

## Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Trainer Profiles – 2011



### Barry Abrams

Born: March 4, 1954  
Minsk, Russia  
Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	310	23	38	46	\$1,390,113

- Had his most successful year in 2008 with his stable earning a career best \$2.9 million – \$1 million more than his previous high in '07. Won a dozen stakes with seven horses, including the Hollywood Oaks with Lethal Heat. Sharp filly later beat males in Del Mar's Real Good Deal Stakes after a triumph in the Fleet Treat Stakes.
- Came back with another \$2-million year in 2009, led again by the offspring of his high-impact stallion Unusual Heat, California's top sire in 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- Abrams, who is co-owner (with Madeline Auerbach) of Unusual Heat, has raced numerous progeny of the son of Nureyev, including Golden Doc A, Lethal Heat, Spenditallbaby and Bel Air Sizzle. Unusual Heat's offspring, which included more than 20 stakes winners, set a one-year earnings' record for the Golden State of \$5,827,513 in 2008, then came back in 2009 to rack up more than \$5-million in purses again. Stallion was state's top sire in 2010, too, with more than \$4.3-million in progeny earnings.
- Conditioner says he had his biggest moment in the sport in 2008 when his trainee, Golden Doc A, was fourth in the Grade I, \$500,000 Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs. His take on the day: "For me, it was the Kentucky Derby. Walking over with the horse was very exciting. Actually, I was almost numb; a moment like that is an inner feeling, it's hard to express. I think she ran great."
- Golden Doc A had won Santa Anita's Grade I Las Virgenes Stakes and finished second in the Santa Anita Oaks prior to her Kentucky Oaks performance. Earned her first stakes win in Del Mar's Generous Portion for 2-year-old Cal-bred fillies in 2007.
- Started as trainer of Standardbred runners, having success from 1978 through '87; best was pacer Guts, who earned more than \$1 million in purses.
- Switched to Thoroughbreds in 1990 as member of trainer Roger Stein's stable. Began training on own in 1993.
- Saddled first winner – Cheyenne Gold – at '93 Del Mar session.
- Made his first big noise on the track with multiple stakes-winning filly Famous Digger, victress in Del Mar's San Clemente Stakes and the Grade I Del Mar Oaks in 1997.
- Notched third Grade I win of his career when longshot Unusual Suspect won the Hollywood Turf Cup during the 2010 Autumn Hollywood Park meeting. Horse went on to become trainer's second millionaire before being sold to Australian interests as a stallion.
- Other top stakes horses: Speaking of Time, Princess Afleet, Fondly Remembered, Airstar, Slew's Royal Son, The Tender Track, Conectis, Kachamandi, Lennyfrommalibu, Scrofa, Juliessugardaddy and America's Friend.
- Known to eschew traditional training practices more than occasionally; believes in racing horses rather than working them, for

instance.

- Born in Russia; family moved to Poland in 1959, then to Israel in 1961 and on to Burbank, California, in 1963.
- While getting his business degree from Cal State Los Angeles, spent mornings and weekends grooming Standardbreds. Became interested while watching Standardbreds with high school buddy at Hollywood Park.
- Family: Wife Dyan; two daughters.



### Paul Aguirre

Born: August 3, 1956  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Resides: El Segundo, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	84	10	13	13	\$188,143

- Runs mostly selling stock with a reputation for claiming sharply and moving horses up.
- Had pair of stakes winners – Coconut Girl and Texcess – that sent him to best earnings of his career in 2004 at \$1.5 million. Coconut Girl won Grade III Desert Stormer Handicap at Hollywood Park and Texcess won \$1-million Delta Jackpot for 2-year-olds at Delta Downs and the California Cup Juvenile at Oak Tree.
- Texcess was sold for \$300,000 at January 2006 Barretts sale.
- Other stakes winners: Asong for Billy (2002 Pomona Derby), The Morris Monroe, Green Eyed Lady and Rush Into Heaven.
- Tied for two training titles in 1998 – Fairplex Park with Sandy Shulman, Caesar Dominguez and Jeff Mullins and Hollywood Park autumn meet with Neil Drysdale.
- Avid basketball player, was member of junior varsity squad at UCLA. Graduated UCLA and was headed to graduate school, but he took a summer job at the racetrack and never let.
- Met his wife on an Opening Day at Del Mar. Yes, she was wearing a great hat.
- Family: Wife Lisa; one daughter.



### Humberto Ascanio

Born: July 12, 1947  
Guadalajara, Mexico  
Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	40	0	12	7	\$321,400

- Was a highly trusted and valued 35-year assistant to the Hall of Fame trainer Robert Frankel and took over the late trainer's stable following his death on November 16, 2009.
- Ascanio had run the west coast division of the powerful Frankel

outfit for the past decade while the boss spent most of his time in New York, or – in his final year – at home in California battling the cancer that finally killed him.

- Ascanio saddled five winners before the year 2009 was out, including four in stakes races. Notable among them were Fluke in the Citation Handicap and Ventura in the Matriarch, both Grade I's at Hollywood Park.
- Ascanio did not retain the horses of Frankel's chief client, the Juddmonte Farms of Prince Khalid Abdullah, so he has instead opened a public stable and currently trains approximately 25 horses.
- The Brazilian Fluke did his new mentor a favor earlier this year when he closed to win the Grade III Thunder Road Handicap at Santa Anita on February 5, taking Ascanio off an 0-for-46 snide that had gone all the way back to 2009. A month later the horse won the Grade I Kilroe on the Santa Anita turf for him.
- Ascanio also conditions German-bred Proudinsky, a multiple-stakes winner of more than \$1.3 million.
- Among his stable help, and his barn foreman, is his son Matthew.
- Another son, Michael, is an official clocker on the Southern California circuit as well as a budding blacksmith.
- Ascanio came to the U.S. from Tijuana in 1969 and went to work as a groom for the late trainer Farrell Jones. He also did a stint in the barn of longtime California horseman Buster Millerick.
- Joined the Frankel barn in 1973, working as a groom for two years before being elevated to his long-running role as barn foreman and primary assistant.
- Besides the five winners he saddled at the end of 2009, he also is credited with saddling six other winners at various times while working for Frankel.
- Family: Wife Maureen; four sons, two daughters.



**Bob Baffert**

Born: January 13, 1953  
Nogales, Arizona  
Resides: Arcadia and Del Mar, California



2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	500	124	92	80	\$11,103,463

- In his first year of eligibility, he was elected in 2009 into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame, along with his trainee Silverbulletday in the female horse category.
- Continued legend-building process in year following his Hall of Fame induction with 37 stakes victories in 2010, including Preakness and Haskell Invitational with Lookin At Lucky and repeat victory in \$1 million Pacific Classic by Richard's Kid. Those were three of nine Grade I scores, six of which came on the Southern California circuit, including the Pat O'Brien at Del Mar with El Brujo.
- Lookin At Lucky, who had won Del Mar's Best Pal and Futurity in 2009 en route to 2-year-old champion honors, survived some bad luck in the Santa Anita and Kentucky Derbies to win another champion's crown as the nation's top 3-year-old.
- Had four stakes victories at Del Mar in 2010 to increase his record career total at the track to 90. Sixteen wins at 2010 meet increased Del Mar total to 359, No. 4 all-time.
- Won 2,000th race of his career on December 5, 2010 at Hollywood Park when he scored with the 2-year-old gray colt Free Pourin, owned by his mainstay Mike Pegram.

- In 2009, Baffert's Pioneerof the Nile, the Santa Anita Derby winner, finished second in the Kentucky Derby to the stunning Mine That Bird, the 50-1 upsetter. Still, the trainer had a crackerjack year that included seven separate Grade I winners and purses totaling more than \$9.5-million, ranking him third-best in the country. He is currently approaching \$150-million in career purses, good enough to rank him sixth all-time on the trainers' money list.
- Major contributors to his good year in '08 were Pioneerof the Nile, winner of the CashCall Futurity; Midshipman, Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old after wins in the Del Mar Futurity and Breeders' Cup Juvenile; Midnight Lute, winner of the Breeders' Cup Sprint for the second straight year, and champion female sprinter Indian Blessing, a winner of six of nine starts with three seconds for the year. Midnight Lute and Indian Blessing represented his sixth and seventh Breeders' Cup winners.
- 2007 was keyed by victories in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies with Indian Blessing and Breeders' Cup Sprint with Midnight Lute. Previous B.C. winners were: Vindication in 2002 Juvenile, Silverbulletday in 1998 Juvenile Fillies and Thirty SLEWS in 1992 Sprint.
- Has saddled winners of three Kentucky Derbys, five Preakness Stakes and one Belmont Stakes. Silver Charm, Real Quiet and War Emblem won the Derby and Preakness in 1997, '98 and 2002, respectively, but all failed to win the Belmont. Point Given, following a puzzling poor finish in the 2001 Kentucky Derby, won the Preakness and Belmont. Silver Charm and Real Quiet finished second in the Belmont, beaten by Touch Gold (3/4 length) and Victory Gallop (by a desperate nose). War Emblem stumbled leaving the gate and was eighth in the Belmont.
- Point Given went on to finish his year with three more Grade I victories and Eclipse Awards as top 3-year-old male and Horse of the Year.
- Trainer missed winning in his first Derby with his first entrant when Cavonnier was nipped a nose at the wire by Grindstone in 1996.
- Won Eclipse Award as nation's top trainer in 1997, '98 and '99, before bowing to Robert Frankel in 2000, even though he led all trainers in money won with \$11.8 million, based on 146 victories, including 22 graded stakes.
- In 1999, led trainers in money won with a career high \$16.9 million.
- Has won two Dubai World Cups: Silver Charm in 1998 and Captain Steve in 2001. Silver Charm was retired with purse earnings of \$6.9 million and was elected to racing's Hall of Fame in 2007. Captain Steve retired with earnings of \$6.8 million.
- Has won a total of 29 races worth at least \$1-million. Among them: Pacific Classic, General Challenge (1999) and Richard's Kid (2009-10); Haskell Invitational with Point Given (2001), War Emblem (2002), Roman Ruler (2005) and Lookin At Lucky (2010); Hollywood Gold Cup, Real Quiet (1999); Jockey Club Gold Cup, River Keen (1999); Santa Anita Derby, Cavonnier (1996); Santa Anita Handicap, General Challenge (2000), and Travers Stakes, Point Given (2001).
- In 1999, pulled off an unprecedented five-for-five sweep of Del Mar's Grade I races. Came back in 2000 to post 13 stakes victories at the seashore, a single-season record. All told, trainer has all-time leading 86 stakes wins at Del Mar coming into the 2010 meeting.
- Had streak of seven straight trainer titles at Del Mar stopped in 2004 when he finished third to Doug O'Neill and Jeff Mullins.
- Has won 23 training titles in total in Southern California, most recent being the Oak Tree 2010 and Santa Anita 2010-11 winter/spring meets.
- Has trained 11 champions who have won 15 titles – Chilukki, Point Given, Real Quiet, Silverbulletday, Silver Charm, Vindication, War Emblem, Indian Blessing, Midnight Lute, Midshipman and Lookin

At Lucky.

- Until 2003, dominated 2-year-old ranks at Del Mar, including seven straight Futurity victories: Silver Charm, Souvenir Copy, Worldly Manner, Forest Camp, Flame Thrower, Officer and Icecoldbeeratreds. Midshipman made him a Futurity winner again in 2008 and Lookin At Lucky followed in 2009.
- Began career as Quarter Horse trainer and had much success, especially with 1986 world champion Gold Coast Express.
- Started training a handful of Thoroughbreds in 1988; went full time with them in '91.
- Other major winners: Zensational, Gabby's Golden Gal, Internallyflawless, Indian Charlie, Tough Tiz's Sis, Massive Drama, Cry and Catch Me, Pussycat Doll, Bob and John, More Happy, Point Determined, Commitisize, Too Much Bling, Kafwain, Congaree, El Corredor, Senor Swinger, Vivid Angel, Excellent Meeting, Point Ashley, Anet, Tout Charmant, Joe Who, Behaving Badly, Danthebluegrassman, Hookedonthefeelin, Wanna Runner, Tuzla, Caffè Latte, Classical Cat, Prime Timber, Preachinatthebar, Soviet Sojourn and Letthebighossroll.
- Credits much of his success to major client Pegram, who urged him to turn to training Thoroughbreds. Another longtime client, who actually got Pegram interested during Baffert's Quarter Horse days, is Hal Earnhardt, who with wife Patti owned two-time filly champ Indian Blessing.
- Grew up on family cattle ranch, which parents Bill and Ellie Baffert bought four months before Bob was born.
- Got his start with horses at age 12 by grooming and galloping Quarter Horses owned by father.
- Was one of the first graduates from University of Arizona's racetrack industry program in 1977. Following college, got discouraged with training and spent a year selling veterinary supplies.
- First Thoroughbred bought at public auction was Thirty Slews in 1988 and the \$30,000 purchase went on to win '92 Breeders' Cup Sprint.
- Currently a member of the board of directors of the Thoroughbred Owners of California.
- Family: Wife Jill; one son; three sons, one daughter by previous marriage.



**Rafael Becerra**

Born: July 27, 1954  
Jalisco, Mexico  
Resides: Temple City, California

<b>2010</b>	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	127	11	18	6	\$357,000

- Registered career best purse earnings in 2007 when stable accounted for more than \$2.2-million in purses.
- Got his start as hot walker for the late Hall of Fame trainer Robert Frankel after coming to California from his native Mexico in 1970 to work with Thoroughbreds.
- Moved on as groom for legendary California trainer Farrell "Wild Horse" Jones, late father of former trainer Gary Jones and grandfather of Martin Jones, who carries on the family tradition. Later, worked for Gary Jones, progressing from groom to foreman to assistant trainer.
- When Gary Jones retired in 1996, Becerra started training on his own, beginning with seven horses from former Jones clients. Former trainer Richard Mulhall, serving as racing manager for The Thoroughbred Corp. at the time, gave Becerra a bit of a push with nine horses from Saudi Prince Ahmed bin Salman's large stable.

- Stable goes across the board from claiming horses to allowance and stakes runners. He'll bring about 20 horses to Del Mar this summer.
- First victory on his own came with first horse saddled – Sky Launch at Hollywood Park. First stakes winner was Kingdom Found, who won Grade II San Pasqual in 1997 at Santa Anita.
- Other top horses trained: St Averil, a 2004 Kentucky Derby prospect until sidelined by a foot problem; Rahy Dolly, Royal Palace, Saint Buddy, Kingdom Found, Roll Hennessy Roll, Uncle Denny and Special Matter. The last-named was claimed for \$12,500 and ran up about \$400,000 in purse money.
- Grew up on farm in Jalisco in central Mexico. There were many more cows than horses, so, he says, he learned about horses after coming to California.
- His son, Rafael, Jr., left the world of finance to help his father in racing and now serves as his chief assistant and stable foreman.
- Family: Wife Aurora; one daughter, two sons.



**Jeff Bonde**

Born: October 30, 1954  
Pleasanton, California  
Resides: Pleasanton, California

<b>2010</b>	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	335	56	63	47	\$1,707,987

- Northern California bred, born and based conditioner has made forays to the south for the past 15 years and now will set up headquarters at Del Mar this summer with a full string from among the 65 horses he currently trains.
- Has developed a knack for doing well with young horses, many of whom he has purchased for bargain prices. Has approximately 35 2-year-olds under his direction this year.
- Hails from a horse background: Grandfather Duke Bonde, Sr. was a trainer, while father, Duke, Jr., uncle Bob Dupont and brother Gary all were farriers.
- Came to the racetrack on his home turf at the tender age of 15 and learned his craft under the tutelage of Bay Area conditioners Emmett Campbell, Don Jeffries, Tex Johnson and Jerry Dutton.
- Hung out his own training shingle in 1974 and saddled his first winner at the Stockton Fair that same year.
- It has been a slow but steady climb up since for the conditioner, topped by his best year ever in 1999 when he sent out 76 winners for \$2,470,316 in purses.
- His stable now regularly earns \$1-million-plus each year and he's off to a possible record-breaking start in 2011 with more than \$1.3-million in winnings at the halfway mark of the season.
- His stable ace at the moment is speedball Smiling Tiger, a six-time stakes winner with more than \$1-million already in the bank. The 4-year-old colt gave Bonde his first Grade I victory last summer at Del Mar when he went wire-to-wire in the Bing Crosby Stakes and the trainer says he's being pointed that way again.
- Smiling Tiger was Bonde's second Breeders' Cup starter when he ran third with him in the BC Sprint last fall at Churchill Downs. He had previously saddled the 2-year-old filly Spain to run fourth in the 1999 BC Juvenile Fillies. (The following year Spain was transferred to trainer D. Wayne Lukas and went on to win the Breeders' Cup Distaff that fall.)
- Trainer also had a pair of Triple Crown colts this year in Sunland

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Derby winner Twice the Appeal, who finished 10th in the Kentucky Derby, and Sway Away, who ran 12th in the Preakness Stakes. Both sophomores will take up residence at Del Mar this summer.

