for about 30 percent of the first-half total of \$321 million, dropping \$20 million from last year--mostly in the smaller European sales in February. At the two-year-old sales, a total of 5,552 horses were catalogued--almost 500 down on last year--and the clearance rate from the catalogues actually improved marginally, from 52 to 54 percent. The gross at this year's two-year-old sales was off by about \$6.3 million, or less than three percent, from \$230 million last year to just under \$224 million this year.

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When we break these figures down a little further, we can discern two significant trends: strength in the juvenile market, both in Europe and at OBS. European sales, which now account for about one-sixth of the number of two-year-olds catalogued, continued to grow, with the gross up 17 percent to nearly \$50 million this year, and the average up 26 percent, to more than \$90,000. Tattersalls' April 'Craven' sale dominates that market, and now ranks as the only one of the 'majors' among two-year-old sales that is outside North America. Within North America, there was a seven-percent drop in the two-year-old gross, but, interestingly, the OBS two-year-old sales, staged in Ocala by the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., were up by 12.5 percent in gross, while the remainder of the continent's two-year-old sales declined by 20 percent. OBS had installed a new all-weather surface for training purposes and that, combined with the growing view that you can now sell a two-year-old for 'all the money' there, seems to be keeping Ocala consignors at home more than it used to. OBS sales accounted for 37 percent of the two-year-old market this year, up from 32 percent the year before.

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The Yearling Sales: Down 20 Percent...

You know the saying: "as Keeneland September goes, so go the yearling sales"; maybe it's not an old saying, but it's certainly been the case the last few years. In 2007, there were 5,553 yearlings catalogued in Keeneland September. A total of 3,799 sold (68 percent of those catalogued), grossing \$385-million and averaging \$101,347; the Keeneland September gross accounted for 45 percent of the \$856 million generated at the yearling sales we covered in 2007. This year, 3,605 yearlings sold at Keeneland September, out of 5,555 catalogued--two more than last year. So the clearance rate dropped, but not alarmingly, to 65 percent of those catalogued. The sale grossed a tick under \$328 million, a drop of 15 percent from 2007, but still 47 percent of the \$696.5 million generated at all the sales we covered. So it dropped less than the rest of the yearling sales, which were off 19 percent total. Europe was off 22 percent, with Arqana's August sale at Deauville actually up, and Goffs' Million and Sportsman's sale off the most among the European majors.

Relatively speaking, the 19-percent drop in the yearling sales doesn't look so bad now. Everybody in the industry knew we had a correction coming, after 15 years of a relentlessly upward trend line. A 20 percent drop from the top, though hardly good news, was probably on the cards almost regardless of anything going on in the outside world.

There are two good reasons for arguing that the decline at the yearling sales is the truest gauge of the horse market. First there are the huge numbers--over 16,000 yearlings catalogued each of the last two years--and the fact that the pedigrees are relatively stable, unlike the mixed sales, so we are measuring, to a great extent, like to like. Also, it is likely that the credit collapse impacted yearling buyers (pinhookers aside) less than mare buyers; I suspect most end users don't buy yearlings on credit. I hope they don't, anyway.

The Mixed Sales: Overproduction Ends...

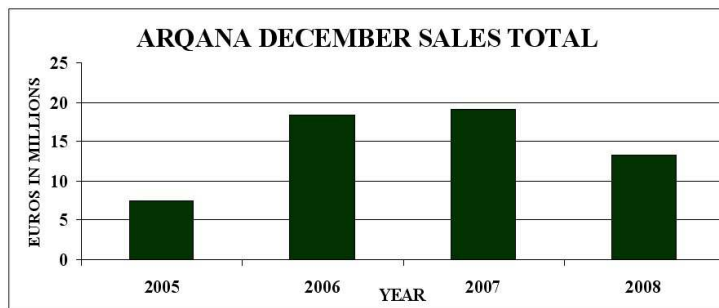
The last six weeks have been brutal. After Fasig's opening day was up \$18 million, partially due to a partnership dissolution, but still nonetheless significant up, Keeneland November's gross plunged 46 percent, from \$340 million last year, to \$185 million. Overall, Kentucky's November sale was off 35 percent in gross, though there's no doubt Keeneland's Book 1 wasn't nearly as good a catalogue as it's been the last few years, and, as at Tattersalls' December, that does account for a significant percentage of the decline. Goffs was way off and, as I've already noted, Tattersalls' December sale grossed just half of what it had in 2007. The market as a whole is not as bad as the mixed sales were: they were, collectively, off 40 percent in gross, from \$659.7 million in 2007 to \$398 million this year. Some of that is currency, some of it is decline in the catalogues. If it was all like for like, the 'real' horse market is probably down in the neighborhood of 30 percent now.

