

Superstar Zenyatta “Unbelievable” in B.C. Classic

In a race for the ages before a spellbound on-track crowd of 58,845, the undefeated Zenyatta became the first filly or mare to win the Gr. I, \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic, as she made a dramatic last-to-first run while defeating 11 male rivals in a performance that track announcer Trevor Denman described as “Un-be-liev-able!”

Zenyatta's brilliant performance put an exclamation point on a tremendous two-day (Nov. 6 & 7) Breeders' Cup at Oak Tree and resulted in many veteran race goers believing they may well have witnessed the greatest moment in Breeders' Cup history—and possibly the greatest performance in the long, storied history of Santa Anita Park as well. The win extended the 5-year-old Kentucky-bred daughter of Street Cry's unbeaten skein to 14, as she won going away by one length under Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith for owners Jerry and Ann Moss.

Zenyatta's presence was largely responsible for an increase in Classic-Day attendance of six percent over 2008's 55,351. Additionally, the on-track handle of \$12.2 million represented a three percent uptick from the previous year.



Unforgettable moment in a race for the ages, Zenyatta and Mike Smith go from last to first, defeating 11 male rivals in the \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic. A spellbound crowd of 58,845 witnessed what many consider the greatest moment in Breeders' Cup history.

Breeders' Cup day-one was a huge success as well, as 37,651 attended on-track. This was an increase of 20 percent over 2008's day-one crowd of 31,257.

Life Is Sweet, who like Zenyatta, is also conditioned by John Shirreffs, mustered a command performance in the Gr. I, \$2-million Ladies Classic, winning by 2 1/2 lengths.

The 2009 Breeders' Cup World Championships marked the first time the event had been held at the same venue in consecutive years and by all accounts the two-day event was one of the most successful in the 26-year history of the Breeders' Cup, as a total of 96,496 fans attended on-track. This was an increase of 17 percent over 2008's two-day total of 82,578.

Compared to 2008, on-track handle increased on both days as well, as \$7,097,789 was wagered on Nov. 6, an increase of 3.6 percent.

The 2009 World Championships marked the fifth time the Breeders' Cup has been hosted by the Oak Tree Racing Association. Oak Tree at Santa Anita hosted its first Breeders' Cup in 1986,

with 69,155 people attending on-track. Prior to 2008, Oak Tree hosted in 1993 and 2003 as well.

“A tremendous amount of hard work and planning goes into making each Breeders' Cup a successful event,” said Chillingworth. “Our people here at Oak Tree did a fantastic job both in 2008 and 2009, and as a result, we were able to host two of the most successful Breeders' Cups ever. We had unforgettable performances on the racetrack and there's no question that everything came together for us.”

Oak Tree Poised and Ready to Begin 42nd Season

On the heels of one of the most successful two-day Breeders' Cup World Championships ever in 2009, the Oak Tree Racing Association stands ready to embark upon its 42nd season of world-class racing in 2010, beginning Sept. 29.

Dating back to its inception in 1969, Oak Tree at Santa Anita has provided fans and horsemen alike world-class Thoroughbred action at America's most beautiful racing venue and has donated more than \$26 million to charitable causes within the Thoroughbred industry.

Held for an unprecedented second consecutive year at the same venue, the two-day, 2009 World Championships attracted a total of 96,496 fans on-track, including 58,845 on Nov. 7.

"We are extremely proud of what we were able to accomplish last year and in 2008," said Oak Tree Director and Executive Vice President Sherwood Chillingworth. "By all accounts, we have set a gold-standard for the Breeders' Cup. We had great racing with unforgettable performances and we showed the world what it means to compete and race here at Oak Tree.

"As was the case in 2008, we had a safe, competitive two-day event on national television (ESPN and ABC) and that was Job One—not only for Oak Tree, but for the industry as well. Our employees did a tremendous job and we once again demonstrated that no other venue in the world can handle racing's biggest show like Oak Tree can and we want to thank everyone, our fans, horsemen, employees and the media for making the Breeders' Cup at Oak Tree the greatest show on Earth."

Chillingworth noted that with the absence of the Breeders' Cup in 2010, Oak Tree's Breeders' Cup



THANK YOU!! Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith looks skyward after Zenyatta's Lady's Secret win on October 10.

prep stakes would again be front-loaded, but the popular California Cup would return to its more traditional placement on closing weekend.

"Last year, we ran the Cal Cup on the first Saturday (Oct. 3) of the meet and that was done to enable those Cal-breds that ran well an opportunity to come back in about a month and run in the Breeders' Cup on Nov. 6 and 7," said Chillingworth. "The Cal Cup is something we created back in 1990 and we take great pride in it. We're confident Cal Cup XXI is going to be a big success and we feel the event will be well-served by running it on the final Saturday, Oct. 30."

The 2009 Cal Cup attracted an on-track crowd of 17,576, who were treated to an exciting day of state-bred racing, highlighted by the Bill Morey-conditioned Bold Chieftain's performance in the \$200,000 California Cup Classic. The 6-year-old

son of Chief Seattle became the first horse to ever win the Classic twice, as he also won the 2007 running.

As was the case in 2007, Bold Chieftain was guided to victory by Hall of Fame jockey Russell Baze and "The Chief" also became a millionaire, as the winner's share of \$180,000 boosted his career earnings to \$1,083,411.

The Classic was one of nine stakes offered to runners bred in California or to California-sired horses with purses totaling \$950,000.

A challenging local and national economy contributed to significant declines in overall attendance and handle throughout the 31-day race meeting. Average daily on-track attendance declined by 11 percent,

while on-track handle was down 16 percent. All sources handle dipped 15

percent, but the Breeders' Cup enabled Oak Tree to end on a very high note.

"We were very pleased with the way we were able to finish up the meet," said Chillingworth. "The two-day Breeders' Cup exceeded our expectations across the board and a big reason for that was the presence of Zenyatta. The fact that her connections chose to run her in the Classic on Saturday (Nov. 7) set the stage for one of the most successful Breeders' Cups of all-time and a performance that none of us who witnessed it will ever forget."

As was the case in 2008, Oak Tree's main track performed flawlessly throughout the two-day World Championships.

"We had zero injuries on the main track over the two-day Breeders' Cup," said Chillingworth. "The track played fair and safe, and we just couldn't have asked for anything more than that. Our Track

Superintendent, Rich Tedesco and his crew did an outstanding job and they are to be congratulated, as are all of our employees for stepping up and performing in world-class fashion."

Zenyatta's Classic win was the most impressive performance of the meet and that, coupled with her victory in the Gr. I Lady's Secret, made her a unanimous Horse of the Meeting selection. She would later be named Eclipse Champion Older Filly or Mare.

Rafael Bejarano won his second consecutive Oak Tree riding title, as the Peruvian native edged upstart Joel Rosario by a 31-30 margin. Christian Santiago Reyes was the meet's leading apprentice rider, winning 13 races. He would later become 2009's Eclipse Award Apprentice Jockey.

Hall of Fame conditioner Bob Baffert took his fourth Oak Tree training title with a record 24 wins, seven clear of John Sadler.

Leading stakes-winning honors went to jockey

Garrett Gomez, with eight added-money tallies and to Baffert and John Shirreffs, who each saddled four stakes winners.

With their Zenyatta leading the way, Jerry and Ann Moss were Oak Tree's leading owners by money-won. The Mosses won a total of three races and collected \$2.9 million in purse earnings. Oak Tree's leading owner by races-won was Ron Valenta's La Canada Stable, which won seven races.