- Also has had good luck with the 3-year-old Irish filly Cambina, a multiple-stakes winner on the circuit since being brought over from her native land at the end of last year.
- Has saddled six stakes winners at Del Mar so far, including back-to-back scores in the CTBA Stakes with Sterling Cat in 2004 and Devons Smokin in 2005.
- Other major winners for him include Sierra Sunset, Untouched Talent, Sierra Sweetie, Epic Honor, General Royal and Mr. Doubledown.
- Family: Four sons; one daughter.



**Julio Canani**

Born: November 13, 1938  
Oxampampa, Peru

Resides: Sierra Madre, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	170	40	27	24	\$1,170,355

- Developed first champion in 2004 as 2-year-old filly Sweet Catomine earned an Eclipse Award after winning Del Mar Debutante, Oak Leaf Stakes and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies for owner/breeders Martin and Pam Wygod.
- Sweet Catomine's B.C. victory marked the trainer's third – Silic won the 1999 Mile and Val Royal scored in the same race in 2001.
- Wickerr Stakes victory at Del Mar with Blue Chagall in 2010 was the 40th of his career, No. 7 all-time at the track in 35 seasons.
- In 2009, won his second straight running of the Del Mar Handicap with the old pro Spring House, a triple stakes winner on the year for him. Also looked like he might have Kentucky Derby timber on his hands with flashy colt The Pamplemousse (French for grapefruit). Alas, the gray speedster suffered an injury and never made it to Kentucky.
- Had a good year in 2008 with a pair of veteran geldings, Hyperbaric who won four of eight starts, including the Grade I Citation, and more than \$500,000, and the aforementioned Spring House, the multiple-stakes winner who set a stakes and course record in winning his first Del Mar Handicap.
- In 2008 also developed 3-year-old Two Step Salsa into a graded stakes winner of nearly \$400,000. Colt then was sold at end of year to the powerful Godolphin Racing empire.
- Earnings total of \$3.8 million in 1999 stands as the career best for the trainer. He also posted earnings of \$3.3 million in 2004 and 2008.
- Trained Martial Law to victory at odds of 51-1 in 1989 Santa Anita Handicap.
- In both 1999 and 2000, saddled one-two finishers in the Grade I Shoemaker Mile at Hollywood Park with Silic and Ladies Din. The latter came back and won the race in 2002. Ladies Din also won the Grade I Eddie Read at Del Mar in 2000, to follow up a brilliant 1998 season at the seashore when he became the first to sweep the 3-year-old grass series (Oceanside, La Jolla, Del Mar Derby) and was named Horse of the Meet.
- Scored back-to-back wins in the Eddie Read with Special Ring in 2003 and '04.
- Trained Del Mar's 2004 Horse of the Meet, Blackdown, who reprised

Ladies Din's feat of sweeping the 3-year-old series.

- Other major winners include Tranquility Lake, three-time stakes winner at Del Mar; Amorama, winner of 2004 Del Mar Oaks in stakes record time and 2005 John C. Mabee Handicap; Willmar, Silver Circus, Davie's Lamb, Regal Thunder, Astarabad, Bruho, Patchy Groundfog, Putting, Maria Jesse, Tuzla, Silent Sighs, Shining Energy, Attima, Dixie Meister and Charmo.
- Left home at age 16 during political unrest in his native Peru. Came to United States with \$600 in his pocket and began walking hots for trainer Tommy Doyle.
- Took out trainer's license in 1968 and opened public stable in 1971. Got out of business from 1993 to '97, but made quick progress on his return.
- Son Nick trains Thoroughbreds also.
- Family: Wife Svetlana; one son, two daughters.



**Jack Carava**

Born: April 28, 1966  
Arcadia, California

Resides: Glendora, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	291	55	56	48	\$1,319,864

- A master at the claiming box, making keen calls and often moving his claims up the ladder. Has improved his stock in recent years, saddling allowance runners and stakes-quality horses along with his sellers.
- Made the big switch from running a public stable to being a private trainer in 2008 for his long-time client Ron Valenta, who races under the name La Canada Stable. The connection has been a good one and the trainer rang up his 13th straight season of winning at least \$1-million in purses in '08, then came back with an even better year (\$1.8-million in purses) in 2009 via 49 wins and followed that with over \$1.3 million and 55 wins in 2010.
- Had success in 2009 for La Canada with Beltene, winner of the Sunshine Millions Oaks, and Soul City Slew, who captured the Potrero Grande, both at Santa Anita.
- Trainer sent out his first winner, Impulsively, in 1987.
- Won his first Del Mar stakes in 1997 when 8-year-old First Intent won the Bing Crosby Breeders' Cup Handicap, a race he captured for a second time in 2006 with 23-1 shot Pure as Gold, giving him his first Grade I victory.
- Leading trainer at 2001 Hollywood Park spring/summer meet, helping him to post career best records for the year of 74 wins and purse money of \$2.1 million.
- Leading trainer at Oak Tree in 2002.
- Other top runners: Epic Power, who won the 2006 California Cup Mile, Mother's Meeting, Sunday Stroll, Global and Legendary Weave.
- Son of trainer Mike Carava, who conditioned Thoroughbreds in late 1970s and early '80s.
- Began career working for trainer Joe Griffin in 1984; later moved on to work for Jerry Fanning.
- Began training on his own in 1992.
- Family: Wife Cindy; two daughters.



## James Cassidy

Born: August 21, 1945  
New York, New York

Resides: Monrovia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	154	23	20	21	\$2,232,470

- Saddled winners of two of Del Mar's Grade I stakes in 2010, sending The Usual Q.T. out to victory in the Eddie Read and Evening Jewel in the Del Mar Oaks. Evening Jewel's earlier victory in the San Clemente Handicap, combined with The Usual Q.T.'s Read, provided a sweep of meet's opening-weekend major stakes.
- Had second-most productive year of career in 2010 highlighted by California-bred Horse of the Year Evening Jewel. Three-year-old filly's campaign included victory in Ashland Stakes, nose loss to Blind Luck in Kentucky Oaks and consecutive wins in the Honeymoon Handicap at Hollywood Park, San Clemente and Del Mar Oaks.
- California breeders named him state's top trainer for 2010.
- Had his best year for winners in 2009 when he went to the magic circle on 33 occasions, including six straight times – the last four in stakes – with male stable ace The Usual Q.T. Among his tallies, the Cal-bred gelding won the Grade I Hollywood Derby.
- Has been extremely successful with runners purchased in Europe, mostly in England, saying, "They are more professional than any horses I've ever seen. Instead of claiming horses in the \$40,000 range here (Southern California), I can buy one over there for the same money." Trainer says he's done well with about 20 such imports, especially well with about a dozen of those.
- Among his Euros who have registered stakes scores stateside are Passified, winner of Del Mar's San Clemente Handicap in 2007, Diamond Diva, who beat champion Ventura in the 2008 Cash Call Mile and April Pride, first in the H.C. Ramser at Santa Anita in 2009.
- Had big year in 2004, posting best earnings total of \$2.5 million, with Grade I American Oaks winner Ticker Tape, Moscow Burning and Katdogawn leading the way. Ticker Tape also won the Grade III Pucker Up Stakes and the Grade I Queen Elizabeth Challenge Cup.
- In 2005, Singhalese captured Del Mar's Grade I Del Mar Oaks and English-bred import Milk It Mick captured the Grade I Kilroe Mile in 2006.
- Other major winners: Golden Balls, Moth Ball, Stepoutoftheboat, Royal Torrent, Wrekin Pilot, Inca Tern, Phone Alex, Final Row, Unrivalled and Steelaninch.
- Saddled two in Kentucky Derby, with Jamaican Rum finishing sixth in 2001 and Ocean Sound 17th in 2002.
- Though born in the Bronx and a stalwart fan of the New York Yankees, as evidenced by his ever-present New York Yankee cap, trainer's heart has always been with horses.
- First experience with equines came with hunters and jumpers. Following a semester at City College New York, committed his life to horses, first by leasing a place in Westbury, on Long Island, where he kept horses and taught prospective riders.
- He and students competed in shows across Long Island and in Connecticut and also became interested in Thoroughbreds, starting with lay-ups.
- First job on the racetrack was with Joe Cantey and then Frank Whiteley. Time with Cantey came before he saddled multiple stakes winners Temperence Hill, winner of the 1980 Belmont Stakes, and Cox's Ridge.
- While working with Whiteley, the amazing filly Ruffian was stable's big horse.

- After Whiteley, joined Charles Sanborn as his assistant trainer on the New Jersey-Florida circuit. Moved to Southern California circuit in 1981 and worked as an assistant for both Darrell Vienna and Brian Mayberry, then for a veterinarian for nine years before opening his own stable.
- Family: Wife Melanie; two sons.



## Ben Cecil

Born: August 6, 1968  
Oxford, England

Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	151	18	19	17	\$1,356,611

- First graded stakes victory came when Celtic Ash won Pan American Handicap at Gulfstream Park on March 9, 1996, three days after taking out his trainer's license and just a week after taking over the 33-horse Rodney Rash stable after Rash died unexpectedly.
- As an assistant trainer, helped condition three Santa Anita Handicap winners – Best Pal (1992) and Stuka (1994) with Gary Jones and Urgent Request (1995) with Rash.
- Has his own Grade I wins with Donna Viola, Squeak and Golden Apples, the last-named scoring in the 2001 Del Mar Oaks in her first race in the United States after coming to this country from Europe. Subsequently, Golden Apples won the 2002 Eclipse Award as the nation's top female grass runner after winning the Beverly D. and Yellow Ribbon, both Grade I events.
- Trainer's Crystal Hearted set a Del Mar turf course record in 1999 by winning the Wickerr Handicap at a mile in 1:33.
- Made a splash in 2009 with Irish import Ferneley, winning Grade II Del Mar Mile and finishing second to champion Ventura in Grade I Woodbine Mile.
- Among other stakes winners: Missit, Queenie Belle, Falcon Flight, Worldly, Hal's Pal, Sandtrap, Gold and Steel, Magellan, Dernier Empereur, Red Rioja, Eurolink Raintance and Passinetti. The last of that group won the 2003 running of the San Juan Capistrano Handicap.
- Nephew of legendary British trainer Henry Cecil, twin brother of Ben's father. Initials "B.D.A." in his name stand for Benjamin David Amherst.
- Prior to tenure with Rash, had been assistant to Gary Jones in Southern California, Mark Tompkins and Ian Balding in England and Colin Hayes in Australia.
- Took first job in racing with Hayes shortly after finishing high school.
- Family: Wife Kristina; one son, one daughter.



### Vladimir Cerin

Born: November 26, 1954  
Zagreb, Croatia

Resides: Bradbury, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	228	55	31	30	\$1,603,035

- Registered 1,000th career win on November 26, 2010 with Cigar Man in the All American Stakes at Golden Gate Fields.
- Also won stakes in 2010 with Briecat, Gone Rebel and She'll Heir.
- Won his first Breeders' Cup race in 2008 when Albertus Maximus rang the bell in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.
- Has two other million-dollar race triumphs to his credit, both with upsetters: Early Pioneer's score in the Hollywood Gold Cup in 2000 and Student Council's surprise in the Pacific Classic in 2007.
- First stakes winner was Hollywood Reporter in the 1989 Spotlight Breeders' Cup at Hollywood Park; Exploding Prospect brought him first \$100,000 stakes win in the 1989 Affirmed Handicap, also at Hollywood Park.
- Had career-best year in 2000 with \$3.7 million in purses and five graded stakes wins headed by the former claimer Early Pioneer and his Gold Cup tally.
- Saddled Ronton to 18th-place finish in 2000 Kentucky Derby.
- Won Fairplex Park training titles in 1994 and '95.
- Posted purse earnings of \$2.8 million in 2005, led by Del Mar Horse of the Meet Willow O Wisp, winner of the La Jolla Handicap and Del Mar Derby, setting a turf course record for 1 1/8 miles of 1:45.85 in the latter race. Super Frolic also contributed during the year with a victory in the Hawthorne Gold Cup.
- Other major stakes winners: Treakster, Luftikus, Archer City Slew, Musical Gambler, To Be Khaled, Silken Magic, Tanja, Rotsaluck, Casey Griffin, Robledo, Even the Score, Designed for Luck and Twice As Bad.
- Left native Yugoslavia for Canada at 14. Had spent early years on his father's farm, with a variety of domestic animals, including horses.
- Came to Southern California in 1974 and earned a graduate degree in kinesiology, the science of movement, from UCLA.
- Worked in that field for several years with professional athletes, including tennis star Tracy Austin and basketball stars Bill Walton, Jamaal Wilkes and Kiki Vandeweghe.
- Was encouraged to apply his knowledge to the development of Thoroughbred horses. Took out trainer's license in 1981 after learning the rudiments of the business from trainer Rafael Martinez while conditioning a horse of which he was part owner.
- Scored his first training victory at Del Mar in 1982 with a 3-year-old filly named Spray Cologne for a \$61.60 mutuel. Has nine Del Mar stakes scores to his credit.
- Suffered personal tragedy in early 2007 when wife, Kellie, died after being injured in a fall during a family vacation in Mexico.
- One of his sons, Tyler, has worked as his assistant, for TVG and now has his own business using magnetic-field therapy on horses.
- Family: One daughter, four sons.



### Craig Dollase

Born: December 8, 1970  
Goleta, California

Resides: Sierra Madre, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	176	27	31	31	\$1,663,517

- Has kept old pro Awesome Gem rolling at the advanced age of 8. Captured the Hollywood Gold Cup last year and now sports a bankroll that has gone past \$2.5 million. He could make a record fifth start in this year's Pacific Classic.
- Scored two 2010 stakes victories at Del Mar with Bonifacio in Daisycutter Handicap and Tropic Storm in Windy Sands Handicap to raise career total at track to nine.
- Posted best earnings record in 2007 (more than \$3.3 million), headlined by stakes victories by Awesome Gem, Dancing Edie, Monterey Jazz, P.S.U. Grad, Treadmill, Bai and Bai and Ten a Penny.
- Monterey Jazz won the Strub Stakes and the Texas Mile for him in 2008, the American Handicap in 2009. Another stakes winner at the same time was El Gato Malo.
- Trainer also won 11 races and more than \$700,000 with the hard-trying, Cal-bred mare Bai and Bai.
- Reigns as youngest trainer, at 27, to win a Breeders' Cup championship day title as a result of the victory by Reraise in the 1998 B.C. Sprint. Gelding earned Eclipse as the nation's top sprinter.
- Earlier in 1998, won Hollywood Park's spring/summer meet training title with 19 victories in 38 starts. Scored first stakes win at Del Mar that year when Daring General triumphed in Graduation Stakes for 2-year-old Cal-breds.
- One of his earliest big thrills and a harbinger of what lay ahead came from the victory in the 1997 Vernon Underwood Stakes by the former \$12,500 claimer Tower Full. It was the trainer's first stakes victory.
- Had good success with multiple stakes winner Futural in 2001 and picked up major win in 2002 when he shipped Swept Overboard east to win the history-laden Metropolitan Handicap.
- Developed major stakes winner Elloluv, winner of Hollywood Starlet in 2002 and Keeneland's Ashland Stakes in 2003; finished fourth in 2003 Kentucky Oaks.
- Spurred on by Dancing Edie, winner of Del Mar's Grade I John C. Mabee Handicap, and Grade I Oak Leaf winner Cash Included, trainer posted purse money of \$2.5 million in 2006.
- Among other major winners: El Cielo, Major Charmer, Road to Slew, Momentum, Abbey Girl, Kaibo, Accomplice, Reality Road, Saint's Honor, Walk In Time, PT's Grey Eagle, Anziyan Royalty and Saint Afleet.
- Third of four Dollases involved with Thoroughbreds, following his successful father, Wallace, and older sister, Michelle, who is the former wife of Corey Nakatani and now operates a farm in Kentucky where she handles lay-ups and does some training. Youngest of the Dollase brood, Aimee, serves as assistant to her father.
- Craig was assistant to his father for several years before going on his own in the fall of 1997, though he took out his license the previous year and had a few trainees while helping his father.
- Family: Wife Nancy; two daughters.



