



THE TEXAS HORSEMEN'S NEWS

Lone Star Park Concludes 2013 Fall Meeting of Champions with Positive Gains Across the Board

Buoyed by a renovated dirt surface, a new concert series and a record-setting simulcast Breeders' Cup weekend, Lone Star Park concluded its 16th Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses on November 9 with positive attendance and handle figures across the board.

"Our 2013 Fall Meeting of Champions was a resounding success," said President and General Manager Scott Wells. "Our racing surface was safe and fair, which gave bettors across the country the confidence to play our races, and our on-track entertainment gave customers a reason to come see us."

Total all-sources wagering during the 26-day Fall meeting climbed 9.3 percent to \$19,932,959, from last year's total of \$18,241,432.

Attendance totaled 83,243 for a daily average of 3,202, an 8.1 percent increase from 2012. On-track betting on live racing and simulcast-in climbed 7.6 percent to \$12,968,393, and off-track export handle rose 12.5 percent to \$6,964,566 versus \$6,193,702.

Because of the gains in attendance and handle, track officials saw fit to increase purses of overnight races during the meet. An increase of over 10 percent, ranging from \$300 to \$800 per race, went into effect on October 10.

The live racing business level increases were also matched by a surge of momentum in the simulcast-in wagering handle. Since July, simulcast-in wagering totals have increased nearly every week, resulting in an 8.1 percent increase.

Highlights during the nine-week meeting included the introduction of the Bud Light Pura Musica Concert Series with three post-race concerts early in the season. The concerts featuring Tejano artists Eddie Gonzalez, Emilio Navaira and Michael Salgado, produced a 45 percent increase in



attendance versus the same three nights with no concert in 2012.

Also, the two-day simulcast of the Breeders' Cup Championships on November 1 and 2 resulted in the highest two-day attendance total for Breeders' Cup here since 2008 (the first year of two-day Breeders' Cup Championships). All sources handle for the two-day period was up 19.7 percent from 2012, as well.

There were a total of 2,081 starters during the 26-day meeting. The total amount of purses paid was \$3,347,851, for an average of \$128,764 per day of live racing. The total amount of stakes purses paid during the season was \$2,367,036.

Closing night, topped by the Grade 1, Texas Classic Futurity, the richest race in Texas, and Texas Classic Derby, drew a crowd of 5,007 fans, a 12.6 percent increase from 2012. Kates Dynasty, owned by the partnership of Smith, Windham and Guthrie, trained by Michael Joiner and ridden by Salvador Martinez, won the Futurity. Jody Pops Zoomer, owned by Gary and Randal Kurz, trained by Toby Keeton and ridden by Luis Vivanco, won the Derby.

Jockey Rodrigo Vallejo earned his first riding title at Lone Star Park with 20 wins from 98 starts. Judd Kearn won his third training title at the Grand Prairie track with 20 wins from 85 starts. His previous titles were from 2006 and 2007. The leading owner title went to Bobby D. Cox, with a total of five wins at the meet. This was his first title.

The track record of :19.080 for 440 yards, set in 1997 during the inaugural Fall Meeting of Champions by Dashing Perfection, was broken on October 18 in the Texas Classic Derby trials by Jody Pops Zoomer with a time of :19.075. Jody Pops Zoomer went on to win the 21st running of the Derby here on November 9.

Lone Star Park's 76-day, 2014 Spring Thoroughbred Season begins on April 10, 2014 and concludes July 12, 2014. 🐾

NOTICE:

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Live Racing Returns January 17th