Summary of Oak Tree Horses That Finished 1-2-3 in Breeders' Cup Races*

Year	Horse	Oak Tree Race	Breeders' Cup Race	Year	Horse	Oak Tree Race	Breeders' Cup Race	Year	Horse	Oak Tree Race	Breeders' Cup Race
1984	Chief's Crown	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (1)	1993	Kotashaan (FR)	Oak Tree Turf (1)	Turf (1)	2002	Banks Hill	Yellow Ribbon (3)	F&M Turf (2)
	Fighting Fit	allowance race (3)	Sprint (3)		Luazar (FR)	Oak Tree Turf (2)	Turf (3)		Kafwain	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (2)
	Raami	Oak Tree Turf (3)	Turf (3)	1994	Cardmania	Ancient Title (4)	Sprint (3)	2003	Adoration	Lady's Secret (3)	Distaff (1)
1986	Capote	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (1)		Serena's Song	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Got Koko	Lady's Secret (1)	Distaff (3)
	Qualify	Norfolk (2)	Juvenile (2)		Johann Quatz (FR)	Oak Tree Mile (3)	Mile (2)		Elloluv	Lady's Secret (4)	Distaff (2)
	Saros Brig	Oak Leaf (4)	Juvenile Fillies (3)		Dramatic Gold	Goodwood (2)	Classic (3)		Halfbridled	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (1)
	Bedside Promise	Ancient Title (4)	Sprint (3)	1995	Editor's Note	Norfolk (4)	Juvenile (3)		Century City	Oak Tree Mile (3)	Mile (3)
	Palace Music	Oak Tree Mile (1)	Mile (2)		Northern Spur (IRE)	Oak Tree Turf (1)	Turf (1)		Bluesthstandard	Ancient Title (3)	Sprint (2)
	Fran's Valentine	Dulcia Handicap (1)	Distaff (2)	1996	Critical Factor	allowance race (1)	Juvenile Fillies (3)		Action This Day	Maiden Special Weight (1)	Juvenile (1)
	Outstandingly	Las Palmas (1)	Distaff (3)		Paying Dues	Ancient Title (3)	Sprint (2)		Johar	Clement Hirsch (2)	Turf (1)
	Theatrical	Oak Tree Turf (2)	Turf (2)		Jewel Princess	Lady's Secret (2)	Distaff (1)		Pleasantly Perfect	Goodwood (1)	Classic (1)
	Estrapade	Oak Tree Turf (1)	Turf (3)		Alphabet Soup	Goodwood (1)	Classic (1)	2004	Sweet Catomine	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (1)
	Skywalker	Oak Tree Mile (2)	Classic (1)	1997	Career Collection	Cal Cup Juv. Fillies (1)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Singletary	Oak Tree Mile (3)	Mile (1)
	Precisionist	Yankee Valor (1)	Classic (3)		Elmhurst	Ancient Title (1)	Sprint (1)	2005	Wild Fit	Oak Leaf (2)	Juvenile Fillies (2)
1987	Jeanne Jones	Flying Paster (2)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Hesabull	allowance race (3)	Sprint (2)	2006	Thor's Echo	Ancient Title (2)	Sprint (1)
	Dream Team	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (3)		Sharp Cat	Lady's Secret (1)	Distaff (2)		Aragorn	Oak Tree Mile (1)	Mile (2)
	Oueee Bebe	Linda Vista (1)	Distaff (3)		Nationalore	Cal Cup Juvenile (2)	Juvenile (3)	2007	Awesome Gem	Goodwood (2)	Classic (3)
	Success Express	Norfolk (4)	Juvenile (1)	1998	Excellent Meeting	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Hystericalady	Lady's Secret (2)	Distaff (2)
	Village Star II	Oak Tree Turf (4)	Turf (3)		Kona Gold	Ancient Title (5)	Sprint (3)		Idiot Proof	Ancient Title (1)	Sprint (2)
	Ferdinand	Goodwood (1)	Classic (1)		Hawksley Hill (IRE)	Oak Tree Mile (1)	Mile (2)	2008	Wait a While	Yellow Ribbon (1)	F&M Turf (3)
1988	Lea Lucinda	Oak Leaf (7)	Juvenile Fillies (3)		Silver Charm	Goodwood (1)	Classic (2)		Stardom Bound	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (1)
	Goodbye Halo	Las Palmas (3)	Distaff (3)	1999	Anees	Norfolk (3)	Juvenile (1)		Zenyatta	Lady's Secret (1)	Ladies' Classic (1)
	Great Communicator	Oak Tree Turf (2)	Turf (1)		Kona Gold	Ancient Title (2)	Sprint (2)		Tiago	Goodwood (2)	Classic (3)
1989	Sabona	Oak Tree Mile (3)	Mile (2)		Chilukki	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Midshipman	Norfolk (2)	Juvenile (1)
	Grand Canyon	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (2)		Silic (FR)	Oak Tree Mile (1)	Mile (1)		Street Hero	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (3)
1991	Pleasant Tap	Goodwood (3)	Sprint (2)		Tuzla (FR)	Yellow Ribbon (5)	Mile (2)		Street Boss	Ancient Title (2)	Sprint (3)
	Pleasant Stage	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (1)		Docksider	Oak Tree Turf (6)	Turf (3)		Desert Code	Morvich (7)	Sprint (1)
	La Spia	Oak Leaf (3)	Juvenile Fillies (1)		Budroyale	Goodwood (1)	Classic (2)		Albertus Maximus	Goodwood (3)	Dirt Mile (1)
	Val des Bois (FR)	Oak Tree Mile (2)	Mile (2)	2000	War Chant	Oak Tree Mile (1)	Mile (1)		Rebellion	Morvich (4)	Dirt Mile (2)
	Bertrando	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (2)		Kona Gold	Ancient Title (1)	Sprint (1)	2009	California Flag	Morvich (1)	Turf Sprint (1)
1992	Magical Maiden	Linda Vista (1)	Distaff (3)		Street Cry	Norfolk (2)	Juvenile (3)		Dancing in Silks	Cal Cup Sprint (1)	Sprint (1)
	River Special	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (3)		Tiznow	Goodwood (1)	Classic (1)		Crown of Thorns	Ancient Title (2)	Sprint (2)
1993	Cardmania	Ancient Title (1)	Sprint (1)		Captain Steve	Goodwood (2)	Classic (3)		Cost of Freedom	Ancient Title (4)	Sprint (3)
	Phone Chatter	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (1)	2001	Imperial Gesture	Oak Leaf (2)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Lookin At Lucky	Norfolk (1)	Juvenile (2)
	Sardula	Oak Leaf (2)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Val Royal	Oak Tree Mile (1)	Mile (1)		Zenyatta	Lady's Secret (1)	Classic (1)
	Hollywood Wildcat	Lady's Secret (1)	Distaff (1)		Tiznow	Goodwood (3)	Classic (1)		Presious Passion	Clement Hirsch (1)	Turf (2)
1993	Re Toss (ARG)	Lady's Secret (2)	Distaff (3)	2002	Azeri	Lady's Secret (1)	Distaff (1)		Blind Luck	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (3)
	Brocco	allowance race (1)	Juvenile (1)		Composure	Oak Leaf (1)	Juvenile Fillies (2)		Free Flying Soul	Louis R. Rowan (1)	F&M Sprint (3)
	Blumin Affair	allowance race (1)	Juvenile (2)		Crafty C.T.	Ancient Title (2)	Sprint (3)		Life Is Sweet	Lady's Secret (4)	Ladies' Classic (1)

Oak Tree's Bridge to the Breeders' Cup Becomes an Extraordinary Span

1984 The first race in the first Breeders' Cup set the precedent. Favored Chief's Crown, fresh off his victory in the Norfolk Stakes, outfinished Tank's Prospect and Spend A Buck at Hollywood Park in the Juvenile, which launched the series.

1986 With Oak Tree the host, Capote captured the Juvenile and Skywalker, at 10-1 with Laffit Pincay Jr. in the saddle, took the Classic.



Skywalker, ridden by Laffit Pincay, Jr., wins the 1986 Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita Park.

1987 Again, it was a Classic-Juvenile double. Eventual Horse of the Year Ferdinand, ridden by Bill Shoemaker, nipped Alysheba and Chris McCarron by a nose in the exciting Classic at Hollywood Park after Success Express had cruised to victory for trainer D. Wayne Lukas in the Juvenile.

1988 Great Communicator, trained by Thad Ackel and ridden by Ray Sibille, became the first gelding to win a Breeders' Cup race when he rallied for victory in the Turf at Churchill Downs. Despite millionaire status and six graded stakes wins, Great Communicator was passed over at odds of 12-1.

1991 In the Juvenile Fillies, Eddie Delahoussaye brought Pleasant Stage from eleventh at the head of the stretch to beat La Spia by a head in the closest race of the day at Churchill Downs. Pleasant Stage was sent off at odds of nearly 6-1 despite her win in the Oak Leaf Stakes.

1993 When the Breeders' Cup returned to Oak Tree, the bond manifested itself. Delahoussaye rode Cardmania to a neck victory in the Sprint for trainer Derek Meredith to gain an Eclipse Award. An East Coast-West Coast showdown that brought Heavenly Prize to California went to the home team when Pincay and Phone Chatter nudged Sardula in the Juvenile Fillies. Delahoussaye and Hollywood Wildcat nosed out Paseana in the Distaff. Gary Stevens rode Brocco to a five-length victory in the Juvenile while Kent Desormeaux guided Kotashaan home in the Turf en route to Horse of the Year honors.

1995 McCarron was aboard Northern Spur, who held off French invader Freedom Cry at Belmont Park to win the Turf and clinch an Eclipse Award.

1996 Jewel Princess, with Corey Nakatani in the irons, coasted to a 1 1/2-length victory over Serena's Song in the Distaff at Woodbine to give trainer Wally Dollase his first Breeders' Cup win. McCarron and trainer David Hofmans engineered the day's blockbuster when Georgia Ridder's Alphabet Soup beat Louis Quatorze by a nose and Cigar by another head in the Classic.

1997 Elmhurst came flying down the Hollywood Park stretch under Nakatani to score a half-length victory over Hesabull in the Sprint, providing owners C. N. and Carol Ray, trainer Jenine Sahadi and Nakatani with a second successive win in the event after Lit de Justice had taken the 1996 race.

1999 Nakatani was atop Silic for his neck victory over Tuzla in the Mile at Gulfstream Park as trainer Julio Canani gained his first Breeders' Cup win. Anees, with Stevens in the saddle for trainer Alex Hassinger and The Thoroughbred Corp., sprang a 30-1 upset in the Juvenile.