## Neil Drysdale

Born: December 11, 1947  
 Haselmere, Surrey, England



Resides: Playa del Rey, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	198	25	25	26	\$1,785,144

- Joined racing's Hall of Fame on August 7, 2000.
- Trained 1992 Horse of the Year A.P. Indy, despite the fact he was scratched from the Kentucky Derby with a foot injury. Trainer got his Kentucky Derby victory in 2000 with high-strung and highly talented Fusaichi Pegasus.
- Saddled six winners of Breeders' Cup Championship day races: A.P. Indy (1992 Classic), Princess Rooney (1984 Distaff), Hollywood Wildcat (1993 Distaff), Prized (1989 Turf), Tasso (1985 Juvenile), War Chant (2000 Mile).
- Joining A.P. Indy as champions were Princess Rooney, Fiji, Hollywood Wildcat and Tasso.
- Though A.P. Indy missed his Derby date in '92, he came back five weeks later to win the Belmont.
- Most well-known Drysdale trainee in the pre-Breeders' Cup era was Bold 'n Determined. She raced from 1979-81 and stakes won included Apple Blossom Handicap, Oak Leaf, Kentucky Oaks, Acorn, Coaching Club American Oaks and Spinster. Filly won eight races as a 3-year-old in 1980, including one over Kentucky Derby winner and eventual division champion Genuine Risk.
- Career includes more than 1,300 victories and purse earnings of more than \$88 million.
- Victory by Liberian Freighter in Harry F. Brubaker Stakes was 37th in 26 seasons at Del Mar and one of eight stakes tallies overall in 2010.
- Eighth on Del Mar career stakes-winning list.
- Biggest year for money earned and victories came in 1998 with \$6,574,484 and 73 wins, including 19 graded stakes, from 277 starts, a remarkable 26 percent win rate. Also posted 53 seconds and 46 thirds for an overall in-the-money strike rate of an even-more remarkable 62 percent. Twenty-seven stakes wins in Southern California was second only to Bob Baffert's 28. Top runners on the year included Hawksley Hill, winner of five stakes; Fiji, winner of four stakes; Storm Trooper, Gold Land, Labeeb, Love That Jazz, Dance Parade and Sea of Secrets.
- Man known as epitome of patience with his charges, won more than \$6.1 million in 2000 with 48 firsts from 197 starters, a nifty 24.4 win percentage.
- Other important runners: Rahy, Fourty Niners Son, Musical Chimes, One Off, Obrigado, Artiste Royal, Touchoftheblues, Sabona, Political Ambition, White Heart, Storming Home, Gorgeous, Splendid Blended, Hail Hilarius, Aragorn, Bella Bellucci, Deputy Governor, Sarafan, French Deputy, Becrux and Sunday Break.
- Won 1,000th race on July 19, 2001 with Beat All at Del Mar.
- Well-rounded background with horses includes training show horses, managing a breeding farm in Argentina, starting in Thoroughbreds with Tartan Farms as assistant to Roger Laurin for two years and working four years as an assistant to Hall of Fame conditioner Charlie Whittingham.
- Hollywood Park has a Grade I turf race called the Charles Whittingham in the Hall of Fame conditioner's honor. Drysdale won it for the sixth time in 2008 with Artiste Royal. Charlie, surely,

- would have been proud of his pupil.
- Became private trainer for Saron Stable in 1974; opened public stable in 1983.
- Son of a British Royal Marine officer.
- Family: Wife Shawn; one daughter.



## Ron Ellis

Born: March 10, 1960  
 Glendale, California

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	163	35	27	25	\$1,477,496

- Took out his training license at the age of 20 in 1980. First winner, To B. Or Not, became a multiple stakes winner and set him on a course of success.
- Trained two outstanding race mares, Twice the Vice and Exotic Wood, to Grade I victories and multiple stakes wins during racing careers.
- Trainee Pirate's Revenge scored major upset by defeating Paseana in 1995 Milady Handicap at Hollywood Park.
- Has 15 stakes victories at Del Mar, including the 2004 Del Mar Futurity with Jay Em Ess Stable's gelding Declan's Moon, who went on to win the Hollywood Futurity and capture the Eclipse Award as the top juvenile in the country.
- Saddled Rail Trip to victories in the Mervyn LeRoy and Californian at Hollywood Park in 2010 following an unlucky third in the 2009 Pacific Classic.
- For major client, B. Wayne Hughes, saddled Atswhatimtalknabout to fourth-place finish to Funny Cide in 2003 Kentucky Derby. Minority owners in the horse included Hollywood filmmakers Steven Spielberg and Gary Ross, principals in filming "Seabiscuit."
- In 2005, the Hughes-Ellis team went back to Churchill Downs to win the Derby Trial with Don't Get Mad and then ran back the next week to finish a good fourth to Giacomo in the "Run for the Roses." Colt went on to win Indiana Derby.
- Did well with Buzzards Bay, winner in 2006 of Golden Gate Fields' All American Handicap in February and the Oaklawn Handicap in April before getting time off and returning to competition in 2007 to finish third in Hollywood Park's Mervyn LeRoy Handicap and win the Grade II Californian.
- Among other stakes horses: Benchmark, Lexa, Que Belle, I Ain't Bluffing, Glass Ceiling, Echo of Yesterday, Denim Yenem, Key Phrase, Pharma and Shake the Yoke.
- Introduced to racing at 16 when accompanying his father and friends who owned horses to the racetrack.
- Has done some television as a racing analyst for Fox Sports and TVG.
- Currently a member of the board of directors of the Thoroughbred Owners of California.
- Two brothers-in-law are active in racing, Paul McGee, as a well-known trainer based at Churchill Downs, and Marty McGee, longtime writer for Daily Racing Form based in the Midwest.
- Family: Wife Amy; three daughters.



## Jerry Fanning

Born: November 22, 1932  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Resides: Bradbury, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	92	8	14	10	\$221,073

- Veteran trainer continues to roll along; this will be his 49th summer at Del Mar and he ranks 10th on the roster of trainers with most wins at 267.
- Career laced with these upset victories: Little Reb over Affirmed in 1979 Malibu Stakes; Croeso defeated Copelan in 1983 Florida Derby; Desert Wine's win over John Henry in 1984 Hollywood Gold Cup, and Kings Island over Greinton in 1985 Sunset Handicap.
- Desert Wine was second in 1983 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. In addition to '84 Gold Cup, won Strub Stakes and Californian.
- Developed former claiming horses Pleasant Variety and Present Value into stakes-winning earners of \$1 million. Present Value was fourth in the Breeders' Cup Classic and Pleasant Variety sixth in the Turf, both in 1989.
- Other Breeders' Cup starters: Desert Wine, fifth in the '84 Classic; Flying Lieutenant, ninth in '86 Juvenile; Shywing, seventh in '86 Distaff; Star Recruit, ninth in '91 Juvenile, and Bag, 13th in '91 Juvenile.
- Other top runners: Bruho, Reb's Golden Ale, Akinemod, Top Corsage, Hyperborean, Ancestral and Terlagio.
- Grew up in Texas learning the business as a groom for his father, Lev Fanning.
- Took out trainer's license in 1958, but didn't start training full time until 1967.
- Family: One daughter, two sons.



## Carla Gaines

Born: May 12, 1952  
Birmingham, Alabama

Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	180	34	24	20	\$1,293,956

- Saddled Temple City to victory in the 2010 Cougar II Handicap, commenting "I think I'm too old to be a cougar, but I won the Cougar and that's all I care about." Stakes victory No. 11 at Del Mar capped a three-win day, which equaled her previous best at the track.
- Snared the sweetest prize of her career when her 25-1 shot Dancing in Silks was up by a whisker to triumph in the Breeders' Cup Sprint for his fourth win in five 2009 starts. Rapid Cal-bred gelding pushed his bankroll to more than \$1.4 million and helped his conditioner move toward a year that saw her earn \$2,568,891, a close second to her top season in 2008 when she rang up \$2,572,360.
- Dancing in Silks' stellar year earned him shared honors (with Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner California Flag) as the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association's "Horse of the Year."
- Her lucrative 2008 season saw her win 42 races, including eight

- stakes, led by her ill-fated stable ace Nashoba's Key's tally in the Grade I Santa Margarita.
- Nashoba's Key had gone undefeated in her first seven races before finishing fourth in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf in 2007. Unfortunately, she was severely injured in a freak accident in an outdoor stall at Hollywood Park and had to be euthanized on May 28, 2008, devastating those around her and deeply saddening the Southern California racing community in general. The homebred mare retired with eight victories and a second in 10 starts for earnings of more than \$1.2 million.
- Trainer welcomed a homebred half-sister to Nashoba's Key to her barn this year. The 3-year-old is by Breeders' Cup Mile winner Artie Schiller.
- Has had good luck this year with improving grass filly Malibu Pier, a double graded stakes winner at the Hollywood spring/summer meet.
- Did well with hard-knocking mare Foxysox, who rang up seven wins (six in stakes) and more than \$700,000 in purses.
- Had good luck with multiple-stakes winner Tiz Elemental, who won five of 12 starts and nearly \$500,000.
- In 2002, Super High posted four stakes victories, including the Solana Beach Handicap at Del Mar in which she set a stakes record of 1:33.65 for a mile on the turf. Later, she won the California Cup Matron as the trainer posted two Cal Cup wins, the other being by Unlimited Value in the Sprint.
- Other top runners over the years include Excessive Blend, John Scott, Top Of Our Game, Lucky J.H., Spot the Diplomat, Image of Glory, Blending Element, Freeport Flight and Los Gatos.
- Trainer's first career victory came in 1989 with Glory Quest in a race for \$4,000 claimers at Vallejo.
- Major clients are Harris Farms and Warren B. Williamson, both well-known owners and breeders in California.
- Earned bachelor's and master's degrees in sociology and psychology from the University of Alabama and spent several years as a counselor of youths in rural Shelby County, Alabama, outside her hometown of Birmingham.
- While growing up enjoyed riding horses at her grandfather's farm outside of Birmingham and eventually rode and showed hunters and jumpers in competition during her teen-age years.
- All of that proved helpful later on as she would ride in the evening following her day's counseling as an escape from the stress of the daily routine. "Horses have always been my passion," she says.
- Eventually she left counseling and joined in a pinhooking partnership with some friends in Louisiana and got her first taste of training as she broke and trained yearlings for sales of 2-year-olds in training.
- Moved west in the mid-1980s, training horses at sales and working as an exercise rider. She then hooked on as an assistant trainer in Northern California with several conditioners, including Mike Harte and Mark Cuoto.
- Took out her license in 1989 and trained in Northern California for seven years before heading to the Southern California circuit in 1996.
- Family: Single



### Patrick Gallagher

Born: November 15, 1956  
 Strabane, County Tyrone, Ireland  
 Resides: Sierra Madre, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	211	22	30	35	\$1,373,480

- Most recent big horse in the Irishman’s stable was the nifty stretch-running filly Magical Fantasy, who upset the Del Mar Oaks in 2008 and then won a quartet of stakes in 2009, including three Grade Is – the Gamely at Hollywood, the John C. Mabee at Del Mar and the Yellow Ribbon at Santa Anita. English-bred daughter of Diesis closed out her career with a close fifth-place finish in the Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf to push her bankroll past the \$1-million mark, then was sold at a mixed sale that November in Kentucky to Japanese interests for \$1.8 million.
- Extended streak of at least one Del Mar stakes victory a summer to three when Princess Taylor won the 2010 CTT and TOC Handicap. Won 2009 San Clemente Handicap with Starlarks, a winner of more than a quarter million dollars in purses. Trainer has captured nine stakes all told at the seaside oval.
- Had some luck in 2008 with Yankee Bravo, a stakes winner who was considered for the Kentucky Derby, but instead ran in the Preakness and went unplaced.
- Yankee Bravo’s Preakness try was conditioner’s second foray onto the Triple Crown trail, having finished 10th in the 2003 Kentucky Derby with Domestic Dispute. Horse was bought the week before the Derby by Gallagher clients and, while he didn’t do well in the Derby, he came back as a 4-year-old to win Strub Stakes.
- Trainer had his best season for purses in 2007, banking more than \$3.1-million led by stakes winners Valbenny, Huckling Hot, Leesider and Singalong.
- Among his other major winners: Walkslikeaduck, winner of Grade II Del Mar Derby in 2000; McCann’s Mojave, 2005 Cal Cup Classic; Tucked Away, Grade II Clement L. Hirsch Handicap in 2005; Three Degrees, Grade II Honeymoon in 2005; Adminniestrator, Sunshine Millions Turf in 2003; Swiss Diva, Special Heather, Needwood Blade, Ring of Friendship and Gobi Dan.
- Involved in racing most of his life; competed as an amateur rider in Ireland and had ridden jumpers in his youth.
- Worked at The Curragh for trainer Paddy Norris for several years and then worked for another trainer, Andy Geraghty, for a few seasons before coming to the United States in 1980.
- On the staff at Earl Scheib’s Green Thumb Farm in Southern California for a short time before returning briefly to Ireland. Soon returned to the U.S. and served as assistant to fellow Irishman John Sullivan from 1981 to 1990, at which time he joined legendary Bill Shoemaker as his assistant.
- Took over Shoemaker string in fall 1997 when “The Shoe” retired. While with Shoemaker, helped in training of stakes winners Diazo, Fire the Groom, Glen Kate and Fine ‘n Majestic.
- Family: Wife Sabine.



### Mike Harrington

Born: April 5, 1941  
 Bend, Oregon  
 Resides: Westchester, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	198	9	27	25	\$690,204

- Ended seven-year stakes absence from Del Mar winner’s circle with victories by Swiss Wildcat in CTBA and Hi Ho Yodeler in Generous Portion in 2010, raising career total to five. Swiss Wildcat later went on to win the Cal Cup Juvenile Fillies at Oak Tree meeting at Hollywood Park.
- Has built reputation for developing 2-year-old runners. Leading the way in that category was Swiss Yodeler, who won Del Mar’s Grade II Best Pal Stakes in 1996 before finishing third to eventual 1997 Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm in the Grade II Del Mar Futurity.
- That same year, Swiss Yodeler won Grade I Hollywood Futurity, Hollywood Juvenile Championship and Westchester Stakes. Futurity win gave trainer first Grade I victory. Swiss Yodeler had stood at stud until this year at Pepper Oaks Farm in Santa Ynez, where he has been one of California’s leading sires over the past decade. Sire of champion sprinter Thor’s Echo now holds court at Harris Farms in Coalinga.
- Buck Trout made some history for the trainer when he became the first maiden winner of the Grade I Norfolk Stakes in 1998.
- Other stakes winners: Sharper Too, Dave the Dude, Artica, Yolo Lady, Oberwald, Kleofus, Angel Gift, My Honey Bunny, Alpenfest, Wild Uncle Kurt and Seattle Ruler.
- Enjoyed best year in 2006 by saddling 43 winners and posting \$1.4 million in purses.
- Comes from racing family, following father, Jake, grandfather, Jacob Luther, and great-grandfather into industry. Began racing career by riding and training Quarter Horses at bush tracks as a teen-ager.
- Became licensed veterinarian and practiced at the tracks where he trained part time. Wife, Patricia, trained at the tracks where he was a veterinarian.
- Began training full time in 1993.
- Easy to spot anywhere on the racetrack – he’s the big guy in the white cowboy hat.
- Family: Wife Patricia; two sons, three daughters.



