

SOCIAL SCENE: Track hosts fun for CF Foundation supporters ...



The supporters of the North County Patrons of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation know how to have fun at the races ---- they have been gathering at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club for 30 years.

The party of 200 met in the sixth-floor Il Palio Room for a buffet lunch, auctions, and betting and cheering. Their "Day at the Races" was July 19, the second day of the meet.

This year they earned \$50,000. In 2011, they raised nearly \$30,000.

Elena Bulatova, an artist originally from Russia, who learned about this event two weeks in advance, painted a colorful horse racing scene (framed, but the paint was still wet) in time to auction it for the gathering. She consulted photographs of dramatic finishes to inspire her work.