2000 It was a banner year for Oak Tree's contingent at Churchill Downs. Tiznow became the first California-bred to win a Breeders' Cup event with a stunning triumph in the \$4.38-million Classic, and was subsequently voted Horse of the Year. War Chant became the second straight Oak Tree Mile winner to prevail in the Breeders' Cup Mile. And Kona Gold capped a remarkable campaign with a record-setting victory in the Sprint.

Breeders' Cups at Oak Tree

Year	Weather	Attendance (on-track)	Handle (on-track)	Handle (total)*
2009	Sunny, 73 (Fri.); Sunny, 71 (Sat.)	37,651 (Fri.); 58,845 (Sat.)	\$7,344,187 (Fri.); \$12,643,206 (Sat.)	\$42,316,521 (Fri.); \$84,360,981 (Sat.)
2008	Sunny, 85 (Fri.); Sunny, 90 (Sat.)	31,257 (Fri.); 51,321 (Sat.)	\$7,124,120 (Fri.); \$12,239,629 (Sat.)	\$42,252,739 (Fri.); \$90,604,624 (Sat.)
2003	Sunny, 99	51,648	\$17,171,165	\$120,788,128
1993	Sunny, 81	55,130	\$15,006,557	\$79,744,742
1986	Sunny, 73	69,155	\$15,410,409	\$31,984,490

*Includes all venues; Breeders' Cup races only

2001 It was another strong showing from the Oak Tree contingent. Rebounding from a disappointing third in the Goodwood Handicap, Tiznow became the first repeat winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic with an epic victory over Sakhee at Belmont Park. Val Royal continued another trend, as he became the third straight winner of the Oak Tree Mile to also win the Breeders' Cup Mile.

2002 Allen E. Paulson Living Trust's Azeri became the 24th Breeders' Cup champion to use an Oak Tree race as a springboard. The 4-year-old Jade Hunter filly won the Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup Handicap by 3 1/2 lengths and then took the Breeders' Cup Distaff by five lengths. Azeri was subsequently voted Horse of the Year. Kafwain and Composure, winners of the Oak Leaf and Norfolk Stakes, respectively, finished second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and Juvenile Fillies. Banks Hill, third in the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, finished second in the Filly/Mare Turf.



Johar (outside), ridden by Alex Solis, and High Chaparral, ridden by Mick Kinane, produced the first dead-heat for win in the 2003 Breeders' Cup.

2003 The home team dominated Breeders' Cup XX as five Oak Tree horses found their way to the winner's circle, and Santa Anita-based trainer Richard Mandella saddled an unprecedented four BC winners. Mandella swept the Juvenile events as Halfbridled romped in the Juvenile Fillies and Action This Day rallied from last to take the Bessemer Trust Juvenile. Mandella also scored in the John Deere Turf with Johar, who combined with High Chaparral

to produce the first dead-heat in Breeders' Cup history, and in the Classic with Pleasantly Perfect, who downed Medaglia d'Oro, Dynever, Congaree and several other stars to win the \$4-million event. All of Mandella's winners had tuned up with preps earlier at the Oak Tree meet. Adoration, coming off a third in the Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup Handicap, was the other Oak Tree horse to score as she began the day with a 40-1 shocker in the Distaff. California jockeys also were prominent, topped by Alex Solis' wins on Pleasantly Perfect and Johar, and Julie Krone's victory on Halfbridled that made her the first female rider to win a BC race.

2004 Sweet Catomine overcame traffic problems to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies by 3 3/4 lengths en route to an Eclipse Award as champion 2-year-old filly. Winner of the Oak Leaf Stakes, Sweet Catomine then became the 29th winner of an Oak Tree event to go on and win a Breeders' Cup race. Singletary, third in the Oak Tree Mile, scored a 16-1 upset in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

2005 Garrett Gomez won two Breeders' Cup races and missed a third by a head to earn the Shoemaker Award as the outstanding jockey on the Breeders' Cup program. Based at Oak Tree where he was the runaway winner of the jockey race with 44 victories, Gomez won his first Breeders' Cup races aboard Stevie Wonderboy in the Juvenile and Artie Schiller in the Mile. Gomez was second on Taste of Paradise in the Sprint for trainer Gary Mandella. Doug O'Neill, who trained Stevie Wonderboy for owner Merv Griffin, captured his first Breeders' Cup victory. Stevie Wonderboy earned an Eclipse Award as male 2-year-old champion of 2005.

2006 Oak Tree was once again well represented on racing's biggest day, as a total of 20 Oak Tree alumni competed at Churchill Downs. The California-bred Thor's Echo parlayed a second place finish in the Gr. I Ancient Title Breeders' Cup to victory in the Breeders' Cup Sprint, thus becoming the record 32nd Breeders' Cup Champion to have their final prep at Oak Tree. Trained by Doug O'Neill and ridden by Corey Nakatani, Thor's Echo was owned

41 Oak Tree Starters Have Won Breeders' Cup Races

Year	Horse	Breeders' Cup Race
1984	Chief's Crown	Juvenile
1986	Capote	Juvenile
1986	Skywalker	Classic
1987	Success Express	Juvenile
1987	Ferdinand	Classic
1988	Great Communicator	Turf
1991	Pleasant Stage	Juvenile Fillies
1993	Kotashaan	Turf
1993	Cardmania	Sprint
1993	Phone Chatter	Juvenile Fillies
1993	Hollywood Wildcat	Distaff
1993	Brocco	Juvenile
1995	Northern Spur	Turf
1996	Jewel Princess	Distaff
1996	Alphabet Soup	Classic
1997	Elmhurst	Sprint
1999	Anees	Juvenile
1999	Silic	Mile
2000	War Chant	Mile
2000	Kona Gold	Sprint
2000	Tiznow	Classic
2001	Tiznow	Classic
2001	Val Royal	Mile
2002	Azeri	Distaff
2003	Adoration	Distaff
2003	Halfbridled	Juvenile Fillies
2003	Action This Day	Juvenile
2003	Johar	Turf
2003	Pleasantly Perfect	Classic
2004	Sweet Catomine	Juvenile Fillies
2004	Singletary	Mile
2006	Thor's Echo	Sprint
2008	Stardom Bound	Juvenile Fillies
2008	Zenyatta	Ladies' Classic
2008	Midshipman	Juvenile
2008	Desert Code	Turf Sprint
2008	Albertus Maximus	Dirt Mile
2009	California Flag	Turf Sprint
2009	Dancing in Silks	Sprint
2009	Zenyatta	Classic
2009	Life Is Sweet	Ladies' Classic

by Royce S. Jaime Racing Stable and Suarez Racing Inc. The Neil Drysdale conditioned Aragorn, who was victorious in the Gr. II Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile, finished second in the Breeders' Cup Mile. Although he disappointed in the Breeders' Cup Classic, Lava Man was perfect in his Classic prep, taking the Gr. II Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap on Oct. 7, and as a result, was named Horse of the Meet and best Older Horse.

2007 Oak Tree sent a total of 17 horses to compete in the two-day Breeders' Cup World Championships at Monmouth Park, and none was victorious over Monmouth's sloppy main track and yielding turf. Oak Tree was represented by three in-the-money finishers, Idiot Proof (second) in the Sprint, Hystericalady (second) in the Distaff and Awesome Gem (third) in the Classic. Nashoba's Key was a courageous fourth in the Filly & Mare Turf, which was run over a turf course that had been softened by heavy rain.

2008 A total of 37 horses made their final starts at Oak Tree in preparation for the two-day Breeders' Cup on Oct. 24 and 25. Of those 37, five won, including the undefeated Zenyatta in the Ladies' Classic on Oct. 24 (Ladies' Day), and Stardom Bound in the Bessemer Trust Juvenile Fillies on the same day. Zenyatta, who notched her ninth career win, went on to be voted Eclipse Champion filly or mare for 2008. Oak Tree's Pro-Ride synthetic main track and Camino Real turf course both performed magnificently over the two days, and drew rave reviews from horsemen world-wide. On day-two, other Oak Tree-based winners were Midshipman (Bessemer Trust Juvenile Colts and Geldings), Desert Code (Turf Sprint), and Albertus Maximus (Dirt Mile). Although based at Oak Tree, come-backing Sentient Flight Group Sprint winner Midnight Lute made his last start on Aug. 24 at Del Mar. Governor Schwarzenegger and actor Kurt Russell both made winner's circle appearances

and were among an on-track crowd of 51,331 on Oct. 25 that witnessed one of the most successful Breeders' Cups in the 25-year history of the event. Ladies' Day attracted an on-track crowd of 31,257.