Weekly Sales Ticker
by Bill Oppenheim

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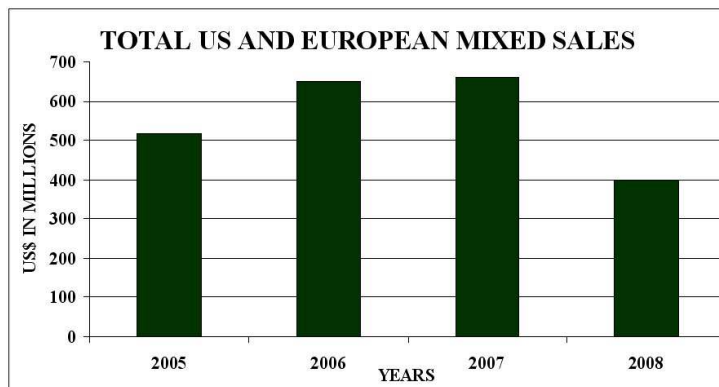
"Though their December sale, like their second-cut October yearling sale, was off 30% in gross, Arqana nonetheless wins our annual 'Sales Company of the Year' award by actually registering a 7% increase in gross, and a 13% gain in average, at their flagship August yearling sale. But, hit by a combination of overproduction, global economic meltdown, and less enticing catalogues, the North American and European mixed sales were off 40% in gross this year, with a clearance rate from the catalogues barely above 50%."

- Bill Oppenheim



TOTAL US & EUROPEAN MIXED SALES (IN US\$)

YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% S/C	GROSS	AVG
2008	14,039	10,656	7,159	51.0%	\$397,780,851	\$55,564
2007	15,121	12,422	8,986	59.4%	\$659,709,491	\$73,415
2006	14,023	11,506	8,767	62.5%	\$648,982,720	\$74,026
2005	13,151	10,845	8,197	62.3%	\$515,948,090	\$62,944



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But there isn't so much a single 'real' horse market as there are several tiers, each of which behaves somewhat differently. The top two percent might not be down at all, or if it is, that may be more a reflection of the two top buyers, Darley and Coolmore, clashing less as they target different sires. The second tier is shakier, maybe off 20 percent, while the lowest tier of the commercial market--the vast majority of horses--is probably off by half. You can tell because sellers refer to not how many they sold, but how many they 'gave away.' In that respect, the first three (best) days of the December Mares sale were very instructive. There were a mountain of horses in that 50-percent-off bracket, but at the same time, there were plenty of people there trying to buy the quality available, and the consensus there was they were very definitely not being given away. So 1992 hasn't arrived, not yet, anyway. In the 1992 mixed sales, everything sold for a huge discount, even the good ones.

It stands to reason that the mixed sales would be the weakest, not just because the timing coincided with the near-complete collapse of credit, but also because this is where overproduction is defined. Suddenly we are seeing all those mares nobody should have wanted, and sure enough, now nobody wants them. They're a liability. Since breeders as a group need to make money to stay in business, holding on to liabilities isn't on the agenda. There will be a significantly fewer number of mares bred in 2009 for just that reason: they're a liability just by eating, no reason to compound the problem by paying a stud fee, too--not when the resulting produce could be 50-50 to even recoup the stud fee. Not a money-making proposition.