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\$50,000 SAN JACINTO STAKES		\$75,000 JIM'S ORBIT STAKES	
\$50,000 YELLOW ROSE STAKES	1.17.14	\$75,000 TWO ALTOZANO STAKES	2.15.14
\$50,000 BARA LASS STAKES		\$50,000 JERSEY VILLAGE STAKES	
\$50,000 STAR OF TEXAS STAKES		\$50,000 SAM HOUSTON SPRINT CUP	2.22.14
\$50,000 RICHARD KING STAKES	1.18.14	\$50,000 GROOVY STAKES	
\$50,000 SPIRIT OF TEXAS STAKES			
\$50,000 GROOVY STAKES			
\$400,000 HOUSTON LADIES CLASSIC		\$100,000 MAXXAM GOLD CUP	
\$200,000 CONNALLY TURF CUP - GIII	1.25.14	\$50,000 TEXAS HERITAGE STAKES	3.1.14
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Texas Horsemen's Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Place	Time
Every Sunday	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 AM
Nov. 18 (Mon.)	TB Meet Stall Applications Due	Racing Office, SHRP	12:00 PM
Nov. 26 (Tues.)	Chaplaincy Thanksgiving Dinner	Show Place Pavilion, Retama	11:30 AM
Dec. 16 (Mon.)	Stable Area Opens	Sam Houston Race Park	8:00 AM
Dec. 17 (Tues.)	Chaplaincy Christmas Dinner	Show Place Pavilion, Retama	6:00 PM
Dec. 26 (Thurs.)	Track Open for Training	Sam Houston Race Park	7:00-11:00 AM
Dec. 28 (Sat.)	Closing Night for TB Meet	Retama Park	7:15 PM
Jan. 12 (Sun.)	Zero Date for TB Papers	Racing Office, SHRP	12:00 PM
Jan. 13 (Mon.)	First Entry Date for TB Meet	Racing Office, SHRP	8:00 AM
Jan. 17 (Fri.)	Opening Night for TB Meet	Sam Houston Race Park	7:00 PM
Feb. 26 (Wed.)	Stall Applications Due for TB Meet	Racing Office, LSP	12:00 PM
Mar. 10 (Mon.)	Training Center Opens	Lone Star Park	
Mar. 11 (Tues.)	Closing Day for TB Meet	Sam Houston Race Park	1:00 PM
Mar. 20 (Thurs.)	Opening Night of QH Meet	Sam Houston Race Park	7:00 PM
Mar. 24 (Mon.)	Stable Area open for TB Meet	Lone Star Park	8:00 AM
Mar. 30 (Sun.)	Fasig-Tipton Texas Under Tack Show	Lone Star Park	
Apr. 1 (Tues.)	Fasig-Tipton Texas Two-Year-Old Sale	TB Sales Pavilion, LSP	
Apr. 7 (Mon.)	First Entry Date for TB Meet	Racing Office, LSP	8:00 AM
	Zero Date for TB Papers	Racing Office, LSP	12:00 PM
Apr. 10 (Thurs.)	Opening Night of TB Meet	Lone Star Park	6:35 PM
May 2 (Fri.)	Kentucky Oaks	Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY	
May 3 (Sat.)	Kentucky Derby	Churchill Downs, Louisville, KY	
May 11 (Sat.)	Closing Night of QH Meet	Sam Houston Race Park	7:00 PM
May 17 (Sat.)	Preakness Stakes	Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD	
Jun. 2 (Mon.)	Zero Date for QH Papers	Racing Office, Retama	12:00 PM
Jun. 3 (Tues.)	First Entry Date for QH Meet	Racing Office, Retama	8:00 AM
Jun. 6 (Fri.)	Opening Night of QH Meet	Retama Park	7:15 PM
Jun. 7 (Sat.)	Belmont Stakes	Belmont Park, Elmont, NY	
Jul. 7 (Sat.)	Opening Day of Mixed Meet	Gillespie County Fair Grounds	1:00 PM
Jul. 12 (Sat.)	Closing Day of TB Meet	Lone Star Park	1:35 PM
Aug. 9 (Sat.)	Closing Night of QH Meet	Retama Park	7:15 PM
Aug. 25 (Mon.)	Fasig-Tipton Texas Summer Yearling Sale	TB Sales Pavilion, LSP	

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Retama Park Thoroughbred Meet Underway, New Hall of Fame Class Inducted November 16

Retama Park's 2013 Thoroughbred meet kicked off Friday, October 4. Racing will continue on Friday and Saturday nights through December 28, with a first post time each evening of 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 16 marked both the beginning of the meet's stakes schedule and the 13th annual Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Gala. The 2013 class of inductees into the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame included Dr. Glenn Blodgett, a veterinarian and leading American Quarter Horse breeder; Tami Purcell-Burklund, the leading female Quarter Horse jockey in history; Dashingly, a top Quarter Horse racemare; Arthur Seeligson Jr., a Thoroughbred owner and breeder who campaigned 1975 Belmont Stakes winner Avatar; Kontiki, a top Arabian sire and racehorse; and Hadif, a perennial leading Thoroughbred stallion in Texas that stood at Valor Farm.