### Eoin Harty

Born: November 23, 1962  
 Dublin, Ireland  
 Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	207	36	24	27	\$1,812,919

- 2010 season highlighted by wins of Victor’s Cry in Citation Handicap and Shoemaker Mile at Hollywood Park and Illinois Derby victory by American Lion.
- Anthony’s Cross, a 2011 Kentucky Derby possibility after winning Robert Lewis Stakes, was disappointment in Santa Anita Derby and

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withdrawn from Kentucky Derby consideration in the week prior to the race.

- Had a lucrative start to his 2009 season when his double-tough gelding Well Armed ran away and hid by 14 lengths in the \$6-million Dubai Cup, a performance that earned owners WinStar Farms \$3.6 million. Son of Tiznow pushed his bankroll past the \$5.1-million mark after overcoming a broken hip among other injuries.
- Well Armed's big race and the exploits of both Colonel John and American Lion pushed Harty's purse total for 2009 above the \$5.2-million mark, his best season ever.
- Colonel John won Grade III Sham Stakes and Grade I Santa Anita Derby on his way to the 2008 Kentucky Derby, where he finished sixth to Big Brown in his first test on a dirt track. Came back to capture Saratoga's Travers in a thrilling finish that summer and completed the year with more than \$1.2-million in earnings. Managed a win and nearly \$300,000 in purses during his 4-year-old season in 2009, then was retired to stud for 2010 at WinStar in Kentucky with earnings of more than \$1.7 million.
- Trainer had his previous best year in 2008 when his runners banked more than \$3.8 million
- Worked as top assistant to trainers John Russell and Bob Baffert prior to going on his own as a private trainer for Godolphin Racing in 2000. He headed Sheikh Mohammed's "American Project" for Godolphin, in which the trainer prepared 2-year-olds in the U.S. and sent them to Dubai for their 3-year-old seasons with competition in the Triple Crown races as the goal.
- In second season as Godolphin Racing's U.S. trainer of 2-year-olds, sent out Tempera and Imperial Gesture to run 1-2 in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in 2002. Tempera was voted the Eclipse Award as the nation's top juvenile filly, but met a tragic ending in 2003 in Dubai when euthanized after falling victim to laminitis and colitis.
- Among his more precocious "project" graduates for Godolphin was Street Cry, winner of more than \$5 million in purses and sire of 2007 Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense, as well as distaff sensation Zenyatta.
- Trainer now operates a public stable, laced with several horses for Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stable. He won Saratoga's Sanford in 2008 with Desert Party, who subsequently was a stakes winner for his Godolphin connection in Dubai in 2009, showing enough promise to be entered in the Kentucky Derby. Son of Street Cry finished 14th in the race and was injured, but made a winning comeback in 2010.
- Harty's other stakes winners include: Dubai Escapade, Burmilla, Marietta, Shamoan, Essence of Dubai, Tizdubai, Lydgate, Zosima, Sunray Spirit and Ruler's Court, who demolished the 2003 Norfolk Stakes field in a 14-length victory in stakes record time of 1:41 1/5. A knee injury cut the colt's career short.
- Racing runs deep in his blood. Father, Eddie, was a rider who won the Grand National, participated in Olympic Games three-day events and now works as a bloodstock agent. Grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather were horse trainers in Ireland.
- Following a year working at the Irish National Stud, came to United States at 17 and launched his career.
- Eoin is pronounced "Owen."
- Family: Wife Kathleen; one son.



**Bruce Headley**

Born: February 14, 1934  
Baldwin Park, California

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	168	16	21	31	\$863,762

- Topping a long list of accomplishments for the "old school" trainer is the victory by one of his all-time favorite horses, Kona Gold, in the 2000 Breeders' Cup Sprint at Churchill Downs in stakes and track record time. That victory earned him the Eclipse Award as the nation's top sprinter. Gelding competed in the Sprint a record five times, posting a second, third, fourth and seventh to go along with his win.
- Kona Gold was retired in 2003 and served as a stable pony until taking up retirement at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY.
- As is his speciality, trainer turned up another sprinting ace in 2009 with the extra-quick Cal-bred M One Rifle. Gelding finished up his four-win year with a tally in the Grade I Malibu at Santa Anita and has remained competitive on the Southern California circuit through early 2011.
- 2010 stakes wins came with filly Free Flying Soul in Desert Stormer and Kalookan Queen handicaps, following four-win 2009 campaign which included a good third in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint.
- Had a good 2008 campaign with stable aces Street Boss and Surf Cat showing the way. The former, a sprint specialist, won six of nine starts, including Grade I tallies in the Triple Bend and Bing Crosby, for earnings of nearly \$800,000 and ran third in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Surf Cat finished up his extended career with nine wins – six in stakes – for more than \$1-million in purses. He went unplaced in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. Street Boss, a son of the Darley stallion Street Cry, was sold back to Darley at the end of the year and has taken up stud duty both in North America and Australia, while Surf Cat is standing at Old English Rancho in Sanger, east of Fresno.
- Headley has had six other starters on Breeders' Cup championship day, with Bertrando finishing second in the 1991 Juvenile, Fine Spirit, third in 1984 Juvenile Fillies, and Got Koko, third in 2003 Distaff, being the best finishes.
- Among his other stakes winners: Variety Road, who upset Broad Brush, Snow Chief and Ferdinand in 1987 San Fernando at Santa Anita; Kalookan Queen, Silveyville, Softshoe Sure Shot, Son of a Pistol, Stylish Winner, Lakota Brave, Royally Chosen, Rhythm Mad, Arson Squad and Magnificience.
- Prior to his drop back in 2010, trainer had won at least \$1 million in purses for 12 straight years, with 2002 supplying the high-water mark of \$2,273,578.
- Headley was introduced to racing at age 6 by an uncle, a trainer.
- Went to Suzy Q Ranch in La Puente – where he roomed with an aspiring jockey named Bill Shoemaker in 1948 – and was an exercise rider from 1949-59.
- Encouraged by trainer Frank Childs to buy a horse and Childs provided him his first one, a filly named Thorium.
- Took out his trainer's license in 1959.
- Prides himself as being "developing" trainer, taking young horses through all the steps from bridle to saddle to being ridden.
- Family: Wife Aase; one daughter, Karen, and one son, Gus, both of whom either train on their own or aid their father.

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**Dan Hendricks**

Born: December 5, 1958  
Los Angeles, California

Resides: Glendora, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	111	19	18	17	\$886,012

- Grade I victory in Oak Leaf Stakes by Rigoletta was highlight of 2010 season.
- Hit career high point in 2006 when trainee Brother Derek finished in a dead heat for fourth with eventual Belmont Stakes winner Jazil in the Kentucky Derby and came back two weeks later to finish fourth in the Preakness Stakes. Brother Derek had a resume up to Derby time that included victories as a 2-year-old in the Norfolk Stakes and Hollywood Futurity and as a 3-year-old in the Santa Anita Derby, San Rafael Stakes and the Santa Catalina. He completed his career with six wins and more than \$1.6-million in purses and became a stallion at Airdrie Stud in Kentucky in 2009.
- Had a nice run with the Irish-bred gelding Daytona, a grass specialist who won seven races for him, six of them stakes, including the Grade I Hollywood Derby in 2007 and the Grade I Shoemaker Mile in 2008. Chestnut finished up just shy of being a millionaire.
- First stakes victory: 1987 Fleet Treat Stakes at Del Mar with Toulange. First Grade I stakes win came with Private Persuasion in 1995 Vanity Handicap at Hollywood Park
- During stretch from 1999-2001, hung up six stakes victories with Martin and Pam Wygod’s homebred fillies Smooth Player and Feverish.
- Other major winners: Stylish Star, winner of the 1989 Del Mar Oaks; Gray Slewp, who for a long time held the record for 5 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita (1:02); multiple stakes winner Reba’s Gold, Fortifier, Runaway Dancer, Cozy Guy, Bountiful Native, Blushing Heiress, Jacodra’s Devil and Don’tsellmeshort.
- Followed father Lee and uncle Byron – twins – into training.
- First job at track was with trainer Willard Proctor.
- Spent nine years as an assistant with Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella before opening his own stable in 1987.
- Suffered paralysis from waist down as a result of motocross accident in 2004 and assistant Francisco Alvarado trained while he was recovering. Returned to barn and a regular schedule six weeks after the mishap and is there each morning in his wheelchair. With a bit of aid, trainer still gets up on a pony on occasion to oversee his runners.
- Family: Three sons.



**Robert Hess, Jr.**

Born: July 9, 1965  
Chula Vista, California

Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	280	36	58	31	\$1,019,543

- Splits his efforts between strings in the east and the west, racing in Kentucky, Florida and California, among other places.
- Has always been active at the claim box, but in addition has trained

- such standout stakes winners as River Special, Slerp, Wekiva Springs and Guide.
- Del Mar has been a particularly friendly track to the trainer, providing him with his first winner (Parlapiano, July 31, 1987), his first training title (1991) and first graded stakes victory (River Special in 1992 Del Mar Futurity).
- Overall, has won two Del Mar training titles and two at Hollywood Park.
- Among other stakes winners: D’wildcat, Blueprint, Forty On Line, Known Heights, River Keen, The Tender Track, Courageous Pirate, Spring Meadow, Penny Marie, Chandtrue, Private World and Chinese Dragon.
- Second-generation horseman, following father, who had trained at Caliente until the track burned in 1970, at which time he moved his operation to Northern California where he continues to condition runners.
- The younger Hess played baseball at Stanford before graduating with a degree in economics.
- Became father’s assistant in 1983 and began training on his own in 1987.
- Family: Wife Amy; two sons.



**David Hofmans**

Born: January 27, 1943  
Los Angeles, California

Resides: South Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	168	20	24	21	\$1,332,407

- Stakes victories in Best Pal and Del Mar Futurity by J P’s Gusto, top juvenile of 2010 meeting, increased trainer’s Del Mar total to 26 black-type events, tied with Mel Stute for 11th all-time at the track.
- J P’s Gusto was transferred to other trainers early in 2011 for 3-year-old campaigns in Midwest and East.
- Put yet another feather in his training cap when his Desert Code came running to surprise in the first Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita in 2008.
- The Desert Code tally at a \$75 win price was a reminder that the trainer can be a surprising force in a big race: Note his \$41.70 payoff for Alphabet Soup when he outdid Cigar, among others, in the Breeders’ Cup Classic in 1996, and Adoration’s \$85.40 upset of the 2003 Breeders’ Cup Distaff.
- He also put the finishing touches on Touch Gold’s denial of the Triple Crown to Silver Charm in the 1997 Belmont Stakes.
- Has five million-dollar wins to his credit – the three Breeders’ Cup races mentioned and the 1997 Haskell at Monmouth Park with Touch Gold and Woodbine’s 1994 Molson Million with Dramatic Gold.
- Among his Grade I triumphs are 2005 Bing Crosby with Greg’s Gold, 2000 Del Mar Debutante with Cindy’s Hero, the 2007 Santa Margarita with Balance and the same race in 2004 with Adoration, the 2001 Blue Grass Stakes with Millennium Wind, the 2001 Hollywood Futurity with Siphonic and the 1995 Acorn with Cat’s Cradle.
- Involved in a pair of historic moments for Hall of Fame jockeys Laffit Pincay, Jr. and Chris McCarron. When Pincay won the 1992 Palos Verdes Handicap aboard Hofmans trainee Individualist it sent him past Bill Shoemaker to become Santa Anita’s all-time win leader, and McCarron’s victory on the Hofmans-trained Andestine in

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- the 1994 Milady Handicap was the 6,000th win of his career.
- Included in 26 stakes wins at Del Mar: Del Mar Breeders' Cup Handicap twice, with Alphabet Soup in 1995 and Dramatic Gold in '96; Pat O'Brien twice, with Alphabet Soup in '96 and Greg's Gold in 2007; the '96 Palomar with Yearly Tour, and the '97 San Diego with Northern Afleet.
- Other top runners: Starrer, Fighting Falcon, Follow The Money, French Legionnaire, River Flyer and Awesome Again.
- Registered first victory as a trainer in 1974 with Nu Kali at Santa Anita.
- Was introduced to racing by his father, who was an avid fan, and to the backstretch by former trainer Gary Jones, a classmate at Pasadena City College.
- Son Grant was a trainer; then the farm manager for Jenny Craig at her Rancho Paseana training center in Rancho Santa Fe.
- Family: Two daughters, one son.



**Jerry Hollendorfer**



Born: June 18, 1946  
Akron, Ohio

Resides: Belmont and Point Richmond,  
California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	1,126	286	210	170	\$9,307,328

- Will receive overdue induction into racing Hall of Fame on August 12 at Saratoga, NY, as only human inductee in Class of 2011 that includes female runners Open Mind, Safely Kept and Sky Beauty.
- Outstanding 2010 season included 28 stakes victories, among them four Grade Is - the Alabama, Kentucky Oaks and Las Virgenes by 3-year-old filly champion Blind Luck and the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile by Dakota Phone. Over \$9.3 million in earnings made it his best year ever for purses in over three decades as trainer. At close of 2010 ranked fourth all-time for career wins (5,845) and eighth in money earnings (over \$118 million).
- Had third straight two-stakes win Del Mar meeting in 2010 capturing the Osunitas with Lilly Fa Pootz and San Diego Handicap with Dakota Phone.
- Veteran conditioner, as hard a worker as there is in the game, just keeps firing bullets: In 2007 he won 243 races with purses worth more than \$7.2 million; in 2008 he won 282 races worth more than \$8.6 million, and in 2009 he rang up 273 firsts carrying purse monies of more than \$7.3 million. He now has won at least 200-plus races a total of 17 times, including the last 14 years in a row.
- In 2009 he unveiled sparkling 2-year-old filly Blind Luck, who won or placed in four Grade I stakes, including a close third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Her tip-top 2010 season won her another championship and the double-tough filly continues to roll right into 2011.
- Also won 2009 stakes with Tuscan Evening, Rendezvous, Chocolate Candy, U R All That I Am and You Lift Me Up. Tuscan Evening won six consecutive graded races on turf before dying tragically of an apparent heart attack in 2010 while training at Del Mar for a start in the Beverly D. Stakes at Arlington Park.
- Trained two of the best horses in the country during 2008 in Heatseeker (who won the Californian and \$1-million Santa Anita Handicap) and Hystericalady (first in the Fleur de Lis and the \$1-million Delaware Handicap).

- He and his chief client, George Todaro, led California owners in 2008 for most wins (117) and most earnings (\$2,247,487).
- Once primarily a claiming trainer who raced almost exclusively in Northern California, he's taken the stable up several notches over the last decade with more stakes horses on board and applied his emphasis in other venues, including being leading trainer at Arlington Park near Chicago in 2001 and a serious, year-round presence in Southern California.
- Among his long list of major accomplishments on the racetrack is a trio of victories in the Kentucky Oaks, considered the Kentucky Derby for fillies. Winners were Lite Light in 1991, Pike Place Dancer in 1996 and Blind Luck in 2010.
- Hasn't had the same sort of luck on Kentucky Derby day. Has taken two major players – Event of the Year and Globalize – to the classic only to have injuries sideline them. Event of the Year, who was the likely favorite for the 1998 running, suffered a slab fracture in a knee while training at Churchill Downs and Globalize (2000) was injured when kicked by a lead pony also during training at the Louisville oval. Nonetheless, he has started four horses in the race – Eye of the Tiger in 2003 (5th), Cause to Believe in 2006 (13th), Bwana Bull in 2007 (15th) and Chocolate Candy in 2009 (5th).
- Another major winner and the one who first turned the spotlight on the trainer was King Glorious, who took Hollendorfer back to his native Ohio to capture the Ohio Derby in 1989. He also won the Hollywood Futurity in 1988 and the Haskell Invitational in '89, giving the trainer his first \$1-million earner.
- Also drawing attention to the trainer was Novel Sprite, who was claimed for \$16,000 and ran up purse money of \$400,000.
- The King of Northern California had captured every Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields training title since 1986 – that was 36 straight at Bay Meadows and 32 straight at Golden Gate – until Bill Morey nipped him at the spring Golden Gate meeting in 2008. Hollendorfer bounced right back, of course, winning every Northern California meet since.
- Career high in victories came in 2004 when he saddled 308 winners.
- Since 1986, stable hasn't won fewer than 117 races or earned less than \$1 million.
- Other major stakes winners over the years: Somethinaboutlaura, Traces of Gold, Trickey Trevor, Mula Gula, River Flyer, Variety Road and Misty Ocean.
- Fourth all-time among winning trainers with nearly 6,000 firsts, putting him behind only the late Dale Baird, Jack Van Berg and King Leatherbury.
- Notched 5,000th career victory with Political High on December 22, 2007 in the final race on closing day at Hollywood Park's autumn meet.
- Came to California in late 1960s to visit friends and never left.
- Began working as a groom at Bay Meadows in 1969 and worked in various capacities with trainers Jerry Dutton and Jerry Fanning until he took out his trainer's license in 1979.
- Family: Wife Janet.



