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'CELEBRATE THE CHAMPIONS' BENEFITS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AT UCSD

Academically outstanding University of California, San Diego students with financial need are the beneficiaries of a gala dinner party held tonight (July 26) at the Del Mar Saddle Club to mark the start of the Del Mar racing season.

Although the first day of racing was July 23, the "Celebrate the Champions" benefit for UCSD undergraduate scholarships officially kicked off weekend social activities for the 1997 season.

Tonight's event--attended by a sold-out group of more than 400 area socialites and racing devotees--included a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing.

Dick Enberg served as master of ceremonies, and Jack Van Berg conducted the auction. Special tributes went to retired trainer Gary Jones and Silver Charm, winner of the 1997 Kentucky Derby. Also honored from the 1996 Del Mar meet were Alex Solis, winner of the Bill Shoemaker Award for Jockey of the Meet, and Mike Mitchell, who won the Farrell Jones Award for Trainer of the Meet.

Serving as general co-chairs were Marvia and Clair Burgener of Rancho Santa Fe, Barbara and Joseph Harper of Del Mar and Robin and Gerald Parsky of Rancho Santa Fe. Dinner chairs were Valerie and Harry Cooper of La Jolla, with Valerie and Lennie Recabaren of Rancho Santa Fe assisting as co-chairs.

Dancing was to the Benny Hollman Big Time Band. Premiere Foods catered.

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