The Joann Weber Distinguished Service Award was presented posthumously to Jeff Coady of Coady Photography.

All proceeds derived from the gala benefit the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the horse racing industry and those individuals who have influenced and contributed to its growth and development.

In the \$50,000 Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Stakes for three-year-olds and upward that evening, Southwestern Racing LLC's homebred three-year-old gelding Special U F O established a big early lead and never looked back on his way to an easy 3 1/2 lengths victory, getting 1 1/16 miles in 1:40.95. Ridden by Junior Chacaltana, it was Special U F



O's fourth consecutive win for trainer Danny Pish. His record now stands at 10-5-0-1, with earnings of \$70,692.

In the \$50,000 Fiesta Mile for fillies and mares that night, owner/breeder Sylvia Baird's four-year-old filly Smiles Golden Song enjoyed a stalking trip under jockey David Cabrera before drawing clear to win by 2 1/4 lengths. The Larry Stroope trainee stopped the clock in 1:34.62 for one mile on the grass while winning the Fiesta Mile for the second consecutive year.

Also that evening, owner/trainer Christine R. Byrom's Billy Jacks took the \$20,000 Texas Arabian Derby (Gr. 3) by 3 1/2 lengths over Lil Wayne in 2:01.29 for 1 1/16 miles under jockey Ivan Arellano. Mark Kulow's Zells Follies, ridden by Alfredo Contreras, held off Etres Chic by a neck in the \$20,000 Texas Arabian Oaks in 1:55.66 for one mile. She is trained by Kenny Massey.

On November 9, John B. Evans' and owner/trainer Terry Eoff's Sky's Goldmaster took the \$75,000 M2 Technology Stakes for two-year-old fillies by one length over a rallying Redgrass Cat in 1:36.47 over a firm turf course. She was ridden to victory by Ernest Valdez-Jiminez. In the \$75,000 El Jovan Stakes for two-year-old colts and geldings, Agave Racing Stable's Broadway Missile dueled with Margarita Bibb early, took the lead in early stretch, and just held off Kenneth L. & Sarah K. Ramsey's Perky Kitten by a nose in 1:36.12 for a mile over the firm turf course. Broadway Missile is trained by Michelle Lovell and was ridden to the win by Luis Quinonez. 🐾



Retama Park 2013 Thoroughbred Meet Stakes Schedule

Date	Race	Conditions	Distance
November			
Sat., Nov. 16	\$50,000-guaranteed Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Stakes	3 YO & Up, TX-Bred	1 1/16 M (T)
	\$50,000-guaranteed The Fiesta Mile	3 YO & Up, F&M, TX-Bred	1 M (T)
	\$20,000-guaranteed Texas Arabian Derby (GIII)	4 YO, C&G, Arabian	1 1/16 M
	\$15,000-estimated Texas Arabian Oaks	4 YO F, Arabian	1 M
December			
Sat., Dec. 7	\$75,000-guaranteed My Dandy Texas Stallion Stakes	2 YO, C&G, TX-Bred	6 F
	\$75,000-guaranteed Darby's Daughter Texas Stallion Stakes	2 YO, F, TX-Bred	6 F
Sat., Dec. 14	\$10,000-estimated Lone Star Arabian Colts & Geldings Futurity	3 YO, C&G, Arabian	6 F
	\$10,000-estimated Lone Star Arabian Fillies Futurity	3 YO, F, Arabian	6 F



Wagering, Purses Up, Race Days Down in October

Compared to October of 2012, wagering in October of this year was up 8.3 percent (\$804,303,623 versus \$742,671,714, and purses were up a slight 0.31 percent (\$93,286,965 versus \$92,998,608). However, race days were down 5.76 percent (409 versus 434).

Comparing the first ten months of 2013 with 2012, wagering overall is up slightly - 0.56 percent (\$9,268,404,702 versus \$9,216,492,185). Purses are also up slightly - 0.30 percent (\$951,152,650 versus \$948,317,293), and race days are down 3.2 percent (4,449 versus 4,596).