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All horses in the *TDN* are bred in North America, unless otherwise indicated

North American & European Sales 2007-2008

	Cat	Sold	Pct	Gross (\$)	Average (\$)	Pct	Chg 2007-2008	Gross	Avg
1st Half 08	11,254	6,434	57.2	321,482,840	49,966	-10	-13	-8	6
1st Half 07	12,542	7,381	58.9	347,611,070	47,095				
Yearlings 08	16,420	10,009	60.9	696,585,433	69,596	0	-10	-19	-10
Yearlings 07	16,466	11,077	67.3	856,067,077	77,283				
Mixed 08	14,039	7,159	51.1	397,780,851	55,564	-7	-20	-40	-24
Mixed 07	15,121	8,986	59.4	659,709,491	73,315				
Total 08	41,713	23,602	56.6	1,415,849,124	59,989	-5	-14	-24	-12
Total 07	44,129	27,444	62.2	1,863,387,638	67,898				

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Rk	Stallion	2009 fee	Wnrs	SW's	GSW's	SH's	Earnings \$
1	Tapit	\$35,000	22	2	2	5	2,719,689
2	LION HEART	\$20,000	31	4	2	8	1,551,288
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Prospects for 2009...

The first order of business for the Thoroughbred market in 2009 will be the Keeneland January Sale, six days this year, and kicking off Jan. 12. The last three years this sale has grossed between \$70 to \$72 million, but expectations will be far lower this time, Azeri notwithstanding. Keeneland January rarely includes many top-tier horses, so, as nothing is happening to alter current market conditions, a gross of \$40 to \$45 million, without Azeri, seems a reasonable guess. The two-year-old sales kick off in Ocala Feb. 17. Given that pinhookers will have been more conservative this year, we can expect the number catalogued to be down in an attempt to keep the averages respectable. That will be the first test since the world economy went into freefall of what the 'end users' are going to be prepared to pay.

Tune in next week for the first installment in our annual 'good value' sires list. It's especially complicated this year because there's a real possibility almost nobody is yet paying retail prices for those seasons which are getting sold. Of course, there are a few (fewer this year) that command full price no matter what. But there's a lot of negotiating going on out there, and plenty of discounts, even from the sometimes double-discounted new retail price, from stallion managers who want to get their horse a respectable book.

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LEADING SIRES OF 2008 Northern Hemisphere GRADE/GROUP 1 WINNERS (through Dec. 13)

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Sire</u>	<u>Loc</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Galileo	Sadler's Wells	IRE	5
Giant's Causeway	Storm Cat	KY	5
Danehill	Danzig	Dead	4
Tiznow	Cee's Tizzy	KY	4
Kingmambo	Mr. Prospector	KY	3
Maria's Mon	Wavering Monarch	Dead	3
Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	IRE	3
Street Cry	Machiavellian	KY	3
Unbridled's Song	Unbridled	KY	3
A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	KY	2
Chester House	Mr. Prospector	Dead	2
Dalakhani	Darshaan	IRE	2
Danehill Dancer	Danehill	IRE	2
Doneraile Court	Seattle Slew	KY	2
Dynaformer	Roberto	KY	2
Gone West	Mr. Prospector	KY	2
Indian Ridge	Ahonoora	IRE	2
Montjeu	Sadler's Wells	IRE	2
Muhtathir	Elmaamul	FR	2
Nayef	Gulch	ENG	2
Pivotal	Polar Falcon	ENG	2
Rock of Gibraltar	Danehill	IRE	2
Samum	Monsun	GER	2
Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector	KY	2
Tapit	Pulpit	KY	2

