



## MICHAEL MACHOWSKY

**Born:** Sept. 19, 1965 in Cincinnati, Ohio

**Resident:** Monrovia, Calif.

**Family:** Wife Dana; three daughters, Alyssa, Eden and Cameron.

After 5 1/2 years of mentoring by eventual Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella, Michael Machowsky hung out his own training shingle in 1989. He scored his first victory on New Year's Day 1990 with Bidadip at Santa Anita.

He's had solid success over the years even though he does not possess a large stable. As an example, in 2010 his 15-horse spread includes two Triple Crown prospects – Caracortado and Nextdoorneighbor. His Kelly Leak was a solid performer as a 3-year-old in 2009, posting a victory in the Sunland Derby, in which eventual Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird finished fourth.

Machowsky gained considerable attention in 2003 and 2004 when his trainee, Southern Image won Santa Anita's Malibu Stakes, Sunshine Millions Classic and Santa Anita Handicap, as well as the Pimlico Special in Maryland. The Malibu, Big 'Cap and Pimlico Special all were Grade I events. Naturally, Southern Image, who was retired in 2005 with earnings of \$1.8 million and a record of six wins in eight starts, is Machowsky's favorite runner. "He faced all comers, dancing every dance," the trainer said. "In the process, he defeated more than 20 stakes winners."

Machowsky posted his first graded stakes win in 1998 when Dancing Rhythm scored in the Grade III Senorita Stakes at Hollywood Park. Other graded stakes winners include September Secret, Candy Factory, Shuffling Kid and Fencelineneighbor.

The Ohio native's first job on the racetrack was with trainer Clay Brinson at age 14. He then spent two years as a groom with trainer Henry Moreno before moving on to Mandella, where he served as stable foreman and assistant trainer.

