

Lovacres Ranch

Lovingier Family Developing A Farm With An "Altitude"

Lovacres Ranch is into their third year of operation at their new location in Warner Springs and still building.

The 280-acre layout was put into service in late summer 2007, though it's still a work in progress, according to owner Terry Lovingier. "We have a new barn," he said, "and we have some of our own broodmares, as well as those of a number of boarders.

"The six-furlong training track is in full use, full time," he says. "We broke over 100 horses this year."

Lovingier is enchanted by the beauty of the setting. "I don't like to brag," he said, "but I think this is one of the prettier farms in California. We have all new fencing and the lay of the land is beautiful, set in rolling hills and full of beautiful old oak trees."

The owner, whose father, Russ, remains active on the farm, describes the location thusly: "If one is coming here from Murrieta or Temecula, we are about eight miles from Warner Springs. We're at 3,500 feet elevation and the horses love it. I've never seen happier horses. And training at an altitude is good for them, too.

"When you come up to the crest of the hill just before our place, it is spread out in front of you." The farm is nestled in an area at the base of Palomar Mountain and has a staff of 25.

Most of the pastures are at least five acres in size, and in spots, he says, deer often graze right along with the horses.

Lovacres is designed to be a full-service facility, offering breeding, foaling, boarding, breaking, training and sales preparation. The farm will stand four stallions for the 2010 breeding season. Awesome Gambler, the only son of Coronado's Quest standing in California, will have his first crop of yearlings in 2010. He won Hollywood Park's Alydar Stakes and ran second in the Gateway To Glory Stakes at Fairplex Park. Awesome Gambler is a gorgeous stallion, picked out by top agent Buzz Chace.

Nineeleven, by speed sire Phone Trick out of the dual



graded stakes winner Survive, by Pass the Glass, is having a great 2009. A consistent sire with earnings approaching the \$2 million mark, he has a solid 74 percent starters from foals.

Rio Verde, who was acquired by Lovingier from the Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel, is by international sire of sires Nureyev out of a stakes-winning Riverman mare. Rio Verde is also having a great

2009, with stakes-placed Grace Upon Grace. He is among the leading two-year-old sires.

Joining their roster for 2010 is the versatile son of Outflanker, Bushwhacker, out of Musical Score. The grade III Vernon O. Underwood Stakes winner was also second in the grade III Hollywood Prevue Stakes and retired with earnings of \$285,840. He is owned by trainer William L. Currin in partnership with Alvin Eisman.

The first Lovingier venture was a partnership among Lovingier, his father, and his brother, Dan. They bought a ranch outside of Waco, Texas, and began breeding Quarter Horses. At one point, Terry Lovingier and his brother Dan bred and sold a bay son of Strawfly Special who later won the 1996 All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs as Streakin Flyer.

The Texas ranch was sold that same year, and Terry and his father moved their stock to property they owned in Murrieta and that became the nucleus of Lovacres Ranch. They put their Quarter Horse business aside and began breeding Thoroughbreds. The Lovacres operation usually develops between 50 and 100 foals each year and they are broken and trained at the farm. Those deemed saleable will be prepped for sale at the farm while others figure to head for the racetrack. The Lovingiers are also enjoying success at the racetrack with their homebred two-year-old stakes winner Unbridled Meeting, co-owned with Templeton Horses LLC.

Lovingier operates Lovco Construction Inc., a Signal Hill, California, firm that is involved in maintenance of oil refineries. Lovingier, who holds a civil and environmental engineering degree from University of California Irvine, lives in Los Alamitos with his family. 🐾