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Thoroughbred Charities of America raised a gross of \$1.3 million at its annual Stallion Season and Art Auction Dec. 5. Sponsors included Brushwood Stable, Cobra Farm, CandyLand Farm, Keeneland, Darley and OCD. The live auction, which was conducted by volunteers from Fasig-Tipton Sales Company, included stallion seasons to Bernardini, Big Brown, Elusive Quality and Tiznow, vacations, a Triple Crown Package and an original artwork by Andre Pater. Over 300 people attended the festivities at the Keeneland Entertainment Center, which included a silent auction of vehicles, art and equine memorabilia with music provided by The Jimmy Church Band. Four-time Eclipse Award winner as North America's outstanding trainer, Todd Pletcher, was honored with the TCA Charity Leadership Award, and Dot Morgan, founder and executive director of New Vocations Racehorse Adoption Program, received the TCA Industry Service Award. TCA said it donates over 96 cents of every dollar raised throughout the year to the five sectors of Thoroughbred Charities: Racehorse Retraining/Adoption, Education/Scholarships, Backstretch/Jockey, and Research and Therapeutic Riding. Stallion seasons will continue to be sold through January. For more information contact Liz Harris at 859-312-5531 or Liz@speedbeam.com.

Winners Foundation Appoints Two to Board:

Winners Foundation has announced the appointment of two new members to its board of directors, Mary Forney and Michael Kilpack. Forney is director of operations for Thoroughbred Owners of California and previously served as simulcast coordinator for Santa Anita. She has worked in the Thoroughbred industry for more than 25 years, including the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association and California HBPA, and in 2007 was named "Outstanding Woman in Thoroughbred Horse Racing." Kilpack is supervising investigator, Southern Region, for the California Horse Racing Board. He has been with the CHRB since 1984 and worked for 20 years at Southern California Thoroughbred tracks. He is currently assigned to the Los Alamitos field office. Kilpack's previous law enforcement experience includes positions with the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Sacramento County District Attorney's office.

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STAKES CLOSINGS

TOMORROW, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:

12-26 \$250,000 *Malibu-I, SA, 3yo, 7f (AWT)*
(250)

12-27 \$250,000 *La Brea-I, SA, 3yo, f, 7f (AWT)* (250)

12-28 \$150,000 *San Gabriel H.-II, SA, 3yo/up, 9fT* (150)

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Industry Info cont.

Keeneland Announces 2008 Contributions:

Keeneland announced its 2008 contributions at its annual holiday luncheon Tuesday, reporting for the first time funding for community and charitable organizations, as well as the association's reinvestment in equine-related initiatives. Keeneland's funding program is supported by profits generated through its Thoroughbred racing, sales, and simulcast operations.

In 2008, Keeneland contributed \$887,739 to community programs which focus on education; health and human services; and arts, preservation, and animal welfare. To date, Keeneland has given more than \$17 million to support a variety of civic initiatives in the Central Kentucky area. This year's total includes a \$200,000 "pass through" donation from Maker's Mark Distillery to the Keeneland Foundation for the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center. Those proceeds and related matching fund efforts from the 2006-2008 Keeneland-Maker's Mark Mile limited edition bottles will net \$3 million for cancer research.

3:40p **7th-TAM, \$20K, Msw, 2yo, 1mT**
TVG Newstead Racing LLC's **LAKESIDE RUN (Dynaformer)** debuts for the Christophe Clement barn. Though Dynaformers typically take a few starts to come around, Lakeside Run's dam, the Smart Strike mare Saranac Lake, was precocious enough to win Ireland's G3 Debutante S. at two. Lakeside Run's second dam is the stakes-winning Lake Champlain (Ire) (Kings Lake), who was runner-up in the 1986 G1 1000 Guineas. brisnet.com pps

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"We are fortunate at Keeneland to be able to provide financial support to a variety of programs which enrich the community and the horse industry," said Fran Taylor, executive director of the Keeneland Foundation. "We owe our thanks to our horsemen and fans who, by supporting our racing, sales, and simulcast operations, help make these contributions possible."