**Eduardo Inda**

Born: January 3, 1943  
Santiago, Chile

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	14	1	0	0	\$19,920

- Born to the profession, from a family of trainers at tracks in and around his birthplace of Santiago, Chile; began working at the track as a pre-teenager.
- Came to the United States in 1961 at 18 with two horses bought by California owner-breeder and track executive Clement L. Hirsch. Was employed for 10 years by trainer Warren Stute; later was assistant to trainer Ron McAnally for 20 years when the barn developed champions John Henry, Bayakoa and Paseana.
- On his own since 1995, as private trainer for 505 Farms and then with a public stable
- Developed Riboletta into Eclipse Award-winning older mare in 2000.
- Trained grass marathoner T.H. Approval to win consecutive runnings of the San Juan Capistrano 2005-6. Horse completed an unprecedented sweep of Southern California's turf marathons when he also won Hollywood Park's Sunset Handicap and the Del Mar Handicap in '06.
- Other stakes-winners conditioned include Borodislew, India Divina, Toga Toga Toga, Forest Camp, Georgia's Storm, Tamara Princess, Music's Storm, T.H. Grace and Irish Minstrel.
- Became a citizen of the U.S. in 1995.
- Family: Wife Monica; three daughters



**Marty Jones**

Born: October 17, 1971  
Arcadia, California

Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	194	41	39	29	\$1,802,869

- Had best marks of 15-year career with 41 firsts and earnings of over \$1.8-million in 2010 keyed by multiple-stakes winners Unzip Me and Compari. Unzip Me started 2011 with two wins in three starts to boost earnings over the \$700,000 level, while Compari can boast six wins in 11 career starts and earnings of over \$400,000.
- Steady conditioner has put together a string of seven straight years with \$1-million-plus in earnings, winning more than 30 stakes during that span.
- Third generation horseman – grandfather Farrell is Del Mar's all-time leader for titles won with 11, and father Gary enjoyed an outstanding career, conditioning many top stakes horses, including Best Pal, winner of the inaugural Pacific Classic in 1991.
- Upon his father's retirement in 1996, after serving as his assistant, he opened his own stable and won his first race May 13 of that year at Hollywood Park with his dad's Made of Jade.
- His first stakes winner was Gastronomical in the '96 Hidden Light Stakes. He garnered his first Grade I success with Auriette in the '96 Gamely Handicap.

- Won the Grade I Triple Bend Handicap in 2007 with Bilo, who also took the Cal Cup Sprint at Oak Tree.
- Among his other successes are Alphabet Kisses, who continued a family tradition by winning the 2005 A Glean Handicap, a race grandfather Farrell won in 1965 with Kea and father Gary won in '93 with Bold Windy; Hugh Hefner, El Don, High Standards, Sharekann, Debutant Trick and Lucky Primo.
- Family: Single.



**Steve Knapp**

Born: December 18, 1956  
Los Angeles, California

Resides: Chino Hills, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	238	16	18	30	\$658,760

- Been training on his own since 2000 after working for Bob Hess, Jr. for nine months. First winner was 50-1 longshot Dozey Doats on April 21, 2000 at Santa Anita.
- Successful claims include Icantgoforthat, for \$50,000 who subsequently earned \$500,000 and won several stakes; The Candy Queen, for \$20,000 who earned \$160,000, and Secret Caper, for \$12,500 before ringing up \$100,000.
- Won first training title at Oak Tree in 2005, saddling 16 winners, including Brite Maneuvers, a \$40,000 claim, in the Cal Cup Juvenile Stakes.
- Best year so far was 2005 when his horses earned \$2.1 million.
- Started in game by working for trainer Bob Hess, Jr. in 1999. Less than a year later he hung out his own shingle.
- Sold a uniform company he co-owned with his father for 15 years to enter Thoroughbred racing.
- Family: Wife Cori; two sons, one daughter.



**Brian Koriner**

Born: October 21, 1966  
Montebello, California

Resides: Monrovia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	189	25	35	26	\$1,109,185

- Scored his highest-profile victory in 2009 when his rapid Cal-bred bullet California Flag went wire-to-wire in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, zipping down the Santa Anita hillside just a tick off the course record to tally by almost two. Gray gelding had run 10th in same race the year before. Winner of 2008 and 2009 runnings of Santa Anita's Morvich Handicap made it back-to-back victories in Del Mar's Green Flash with 2010 score. Now 7-year-old grass ace being pointed toward more battles in 2011 in an attempt to add to his \$1.1-million bankroll.
- Trainer also notched a 2010 Del Mar stakes win with Sweet August Moon in the Rancho Bernardo Handicap. Mare was retired earlier this year after winning seven races and nearly \$500,000 in purses.
- Earned the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association's award as "Trainer of the Year" in 2009 and California Flag shared the CTBA's

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“Horse of the Year” honors with Breeders’ Cup Sprint winner Dancing in Silks.

- Had his best earnings year in 2008 when his stable won more than \$2-million for the first time and he started firing graded stakes bullets, including the fast horse Black Seventeen in Belmont’s Grade I Vosburgh Handicap. That was the initial Grade I tally for the conditioner.
- Seems to have a special touch with sprinters, which may tie into his Quarter Horse roots. Besides Black Seventeen and California Flag, also has been a stakes force with Sweet August Moon, Barbecue Eddie and Northern Soldier.
- His path from Quarter Horses to Thoroughbreds started with good success at Los Alamitos for approximately 10 years prior to shifting to Thoroughbreds in 1997. Made the change first in Northern California, then came south in 2005.
- Other top runners have included Hoovergetthekeys, winner of the El Camino Real and Golden Gate Derbies before being knocked off the Kentucky Derby trail by an ankle injury in 2001; Courts in Session, Excessive Theresa, Stormin Lyon, Onebadkitty and Railroad.
- Grew up in Diamond Bar and was introduced to racing by his father, Ed.
- Was good enough high school pitcher to be offered college scholarships, but chose the racetrack instead and started out galloping horses.
- Family: Single.



**J. Eric Kruljac**

Born: February 25, 1953  
San Jose, California

Resides: Arcadia and Del Mar, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	124	22	16	18	\$767,127

- The J. stands for Joseph, his father’s father’s first name. But he’s always been Eric.
- Grew up on a ranch in Northern California between Carmel and Salinas, where his mother’s father, Walter Markham, raised cattle and bred Thoroughbreds. Markham’s trainer was the Hall of Famer Buster Millerick and young Kruljac loved hanging around his barn as a teenager, soaking it in and learning all he could.
- His father’s produce business had the family in Phoenix in the winters and Eric turned out to be a pretty fair high school middle linebacker, good enough to land a full ride scholarship to Arizona State. But, alas, a broken ankle his sophomore year put an end to his pigskin days for the Sun Devils.
- After college he wound up in the private detective business and at the age of 22 started his own agency. Business was good and next thing he knew he was spending the profits doing something he really loved – buying and selling horses.
- For roughly the next 16 years he followed that path, having his brother Edward Kruljac train some of the horses he bought for him. But at the age of 38 he decided to bid the detective business goodbye and take on the Thoroughbreds full out – this time as his own trainer.
- Starting with a small stable, he would race out of Turf Paradise in Phoenix in the winters, then come to California for the rest of the year. That routine held true until 2008 when the last of his four children was off to college and he made the transition to being a full-time Californian.

- Currently has about 25 horses in training with another 10 in layup, as well as eight mares and their offspring at farms in California. More than half his runners are 2-year-olds, giving him hope of good things to come.
- Best horse he’s tutored so far has been Leave Me Alone, a California-bred filly who was a multiple-stakes winner of more than \$650,000, including Saratoga’s Grade I Test Stakes in 2005. After finishing her racing career in 2006, she was sold as a broodmare prospect at the Fasig-Tipton sale in Kentucky for \$1-million.
- Led by Leave Me Alone’s good season, 2005 turned out to be the trainer’s best year to date with 86 wins and more than \$1.6-million in purses.
- Ran into some tough luck this spring with two of the better runners in his barn, the stakes-winning filly La Nez and the stakes-placed colt Major Art, both sustaining racing injuries. “The bad news is that they suffered the injuries,” Kruljac noted. “The good news is they’ll both be 100% again in six to 10 months and back to racing.”
- Has won three stakes at Del Mar, including the 2010 Fleet Treat Stakes with La Nez.
- There’s a family feel to his barn: his daughter is his bookkeeper and one of his son’s has signed on to learn the business.
- Family: Three sons; one daughter.



**Mike Machowsky**

Born : September 19, 1965  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Resides: Monrovia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	93	18	17	15	\$885,386

- Mentored by Hall of Famer Richard Mandella for whom he worked alongside for 5 1/2 years as stable foreman and assistant trainer, going out on his own in 1989.
- Won first race on New Year’s Day, 1990, with Bidadip at Santa Anita.
- Gained the national spotlight in 2004 through the exploits of Southern Image, winner of the Malibu, Santa Anita Handicap, Sunshine Millions Classic and Pimlico Special. Winner of more than \$1.8 million stands at stud at Rancho San Miguel in California.
- Not surprisingly, 2004 was his best year for purses with more than \$2.5 million on his ledger.
- Had some fun starting in 2009 with homebred gelding Caracortado (“scarface” in Spanish), who reeled off five straight scores, including a pair of stakes wins, and was considered a serious player on the 2010 Kentucky Derby trail. Ran fourth in Santa Anita Derby, had to deal with a slight injury and didn’t make Run for the Roses. Went in the Preakness, however, where he could only finish seventh. Caracortado started 2011 with victory in the Sunshine Millions Turf and is expected to be a player on a national level before the year is done.
- Also conditions stakes horse Kelly Leak, a winner of more than three-quarters of a million dollars. Gelding made biggest portion of his bankroll when he won the 2009 Sunland Derby. Finishing fourth that day was Mine That Bird, who five weeks later went on to pull off a 50-1 shocker in the Kentucky Derby.
- Machowsky’s other stakes horses have included Shuffling Kid, September Secret, Geronimo, Cahill Connection, Dancing Rhythm, Fencelineneighbor, Candy Factory, Sensational Score, Sandra’s Rose and Bedlam Bertie.
- Family: Wife Dana; three daughters.



**Gary Mandella**

Born: February 14, 1972  
Redlands, California  
Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	92	13	12	8	\$480,938

- Son of Hall of Famer Richard Mandella worked for his father from 1995 to '99, left training to be an analyst on TVG, returned as his dad's chief assistant two years later and assembled his own stable beginning in 2002.
- Enjoyed his best year in 2005 thanks principally to Taste of Paradise, who gave the young trainer his first Grade I success in the Vosburgh Handicap. Then 7-year-old horse also won the Vernon O. Underwood Stakes and wound up the year an unlucky loser of the Breeders' Cup Sprint to Silver Train, who nosed him out and then survived a controversial claim of foul.
- Won his first race and first stakes when he sent out Big Shot to capture the Seabiscuit Claiming Stakes at Golden Gate Fields in 2002.
- Outstanding horses in the stable have included Japanese-bred Silent Name, Le Mans, Man Among Men, Albertus Maximus and Courtly Jazz.
- Family: Wife Lucinda; one son.



**Richard Mandella**

Born: November 5, 1950  
Altadena, California  
Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	203	42	36	27	\$2,646,061



- Inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 2001
- Finished 2010 with career totals of 1,865 victories and earnings of \$114,573,493; his purse totals are ninth-best all time among trainers.
- Del Mar Handicap victory by Champ Pegasus in 2010 was No. 48 at Del Mar for trainer, tied for fifth with D. Wayne Lukas all-time at the track. Champ Pegasus went on to also win the Clement L. Hirsch Turf Championship at the Oak Tree meeting, then finished a bang-up second in the Breeders' Cup Turf
- Began his apprenticeship in racing as an assistant to his blacksmith father in Beaumont, California. Worked at Three Rings Ranch for three years and at trainer Farrell Jones' ranch for one year, then was an assistant for 18 months to V.J. (Lefty) Nickerson in New York. Next became a private trainer for Roger Braugh in '74 prior to striking out on his own in '76 with a public stable.
- First of numerous major stakes winners to follow was Bad N Big, 1977 champion Cal-bred 3-year-old and 1978 older horse.
- Numerous accomplishments include 17 million-dollar wins, six of them in the Breeders' Cup. Amazingly, four of those BC wins were on the same day in 2003 at Santa Anita – Action This Day in the Juvenile, Halfbridled in the Juvenile Fillies, Johar, a deadheat in the Turf, and Pleasantly Perfect in the Classic. The feat is considered by many to be one of the most outstanding achievements by a trainer in

- racing history.
- Year after his Breeders' Cup triumph, trainer brought Pleasantly Perfect back to win a trio of stakes, including \$6-million Dubai World Cup and Pacific Classic. Horse retired with earnings of \$7,789,880, seventh-best all time, and now stands at Lane's End Farm in Kentucky.
- Grade I stakes successes, not including the Breeders' Cup, include many of the sport's greatest races – Arlington Million, Dubai World Cup, Haskell Invitational, Hollywood Gold Cup (twice), Santa Anita Handicap (three times) and Del Mar's Pacific Classic (also three times).
- Engineered one of the game's most memorable upsets when Dare And Go at 40-1 ruined Cigar's bid for a 17th consecutive victory in the 1996 Pacific Classic.
- A list of his trainees reads like a Who's Who of outstanding Thoroughbreds for the last three decades: His Eclipse Award champions have been Kotashaan, Phone Chatter, Halfbridled and Action This Day but the list also includes Phone Trick, Siphon, Sandpit, Gentlemen, Rock Hard Ten, Best Pal, Memo, Reluctant Guest, Dixie Chatter, Dixie Union, Soul of the Matter, Afternoon Deelites, Arcangues, Event of the Year, El Roblar, The Tin Man and Redattore.
- Registered a pair of nifty training feats when his charges Beautiful Melody and Reluctant Guest dead-heated for the win in the Grade I Beverly Hills 'Cap in 1990, then finished 1, 2, 3 in 1997 Santa Anita Handicap with Siphon, Sandpit and Gentlemen.
- Has won five training titles on the Southern California circuit, including Del Mar's in a tie in 1990.
- Proteges include his son, Gary; Dan Hendricks, Mike Machowsky and Beau Greely.
- Played an historical role in Laffit Pincay, Jr.'s quest to be the sport's winningest jockey when he gave the Panamanian a leg up for record-setting career victory No. 8,834 aboard Irish Nip at Hollywood Park Dec. 10, 1999.
- He's a committed horseman who has spent many hours serving on various panels and boards dedicated to improving racing surfaces, medication, necropsy and the improvement of backstretch housing. He also has been a member of the board of directors of the Oak Tree Racing Association since 2006.
- Family: Wife Randi; one son, one daughter.