2009 In perhaps the most dramatic performance in the 26-year history of the Breeders' Cup, the Jerry and Ann Moss-owned Zenyatta unleashed a devastating last-to-first run to vanquish 11 male rivals in the Gr. I, \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic. Zenyatta, trained by John Shirreffs and ridden by Mike Smith, was one of four Oak Tree-based horses to win a Breeders' Cup event. An on-track crowd of 58,845 witnessed the unforgettable on Nov. 7 and 37,651 attended on Nov. 6. Oak Tree at Santa Anita became the first racing venue to ever host the Breeders' Cup in consecutive years and the two-day attendance total of 96,496 was up substantially from last year's 82,578. In addition to Zenyatta, other Oak Tree-based winners were California Flag (Turf Sprint), Dancing In Silks (Sprint) and Life Is Sweet (Ladies' Classic).



Garrett Gomez revels in the moment as Pam and Martin Wygod's home-bred Life Is Sweet wins the Gr. I, \$2-million Ladies' Classic by 2 1/2 lengths. One of the most impressive winners of the 2009 World Championships, the 4-year-old daughter of Storm Cat provided trainer John Shirreffs with his second consecutive Ladies' Classic win, as his Zenyatta took the 2008 running



Superstar Irish-bred filly Goldikova successfully defends her title against primarily male opposition in the Gr. I, \$2-million TVG Breeders' Cup Mile Turf. The 4-year-old daughter of Anabaa rallied furiously in midstretch to prevail by one-half length under Olivier Peslier. Owned and bred by Wertheimer and Frere, Goldikova defeated 10 rivals, seven of them male, while covering the distance in 1:32.26.

Oak Tree Racing Association Dedicated to Serving the Sport



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In 1968, three distinguished California racing figures—Clement L. Hirsch, Louis R. Rowan and Dr. Jack Robbins—met with then Santa Anita Park president Robert P. Strub and general manager Fred Ryan with a proposal to offer horsemen an opportunity for first-class racing between the end of the Del Mar season and the opening of the Santa Anita winter-spring meeting. The Southern California racing calendar was empty then, except for the brief L.A. County Fair meet run at the Pomona Fair grounds.

Oak Tree was designed to be a meeting run for horsemen, by horsemen. Santa Anita management agreed to an autumn racing season in 1969, and thus the Oak Tree Racing Association was in business. The first 20-day meeting did well in attendance and handle, and racing under the Oak Tree banner has grown from there, with profits designated primarily for worthy racing industry projects.

Clement Hirsch, a successful Thoroughbred owner and breeder, was Oak Tree's first and only president until his death on March 24, 2000. He was succeeded by Dr. Robbins, who in addition to being one of the nation's most respected practitioners of equine veterinary medicine, has also been an owner and manager of training, breeding and equine surgical facilities in California.

Robbins and his wife Maggie campaigned Strub Stakes winners Nostalgia's Star and Most Host, plus stakes winners Honeys Gem, Smasher, Casselaria and Guilton Madero. Champion runners who benefited from his veterinary care included John Henry, Majestic

Prince, Ancient Title and Native Diver.

Robbins and Hirsch were both instrumental in bringing the Breeders' Cup to Santa Anita during the Oak Tree meetings of 1986 and 1993, and Robbins was at the helm for the record-breaking 2003 presentation of the renamed Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.

In 2008, Breeders' Cup officials designated Oak Tree at Santa Anita to host the World Championships for an unprecedented two consecutive years, in 2008 and 2009.

The Oak Tree Racing Association responded to the challenge by presenting two of the most successful Breeders' Cups in the history of the event, which dates back to 1984.

In 2008, the two-day World Championships, run on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25, produced on-track crowds of 31,257 and 51,331, respectively.

In 2009, Oak Tree again drew rave national and international reviews, as its Pro-Ride synthetic main track and turf course performed beautifully before a live national television audience. The two-day World Championships, run on Nov. 6 & 7, attracted on-track crowds of 37,651 and 58,845, representing increases of 20 percent and six percent over the previous year.



The Oak Tree Racing Association 2010 Board of Directors.

Oak Tree is now poised to present its 42nd racing season at Santa Anita in 2010. Throughout the years, Oak Tree has remained dedicated to channeling its profits to research, development and breeding, plus other worthy causes, many of which are in the San Gabriel Valley.

Oak Tree is a not-for-profit, non-dividend-paying group of active California owners and breeders whose directors serve without compensation.

During its 40-plus years of dedication to the cause of "Horsemen Helping Horsemen," Oak Tree has contributed more than \$26 million to projects benefiting the racing industry.

This includes more than \$4.6 million in support of projects at the University of California, Davis, Center for Equine Health and Performance. Oak Tree also gives to the Grayson-Jockey Club Foundation, American Horse Council, Race Track Chaplaincy and Winners Foundation, which assists people in horse racing to combat substance abuse.

At Santa Anita, horsemen continue to benefit from Oak Tree projects that have remodeled the stable cafeteria, backstretch recreation facility, and the funding of English-speaking classes for backstretch workers.

Community organizations benefiting from Oak Tree grants include the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, Arcadia Mounted Police Unit, California Philharmonic, Fairplex Child Development Foundation, Hillside's Home for Children, Holy Angels School, Methodist Hospital Foundation and the Panda Charitable Foundation.



*Clement L. Hirsch served as Oak
Tree's president from 1969-2000*

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1969 Bill Shoemaker won the first Oak Tree stakes, the Autumn Days Handicap, aboard Mrs. Howard B. Keck's Tell, who would win Horse of the Meeting honors. Shoemaker won four of the nine stakes run. Apprentice Rudy Rosales won five races on Oct. 29.

1970 Clement L. Hirsch's juvenile filly June Darling won the Anoakia, Oak Leaf and the inaugural Norfolk Stakes. Cain Hoy Stable's Ack Ack gave notice of things to come when he carried 128 pounds to win the Autumn Days Handicap.

1971 Mary Jones' Chilean star Cougar II won the Oak Tree Invitational. Bill Shoemaker won on all five of his mounts Oct. 30. Elmendorf Farm's Manta won the Autumn Days Handicap, her fourth Oak Tree stakes win.

1972 Cougar II became the first back-to-back winner of the Oak Tree Invitational. Mrs. Ethel D. Kirkland's gelding, Ancient Title, won the Sunny Slope Stakes, the first of his 10 stakes triumphs at Santa Anita.

1973 Daniel Schwartz's Portentous scored a wire-to-wire win in the Oak Tree Invitational and paid a record \$77.20. Apprentice Steve Valdez matched a Santa Anita record with six wins on Oct. 15 and had a five-win day one week later.

1974 Tallahto became the first filly or mare to win either the Carleton F. Burke Handicap or the Oak Tree Invitational. Mrs. Howard B. Keck's filly would be named Horse of the Meeting.

1975 Mrs. Arthur W. Stollery's Dulcia won the \$350,000 National Thoroughbred Championship over Royal Glint and Tizna. Dulcia earned \$240,000 for the victory in the richest race in America up to that time. Howard Koch and Telly Savalas' Telly's Pop quickly became one of the most popular horses in training with his win in the Norfolk Stakes. Trainer Farrell Jones won four races on Oct. 15 and three more the next day.

1976 Cardiff Stock Farm's King Pellinore won the second running of the \$350,000 stakes, The Champions, by a nose. King Pellinore also won the Carleton F. Burke Handicap and the Oak Tree Invitational, giving him three of the richest stakes of the meeting.

1977 The Hat Ranch's Double Discount set a world record of 1:57 2/5 for 1 1/4 miles on turf in winning the Carleton F. Burke Handicap. Valpredo and Valpredo's Star Ball won the inaugural Yellow Ribbon Stakes by three lengths. Cal-bred Crystal Water defeated Vigors and Ancient Title to give Bill Shoemaker his fifth Oak Tree Invitational win since 1971.

1978 Harbor View Farm's It's In the Air scored a 1 1/2-length win in the Oak Leaf Stakes en route to being named co-champion Eclipse Award-winning 2-year-old filly. Nelson Bunker Hunt won both the Yellow Ribbon Stakes and the Oak Tree Invitational with Amazer and Exceller on successive days. B. J. Ridder's homebred Flying Paster solidified his hold as the best 2-year-old in the West with a five-length win in the Norfolk Stakes. The Volante Handicap marked the initial Southern California appearance of Dotsam Stable's great John Henry, who finished third as the favorite.

1979 Saron Stable's Bold 'n Determined kept her undefeated record intact by winning the Oak Leaf Stakes by three lengths. The Henry P. Russell Handicap marked the first Southern California stakes win for John Henry. He won by 3 1/4 lengths, going wire-to-wire. Mrs. Howard B. Keck's Balzac gave trainer Charlie Whittingham his eighth Oak Tree Invitational win in the first 11 runnings. Jockey Darrel McHargue won six races on Oct. 25. Chris McCarron rode an Oak Tree meet record 54 winners.

1980 Serge Fradkoff's Kilijaro dominated the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, winning by 3 1/4 lengths. John Henry won his first of three Oak Tree Invitations by 1 1/2 lengths en route to winning an Eclipse Award as champion grass horse.

1981 Elmendorf Farm's Seafood and Eric Frank's Waterway Drive deadheaded for first in the Volante Handicap, the first deadheat in an Oak Tree stakes. Marvin L. Warner's Stalwart won the Norfolk Stakes, with eventual Kentucky Derby winner Gato Del Sol finishing third. In one of the most exciting races of his career, John Henry came back from apparent defeat to catch Spence Bay and win his second Oak Tree Invitational en route to Horse of the Year honors.