**Includes worldwide comingled wagering on U.S. races.*

American Horse Council Briefs Congressional Staff on Soring Bill



On October 28, the American Horse Council briefed a large number of House and Senate Congressional Staff on the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act of 2013 (H.R. 1518/S.1406) (PAST Act) that would strengthen the 40 year old Horse Protection Act to prevent horse soring.

Soring is an abusive practice used by some in the Tennessee Walking Horse, Spotted Saddle Horse, and Racking Horse industry. It usually involves the use of action devices, chemicals, pads, wedges or other practices to cause pain in the horse's forelegs and produce an accentuated show gait for competition. Despite the existence of a federal ban on soring for over 40 years, this cruel practice continues in some segments of the walking horse industry.

The PAST act would amend the HPA to prohibit a Tennessee Walking Horse, a Racking Horse, or a Spotted Saddle Horse from being shown, exhibited, or auctioned with an "action device," or "a weighted shoe, pad, wedge, hoof band or other device or material" if it is constructed to artificially alter the gait of the horse and is not strictly protective or therapeutic. These new prohibitions would not apply to other breeds that do not have a history of soring.

The legislation would also increase fines and penalties for violations, including the potential for a lifetime ban for repeat offenders.

The bill would create a new licensing process for horse show inspectors, eliminating the current designated qualified persons (DQPs) program, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture considers ineffective. The bill would require the USDA to train, license and appoint new independent inspectors for shows and other HPA-regulated activities that wish to hire an inspector. Licensed or accredited veterinarians would be given preference for these positions. The decision to hire and pay for an inspector would still reside with the management of a show, sale or auction.

Most major national horse show organizations support the PAST Act, including the American Horse Council, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, U.S. Equestrian Federation, the American Quarter Horse Associa-

tion, the American Paint Horse Association, the American Morgan Horse Association, the Pinto Horse Association of America, the Arabian Horse Association, the American Saddlebred Horse Association, the United Professional Horsemen's Association, the Appaloosa Horse Club and many other state or local organizations.

The PAST Act has attracted wide bi-partisan support. The House bill currently has 216 co-sponsors and the Senate bill has 26 co-sponsors. New co-sponsors are being added almost daily, and the AHC hopes for quick passage of this important bill.

- Courtesy American Horse Council

Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation Holding Year of the Horse Photo Contest



The Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation will help celebrate the Year of the Horse, 2014, on the Chinese calendar by hosting a horse photo contest. The contest is open to anyone, and photos of any breed of horse are eligible.

Photos can be submitted on the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation website, www.grayson-jockeyclub.org, beginning October 31 through November 29, 2013.

Finalists will be posted on the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GraysonJockeyClub) to be voted on by the public between December 2 and December 31. The winner will be announced on January 3, 2014.

All finalists will receive "The New Yorker Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Inc. Book of Cartoons," a customized, limited-edition book of equine-related cartoons, all of which have appeared in The New Yorker magazine. The hardcover book features nearly 90 cartoons, most with an equine theme, by 46 artists.

The winner will be awarded with a signed and numbered print of "Memories of Beauty," a painting of Secretariat by artist Fay Moore.

For more information and contest rules, please visit www.grayson-jockeyclub.org.

Today's Racing App Enhanced with Entries Plus Information, Bet Calculator



Equibase Company has integrated Entries Plus™ information for every race into its Today's Racing™ app so that fans can now sort columns, select specific horses, and touch graphs to access specific data on each horse without leaving the app.

The Today's Racing app now includes a bet calculator that enables fans to select horses and calculate the cost of exotic wagers. Stories and racing news provided by America's Best Racing and *The Blood-Horse* have also



been integrated into the app, and the Android version of the app underwent a complete redesign, including improved navigation features.

"The Today's Racing app is quickly becoming the only source fans need to follow North American racing from their smartphones," said Hank Zeitlin, president and chief operating officer of Equibase Company. "And we look forward to additional announcements as we continue to add new features in the next few months."

The Today's Racing app, which can be downloaded free at itunes.com and play.google.com, was developed by The Jockey Club Technology Services Inc., which also developed the Equibase Racing Yearbook™ app and Equibase's mobile website.