**Ron McAnally**

Born: July 11, 1932  
Covington,  
Kentucky

Resides: Tarzana, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	60	9	4	6	\$818,359



- Inducted into Thoroughbred racing's Hall of Fame in 1990.
- Del Mar's all-time winningest conditioner, with 434 wins in 51 seasons.
- Finished 2010 with lifetime records of 2,543 wins for earnings of \$121,254,795; his purse totals are seventh-best of all time among conditioners.
- Career accomplishments include three Eclipse Awards as nation's top trainer, 1981-91-92; five national champions – Bayakoa, John Henry, Northern Spur, Paseana and Tight Spot – accounting for 12 titles; 10 training titles on the Southern California circuit, including a pair at

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Del Mar in 1980 and 1989; nine million-dollar victories, including four Breeders' Cup races, the Arlington Million three times, Santa Anita Handicap, Hollywood Gold Cup and Pacific Classic.

- John Henry was his equine masterpiece, winning Horse of the Year honors twice – in 1981 and 1984 – as well as champion grass horse 1980-81-83-84. His epic triumphs included the inaugural Arlington Million in 1981 when he nosed out The Bart and a second success in the race at the age of 9 in 1984.
- John Henry came to McAnally late in his 4-year-old year and proceeded to win 27 of 45 subsequent starts, including 18 stakes in Southern California, a dozen at Santa Anita, including two victories in the Santa Anita Handicap, and six at Hollywood Park. The gelding retired at age 9 in 1984 as the sport's leading money winner with earnings of \$6,597,947. He lived out his retirement at the Kentucky Horse Park near Lexington, passing away at age 32 October 8, 2007.
- Trainer scored his most important Del Mar victory in 2003 when Candy Ride won the Pacific Classic under Julie Krone, one of his 73 stakes wins at the seaside track, third behind Bob Baffert and Charlie Whittingham.
- Raised in an orphanage in Northern Kentucky with two younger brothers and two sisters, was given his start at Rockingham Park by his uncle, Reggie Cornell, who later trained the come-from-behind legend Silky Sullivan; won his first race in 1958.
- Other top horses have included Donut King, Olympio, Sea Cadet, Super Moment, Different, Mr Purple, Festin, Hawkster, Queens Court Queen, Tout Charmant, House of Fortune, Sweet Return and Mea Domina.
- Family: Wife Debbie; three daughters.



**Peter Miller**

Born: October 2, 1966  
Los Angeles, California

Resides: Carlsbad, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	276	54	40	36	\$1,718,963

- Hard-working trainer has strung together five good years in a row, winning more than \$1-million in purses between 2006-2010. Best was 2010 with 54 wins and over \$1.7 million in earnings. Development of 2-year-old Comma to the Top in fall climaxed with sweep of Real Quiet, Generous - on turf - and CashCall Futurity en route to Hollywood Park autumn Horse of the Meeting honors.
- After expressing early reluctance to go, Miller made Comma to the Top his first Kentucky Derby starter, an unlucky move that resulted in a last-place finish because of an ankle injury that is likely to result in several months on the sideline. Soph goes to the bench with more than three-quarters of a million already in the bank, however.
- Trainer appears to have another live juvenile this year in the undefeated colt Majestic City. Speedballing son of City Zip being pointed toward 2-year-old sprint stakes on the Southern California circuit with an end goal of the new juvenile sprint just installed by the Breeders' Cup crew.
- Highlights of '07 included his first Grade I success as Set Play won the Del Mar Debutante. Also won two stakes with Whatever Whenever, including the Hollywood Juvenile Championship.
- Scored three straight victories in 2006-07 with Fast Parade, including trainer's richest win, in the \$500,000 Nearctic at Woodbine near Toronto, Canada. Fast Parade also won the 2006 Baldwin

- Stakes, giving conditioner his first triumph in a \$100,000 event.
- Had success with sprinter Backbackbackgone, a multiple-stakes winner who won five of his first eight starts and more than \$200,000.
- First winner was Dynashield on April 25, 1988 at Santa Anita.
- Wanted to be a jockey, but was advised he'd grow too big. Instead he worked as a groom during the summers in high school, then served apprenticeship under trainer Charlie Whittingham, for whom he went to work as a full-time groom after graduating from school. Also worked in the barns of Mike Mitchell and Don Warren.
- His stable is based at San Luis Rey Downs near Bonsall.
- Family: Wife Lani.



**Mike Mitchell**

Born: April 25, 1948  
Bakersfield, California

Resides: Redondo Beach, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	375	92	71	47	\$3,051,794

- Was firing on all cylinders in 2008 with a personal-best mark of more than \$4.5-million in purses. That run included a Grade I stakes tally by Monzante (in Del Mar's Eddie Read) and four graded stakes wins by horses he'd claimed – Big Booster, Ever a Friend, Church Service and On the Acorn.
- Other former claimers whom he developed into major stakes winners are Star Over The Bay and Leprechaun Kid, winners of the Del Mar Handicap in successive years, 2004-05; Kessem Power, Sun Boat, Testimony, Symphony Sid and Tap It Light.
- Appears he might have haltered another live one this year in Camp Victory, a \$40,000 snag who was nipped a nose in a graded stakes on the grass at Santa Anita, then finished second but was moved up to first in the Los Angeles Handicap at Hollywood. Four-year-old gelding looks like a serious sprint factor for the rest of the season in Southern California.
- Also currently conditioning first-rate mare St Trinians, British-bred and raced, but now a stateside stakes winner who gave the mighty Zenyatta one of her toughest tussles in the 2010 Vanity Handicap at Hollywood Park before settling for second place in the Grade I, a half-length back. Six-year-old has five wins, including a trio of stakes, since coming stateside and is a solid fit with the best female runners on the west coast.
- Kela was his first Grade I winner, taking the 2004 Bing Crosby Handicap after previously winning the Texas Mile and later capturing the Pat O'Brien Handicap at Del Mar. Kela wound up the year with a runner-up effort to Speightstown in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Romance Is Diane provided him with a second Grade I success by winning the Hollywood Starlet in 2006.
- Won a best-ever 98 races in 2009 and more than \$3.3 million in purses. Won a trio of stakes with Grazen and other added-money events with Delta Storm, Kays and Jays and Z Humor.
- Other outstanding horses he has trained include Speedratic, Skip to the Stone, Spring Awakening, Texcess, Distant Ryder, Sindy With an S, Semillon, Johnny's Image and Naninja.
- Six-time training champion at Del Mar and ranks second only to Ron McAnally's 434 firsts for career winners with 429 of his own in 34 summers at the seashore. More than likely to become the seaside track's top winning conditioner in 2011.
- Has won a dozen other Southern California training crowns,

including his first at Fairplex in 2008.

- Son of trainer Earl Mitchell, he walked hots for Farrell Jones and groomed for Willard Proctor, whom he considered his mentor.
- Family: Wife Denise; two daughters



**Kristin Mulhall**

Born: July 27, 1982  
Pasadena, California

Resides: Monrovia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	131	25	22	16	\$744,261

- At 21, could have been youngest trainer – and first female – to win the Kentucky Derby in 2004 when her first Derby runner, Imperialism, was third to Smarty Jones. Colt came back to be fifth in the Preakness. As a 4-year-old, Imperialism won the Pat O’Brien Handicap and finished his career with six wins and just under \$900,000 in earnings. He currently stands at stud in Florida.
- Father, Richard, was a longtime trainer in Southern California; also racing manager and president of the late Ahmed bin Salman’s The Thoroughbred Corp.
- Kristin possesses extensive background with horses, including a career in the show ring and as a jump rider. Qualified to become a member of Young Riders, prelude to a possible spot on the U.S. Olympic equestrian team. However, an arm injury and subsequent complications ended that quest.
- While recovering from her arm injury, galloped horses for trainer John Shirreffs at Del Mar. In June 2002, passed the trainer’s test. First winner was Atarama that summer over the Del Mar turf.
- Gallops many of her horses in the morning.
- Stakes-winners include Tronare, Statement, Alyzig, Sentimental Value, Puerto Banus, Mister Acpen, Californian, Cheiron, Running Free, King of L.A. and Sky Cape.
- Family: Single.



**Jeff Mullins**

Born: March 27, 1963  
Murray, Utah

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	228	40	38	30	\$1,234,949

- Came up on the highest of highs, but was hit with the lowest of lows at the 2009 Kentucky Derby when the colt he brought to it – I Want Revenge – tumbled from the morning line favorite to a day-of-the-race scratch because of a leg injury apparently suffered in the days leading up to the American classic. The near-black son of Stephen Got Even had impressively won the Gotham and Wood Memorial and it appeared the trainer – in his fifth try at the Run for the Roses – had the real deal on his hands. But fate pulled the rug out from under him.
- Had another so high, so low in 2009 with the double-quick filly

Carlsbad. Arizona-bred won a trio of graded stakes for trainer, including a track-record performance (1:14.93 for 6 1/2 furlongs) in the Rancho Bernardo Handicap at Del Mar. Alas, the filly suffered a fatal breakdown while training at Santa Anita later that year.

- Battle of Hastings, an English import, had an exceptional campaign for Mullins in 2009, finishing first or second in eight of nine starts and banking more than \$1 million in the process. Among his efforts, grass-loving, good-shipping gelding won the Baldwin Stakes at Santa Anita and the Virginia Derby at Colonial Downs, and was just beaten in the American Turf at Churchill Downs and the Del Mar Derby at Del Mar.
- Won graded stakes in 2008 with Sweeter Still, Boule d’Or and Final Fling.
- Trainer has been around horses his whole life; started galloping when he was 8 years old and rode in races at bush tracks in the Utah region. At 17, ran horses at Les Bois Park in Boise, Idaho, under his father’s name, since he didn’t have a license. First winner was Doctorius in 1980 ridden by future Hall of Famer Gary Stevens.
- Arrived on the Southern California circuit on a full-time basis in 2001 after competing in Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Ohio and Arizona. Has won 11 training titles on the SoCal circuit, including Del Mar in 2005 when he shaded perennial champion Bob Baffert, 23-22, on closing day.
- Became the first trainer to win the Santa Anita Derby three consecutive times – Buddy Gil in 2003, his first Grade I winner; Castledale in ’04, and Buzzards Bay in ’05, all longshots. All three ran in the Kentucky Derby - Buddy Gil, 6th; Castledale 14th, and Buzzards Bay 5th. His other Derby starter was his first, Lusty Latin, who finished 15th in 2002.
- Saddled his 1,000th winner January 5, 2007 in Lady Le Belle at Santa Anita.
- Won the Grade I Del Mar Debutante in 2005 with Wild Fit, the same year he was Del Mar’s training champ.
- His notable horses would include Choctaw Nation, claimed for \$40,000 and upsetter of 2004 Dubai World Cup winner Pleasantly Perfect in the San Diego Handicap that year and victorious in the same race in 2005. Other top horses: Captain Squire, King Robyn, Excess Summer, Mighty Beau, L’Effaceur, Summer Wind Dancer and Brooke’s Halo.
- Family: One daughter, two sons.



**Doug O’Neill**

Born: May 24, 1968  
Dearborn, Michigan

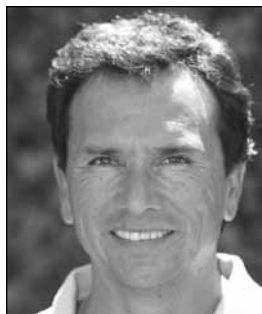
Resides: Santa Monica, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	980	185	150	111	\$5,457,873

- Claimed the fourth Del Mar training title of his career in 2010 with 31 wins, nine more than runner-up John Sadler. It was one of four such training championships on the Southern California circuit during the year to boost his career total to 27 in the category.
- Added two Del Mar stakes victory to his total in 2010, making it 17, with Wickedly Perfect in the Sorrento and Enriched in the Del Mar Mile. Has a seven-year streak of at least one stakes victory.
- Won nine stakes with eight different horses in 2010, including the Grade III Morvich Handicap at the Oak Tree at Hollywood meeting with the \$40,000 claim Quick Enough.

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- His 2010 purses of more than \$5.4 million ranked him 14th best in the country.
- Had another fine season in 2009, ranking among the nation's leaders for purses and wins by a trainer. Among his aces were stakes winners Informed, Acting Lady, Necessary Evil and Repo. Informed, a \$25,000 claim in 2008, won the Californian and San Diego in 2009 and finished up his career with more than \$500,000 in earnings.
- Won a half-dozen graded stakes in 2008, topped by Grade I tallies by Spring at Last in Gulfstream's Donn and Mistical Plan in Calder's Princess Rooney.
- It appeared that 2008 was the end of the magical run of Lava Man, the California-bred gelding who was claimed for \$50,000 at Del Mar in 2004 by O'Neill, then went on to win \$5,170,103 afterwards, a record in that regard. But the old boy was brought back for one more try in December 2009 and found wanting. His 47th start then officially became his last. Lava Man's exploits included three consecutive victories in the Hollywood Gold Cup, matching the feat of Native Diver; two wins in the Santa Anita Handicap, and a triumph in the Pacific Classic. In 2006, he became the first horse to sweep that trio of Grade I races in the same year. He is also the only horse to win Grade I races on dirt, turf and synthetic. The now 9-year-old Slew City Slew gelding ranks third behind Tiznow and Best Pal on the list of all-time leading California-bred money winners with total earnings of \$5,268,706.
- O'Neill ranked fourth nationally for earnings in 2007 with \$10,156,219 after being second only to Todd Pletcher in 2006 with his top purse haul of \$11,251,656.
- Trainer has developed three Eclipse Award champions – Thor's Echo, sprinter; Stevie Wonderboy, 2-year-old male, and Maryfield, female sprinter, all of whom won Breeders' Cup races.
- He has won nine races worth at least \$1 million, including the Japan Cup Dirt with Fleetstreetdancer in 2003 and the Godolphin Mile with Spring at Last in 2007.
- Scored his 1,000th victory when No Means Maybe won the Bustles and Bows Stakes at Fairplex September 13, 2007.
- Among his other top horses are Square Eddie, Sky Jack, Supah Blitz, Elvstroem, Sharp Lisa, Cambiocorsa, Super Freaky, Whatsthescript, Mistical Plan, Avanzado, Cobalt Blue, Notional, Great Hunter, Classy Cara, Shamdinan, Itty Bitty Pretty, Cee's Elegance and Whilly.
- Began working at racetrack after finishing high school. Was employed by trainers Jude Feld, Hector Palma, Richard Mandella and Doug Peterson. Took out trainer's license in 1994.
- His right-hand man around the stable is his brother, Dennis O'Neill, who also is a bloodstock agent.
- Family: Wife Linette; one son, one daughter.



**Marcelo Polanco**

Born: December 3, 1960  
Santiago, Chile

Resides: San Dimas, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	127	11	14	16	\$439,732

- Born into a training family in native Chile, including father, Vincent; grandfather, Pedro, who twice won the Chilean Triple Crown, and older brother, Pedro.
- Relocated to the United States in 1977 at age 16, working 10 years for Ron McAnally, whose chief assistant was his brother-in-law, Eduardo Inda. Also was employed by Julio Canani and Bobby Frankel before opening a public stable in 1993.
- Desert Digger was his first stakes winner, taking the '96 Sorrento Stakes and later running second to Sharp Cat in the Del Mar Debutante.
- The Barking Shark, a \$50,000 claim, was second in the '96 Del Mar Derby, Super Derby and '97 Strub Stakes earning more than \$500,000.
- Island Fashion, whose training he assumed in '03, provided his first Grade I success, winning the La Brea Stakes. She also won the Santa Monica Handicap and was second to Southern Image in the Santa Anita Handicap.
- Won the '06 Vernon O. Underwood with outsider Sailors Sunset in Hollywood Park record time of 1:07.79 for six furlongs. Sailors Sunset also accounted for the Los Angeles Handicap at the Inglewood track in '07.
- Has had good luck with Cal-bred filly Camille C over the past three season. The 4-year-old owned by his brother Carlos has been in the top three in half of her 24 starts and banked more than \$330,000, including a pair of state-bred stakes tallies.
- Other stakes-winners have included Million Dollar Run, Oly Ogy, Euro Empire, Very Vegas, Plug Me In, She Sings and Night Patrol.
- Family: Wife Patty; one daughter, one son.



