

Event to honor race season champions, benefit student scholarships at UCSD

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"And They're Off... Celebrate the Champions at Del Mar," a benefit for undergraduate scholarships at the University of California, San Diego, will be co-hosted by the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and UCSD in the Del Mar Arena at the Del Mar Fairgrounds July 25.

The benefit will mark the beginning of the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's 1998 season and celebrate the winning thoroughbreds and outstanding jockey, trainer and owner of the 1997 meet.

Burt Bacharach and his band will entertain at the gala, and comedian Tim Conway will serve as master of ceremonies. Activities begin at 6 p.m. with a cocktail reception and art show followed by dinner, a live auction and Bacharach's show.

Racing legend Bill Shoemaker will be honored with an Emeritus Award; Ken Desormeaux, winning jockey aboard "Real Quiet" at the recent Preakness and Kentucky Derby, will be named Jockey of the 1997 Meet; Bob Baffert, "Real Quiet" trainer, named Trainer of the Meet, and Golden Eagle Farms, owned by John and Betty Mabee, Owners of the Meet.

SDG&E, Mercedes-Benz, Agouron, Bank of America, Qualcomm and Bergen Bruswig Corporation lead an impressive list of sponsors.

The celebrity-studded benefit takes place the first weekend of the Del Mar racing season and is the first major event during the meet. More than 500 UCSD supporters, including prominent community leaders, thoroughbred owners, trainers, jockeys and racing fans are expected to attend.

Notes Chairperson Pamela Wygod: "The 'And They're Off...Celebrate the Champions at Del Mar' event seeks to substantially increase the UCSD Undergraduate Scholarship Fund, thereby helping the University compete more effectively in attracting and keeping a greater number of the exceptionally talented students who seek admission."

Tickets for the gala start at \$250 per person. For reservations and additional information call Brian Daly at (619) 822-1536.

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