Keeneland also provided more than \$1.2 million to help fund global equine research, safety and welfare, and betterment initiatives in 2008. In addition to this total, Keeneland reinvested more than \$18 million in purse money during its 2008 spring and fall race meetings--\$7.4 million in excess of requirements--to achieve its mission of "showcasing the finest traditions of racing by attracting the world's best horses, jockeys, and trainers," according to a release.

"Reporting community and industry contributions is more reflective of Keeneland's overall contribution and funding efforts, and a change from our past when we more narrowly defined our giving as community-based," Taylor added.

Keeneland provided more than \$1.2 million in financial support to various equine-related initiatives in furtherance of its mission to preserve and promote Thoroughbred racing worldwide. Recipient programs and organizations encompass a broad range of projects, including research, health and safety, marketing and promotion, charitable, and educational efforts.



★ SO. CALIFORNIA ★

Barretts January Mixed Catalog Available:

The catalog for Barretts January Mixed Sale, which will be held Jan. 26 in the Hinds Pavilion located on the grounds of Fairplex Park in Pomona, is now on-line. The sale, which begins at 11:00 a.m., features 315 head, including 100 yearlings, 68 juveniles and 109 broodmares. The catalog is currently available at: <http://www.barretts.com/Catalog/catjan09/CATALOG.htm>

★ AMERICAN-BRED WINNERS ★

IN FRANCE:

Pegase Hurry, f, 2, [Fusaichi Pegasus](#). See "Breeders' Edition Europe."

IN PERU:

King Nathan, c, 2, **Golden Missile**--Bedroom Window, by Linkage. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-14, Mdn, 1300m, 1:21.40. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-0, \$4,400. O-Stud Polo Norte; B-Richard Kaster & Nathan Fox (KY); T-Jorge Salas. * \$4,000 HRA '07 KEEJAN. ** 1/2 to Bedroom Blues (Cure the Blues), MSW & MGSP, \$586,567; and Okinawa (Ven) (Rasp), MSP-Ven.

Spicer Boy, c, 3, **Lemon Drop Kid**--Sweet Charity, by A.P. Indy. Hipodromo de Monterrico, 12-11, Cond, 1400m, 1:26.20. Lifetime Record: 4-3-0-0, \$3,600. O-Stud Discusion; B-Stonerside Stable LLC (KY); T-Juan Manuel Umbert. * \$7,700 HRA '08 FTKFEB.

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BOWMAN'S BAND (Dixieland Band), Lane's End, \$6K, 55/7/1

2-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, Bowman's Hero, \$8K EAS DEC wnl, 6-1

CAT DREAMS (Storm Cat), Tommy Town, \$4K, 40/5/0

3-GG, Msw, 6f, Capital Cat, \$8K BAR JAN 2yo, 6-1

DOMESTIC DISPUTE (Unbridled's Song), Northview, \$5K, 71/8/0

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Domestic Vixen, \$50K ESM AY 2yo, 7-2

LION HEART (Tale of the Cat), Ashford, \$30K, 181/31/3

8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, +Linus E, 10-1

BRIS Speed Ratings

Top Weekly Stakes Races

Horse	Sire	Race	BRIS Speed
Researcher	Two Smart	Queens County H.-G3	108
Accredit	E Dubai	Parlay Me S.	105
Coach Mike	Toolighttoquit	LA Champ Day Ladies Sprint S.	103
Yesbyjimmy	Yes It's True	Kenny Noe Jr. H.-G3	103
Broadway Producer	Not for Love	Jennings H.	102
Herboriste (GB)	Hernando (Fr)	La Prevoyante H.-G2	100
Superior Storm	Stormy Atlantic	LA Champ Day Ladies S.	100
Canela	El Corredor	Prairie Bayou S.	99
Peppers Pride	Desert God	NM State Racing Commission H.	99
Presious Passion	Royal Anthem	W. L. McKnight H.-G2	99
Red Rock Creek	Numerous	Governor's Cup S.	99
Star Guitar	Quiet American	LA Champ Day Sprint S.	99
Wind Water	Bold Badgett	KLAQ H.	99
Mr. Porter	Road Rush	LA Champ Day Starter H.	96
Are We Dreamin	Yes It's True	You'd Be Surprised S.	95
Okie Time	Mutakddim	Silver Goblin S.	95
Reel Chrome	Reel On Reel	Black Mesa S.	95
Star Nicholas	Poteen	On Trust H.	95
Finallymadeit	Concerto	Fred W. Hooper H.-G3	94
Game N Laughin'	Distorted Humor	Lightning City S.	94
Laragh	Tapit	Hollywood Starlet S.-G1	94
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8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, +Invisible Genius, 10-1