**Mike Puype**

Born: August 4, 1966  
Phoenix, Arizona

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	208	33	32	35	\$1,782,936

- Enjoyed his most lucrative year in 2010 with a career-tying best 33 wins and career-topping \$1,782,936 in earnings. That bested 2008 earnings of more than \$1.14 million. That eclipsed his previous top season in 2007 when he saddled horses for more than \$1.13-million in winnings. He hit the million-dollar mark again in 2009.
- Stable star is 3-year-old filly Turbulent Descent, a winner of five of seven lifetime with earnings of \$678,350 after runner-up finish in Grade I Acorn Stakes in June at Belmont Park.
- Calls the shots for stretch-running sprinter Supreme Summit, a winner of more than \$365,000 who has been knocking at the door in some major dashes, including a close-up fourth in the 2010

Breeders' Cup Sprint.

- Won 2010 Cal Cup Mile with Bruce's Dream, who earlier had captured the California Dreamin Handicap at Del Mar.
- Did some good in '09 with filly Gorgeous Goose, winning Hollywood's Wilshire Handicap with the gray Florida-bred.
- Biggest tally in '08 came with the 3-year-old gelding Muny, who went wire -to-wire in the Oak Tree Derby.
- Came onto racetrack out of high school, working odd jobs on the backside at Turf Paradise. Served as assistant to Walter Greenman and made connection with owner Gary Biszantz for whom he worked from 1996 until 2002 when he opened a public stable.
- Top horse so far was Biszantz' brilliant Old Trieste, winner of the Affirmed, Swaps and Del Mar Breeders' Cup Handicap as a 3-year-old in '98 and the '99 Californian, running nine furlongs in 1:46 2/5, fastest since Spectacular Bid (1:45 4/5) in 1980.
- Won the California Derby in 2004 with a son of Old Trieste named Triest's Honor.
- Also won important stakes with Cobra King, Varavadour, Running Flame (his first Grade I winner), Star of Goshen, and Lord Grillo (upsetter of Silver Charm in '97 Malibu Stakes).
- Family: Single.



**Jay Robbins**

Born: December 2, 1945  
Pasadena, California

Resides: Los Angeles, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	26	1	2	4	\$54,640

- From a racing family: Father, Dr. Jack K. Robbins, prominent veterinarian, president and founding director of Oak Tree Racing Association; brother, Tom, Del Mar vice president, racing; brother, Don, past president of Hollywood Park; brother, David, industry lawyer.
- Grew up on Conejo and Laguna Seca ranches while his father served as veterinarian there. Groomed horses for Gene Cleveland and Bill Walters before apprenticing under Noble Threewitt, Ron McAnally and Joe Manzi. Received license in 1968, went on his own in 1971 and won first race that year with Kenavo at Hollywood Park.
- Gained national recognition for developing and managing the career of Tiznow, back-to-back winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic in 2000-01, the only horse to accomplish the feat. Tiznow was 2000 Horse-of-the-Year, won another Eclipse Award as top older male horse in '01 when he also won the Santa Anita Handicap and retired with earnings of \$6,427,830 to lead all Cal-breds and rank 13th on the all-time list.
- In addition to Tiznow, Grade I winners include Flying Continental, 1990 Jockey Club Gold Cup; Nostalgia's Star and Flying Continental, Charles H. Strub Stakes, 1986 and '90, respectively; and Johnny Eves, 2007 Malibu Stakes.
- Trainer nursed sprint specialist Johnny Eves along and started out 2009 with a promising tally in the Palos Verdes at Santa Anita. But gelding was injured and didn't race again, retiring with seven wins and well over \$500,000 in earnings.
- Other noteworthy stakes winners are Raise a Stanza, Indian Ocean, Mazella, Notably Different, Reign Road, She's a Jewel, Cee's Elegance, Innamorato and The Very One
- Family: Wife Sandra.



**John Sadler**

Born: July 30, 1956  
Long Beach, California

Resides: Pasadena, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	637	132	103	83	\$5,999,956

- Five Del Mar stakes victories in 2010 propelled him to No. 9 on the track's all-time list for conditioners with 37. Victories by Jenny Craig-owned Twirling Candy (Oceanside, Del Mar Derby) and Sidney's Candy (La Jolla Handicap) keyed meet bonanza with Tell a Kelly (Darley Debutante) and Switch (Torrey Pines) also contributing.
- Second-best year of career for earnings in 2010 with over \$7.3 million, eighth-best in the nation and only \$28,000 less than his 2008 personal high. Won 24 stakes, including a half dozen Grade Is, and 115 races all told, the fourth straight year he'd been to the winner's circle at least 100 times.
- Won a personal-best 132 races in 2009 with just under \$6 million in purses.
- Had rung up his best year ever in 2008 when he won more than \$7.3-million in purses and training titles at Hollywood Spring/Summer, Del Mar and Oak Tree. Also won 16 stakes, including a pair of Grade Is and eight other graded races.
- Had a stellar year in 2007 also, winning 113 races and more than \$5.4-million in purses. Captured his first training crown at the 2007 Hollywood Park Autumn session, highlighted by six graded stakes victories.
- Since winning that Hollywood training title, has captured seven more, including 2008-09 and 2009-10 Santa Anita winter/spring meet and 2008 and 2009 at Del Mar.
- In the past few years he has won major stakes with Evita Argentina, Cost of Freedom, Black Mamba, Whatsthescript, Dearest Trickski, Noble Court, Oil Man, Zappa and Dawn After Dawn.
- Had a firecracker spring in 2010 with major stakes wins by Sidney's Candy, Line of David, Hurricane Ike, Mona de Momma, Crisp, Switch, Cozi Rosie and Ranger Heartley. Ran a pair in the Kentucky Derby – Santa Anita Derby winner Sidney's Candy and Arkansas Derby winner Line of David – though neither colt was there at the end of the Run for the Roses.
- Has done well with his share of claims that he's moved into the stakes ranks, but the now 8-year-old (and still rolling) Cost of Freedom may be the best of the best. Since being haltered for \$50,000 in 2008, has won seven races, five of them stakes, and more than three-quarters of a million for Gary Barber and his partners. And the double-quick veteran only missed by a head in the 2009 Breeders' Cup Sprint.
- Trainer didn't arrive at his current position quickly or by accident: He took out his trainer's license in 1978 and won his first race in 1979. Thirty three years later he just smiles when folks say he's become an overnight sensation.
- Rode show horses early in career and tried out for the U.S. Olympic equestrian team. While in high school, walked hots for trainer Tom Pratt at Santa Anita. After leaving the University of Oregon, was a vet's assistant for Dr. Jack K. Robbins. Served as assistant to David Hofmans and campaigned a string of horses in Northern California for trainer Ed Gregson.
- Among his career highlights are a victory in first match race in Santa Anita history when Valiant Pete defeated champion quarter-

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horse Griswold in a \$100,000 winner-take-all contest in 1991; three straight wins in Del Mar's Rancho Bernardo Handicap with Track Gal; upset of Snow Chief with the unbeaten filly Melair in the '86 Silver Screen in 1:32 4/5, a record for one mile on the dirt by a female; winning his first \$1 million event when Our New Recruit captured the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen; taking the Sunshine Millions Classic in '05 with Musique Toujours at \$142.20, and a trio of '06 stakes with Healthy Addiction, including Del Mar's Clement L. Hirsch Handicap.

- Numerous other stakes horses include Get Funky, Victory Encounter, Olympic Prospect, Frost Free, Ceeband, Taste of Paradise, Hasty Kris, Geronimo, Christmas Boy, Three Peat, Southern Justice, Rosie's K.T., Scooter Brown, Tomorrows Sunshine, Bountiful Dreamer, Let Bob Do It, Dr. Park, Waingarth, Tizbud, Hombre Rapido and Warning Zone
- Currently president of California Thoroughbred Trainers.
- Family: Single.

- Fortune, Winendynme, Ender's Shadow and Puxa Saco.
- Family: Single



**Art Sherman**

Born: February 17, 1937  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Resides: Los Angeles, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	88	14	13	7	\$677,229

- Registered the third Grade I win of his career in 2010 when his 3-year-old Haimish Hy got up in the Hollywood Derby at the track's fall meeting.
- Having some good luck with the ultra-steady mare Ultra Blend, who has won three stakes already in 2011, the last via disqualification in Hollywood's Milady. Cal-bred 5-year-old has now finished in the top three in 19 of her 21 starts, including 10 wins, for earnings of more than \$625,000.
- 2007 was his best year since he started in 1979, winning 207 races to rank sixth in America for victories, with earnings of \$4,025,569. Most important triumph was scored by Lang Field in the Grade I Citation Handicap at odds of 18-1.
- Shifted his main operation to Southern California in 2007, with son Steve handling the Northern California branch of the Sherman stable.
- Came to Los Angeles as a youngster and galloped horses for the Rex Ellsworth stable. Accompanied the great Swaps to Kentucky for his Derby win in '55 and also to Chicago when Swaps lost to Nashua in their epic match race.
- Had a 20-year riding career, from 1957 until 1978 when he retired and turned to conditioning Thoroughbreds.
- Training highlights include winning six races in a single day, August 13, 2005 when he tied a Northern California record with five victories while also winning a race at Del Mar on the same afternoon.
- Won 13 stakes between 1992 and '97 with Lykatil Hill, including Del Mar's Grade II Del Mar Budweiser Breeders' Cup Handicap.
- His \$50,000 claim, Siren Lure, emerged as one of the nation's top sprinters of 2006 when he won five stakes, including the Grade I Triple Bend Invitational Handicap at Hollywood Park, his first Grade I success in 27 years as a trainer, as well as Del Mar's Pat O'Brien Handicap. Siren Lure later finished eighth to Thor's Echo in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.
- His many stakes winners include Fancee Bargain, Lindsay Jean, Perfec Travel, Presidio Heights, My Captain, Amanda's Affair, Tahoe City, My Michele, Let Fly, King's Bet, Haveasilverbulet, Easy Come Easy Go, Jillyball, Rickrack, Julietiquette and Carthage.
- Family: Wife Faye; two sons.

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**Jenine Sahadi**

Born: January 16, 1963  
Los Angeles, California

Resides: Sierra Madre, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	77	11	11	10	\$585,212

- Pioneer among female trainers as she became the first of her sex to win a Breeders' Cup event and a million-dollar race when she sent out Lit de Justice to capture the 1996 B.C. Sprint at Woodbine. Followed up in '97 by winning the B.C. Sprint again with 16-1 Elmhurst.
- Has won 10 Grade I stakes in her career, including the 2000 Santa Anita Derby with The Deputy, later 14th to Fusaichi Pegasus in the Kentucky Derby; the 2001 Santa Anita Oaks and Las Virgenes with Golden Ballet, and Del Mar's Eddie Read Handicap twice, in '95 and '96 with Fastness.
- Daughter of Fred and Helen Sahadi of Cardiff Stud farm; graduate of University of Southern California with degrees in journalism and communications; worked seven years in marketing and publicity departments at Hollywood Park prior to casting her lot with training horses.
- Served two years as assistant to Julio Canani before obtaining trainer's license in 1993. Won first graded stakes at Del Mar in '93 Balboa (now called Best Pal) with Creston.
- Set earnings record for a female conditioner in 1996 when her horses bankrolled \$3,458,176, 12th in the nation. That mark was surpassed in 2002 by Laura de Seroux whose horses, including Horse of the Year Azeri, won \$3,894,906.
- Had a stellar season with dead-game mare Gotta Have Her in 2009. Stretch-running turf specialist finished first or second in eight of her nine starts, all but one of them stakes, including a good second in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint to colts. She banked nearly \$600,000 on the year. Gotta Have Her came back in 2010 to win the Grade II Royal Heroine Mile at Hollywood Park and defend her championship in the Palomar Handicap at Del Mar, giving the trainer her 15th stakes wins at the seaside track.
- Top horses include Megan's Interco, Spinelessjellyfish, El Angelo, Grand Flotilla, Shanawi, Majorbigtimesheet, Media Mogul, La Martina, Sir Mark Sykes, Jetinto Houston, Luvah Girl, Penny's



## John Shirreffs

Born: June 1, 1945  
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	84	14	9	14	\$3,099,339

- Made the leap from virtual unknown to a player on the national stage in 2005 when Giacomo shocked the racing world at 50-1 in the Kentucky Derby and has followed up that success with five solid campaigns in a row, capped in 2009 when he had his best training year ever with more than \$5.7 million in purses.
- Of course, his everlasting piece of training art will remain the massive mare Zenyatta, whom he guided through 19 straight victories in four seasons of racing before she ended her career with a narrow loss to Blame in the 2010 Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs. Though she came up a half a head short that day, she continued to earn honors, including her third and fourth Eclipse Awards, the last one being the big one – 2010 Horse of the Year.
- The stretch-runner deluxe won 13 Grade I races in her skein and made Del Mar's 2010 Clement L. Hirsch, — a race she had won the previous two years — her 18th straight victory. In 2009 she finished up her second year of being named champion older distaffer with a stirring blitz past 11 of the best male horses in the world at Santa Anita in the Breeders' Cup Classic in a race many have said was one of the greatest of all time. She was the first female to win the Classic.
- Zenyatta finished her career with \$7,304,550 in earnings, the most ever by a female and ninth-best all time for all Thoroughbreds. This spring she was bred to the champion Bernardini and is expecting a foal in 2012.
- In 2009 Shirreffs also saddled classy filly Life Is Sweet to capture the Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic. Four-time stakes winner retired with more than \$1.8 million in purses.
- Trainer won four Grade I stakes in '07 – Tiago (half-brother to Giacomo) – Santa Anita Derby and Goodwood Handicap, and After Market, Whittingham Memorial and Eddie Read handicaps. Tiago also won the Swaps Stakes, was third to Rags to Riches in the Belmont Stakes and wound up the year running fifth to Horse of the Year Curlin in the Breeders' Cup Classic.
- Tiago, who banked \$1.2 million in '07, continued to roll in '08, taking the Oaklawn Handicap, finishing third in the Breeders' Cup Classic and earning more than \$1-million.
- Zenyatta, Giacomo and Tiago were all owned by Jerry and Ann Moss. Shirreff's wife, Dottie Ingordo, is the stable manager for the Mosses.
- Yet another Moss-owned runner who made his mark under Shirreffs is Madeo, a multiple stakes winner including the 2008 Del Mar Derby.
- Giacomo, Tiago and After Market are all now stallions in Kentucky.
- Pulled off a nifty upset when he sent his mare Zardana to Fair Grounds in March 2010 and outran the odds-on 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra in the New Orleans Ladies.
- Trainer's family owned farm near Neufields, N.H. and father bred horses with Peter Fuller of Dancer's Image renown.

- After a hitch in the Marine Corps, including a tour in Vietnam, Shirreffs was headed to Hawaii to become a surfer, but stopped in California and got a job walking hots with trainer Gene Cleveland. Later broke yearlings for Ed Nahem at Lakeview Thoroughbred Farm.
- Took out license in 1978 and operated a small stable in Northern California before going to work for Brian Mayberry and Bill Spawr. Trained privately starting in '94 for Nahem and Marshall Naify's 505 Farms, continuing in that capacity until Naify died in 2000 when he became semi-public.
- Has won important stakes with such outstanding campaigners as Hollywood Story, Manistique, Starrer, Borodislew, Proposed, Bertrando, Tarlow, A.P. Warrior, Stanley Park and Swept Overboard.
- Family: Wife Dottie.



## Clifford Sise, Jr.

Born: October 18, 1951  
St. Louis, Missouri

Resides: Glendora, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	103	22	19	18	\$575,095

- Had his best year in 2007 when his horses earned \$2,128,998, keyed by the success of multiple grade stakes winner Idiot Proof, winner of the Jersey Shores Breeders' Cup in July and the Grade I Ancient Title at Santa Anita, prior to finishing a bang-up second to Midnight Lute in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Monmouth Park. For the year, Idiot Proof won four of eight starts and \$803,136.
- Grew up in Arcadia, not far from Santa Anita, and in a neighborhood of horse people, including trainers Jimmy Jordan, Bill Molter and Ray Bell. His young friends included Gary Brinson, now starter at Hollywood Park and Del Mar, and Scotty McClellan, the current jockey agent for Joseph Talamo.
- Rode for about three years, 1967-70, at Turf Paradise and Northern California fairs, before apprenticing to Lou Glauburg and Noble Threewitt. Took out license in 1970.
- Left the business for about 10 years to operate a catering company in southeast Los Angeles.
- Prior to Idiot Proof, his big horse was Paying Dues, a winner of three stakes in 1996, including the Los Angeles Handicap (deadheat) and Vernon O. Underwood at Hollywood Park. Paying Dues also was second to Lit de Justice in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.
- Other stakes-winners he has trained are Cherry Moon, Velvet Moonlite, Emailit, Moossa's Girl, Windsor Gold, Gn. Group Meeting, Asian Adventure, Whitewinesipper, Coastal Strike, Dr. Augusta, Rock Opera, Pirate's Outlook, Apreciada, Street Wise, Smooth Performer and Miles Rules.
- Family: Wife Lorrie; one son, one daughter.