1982 Eclipse Award winners Roving Boy and Landaluce made their marks at Oak Tree. French and Beal's Landaluce won the Anoakia Stakes by 10 lengths and the Oak Leaf Stakes by two. R. E. Hibbert's Roving Boy won the Norfolk Stakes by 4 1/2 lengths. John Henry made it three straight in the Oak Tree Invitational, giving jockey Bill Shoemaker his eighth victory in the race. The daily average on-track attendance of 28,822 was highest in Oak Tree history.

1983 Mel Hatley's Life's Magic defeated stablemate and eventual champion 2-year-old filly Althea in the Oak Leaf Stakes before finishing second to Fali Time in the Norfolk Stakes. Edith de Gil's Zalataia shipped in from France to defeat John Henry in the Oak Tree Invitational.

1984 Star Crown Stable's Chief's Crown won the Norfolk Stakes by 1 1/2 lengths prior to winning the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile and championship honors. Henryk de Kwiatkowski's Sabin shipped in from New York to win the Yellow Ribbon Stakes and give trainer Woody Stephens his first Oak Tree victory.

1985 Grinstead and Rochelle's Snow Chief roared home to win the Norfolk Stakes by three lengths. He went on to win the Santa Anita Derby, Preakness Stakes and honors as the nation's top 3-year-old male in 1986. Summa Stable's Estrapade won the Yellow Ribbon Stakes by three-quarters of a length.

1986 An Oak Tree record crowd of 69,155 attended the third Breeders' Cup and saw victories by champions Smile, Brave Raj, Capote, Manila, and Horse of the Year Lady's Secret. Capote also won the Norfolk Stakes. Estrapade defeated the colts in the Oak Tree Invitational.

1987 Mrs. Howard B. Keck's Ferdinand captured the Goodwood Handicap under Bill Shoemaker and went on to become the third horse to win an Oak Tree stakes and Horse

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of the Year honors in the same season. It was the third of a four-race winning streak for the Charlie Whittingham trainee, who closed 1987 with a triumph in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Kinghaven Farm's Carotene arrived from Canada to score a \$47.60 upset in the Yellow Ribbon.

1988 Eugene V. Klein's One of a Klein gave trainer D. Wayne Lukas his sixth Oak Leaf Stakes victory in the last seven runnings. Nasr El Arab won the Oak Tree Invitational by two lengths over Great Communicator, who won the Breeders' Cup Turf in his next start. Evergreen Farm's Delighter won the Yellow Ribbon Stakes, which was won by her dam, Amazer, in 1978. Jockey Pat Valenzuela won six races on Oct. 31 and five races on Nov. 4.

1989 J. Shelton Meredith's Hawkster set a world record of 2:22 4/5 in the Oak Tree Invitational over Santa Anita's new turf course, which opened just prior to the Oak Tree meeting. Bill Shoemaker won the Harold C. Ramser, Sr. Handicap on Present Value. It was Shoe's 62nd Oak Tree stakes victory and the last of his record 322 at Santa Anita Park. Calbourne Farm's 7-year-old Brown Bess solidified her Eclipse Award as champion grass mare by winning the Yellow Ribbon Stakes by nearly two lengths.

1990 Big prices prevailed in the big turf races as Plenty of Grace paid a record \$114 in the Yellow Ribbon and Rial returned the second highest payoff on an Oak Tree Invitational winner at \$56.80. Bill Shoemaker picked up his first Oak Tree and Santa Anita win as a trainer with Intimate Kid on Oct. 11.

1991 De Burgh, Prestonwood Farm and Robert Sangster's Kostroma set a world record of 1:43.92 for 1 1/8 miles on turf in winning the Las Palmas Handicap by a half-length. She went on to join Estrapade as the only distaffers to win both the Las Palmas and the Yellow Ribbon Stakes in the same season. Buckland Farm's Pleasant Stage scored her maiden victory in the Oak Leaf Stakes before winning the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and an Eclipse Award as the 1991 champion 2-year-old filly.

1992 Bob Hibbert's Navarone scored his fifth straight win in taking the Oak Tree Invitational. The 4-year-old Irish River colt thus recorded the first Grade I stakes win for trainer Rodney Rash. Juddmonte Farms' Super Staff nosed out favored Flawlessly in the Yellow Ribbon Stakes for leading jockey Kent Desormeaux. Upon winning the Autumn Days Handicap and California Cup Distaff, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mabee's Bel's Starlet joined John Henry and Manta as the only four-time stakes winners in Oak Tree's 24-year history.

1993 A record crowd of 87,674 at Santa Anita Park and its satellite locations wagered a then North American-record \$36,264,799 when Oak Tree hosted Breeders' Cup X on Nov. 6. Arcangues won the Breeders' Cup Classic under jockey Jerry Bailey to record the greatest upset in Breeders' Cup history, winning by two lengths at odds of \$133.60-1. Five Breeders' Cup winners were Eclipse Award winners: Sprint winner Cardmania; Juvenile Fillies winner Phone Chatter; Distaff winner Hollywood Wildcat; Mile winner Lure, and Turf winner Kotashaan, who was also named Horse of the Year. Trainer Richard Mandella saddled four horses on Breeders' Cup Day and won with all four.

1994 Robert and Beverly Lewis' Serena's Song defeated favorite Call Now in the Grade I Oak Leaf Stakes, tipping her hand as one of racing's superstars of 1995. Sandpit knocked off Grand Flotilla in the Grade I Oak Tree Invitational to give trainer Richard Mandella his second straight victory in the 1 1/2-mile turf classic, and Bertrando notched the final victory of his brilliant career, rallying to edge Dramatic Gold in the Grade II Goodwood Handicap.

1995 Charles Cella's Northern Spur used his victory in the \$300,000 Oak Tree Invitational as a springboard to win the \$2-million Breeders' Cup Turf and Eclipse Award honors as champion male grass horse. Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron won a record 11 stakes races, including the \$600,000 Yellow Ribbon aboard Sid and Jenny Craig's Alpride. Robert and Barbara Walter's Cavonnier defeated Ready To Order in the \$100,000 Cal Cup Juvenile.

1996 Three weeks before he upset Horse of the Year Cigar in the Breeders' Cup Classic, Ridder Thoroughbred Stable's Alphabet Soup was disqualified from victory in the Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap. The winner became second-place finisher Savinio. The next day, Savinio's owner Gary Bizsantz and trainer Walter Greenman won the Grade I Oak Tree Turf Championship via disqualification with Admise when Bon Point was moved from first to fifth. McCaffery and Toffan's Free House, who rose to stardom at three, won his first stakes, the Grade II Norfolk. Seven-year-old Megan's Interco, winner of the 1993 and 1995 Cal Cup Mile, took the 1996 Cal Cup Classic.

1997 Bob Baffert tied Mike Mitchell's 14-year-old record for most training victories when saddling 19 winners during the 27-day meet. His six stakes victories included the Norfolk and Oak Leaf with two-year-olds Souvenir Copy and Vivid Angel. Three-year-old filly Ryafan's triumph in the Yellow Ribbon earned Horse of the Meet recognition and, later, the Eclipse Award as the nation's top turf filly. Elmhurst prepared for his Breeders' Cup Sprint win by taking the Ancient Title Breeders' Cup Handicap.

1998 Bob Baffert set an Oak Tree training record with 21 wins. Prince Fahd bin Salman's Fiji wrapped up the 1998 Eclipse Award for top turf filly or mare with a two-length victory in the Yellow Ribbon, her final start of 1998. Heinz Steinmann's Buck Trout became the first maiden to win the Norfolk Stakes, and Excellent Meeting, owned by Golden Eagle Farm, took the Oak Leaf en route to a second-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies behind stablemate Silverbulletday. Silver Charm won the Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap -- along with Horse of the Meet honors -- and went on to finish second to Awesome Again in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

1999 Early stakes provided profitable preparation for Breeders' Cup Championship races. Jeffrey Sengara's Budroyale, once a claimer, continued his remarkable success with a victory in the Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap and went on to run second just a head behind Cat Thief in the Breeders' Cup Classic. Even more successful was Silic, who triumphed in the Breeders' Cup Mile after capturing the Oak Tree Breeders' Cup Mile Stakes. Kona Gold, second in the Ancient Title Breeders' Cup Handicap, lost to Artax by only a half-length in the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

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2000 No less than three Oak Tree stakes winners were unsaddled following prolific victories at Breeders' Cup XVII at Churchill Downs. Goodwood Handicap winner Tiznow clinched Horse of the Year honors with a tenacious victory in the BC Classic. Ancient Title winner Kona Gold capped a storybook season with a track-record performance in the Sprint, and War Chant, winner of the Oak Tree Mile, was brilliant while capturing the BC Mile. Laffit Pincay, Jr. won his first Oak Tree riding title since 1982, riding 31 winners including a record five stakes wins on Cal Cup Day, Oct. 28. The 53-year-old marvel recorded career win 9,000 on Chichim in the Cal Cup Distaff on Oct. 28.

