

Welcome To The 2007 California's October Yearling Sale



From the Executive Corner

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As this is written, the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's meet is in full swing and horsemen and handicappers alike are adjusting to Polytrack, the new synthetic racing surface at the seaside track. The scene will be repeated again this October at the Oak Tree Racing Association meet when Santa Anita Park unveils its own all weather surface, Cushion Track, and Golden Gate will do the same later in the year. While the individual characteristics of these tracks will vary, one thing is becoming pretty clear; the new surfaces are considerably safer for horses than those that preceded them.

And that's where California's October Yearling Sale comes into the picture. What a perfect opportunity for owners, agents, and trainers to test their skill and theories as to which breeding and conformation types will best take advantage of the state's new racing environment. And if the track experts are correct, it will be considerably easier to keep those horses sound and productive during their racing careers.

This year's catalog again will include outstanding variety among the 314 yearlings cataloged, and the vast majority will be eligible for the state's lucrative Owner's Premium program. Graduates from the first two sales co-sponsored by the CTBA are winning consistently at the track, and there were several successful pinhooks from last year's sale, most notably the sale-topping Cape Town filly from the Havens Bloodstock consignment who was knocked down to John Brocklebank for \$240,000 in October, and subsequently resold at this year's Barretts' March Sale of Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training to Darley Stable for \$800,000. As the auction pundits say, "Those numbers will work all day long!"

So the stage is again set for the 2007 California's October Yearling Sale, and we invite you to come out and play a part in the unique drama that is a Thoroughbred auction.

See you at the sale!

Jerry McMahon
President
& General Manager

It's yearling sale time once again! Along with our partners at Barretts, we are very excited about the prospects of the third version of our joint venture and are pleased to offer a catalog of 314 preferred yearlings at the 2007 California's October Yearling Sale, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Based on physical inspection and pedigree, we believe we have a very good representation of the current crop of California-bred yearlings. As has been the process in the past, this group of yearlings met both the conformation and marketability requirements necessary for acceptance to this venue.

The success of Cal-breds both within the Golden State and throughout the country continues to be showcased and highlighted in numerous graded stakes events nearly every weekend. There is no doubt that we are producing top quality horses. With the above mentioned success, as well as the abundance of restricted racing opportunities also available, the demand for a quality Cal-bred has never been greater.

With the first two editions of this centralized marketplace producing many stakes horses as well as significant return for various pinhook prospects, there is ample reason to believe that this group of yearlings should be well received by the buyers. This edition of *California Thoroughbred* highlights some of the top graduates of the past as well as provides a preview of some of the consignments offered.

See you at Barretts.

Doug Burge
Executive Vice President
& General Manager



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