Daily Racing Form Expands Tournament Business with Agreements to Host NHCQualify and BCQualify Tournament Operations



On October 22, *Daily Racing Form* (DRF) established a long-term hosting agreement with NTRA to become the "official online qualifying site" for National Handicapping Championship (NHC) qualifying tournaments. DRF simultane-

ously established an exclusive, long-term hosting agreement with Breeders' Cup Limited to conduct online tournaments leading to the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge.

Under the terms of these agreements, DRF becomes the operator of the two largest handicapping tournament destinations within horse racing today – NHCQualify.com and BCQualify.com.

NHCQualify.com is the official online qualifying site for the \$1.5 million *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship (NHC). This site offers players the chance to qualify to the NHC, the premier, industry-recognized championship of tournament horse-playing. There were 475 players participating in the NHC Finals conducted at Treasure Island in Las Vegas on January 25-26, 2013. A total of \$1.5 million in prize money was awarded by the NTRA, plus an additional \$300,000 in NHC Tour prize money. For the 2013 Championship, a total of 121 players earned their spot via the NHC's official online qualifying site, NHCQualify.com. Currently, 88 players have qualified for the 2014 Championship via NHCQ, with contests continuing throughout November and December. Go to NHCQualify.com for more details.

BCQualify.com gives players multiple opportunities throughout each calendar year to qualify for the exclusive Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge (BCBC). The BCBC is the year's most lucrative and exclusive live bankroll handicapping contest. With a \$10,000 buy-in, it offers a cash prize pool of up to \$500,000. Registered players are on-track for two days of championship racing with deluxe accommoda-

tions at the Breeders' Cup World Championships. Additionally, the top 12 finishers in the BCBC Finals will earn a spot in the 2014 DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship. A record 138 players competed at the 2012 BCBC at Santa Anita Park, and the winner was Patrick McGoey, who collected \$255,341.

"We view tournaments as a compelling and exciting way for horseplayers of all skill levels to play the game," said John Hartig, CEO, *Daily Racing Form*. "As title sponsor of the DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship since the beginning, DRF has been an enthusiastic participant in tournaments at the highest level. We believe DRF can help provide an even more engaging experience to attract new players to horse racing. This is a logical extension of DRF's portfolio and tournament play, both free and pay-to-play games, will be woven into the daily fabric of DRF.com."

Senior racing executive Ken Kirchner has been retained as operations director for the online tournaments. Kirchner was instrumental in the start-up and operations of both the NHC and BCBC events. To attract new players and fulfill increased demand for tournament play, DRF will expand its editorial coverage across print and digital channels. "With their multimedia assets, brand recognition and top journalists, DRF brings a multitude of resources to the online handicapping business," said Kirchner.

Racing writer, author and tournament player Peter Thomas Fornatale has been hired to contribute weekly features for showcasing upcoming contests and recapping their results. Fornatale recently completed a book, "The Winning Contest Player," which is being published by DRF Press and will be released in December 2013.

"As title sponsor since the inception of the NHC, *Daily Racing Form* has played an integral role in the growth of the event over the past 15 years, a period that has seen purse money and travel awards grow from \$200,000 to more than \$2,000,000. We believe DRF is uniquely positioned to help us take the event to the next level by introducing the excitement and rewards of NHC tournament play to a broader audience," said NTRA President and CEO Alex Waldrop.

"Over the last few years, Thoroughbred handicapping tournaments have become one of the most popular and reliable sources of growth in our industry, and partnering with *Daily Racing Form* is a terrific way for us to increase the exposure and participation in our qualifying events culminating with the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge," said Robert Elliston, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Breeders' Cup Limited.

Instrumental to this deal, *Daily Racing Form* established a long-term licensing and operating agreement with Beulah Park Gaming Ventures, Inc., a division of Penn Gaming Inc., for the right to operate all of the online handicapping assets of NHCQualify.com and BCQualify.com. Beulah Park had previously hosted the tournaments using their tournament infrastructure and resources.



All tournaments will be conducted with business as usual in the short-term. In Spring 2014, DRF.com will launch its new tournament interface and offer robust types of tournaments at its DRF Tournament portal accessible from its homepage. DRF's focus is to build a broader audience of participants for the National Handicapping Championship and free tournaments alike – all which support new player development and handle growth for the industry. Daily Racing Form previously announced its long-term, exclusive licensing agreement with free tournament site publichandicapper.com in July 2013.