ROAR OF THE TIGER (Storm Cat), Hartley, 75/14/0

8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Im a Tigger Too, \$28K OBS OCT wnl, 5-1

8-TAM, Msw, 1mT, Big, \$23K OBS AUG yrl, 7-2

SPEIGHTSTOWN (Gone West), WinStar, \$40K, 100/14/2

3-GG, Msw, 6f, Hornung, \$200K OBS FEB 2yo, 8-5

STRONG HOPE (Grand Slam), Claiborne, \$30K, 90/8/0

1-CT, Msw, 6 1/2f, +Sudden Appeal, \$30K KEE SEP yrl, 4-1

• ON THE WORKTAB •

FAIR HILL

SONG OF SOLOMON (Unbridled's Song), 5f, 1:01.40, 1/5

SANTA ANITA

BROTHER KEITH (Johar), 4f, :48.40, 5/10

YANKEE BRAVO (Yankee Gentleman), 3f, :37.00, 3/5

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TDN TODAY

Around the World. 5 pages



★ IRELAND ★

TATTS IRE DECEMBER IN THE MIRE

There was yet more doom and gloom yesterday as Tattersalls Ireland's December Flat Sale saw a meagre 46-percent clearance rate and a median of just €1,600 for the finale of the European season. Topping the session was hip [199](#), a yearling son of Hawk Wing (Woodman) who cost The Ranch €20,000. Out of Zarata (Ire) (Sadler's Wells), a half to the listed-placed Zarafsha (Ire) (Alzao), he hails from the extended family of Cartier Horse of the Year Zarkava (Ire) (Zamindar). Top honors among the fillies were shared by a pair of yearlings at €10,000. They were JK Thoroughbreds' hip [235](#), a daughter of Desert Style (Ire) who is out of a half to the stakes winner Rubber (Ire) and was purchased by Ross Doyle; and Glennaun Stud's hip [284](#), by E Dubai from the family of Arkadian Hero who was snapped up by OMS. Full results are available on www.tattersalls.ie.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
AMERICA**

STAKES RESULTS:

PRENSA HIPICA S., \$55,578, CMR, 12-14, 3yo/up, f/m, 1 1/4m, 2:02 4/5, ft.
 1--**BATAVIA LIGHT**, 125, m, 5, by Colony Light--Rainbow Fame, by Quest for Fame (GB). (\$6,500 2yo '05 OBSAPR). O-Establo Del Sur Luna; B-J D Farms (FL); T-Saul Matos; J-Hector Berrios; \$33,347. Lifetime Record: 33-23-5-2, \$446,486. *Full to Dantrelle Light, MSW, \$189,130.
 2--**Thethiefatmidnight**, 117, f, 3, Cat Thief--Brush Hour, by Broad Brush. \$11,116.
 3--**Kamica**, 117, f, 3, El Corredor--Carlee's Cupid, by Geiger Counter. (\$11,000 yrl '06 KEESEP; \$8,000 2yo '07 OBSMAR). \$5,557.
 Margins: 2, 3 1/4, HD. Odds: 0.35, 12.00, 4.15.