### Bill Spawr

Born: December 13, 1939  
Bell, California

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	202	32	32	30	\$765,724

- Del Mar's leading trainer outright in 1994 after earning same honors in a three-way tie in 1990.
- Has won four other Southern California training titles: Oak Tree 2000, 2001 and the big Santa Anita meet 1990-'91 and 1995-'96.
- Known as a sharp claiming trainer who wheels and deals with the best of them in the selling ranks.
- Has moved many of his claims way up, more than occasionally turning them into stakes winners. That list would include Exchange, the filly he claimed out of her second start for \$50,000 who went on to win three Grade I races, more than \$1 million in purses and a spot in the Breeders' Cup Distaff in 1992; Sensational Star, a \$32,000 tag who won 10 times that much back including victories in the Bing Crosby and Pat O'Brien handicaps; Restage, a \$12,500 claim who became a stakes winner, and My Sonny Boy, a \$62,500 claim who captured the \$300,000 Cal Cup Classic in 1990.
- Developed the late bloomer Bordonaro into a major sprint force between 2005 and 2007. Though he didn't make it to the races until his 4-year-old season, the gelding managed to win 10 of 20 starts, including six sprint stakes, and \$938,128.
- Called the shots for the rapid filly Enjoy the Moment, winning four stakes with her in 1999 and watching her lead the boys through the early portion of the B.C. Sprint that year before tiring.
- Has another speedburner in his barn currently in the Cal-bred gelding Amazombie. Son of Northern Afleet has won eight races and more than \$500,000, including a trio of stakes. Finished first in Hollywood's Los Angeles on May 30, but was DQed back to third.
- Among his other stakes winners are Potrimagic, Valiant Wonder, Saratoga Gambler, Mister Gennaro, Kitty On the Track, Drouilly's Boy, Ladylore and Desiraes My Candy.
- Registered his first victory with Cuda May in 1977 at Bay Meadows; had his first stakes winner with Darling Deanna in 1983 in the Black Swan Stakes at Fairplex Park.
- Forged a long and successful relationship with the now-retired Hall of Fame jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. When the rider fell on hard times with limited opportunities in the 1990s, he credited Spawr with keeping his career going by riding him first-call on all his horses.
- Spawr worked around the racetrack since high school days, including tours as a blacksmith's assistant, as assistant trainer to the late Joe Manzi and the manager of a veterinary hospital.
- Family: Single.



### Roger Stein

Born: January 4, 1954  
Detroit, Michigan

Resides: Hidden Hills, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	170	8	16	23	\$175,359

- Started in horse business as a Standardbred owner in 1977.
- Two years later he took out his trainer's license and became California's top harness horse trainer through the mid-'80s.
- At one point in his harness career, he won 17 straight training titles.
- Switched full time to Thoroughbreds in 1987.
- Has had two major stakes winners: Southern Truce, whom he claimed for \$16,000 in 1991 and developed into a two-time Grade I winner, including an upset of two-time champion Paseana in the 1993 Santa Margarita, and Forty Niner Days, who gave the trainer his biggest purse score when he won the \$400,000 Golden Gate Handicap in 1991.
- Has solid connections for importing and racing horses from New Zealand, which goes back several decades to his harness days.
- Among his other stakes runners are General John B, Gotaghostofachance, To B. Super, I'm the Business, Robinski and Starkay.
- Has hosted several racing talk shows on weekends on various radio stations in recent years.
- Family: One daughter, one son.



### Mel Stute

Born: August 8, 1927  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Resides: Glendora, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	109	8	8	14	\$233,452

- Made his first trip to the winner's circle as a trainer in 1947 at Portland Meadows to greet a horse named Egg Nog and has been saddling winners ever since.
- Starting in the 1940s, he and his older brother Warren trained side-by-side in California until Warren's death in August, 2007. Mel's son Gary is also a trainer who sent out Papa Clem to win the 2009 Arkansas Derby, then finish fourth in the Kentucky Derby.
- Mel had his best year in the biz in 1986 when he handled Eclipse Award winners Snow Chief (top 3-year-old male) and Brave Raj (top 2-year-old filly). The former won Florida Derby, Santa Anita Derby, Preakness and Jersey Derby, while the latter captured Del Mar Debutante and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. By the end of the year, they helped Stute earn purses of more than \$4.8-million.
- Snow Chief came back the following year to win the Oaklawn Handicap and the Strub Stakes before retiring as California's then leading earner at \$3,383,210.
- In 1987 pulled off a coup when his rapid filly Very Subtle outran male rivals to capture the Breeders' Cup Sprint.
- His first major stakes win came in 1961 when 11-1 First Balcony

won The Californian at Hollywood Park, upsetting Prove It and T.V. Lark.

- Sent out Double Discount for a world record of 1:57 2/5 for a mile and a quarter on turf in the Carlton F. Burke at Santa Anita.
- Among his other stakes winners are Perfect Moon, Commissary, Telly's Pop, Real Connection, College Town, Klassy Kim, Stancharry, Score Quick, Funontherun, Buffythecenterfold and Quick Little Miss.
- Won 2,000th race on December 11, 2010 at Hollywood Park when he sent out Score for Fun for a tally.
- Has been leading trainer at a dozen meets in Southern California, including seven times at Fairplex Park where in 2003 he became the first inductee into the track's Hall of Fame. He's won more races (186) and more stakes (44) than any conditioner at the Los Angeles County fairgrounds.
- At Del Mar he's sixth on the all-time wins list with 292 in 56 seasons at the shore and tied for 11th best among stakes-winning trainers with 26.
- Family: Wife Annabelle; two daughters, one son.



### Jack Van Berg

Born: June 7, 1936  
Columbus,  
Nebraska

Resides: Hesperia,  
California



2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	145	4	10	19	\$154,555

- Inducted into racing's Hall of Fame in 1985.
- His father, Marion, was a legendary trainer who had been inducted into the Hall 15 years earlier.
- Young Jack was a bit on the wild side ("Daddy used to keep me on a short shank."), but willing and learned at his father's knee. The son saddled his first winner at age 16 and went out on his own in 1971 upon his father's death.
- Perfected the art of racing several strings at different racetracks and chalked up a record 496 victories in 1976, along with \$2,974,531 in winnings, making him the first trainer to lead the nation in wins and purses in a single year.
- Was the leading trainer in the country for number of wins nine times.
- Is the second-leading trainer all-time for number of wins at 6,405 firsts halfway through 2011.
- Won the Eclipse Award as the nation's top trainer in 1984, the same year his erratic colt Gate Dancer won the Preakness. Trainer tried every piece of gear he could think of on the horse – blinkers, shadow rolls, earmuffs, a D-bit with a burr – but he still managed to become the only horse to be disqualified in the Kentucky Derby (from 4th to 5th) and then capped the year by being taken down (2nd to 3rd) in the Breeders' Cup Classic.
- Guided the career of superstar Alysheba, 3-year-old champion in 1987 and top older male and Horse of the Year in 1988. Alysheba won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness at 3, then seven stakes including the Breeders' Cup Classic at 4. He retired as North America's all-time leading earner with \$6,679,242 in purses.
- Among his other stakes performers are Beyond Perfection, Little Brianne, Targa, Vilzak, Nell's Briquette, Mamselle Bebette, Onceinabluemamoon and Fit To Scout.

- The Turf Publicists of America voted him the "Big Sport of Turfdom" award in 1987, the same year he won The Jockey Club Medal. The following year the National Turf Writers honored him with the Mr. Fitz Award, signifying the year's top trainer.
- Has been generous with his time and special skills as an auctioneer for fund raising charity events in the horse community.
- Family: Three daughters; two sons.



### Darrell Vienna

Born: September 27, 1946  
Los Angeles, California

Resides: Sierra Madre, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	85	12	7	5	\$310,546

- A man of many talents: He has trained show horses, been a rodeo rider, earned a psychology degree from UCLA, picked up a law degree from Loyola Law School, was a practicing lawyer with emphasis on racing law, is a published essayist and poet, as well as a television script writer. Oh yes, he's also trained racehorses since 1976.
- Won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and an Eclipse Award with the speedy colt Gilded Time in 1992, owned by a partnership that included his long-time client, the highly successful television writer and producer David Milch. In 1993 Vienna boldly brought the horse back for his first start of the year in the Breeders' Cup Sprint and saw him hold the lead deep in the stretch before finishing third, beaten less than a length.
- Clicked with another Milch-partnered horse when the modestly-bred gelding Disturbingthepeace rolled off six straight victories in 2002, including a sweep of the Triple Bend at Hollywood Park along with Del Mar's Bing Crosby and Pat O'Brien handicaps. He again won the O'Brien the following year and when all was said and done had banked over \$666,000 for his connections.
- Trainer of three world record holders: Native Paster (6 1/2 furlongs in 1:13 3/5 on 9/4/88 at Del Mar); Classy Women (5 1/2 furlongs on turf in 1:01 on 7/6/91 at Hollywood Park); Finder's Fortune (7 1/2 furlongs in 1:26 4/5 on 4/29/93 at Hollywood Park).
- Among his Grade I winners are Short Sleeves and Janet, who won editions of the Ramona Handicap (now the John C. Mabee Handicap) at Del Mar; Fly Till Dawn (a four-time Grade I winner including Del Mar's Eddie Read Handicap); Mountain Bear, and Star Parade. The last-named, an Argentinian mare, ran in 22 straight graded stakes, winning a trio of Grade Is and earning over \$1.2-million.
- Among his other stakes horses are Golden Klair, Drumalis, Belle's Flag, My Style, Tres Paraiso, Perim, Cheap skate, Joey Franco, Medici Code and Magnum.
- Has won 24 stakes races at Del Mar.
- Family: Wife Haydee; one daughter, one son.



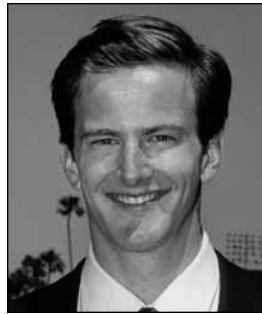
## Kathy Walsh

Born: March 18, 1940  
Sonoma, California

Resides: Arcadia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	88	21	12	16	\$709,688

- Veteran horsewoman had her best year for purses in 2009 when she took home more than \$1.4 million. She had topped \$1-million for the first time in 2008.
- She is the daughter of Northwest trainer fixture Jim Walsh and has been around the horse industry since the age of 8.
- Obtained an assistant trainer's license in 1962, then took over her father's stable when he died in 1970.
- It wasn't easy for a lady trainer on the backstretch in those days, but her father's reputation helped ease the load. Walsh also remembers being mentored kindly by an old-school conditioner whom most knew as crusty: Buster Millerick.
- Married in 1980 and was out of racing for five years, but when the marriage ended she got back in the game – in the Midwest, then back in Seattle and finally in Southern California.
- Trained under her married name – Kathy Hutchinson – from 1987 until 1991. Twice was leading trainer at Canterbury Park in Minnesota during that period. Previously, she'd been the leading trainer four times at the now-closed Longacres in suburban Seattle.
- Won the Del Mar Futurity in 2007 with Georgie Boy after earlier having captured Graduation Stakes (as a maiden) and finishing second in Best Pal Stakes with him. Gelding returned for his 3-year-old season with sparkling wins in Santa Anita's San Vicente and San Felipe and loomed a serious Kentucky Derby candidate until an injury put him on the shelf. He returned in 2009 to win a pair of stakes at the big Santa Anita meet and push his bankroll near \$800,000.
- Trainer had been to the Kentucky Derby once before, when her Arkansas Derby runner-up Hanuman Highway finished seventh in 1998 behind Real Quiet.
- Her first Grade I winner was in 2001 when Nany's Sweep took Santa Anita's Santa Monica.
- Might have a good one in the barn right now in the 3-year-old filly Sarah's Secret, unbeaten and winner of Hollywood Park's Honeymoon Handicap.
- Among her other stakes winners are Auguste, Mantle's Star, Evening Promise, Devious Boy, Blazonry, Who's Up and Bootleg Annie.
- Is the treasurer for the California Thoroughbred Trainers.
- Family: Single.



## Ted H. West

Born: June 8, 1973  
Arcadia, California

Resides: Monrovia, California

2010	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	55	11	11	7	\$293,494

- Son of long-time California conditioner Ted West. He grew up around horses, but family made him promise to get his college degree – which he did at Cal Poly Pomona in 1995. Shortly thereafter it was the racetrack life for him.
- Worked with his father initially, but took over the stable full time in 1999.
- Stable had claimed Budroyale for \$50,000 in 1998 and in '99 he really hit his stride, winning four stakes and finishing second in both the Hollywood Gold Cup and Breeders' Cup Classic while earning \$1.7 million, primarily under Ted H.'s care. The gelding finished his career with 17 wins and earnings of \$2,840,810, eighth-best all time among California-breds.
- Young West also paid \$50,000 through the claim box for Bluesthstandard at the end of 2002 and earned more than \$630,000 with him the following year, including a second-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.
- Both Budroyale and Bluesthstandard were owned by one of West's chief clients, Jeffrey Sengara.
- Trainer made the Triple Crown trail with his good horse Easy Grades in 2002, though he could only manage to finish 13th behind War Emblem in Kentucky Derby.
- Also had good stakes success with the speedball Freespool, winning Santa Anita's El Conejo back-to-back with him.
- Other stakes winners include Ashley's Kitty, Trevor's Clever, Stella Mark, Jet West, Dee Dee's Diner and Secret Liaison.
- Family: Single.



## Howard Zucker

Born: May 20, 1948  
New York, New York

Resides: Pasadena, California

<b>2010</b>	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
	40	6	2	1	\$169,589

- Current stable “big horse” is the gray 5-year-old mare Well Monied, winner in 2009 of the Grade II Honeymoon at Hollywood, prior to second- and third-place finishes, respectively, in two serious Grade I turf races – the American Oaks and the Del Mar Oaks. Stretch runner, owned by the family of the late C.T. Grether of Pasadena, long one of the trainer’s best clients, got back in action again this year after an eleven-month layoff with a fourth-place finish in Grade III Wilshire Handicap on April 30 at Hollywood Park. Has a bankroll that is approaching \$400,000.
- Won his first two stakes at Del Mar in 2008 when his 4-year-old fillies Synnin and Grinnin and Queen Of the Catsle took down their halves of the divided Daisycutter Handicap on the lawn. The latter wound up winning seven races, all on the grass, and more than \$400,000.
- Native New Yorker came to the game relatively late in life. After college and a job with an insurance company, he felt the lure of the racetrack through a friend who galloped horses at Belmont Park. One thing led to another and he next was grooming, learning horsemanship primarily from trainer J. Willard Thompson and then getting his trainer’s license in 1974.
- Went on the New York/New Jersey-to-Florida circuit for a while, then shifted to Southern California in 1982 to train for Jerry Buss, who owns the Los Angeles Lakers.
- Among his chief clients are the Grether family, Harris Farms, Fast Lane Farms and Brad Penny. The last-named is the major league pitcher who has played for several clubs, including the 2011 season with the Detroit Tigers.
- Among his top runners have been Moscow Changes, Awesome Daze, Our Shining Hour, Impressive Grades, Madame Pietra and Crafty C.T. Says the last named, who finished second to Point Given in the 2001 Santa Anita Derby and third in the 2002 Met Mile, is probably the best horse he’s had.
- His wife, Lorraine, holds a Ph. D in biology from Harvard. They met while she was a partner in one of the horses he trained