OwnerView Launches Host Program



To enhance the information available to prospective owners of Thoroughbred racehorses, OwnerView recently announced a new service called "OwnerView Host." The free service will provide a further source of basic information for people interested in owning Thoroughbred racehorses, covering topics such as business plans, ownership options, licensing, costs and expenses, and aftercare.

"There is a lot of information available to prospective owners before they hire a trainer or make that first horse purchase, and OwnerView Host will help them digest many of the basics of owning Thoroughbred racehorses," said Gary Falter, project manager for OwnerView. "We won't offer specifics on the selection of agents, trainers, and horses, but we will explain where to go, how to make contacts, and what to do to become a Thoroughbred owner."

Anyone interested in using the OwnerView Host service can fill out a form at www.ownerview.com available through the link, "Contact us to discuss your plans."

"When we receive a request, we will reply to the prospective owner to setup an initial discussion," Falter said. "After the introductory contact, prospective owners will have the opportunity to speak to an OwnerView host who can walk them through ownership topics at OwnerView.com and answer questions."

The Jockey Club Releases 2013 Report of Mares Bred Statistics



On October 17, The Jockey Club released Report of Mares Bred (RMB) statistics for the 2013 breeding season. Based on RMBs received through October 10, 2013, The Jockey Club reports that 1,698 stallions covered 34,174 mares in North America during 2013.

The annual statistics represent approximately 90 percent of the mares that eventually will be reported as bred in 2013. According to historical trends, The Jockey Club expects to receive RMBs representing an additional 3,000 to 4,000 mares bred during the 2013 breeding season.

The number of stallions declined 8.8 percent from the 1,861 reported at this time in 2012, and the number of

mares bred fell 3.4 percent from the 35,391 reported at this time last year.

The number of stallions covering 100 or more mares increased by one, from 87 in 2012 to 88 in 2013. These stallions accounted for a greater percentage of the total mares reported bred this year – 34.0 percent of all mares bred in 2013 versus 31.9 percent of all mares bred in 2012 as reported at this time last year. RMB statistics for all reported stallions in 2013 are available through the Publications & Resources section of The Jockey Club's website at www.jockeyclub.com.

Further book size analysis shows a 2.9 percent increase in the number of mares bred to stallions with a book size of 100 or more in 2013 when compared to 2012 as reported at this time last year; an 11.6 percent decrease in mares bred to stallions with a book size between 75 and 99; an 11.3 percent increase in mares bred to stallions with a book size between 50 and 74; a 15.9 percent decrease in mares bred to stallions with a book size between 25 and 49; and a 5.3 percent decrease in mares bred to stallions with a book size fewer than 25.

The stallion Into Mischief led all stallions with 210 mares bred in 2013. Rounding out the top five were Archarcharch, 187; Harlan's Holiday, 187; Kitten's Joy, 184; and Majestic Warrior, 176.

Kentucky traditionally leads North America in Thoroughbred breeding activity. During 2013, Kentucky's 235 reported stallions covered 15,695 mares, or 45.9% of all of the mares reported bred in North America. The number of mares bred to Kentucky stallions increased 2.2 percent compared with the 15,361 reported at this time last year.

Of the top 10 states and provinces by number of mares reported bred in 2012, only Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Texas stallions covered more mares in 2013 than in 2012, as reported at this time last year.

The top 10 states and provinces, ranked by number of mares reported bred in 2013 through October 10, are:

State/Province	2012 Stallions	2013 Stallions	Pct. Change	2012 Mares Bred	2013 Mares Bred	Pct. Change
KY	224	235	4.9	15,361	15,695	2.2
FL	126	126	0.0	3,070	2,853	-7.1
CA	166	136	-18.1	2,406	2,332	-3.1
LA	144	137	-4.9	2,072	1,833	-11.5
NY	60	62	3.3	1,641	1,560	-4.9
NM	109	97	-11.0	983	971	-1.2
OK	93	89	-4.3	911	928	1.9
PA	74	53	-28.4	1,061	902	-15.0
TX	110	105	-4.5	835	865	3.6
ONT	66	37	-43.9	1,288	726	-43.6



Note: Each incident in which a mare was bred to more than one stallion and appeared on multiple RMBs is counted separately. As such, mares bred totals listed in the table above may differ slightly from counts of distinct mares bred.