2001 Horse of the Meeting Val Royal became the third straight horse to sweep the Oak Tree Mile and the Breeders' Cup Mile. Tiznow, third to Freedom Crest in the Goodwood Handicap, became the first repeat winner of the Breeders' Cup Classic. Laffit Pincay Jr., with 33 wins, and Bill Spawr, 13 wins, defended their riding and training championships, respectively. California Cup XII attracted on-track attendance of 37,602, the largest Cal Cup Day crowd since 1992, and the total Cal Cup handle was a record \$19,992,379.60.

2002 Horse of the Meeting Azeri toyed with her six rivals while winning the opening day Lady's Secret Breeders' Cup Handicap by 3 1/2 lengths. The Jade Hunter filly subsequently captured the Breeders' Cup Distaff, and was voted Horse of the Year for 2002. Laffit Pincay Jr. rode 27 winners to take his third consecutive Oak Tree title, his sixth overall and his 43rd career championship. Arcadia native Jack Carava won his first Oak Tree training title with 14 victories, the first time since 1996 that neither Bob Baffert nor Bill Spawr won the title.

2003 Wertheimer Farms' Halfbridled notched overpowering triumphs in the Oak Leaf Stakes and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and was voted Horse of the Meeting. The towering Unbridled filly made Julie Krone the first woman rider to win a Breeders' Cup event and was the first of a record four Breeders' Cup winners saddled by Richard Mandella (The Hall of Fame trainer has won a combined eight races at the last two Breeders' Cups hosted by Oak Tree, including six BC wins). Diamond A Racing's Pleasantly Perfect also dominated for Mandella, roaring from behind to take both the Goodwood Handicap and the Breeders' Cup Classic at 14-1. Diamond A Racing Corp. (Gerald J. Ford of Houston, TX) set a single-season Oak Tree earnings record of \$2,696,080. Patrick Valenzuela edged Tyler Baze, 34-33, to claim his first Oak Tree riding title since 1988, and Doug O'Neill saddled a record 22 wins to claim his first Oak Tree training title while finishing 10 clear of runner-up Bob Baffert. Baffert previously held the record with 21 wins in 1998.

2004 Following in the footsteps of champion Halfbridled in 2003, Marty and Pam Wygod's Sweet Catomine won the Oak Leaf Stakes before going on to capture the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and earn an Eclipse Award as 2-year-old filly champion. Juddmonte Farms' Light Jig was named Oak Tree's Horse of the Meet in the annual Media Poll. Corey Nakatani won the riding title with 21 wins, while Mike Mitchell captured the training crown with 13 wins from 30 starters for a 43 percent victory rate.

2005 While the equine athletes who won Oak Tree stakes races in 2005 didn't get their pictures taken in the winners' circle on Breeders' Cup day, Oak Tree's human counterparts did. Garrett Gomez won two Breeders' Cup races—aboard eventual male 2-year-old champion Stevie Wonderboy in the Juvenile, and Artie Schiller in the Mile—while trainer Doug O'Neill won his first Breeders' Cup race with Stevie Wonderboy. Gomez captured the Oak Tree riding title with 44 victories, while Steve Knapp won his first-ever training title, overtaking Jeff Mullins on the final two days to edge his sometime advisor, 16-15. Rock Hard Ten, winner of the Grade II Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap, was named Horse of the Meet in Oak Tree's annual media poll. Owned by the Mercedes Stable of Ernest Moody and Madeleine Pickens, and trained by Richard Mandella, Rock Hard Ten missed the Breeders' Cup Classic due to an 11th-hour injury to his right front foot.

2006 Oak Tree, which has produced more Breeders' Cup winners than any other racing venue, was once again well represented as a total of 20 Oak Tree 2006 alumni competed in Breeders' Cup XXIII. The California-bred Thor's Echo took the Sprint under Corey Nakatani for trainer Doug O'Neill. O'Neill notched his second Oak Tree training title by winning 17 races, eight more than his nearest rival, John Sadler. Neil Drysdale led all trainers in stakes won, with four. Nakatani led the jockey standings from gate to wire and garnered his fourth Oak Tree riding title, compiling 24 wins. He was also the leading stakes-winning jockey with eight added money victories. Lava Man, another California-bred trained by O'Neill and ridden by Nakatani, won the \$500,000 Gr. II Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap and was voted Horse of the Meeting and also best older horse. Robert Bone and J. Paul Reddam led all owners with five wins apiece. Reddam, Abergwaun Farm and the partnership of Bill Currin and Al Eisman led all owners with two stakes wins apiece. The Oct. 8 Norfolk Stakes was voted the Race of the Meet, as Stormello, under Kent Desormeaux, for owner/breeder/trainer William Currin, stamped himself as one of the nation's top 2-year-olds, winning by a neck in 1:43.10.

2007 The great California-bred filly Nashoba's Key, a 4-year-old daughter of Silver Hawk, who was bred by her owners, Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Williamson, cruised to Horse of the Meet honors by winning the prestigious Gr. I Yellow Ribbon Stakes. Trained by Carla Gaines, the win ran "Nashoba's" career record to a perfect seven for seven. She tasted defeat for the first time in her next start, when she was a troubled fourth in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Monmouth Park. Tyler Baze took his first Oak Tree riding title with 29 wins, four better than Victor Espinoza. Doug O'Neill and Jeff Mullins dead heated atop the trainer standings with 13 wins apiece. Mullins led in stakes won with three. The California-bred Idiot Proof took the Gr. I Ancient Title Stakes en route to a second-place finish in the Breeders' Cup Sprint. Trained by Clifford Sise, the 3-year-old gelded son of Benchmark was bred by his owners, Pam and Martin Wygod. California Cup XVIII was a huge success, as the total handle of \$16,852,200 represented a 14 percent increase over 2006. The Bill Morey conditioned Bold Chieftain was the star of the day, winning the Cal Cup Classic under Russell Baze. Leading owner honors were shared by Barber and Barber, along with La Canada Stables LLC, as each had five wins. Jerry and Ann Moss led in money won, with earnings of \$354,000.

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2008 Eventual Eclipse Award winner Zenyatta delivered a command performance in winning the 1 1/8 mile, Gr. I Ladies' Classic on day one of the two-day Breeders' Cup World Championships. This victory followed her triumph in the Gr. I Lady's Secret on Sept. 27, and thus cemented her status as Horse of the Meet. Owned by Jerry and Ann Moss, trained by John Shirreffs and ridden by Mike Smith, the 4-year-old daughter of Street Cry dominated seven rivals in the Ladies' Classic, winning by 1 1/2 lengths in 1:46.85. Juddmonte Farms homebred Ventura dominated 12 distaffers to win the Sentient Flight Group Filly and Mare Sprint under Garrett Gomez. Trained by Bobby Frankel, the 4-year-old daughter of Chester House aired by 4 lengths, getting the seven furlongs in 1:19.90. Trainer John Gosden returned to Oak Tree from his native England for the biggest win of his career in the \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic with Kentucky-bred Raven's Pass. With Frankie Dettori up, the 3-year-old colt by Elusive Quality stormed by eventual Horse of the Year Curlin turning for home and won the 1 1/4 miles Classic by 1 3/4 lengths in 1:59.27. Raven's Pass was subsequently retired to stud by owners HRH Princess Haya of Jordan and Darley Stable. Also on Breeders' Cup day two, the Irish-bred filly Goldikova routed 10 male rivals in winning the Breeders' Cup Mile Turf by 1 1/4 lengths, in 1:33.40 under Oliver Peslier. Trained by Freddie Head and owned by Wertheimer and Frere, Goldikova split horses and burst to the lead leaving the 1/8 pole, in what was unquestionably one of the most impressive wins of the two-day event. Trainer Bob Baffert once again demonstrated his prowess by sending Midnight Lute to victory in the Sentient Flight Group Sprint. Idle since August at Del Mar, the 5-year-old son of Real Quiet rallied six wide into the stretch under Garrett Gomez to win by 1 3/4 lengths. Owned by Watson and Weitman Performances LLC and Mike Pegram, "Lute" got the six furlongs in 1:07.08. Another outstanding training job was in evidence in the TVG Dirt Mile, as the Vladimir Cerin-conditioned Albertus Maximus, under Gomez, rallied from far back to win by 1 1/4 lengths. The Marianne and Brandon Chase homebred son of Albert the Great got the distance in 1:33.41. Garrett Gomez won four races over the two days and was awarded the prestigious Bill Shoemaker Award as outstanding jockey.