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No. Catalogued	318
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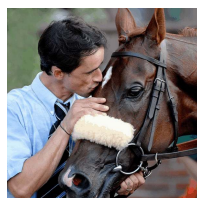
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ALLOWANCE RESULTS:

6th-MNR, \$24,900, 12-15, NW2L, 2yo, 5 1/2f, 1:06 4/5, my.
LOCH DUBH (c, 2, Friends Lake--Star Landing, by Caller I. D.) Lifetime Record: 5-2-0-0, \$23,116. O-Sidney Karmia. B-The Answer LLC (KY). T-Jeff Talley. *\$42,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.
7th-MNR, \$24,900, 12-15, NW2L, 3yo/up, f/m, 5f, :59 3/5, my.
SHEPHERD'S GIRL (f, 3, Rod and Staff--Ra'a {SW-Eng}, by Diesis {GB}) Lifetime Record: 10-2-3-1, \$45,934. O/B-Jim Plemmons (KY). T-Ron G Potts.

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Devil's Dream, c, 2, Devil His Due--Tra, by Farma Way. PHA, 12-16, 1m70y, 1:46. B-Justice Farm, Greg & Steve Justice (KY).
Alcholiday, g, 2, Harlan's Holiday--Friendly Slew, by Friendly Lover. MNR, 12-15, 6f, 1:13 1/5. B-Debby Flanigin & White Fox Farm (OH).



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IN ARGENTINA:

Storm Ramo (Arg), c, 4, **Bernstein**--Ramada Inn (Arg), by Ahmad (Arg). Palermo, 12-15, Hcp, 7f, 1:21.30. Lifetime Record: 12-4-2-1. O-Stud John Fulton; B-Haras La Biznaga; T-Guillermo Frenkel Santillan.
Apasionado Cat (Arg), c, 3, **Easing Along**--Gota a Gota (Arg), by Tempranero (Chi). Palermo, 12-15, Mdn, 8f, 1:35.19. Lifetime Record: 5-1-2-0. O-Stud Monte Mayor; B-Haras El Alfalfar; T-Roberto A Pellegata.

IN CHILE:

Well Doney (Chi), h, 6, **Doneraile Court**--Countess (Arg), by Cinco Grande. Valparaiso Sporting Club, 12-15, Hcp, 1300m. O-Stud Abuelita Alicia; B-Haras Sumaya; T-Humberto Vera.

**BREEDERS' EDITION
EUROPE**

MAIDEN WINNERS:

Shamix (Fr), c, 2, **Al Namix (Fr)**--Al Shareef (GB) (Ch. 2yo Filly-Spa), by Shareef Dancer. Pau, France, 12-16, Mdn, 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-G ChereL & L Michelena. *2nd winner for freshman sire (by Linamix {Fr}).
Pegase Hurry, f, 2, **Fusaichi Pegasus**--Big Hurry, by Red Ransom. Pau, France, 12-16, Mdn, 2yo, f, 7 1/2f (AWT). B-Stonewall Farm. *\$145,000 yrl '07 KEESEP.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY...

December 17, 1936...Crooner **Bing Crosby** announced plans to construct a new racetrack, to be called the Del Mar Turf Club.

December 17, 1993...Fire destroyed the 122-year-old grandstand of **Fair Grounds**, the nation's third-oldest racetrack.

December 18, 1983...**Hollywood Park** held the first \$1 million race for two-year-old Thoroughbreds, the Hollywood Futurity, which was won by Fali Time, ridden by Sandy Hawley.

December 20, 1980...In his last race, at Hazel Park, 15-year-old **Bucket O' Suds** set the record for most starts by a Thoroughbred, 273. He raced every year of his career, which began when he was a three-year-old in 1968.

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 12-13 150 La Prevoyante H.-II, **Crc**, 12fT (150), **11-29**
 12-21 150 Dahlia H.-II, Hol, 8.5fT (150), **12-10**
 01-24 500 Sunshine Millions F/M Turf, GP, [R], 4/up, 9fT (100), **12-04**
 02-01 125 Suwannee River-III, GP, 4/up, 9fT (125), **1-17**
 02-22 100 The Very One H.-III, GP, 4/up, 11fT (100), **02-07**

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