

FROM THE WEST COAST TO WASHINGTON



The summer fun started off for us with a week in New York—what gal doesn't love seeing shows and, ahem, shopping. Then it was on to Palm Beach to celebrate my birthday with my darling cousins, Enid and Louis Rogow and also to catch up with one of my long-time friends, Vera Swift, who used to be married to Curtis Swift, one of the major tycoons of yesteryear's New York's Café Society. In her heyday Vera was one of the world's greatest backgammon players and was sponsored by Philip Morris as she traveled the globe playing against the who's who of backgammon fame. By the way, Palm Beach is really bustling. If there is a recession (and you and I know there is), they don't know it there. Donald Trump just sold his waterfront estate for \$101 million (no, not his Mar Al Lago digs—he still very much owns that). Multi-million dollar homes are flying off the shelf. Yes, it's summer there and everyone's buying to be ready for the upcoming season.

Believe it or not, summer can be fun even if you aren't in Europe. One of the highlights was the fabulous 4th of July weekend at June and Mike Winkler's desert compound. It was a mouth-watering orgy of divine food that ran the gamut from lobster and steaks to nine desserts. This is

about as high-style as you can get. Among the group of celebrants was Sofia Braverman, Sally Helfer, Lisa and Marty Greenberg, Helen Rosen and Bob Bernard and Marlene Kreedman.

The summer fun continued with the opening of the Del Mar Racetrack which was choc-a-block with glamorous people in eye-catching hats and gorgeous designer dresses—it put me in mind of Deauville and the Kentucky Derby. Great fun to be there as guests of our dear friends, producer-writer, horse owner, former racetrack commissioner, Alan Landsberg, and his significant other, the equally talented Lois Weinstock, and to dine in the Turf Club where we made so many new fun acquaintances.

The next day my husband, Bobby, and I were once again at the track and had the opportunity to meet Alan Landsberg's friend and horse trainer of 30 years, Vladimer Cerin and his beautiful gal, Kathleen Quinn (who has been a close and long-time friend of Prince Albert of Monaco). We were thrilled when Vladimir invited us to visit the paddock and see the horses up close and personal. It must be a gene from my childhood, but guess who is going to venture into the racing world as a small owner of a big horse? You've got to start somewhere, and the dream of the Kentucky Derby has never been far from my mind!



Opening Day Del Mar Racetrack: Alan Landsberg, Toni Holt Kramer and Kathleen Quinn