2009 In a race for the ages, Zenyatta became the first filly or mare to ever win the Gr. I, \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic, as she vanquished 11 male rivals in a performance that many consider to be the greatest in the 26-year history of the Breeders' Cup. After breaking last from post position four, the 5-year-old daughter of Street Cry was taken in hand by Mike Smith and trailed the field going into the Club House turn. The Jerry and Ann Moss color bearer unleashed a perfectly crafted rally going into the far turn and won going away by one length, getting the 1 1/4 miles in 2:00.62. Trained by John Shirreffs, Zenyatta extended her unbeaten skein to 14, while electrifying an on-track crowd of 58,845. By virtue of her Classic win and repeat victory in the Gr. I Lady's Secret (Oct. 10), Zenyatta was again named Eclipse Champion Older Filly or Mare, but finished second in 2009's Horse of the Year balloting to eastern-based Rachel Alexandra. Although her performance will forever be cast in Zenyatta's Classic shadow, the Irish-bred Goldikova was once again sensational in defending her crown against 10 males in the Gr. I, TVG Breeders' Cup Mile Turf. Far back early, Goldikova rallied four-wide into the stretch and prevailed in game fashion by one half length as the 7-5 favorite. Ridden again by Olivier Peslier and trained by former riding great Freddie Head, Goldikova got the mile in 1:32.26. The California breeding industry was

well-served on Classic Day as well, as the Golden State produced two winners—Dancing in Silks in the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Sprint and California Flag in the Turf Sprint. Ridden by Joel Rosario for trainer Carla Gaines, Dancing in Silks, a 4-year-old gelding, was up to win the Sprint by a nose in 1:08.14, and paid \$52.60 to win. Owned by Ken Kinakin, Dancing in Silks earned \$1,080,000. Ridden by Joe Talamo, California Flag took the \$1-million Turf Sprint contested at 6 1/2 furlongs down Santa Anita's hillside turf course. Owned and bred by the High Card Ranch, California Flag controlled the race on the front end and won comfortably by 1 3/4 lengths, getting the distance in 1:11.28. Both Talamo and trainer Brian Koriner notched their first-ever Breeders' Cup wins. Pam and Martin Wygod's home-bred Life Is Sweet provided the highlight of Breeders' Cup Day One, as the 4-year-old Storm Cat filly dominated the Gr. I Ladies' Classic at odds of 8-1. Under Garrett Gomez, Life is Sweet won by 2 1/2 lengths, getting the 1 1/8 miles in 1:48.58 and paying \$18.20 to win. Trainer John Shirreffs took his second consecutive Ladies' Classic, as he won the race in 2008 with Zenyatta. Jockey Julien Leparoux won three Breeders' Cup races—the Gr. I Dirt Mile, the Gr. I Grey Goose Juvenile Fillies and the Sentient Jet Filly and Mare Sprint, and was voted the prestigious Bill Shoemaker Award as outstanding jockey. Leparoux would go on to win the 2009 Eclipse Jockey Award as well.

Living Legends

On Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, eight of the greatest Hall of Fame jockeys of all time, Angel Cordero Jr., 65, Jacinto Vasquez, 64, Sandy Hawley, 59, Pat Day, 55, Chris McCarron, 53, Jerry Bailey, 51, Gary Stevens, 45, and Julie Krone, 45, all members of racing's Hall of Fame, competed in the first-ever "Living Legends Race" at Oak Tree.

Unlike other past races for retired jockeys, the Living Legends Race, which was hosted by the Oak Tree Racing Association and Legends on Tour, sought and received permission from the California Horse Racing Board to offer live pari-mutuel wagering on the race for California-bred maiden colts and geldings at seven furlongs.

The eight riding legends accounted for 49,163 wins during their illustrious careers and their combined earnings exceeded \$1.5 billion.

In addition to the eight legendary jockeys who rode the race, Hall of Fame jockeys Eddie Delahoussaye, Laffit Pincay Jr. and Jorge Velasquez served as Living Legends Ambassadors and participated in a popular autograph session in the paddock gardens area on the morning of the race.

With Delahoussaye, Pincay and Velasquez factored in, the 11 retired legends amassed a total of 71,872 career wins and nearly \$2 billion in earnings.

Canadian-born Sandy Hawley, one of the most popular jockeys in the history of Southern California Thoroughbred racing, took charge leaving the gate and won the Legends Race gate to wire aboard the John Sadler conditioned first-time starter Tribal Chief by 6 1/2 lengths, getting the distance in 1:21.03. Dispatched at odds of 5-2, Tribal Chief paid \$7.80 to win.

At the age of 59 and after a 10-year hiatus from the saddle, Hawley registered his 6,450th career victory.

"Being back with these guys was a thrill," said Hawley. "I've been with them the last few days, and you really don't get to see them more than maybe once or twice a year at the Derby or the Breeders' Cup. To be able to ride with them...when I got the call (to compete), I was like 'Holy cow, yeah, it would be an honor.' The field of riders they ended up getting was tremendous, and I never thought in a million years that I had an opportunity to win, but I got on a good horse.

"Once I got here, the nerves seemed to calm down. Pat Day was the same way—we were both anxious coming over, but once you get in the race, you start thinking about riding the race. I was a little nervous going into the starting gate, because I haven't been out of a gate in 10 years. That was the part I was worried about, so I grabbed a big handful of mane. The horse dragged me around there real



The great Sandy Hawley.

nice. It's a great thrill. I'll have to find out when he's running back. Maybe I can get the call."

A 3-year-old gelding by the California-based stallion Tribal Rule, Tribal Chief was owned by David and Herb Alpert, who coincidentally, used Hawley regularly when he was an active jockey.

Although he didn't ride the race, Pincay was quick to compliment Hawley, with whom he competed on a regular basis from the mid '70s through the late '80s. "This guy got more out of a horse than anybody I know," said Pincay.

Sadler also had fond memories of the Canadian-born legend. "I rode Sandy on a lot of winners before when he was still riding here," he said. "I started in 1979 and I used to ride him on a horse that I loved called Super Star Vincent. He rode a lot for me, and he rode a lot for Dave Hofmans, who I used to work for, so I've had a long relationship with him. He's always gotten a lot of run out his mounts."

Retired legend and current ESPN racing analyst Jerry Bailey, who was aboard second-place finisher Dee Dee's Legacy, appeared to have jokingly retained a semblance of his legendary timing. "I prepared per-

fectly," he said. "My legs, my air and my arms all went out at the same time. Fortunately, it was at the wire."

The Living Legends Race helped to produce an on-track crowd of 11,877, which wagered \$2.1 million on-track. Total handle for the day exceeded \$9.8 million. Mutuel handle on the race itself was very strong, as \$438,012 was wagered in the win-place-show pool. Total handle for the Living Legends Race was a very strong \$1,333,407.

"The day was a big success," said Oak Tree Director and Executive Vice President Sherwood Chillingworth. "It was so much fun just to have all of these guys back here and to be able to share them with our fans during the autograph session and of course, the race itself was something I think all of us will always cherish. Even though they're all retired now, it's obvious people were very comfortable betting on the horses they rode. These jockeys meant so much to this business for so many years, and it was incredible that we were able to get them all together for something like this.

"We are also very grateful that the CHRHB allowed us to run this as an official wagering race, and that's what really made it special for everyone. It was like playing a Hall of Fame exhibition game that counted in the standings. The main thing is, everyone competed and came back safe and sound. The whole thing really exceeded our expectations and it helped set the table for the two-day Breeders' Cup the following weekend."

FOURTH RACE 7 FURLONGS (1:19) ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING . Purse \$47,000 (plus \$1,200 Other Sources) FOR CALIFORNIA BRED THREE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD WHICH HAVE NEVER WON MORE THAN MAIDEN, CLAIMING OR STARTER OR WHICH HAVE NEVER WON TWO RACES OR OPTIONAL CLAIMING PRICE OF \$32,000. Three Year Olds, 126 lbs.; Older, 126 lbs. (Non-Starters for a claiming price of \$25,000 or less in the last 3 starts preferred).															
OCTOBER 18, 2008															
Value of Race: \$46,200 Winner \$26,200; second \$9,400; third \$5,540; fourth \$2,820; fifth \$940; sixth \$400; seventh \$400; eighth \$400. Mutuel Pool \$438,012.00 Exacta Pool \$288,261.00 Trifecta Pool \$229,708.00 Superfecta Pool \$127,832.00															
Last Raced	Horse	M/E	L/A	WT	PP	St	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Jockey	C/P	Pr	Odds \$1
31Jan08 85A2	Tribal Chief	LB	b	4	126	2	3	11	11 1/2	12	16 1/2	Hawley S			2.90
21Feb08 75A2	Dee Dee's Legacy	LB	3	126	1	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Bailey J D			4.10
11Sep08 9Fpx5	Scandalous	LB	4	128	5	6	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	3rd	3rd	Stevens G L			5.50
17Aug08 9Dmr2	Swift Demand	LB	4	126	3	6	4 1/2	2nd	3rd	42	42	Day P			3.30
31Aug08 5Dmr1	Major Smoke	LB	3	126	7	1	6 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	Krone J A			7.30	
30Nov07 6Ho13	Kalookan Event	LB	4	132	4	7	7 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	6 1 1/2	Vasquez J			30.40	
29Aug08 7Dmr6	Waafi	LB	3	128	6	2	8	8	8	7 1/2	7 1/2	McCarron C J			7.80
27Aug08 5Dmr10	Stathy	LB	4	126	8	4	2nd	4 1/2	7th	8	8	Cordero A Jr			7.50

OFF AT 2:13 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.			
TIME	:22, :45, 1:09, 1:21 (:22.93, :45.26, 1:09.06, 1:21.03)		
2 - TRIBAL CHIEF	7.80	4.00
1 - DEE DEE'S LEGACY	5.20	3.60
5 - SCANDALOUS		4.00

S1 EXACTA 2-1 PAID \$18.40 S1 TRIFECTA 2-1-5 PAID \$92.50			
S1 SUPERFACTA 2-1-5-3 PAID \$267.80			
B. g. (Jan), by Tribal Rule - Aurora Winners, by Fit to Fight. Trainer Sadler John W. Bred by Judy Carmel & Brad Carmel (Cal).			
TRIBAL CHIEF sped to the early lead, set the pace off the rail, kicked clear and drew off in the stretch under some urging and steady handling late. DEE DEE'S LEGACY close up stalking the pace inside, came out into the stretch and held second. SCANDALOUS between horses early, chased off the rail, split rivals into the turn, angled in a bit off the rail, continued toward the inside in the stretch and edged a rival for the show. SWIFT DEMAND a bit slow to begin, stalked between horses, came out three deep into the stretch and was edged for third. MAJOR SMOKE chased outside then three deep on the turn, came four wide into the stretch and lacked the needed rally. KALOOKAN EVENT washy at the spile, was in tight between foes early, angled in and chased inside, swung out into the stretch and could not offer the necessary response. WAAFI broke alertly then dropped back off the rail, angled in on the backstretch, moved up some on the turn, came out into the stretch and did not rally, then returned bleeding from the nostrils. STATHY close up stalking the pace three deep, dropped back on the turn and gave way and was eased late.			
Owners- 1, Alpert David and Herb; 2, Corwin Racing; 3, Wrathor Charlote; 4, C R K Stable; 5, Derenzis and Vanderham; 6, Headley Aase and Shapiro Richard and Coleen; 7, Janavar Thoroughbreds LLC; 8, Stathatos Dan S			
Trainers- 1, Sadler John W; 2, Puype Mike; 3, Vienna Darrell; 4, Sadler John W; 5, Becerra Rafael; 6, Headley Bruce; 7, Jones Martin F; 8, Mandella Gary			
Scratched- Trilliant (26Apr08 7BM 2), North Fork (25Sep08 70SA2), Steady Demand (22Sep08 11Fpx7), Spot the Diplomat (05Oct08 80SA)			

Oak Tree Milestones

First Race—On Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1969, the first race on the initial Oak Tree card, a \$5,000, six-furlong event for \$10,000 claimers, was won by Sultan's Sabina, a 3-year-old California-bred filly. The winner, who paid \$17.40, \$8.40 and \$5, was trained by C. T. Clayton and ridden by Rudy Rosales. Rosales also won the second and third races.

First Stakes Race and Turf Race—The \$27,400 Autumn Days Stakes (now the Ken Maddy Handicap) on Oct. 7, 1969, contested at about 6 1/2 furlongs on the hillside Camino Real turf course, was won by Mrs. Howard B. Keck's Tell, a 3-year-old son of Round Table, who triumphed by one length with a clocking of 1:13 3/5 in a field of seven. Second was Pinjara, also owned by Mrs. Keck. Both the winner and runner-up were trained by Charlie Whittingham. Tell was ridden by Bill Shoemaker and Pinjara by Don Pierce.

First \$100,000 Stakes—The Oak Tree Stakes, run at 1 1/2 miles on the turf on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1969, offered a purse of \$113,900. It also was the first \$100,000 weight-for-age event in the West. It was won by Gustav Ring's Czar Alexander, a 4-year-old Irish-bred, by 1 1/2 lengths over Fiddle Isle in a field of 10 with a time of 2:23 2/5. Angel Penna was the winning trainer and Angel Cordero, Jr., the winning rider.

First Sunday Racing—Originally scheduled to begin Oct. 7, 1973, the opening of the Oak Tree meeting was delayed by a three-day strike and the first Sunday racing at Santa Anita Park was held Oct. 14, 1973, with 22,363 in attendance. A total of \$2,065,056 was wagered.

First Exacta—Exacta wagering was first offered at Santa Anita on Oct. 6, 1970, opening day of the second Oak Tree season. A winning \$5 ticket on that first exacta, (4) Takes a Trip (Rudy Rosales) and (2) Kremlin (L. J. Durosseau), was worth \$750. The track's first experimental \$2 exactas were offered on three races at Oak Tree's 1975 meeting. The \$2 minimum exacta wager became part of the daily wagering program at the 1985-86 winter and 1986 fall meetings.

First Pick Four—A minimum \$1 Pick Four was introduced on Sept. 1, 2001. The wager was an instant hit and the initial Pick Four with Dini Dee (\$126.80), A La Reine (\$10.80), Love Lane (\$31.60) and Decarchy (\$6) returned a hefty \$58,803.30.

First Pick Five—Pick Five wagering was introduced on opening day, Sept. 29, 2004, believed to be the first Pick Five with a \$1 wager. It involves the last five races on each card. The innovative bet helped give Oak Tree the largest total handle increase of any track in California in 2004.

First Pick Six—Pick Six wagering was introduced at Santa Anita Park on Friday, Oct. 17, 1980, first day of the Oak Tree meeting. Winning numbers 10-2-1-9-6-9 paid \$43,022.80 to three \$2 tickets with six winners. Ninety-four tickets with five winners paid \$457.60. The Pick Six pool that day was \$211,805. A carryover was introduced at the start of the 1983 Oak Tree meeting. Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1983, was the first day no one picked six winners, and \$81,561 was carried over to the next day.

First Pick Nine—A minimum \$1 wager was introduced on Oct. 12, 1985. Winning numbers 9-3-6-8-1-6-10-7-5 paid \$13,514.90 to two tickets with eight winners. The first payoff for nine winners was \$188,245.20 for two tickets on Oct. 19.

First Daily Triple—A minimum \$3 wager was introduced on Oct. 1, 1986. (1) Prince Sassafiras (Gary Stevens), (5) Nostalgia's Star (Fernando Toro) and (10) Glaros (Alex Solis) paid \$870 that day.

First Superfecta—A minimum \$1 wager was introduced on Sept. 30, 1998 (ninth race). The first superfecta paid \$181.70 for each ticket on (2) Disguys Dalimit, (10) Untapped Resource, (1) Hollywood Man and (9) General.

ABC Wagering System—The All Betting and Cashing computerized wagering equipment, enabling all transactions to be made at any window, was installed at Santa Anita Park for the opening of the 1979 Oak Tree meeting. Self-service mutuel ticket vending machines were added on Oct. 2, 1985.

California Cup Championship—A one-day showcase of the best California-bred Thoroughbreds was started in 1990 and is presented annually at Santa Anita during the Oak Tree meeting. The card consists of all stakes races for Cal-breds. Cal Cup Day always attracts one of the largest crowds of the season.

Southern California Inter-Track Wagering—In September 1991, legislation was signed enabling inter-track wager-

ing among tracks in Los Angeles and Orange counties for the first time. Oct. 2, opening day of the 1991 Oak Tree meeting, was the first day races at Santa Anita were transmitted to Hollywood Park and Los Alamitos for satellite wagering.

Timing in Hundredths of a Second—Oct. 2, 1991, opening day of the Oak Tree meeting, marked the first time a Southern California Thoroughbred track timed its races in hundredths of a second, versus the traditional fifths of a second. The new electronic timing system is for both the dirt and turf courses.

Unrestricted North/South Simulcasting—Assembly Bill 1418, allowing unrestricted North/South simulcasting, was signed by Gov. Pete Wilson on July 21, 1994, and implemented at Oak Tree on Oct. 5, 1994. For the first time, fans attending the races were able to watch and wager on all races from Bay Meadows, in addition to the races at Oak Tree.

Turf Course Overhaul—On the heels of a \$2.3-million rebuilding project in 1995, the Santa Anita Park turf course was fine-tuned immediately after the 1995-96 winter/spring meeting. The project included a new top layer consisting of a higher silt/clay content and less sand. In addition, the course was sodded with Bermuda Turf, a warm-season grass.

Infield Video Display Board—Installation of a 40-by-53-foot video display board in the infield facing the grandstand was completed for the 1999 Oak Tree season. Utilizing the latest LED technology to ensure perfect viewing images in all light, the board—largest at any North American track—shows the regular TV signal, including the telecast of all live races.

Two-Day Breeders' Cup—Oak Tree hosted the two-day Breeders' Cup on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008. Day one was called "Ladies' Day" and it consisted of five Breeders' Cup races, all for fillies and/or mares. On-track attendance was 31,257, and the total mutuel handle was \$42,252,739. Nine Breeders' Cup races were run on day two, with the \$5-million Breeders' Cup Classic serving as the highlight. On-track attendance reached 51,321 and the total handle was \$90,604,624.