For the first time, Report of Mares Bred information on stallions that bred mares in North America will be available through report 36P or a subscription service at www.equineline.com/ReportOfMaresBred.

NTRA, 50 Other Industry Organizations Call on Regulators to Adopt Uniform Rules



The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) sent a letter to pari-mutuel regulators in early October urging them to adopt uniform national reforms addressing much-needed changes to medication regulation, enforcement and laboratory testing. The letter was co-signed by more than 50 racetracks and industry organizations.

The letter specified several uniform national reforms, including the adoption of recently developed model medication guidelines, inclusion in a multiple violator penalty system and participation in laboratory accreditation and quality assurance programs.

The reforms have been extensively researched and developed by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC), the industry's scientific advisory organization consisting of 25 major racing industry stakeholder organizations and the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI), the industry's association of state regulatory bodies responsible for the integrity of racing. RCI voted to incorporate the reforms into their official Model Rules earlier this year. Individual regulatory bodies must now move to adopt the reforms in each racing jurisdiction.

The letter included 60 pages of exhibits detailing the rules that need to be adopted. The full text of the cover letter and exhibits are accessible online at <http://www.ntra.com/feeds/testingrules.html>.

Earlier this year, eight states in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast jointly agreed to implement the reforms on January 1, 2014, or when a participating state's live racing begins in 2014. The states committed to implementing the reforms are Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Several other states are in the process of adopting these reforms, as well.

"Nationwide adoption of these reforms is essential to safeguarding horses and riders and providing uniformity to fans and participants alike. If you have not done so already, we urge you to commit to the reforms and move expeditiously to adopt all aspects of the reforms," wrote Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA and newly elected Chairman of the RMTC.

Commissioners were told to expect direct contact from industry representatives to determine their commitment to the reforms and timeline for adoption. They were also advised to contact the RMTC for any scientific expertise or documentation needed to support the reforms.

Signatories to the letter (listed alphabetically) were:

- American Association of Equine Practitioners
- American Quarter Horse Association
- Arabian Jockey Club
- Association of Racing Commissioners International
- Betfair Hollywood Park
- Breeders' Cup Limited
- Del Mar Thoroughbred Club
- Global Gaming Solutions - Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie and Remington Park
- Keeneland Association
- Kentucky Thoroughbred Association
- Monmouth Park
- National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA)
- NTRA Safety & Integrity Alliance
- New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc.
- Oak Tree Racing Association
- Penn National Gaming - Hollywood Casino, Hotel and Raceway (Bangor, ME), Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Raceway Park, Beulah Park, Rosecroft Raceway, Sam Houston Race Park, Freehold Raceway, and Zia Park Racetrack and Casino
- Racing Medication and Testing Consortium
- Suffolk Downs
- Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino
- The Jockey Club
- The Jockeys' Guild
- The New York Racing Association, Inc. - Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga Race Course
- The Stronach Group - AmTote, HRTV, Golden Gate Fields, Gulfstream Park & Casino, Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course, Portland Meadows, Santa Anita Park, and XpressBet
- Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (THA) - Delaware THA, Illinois THA, Maryland THA, New Jersey THA, New York THA, and Pennsylvania THA
- Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association
- Thoroughbred Owners of California
- Thoroughbred Racing Associations of North America, Inc.

RMTC Board Eliminated Stanozolol Threshold, Elects Waldrop Chair at September Meeting



The board of directors of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) held a regular meeting September 17 in Denver,



Colorado. At that meeting, the board:

- Unanimously voted to recommend that stanozolol be eliminated from those substances with an RMTC recommended threshold level and to present that revision to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) for its adoption. The previous threshold allowed stanozolol to be administered up to about 30 days prior to racing. The removal of the threshold means that stanozolol will become a prohibited substance in jurisdictions adopting this recommendation and can no longer be present at any concentration in a horse on race day. Stanozolol is a synthetic anabolic steroid that was previously marketed as Winstrol™ but is now only available as a compounded product.
- Voted to grant Interim Accreditation status to the Ohio Department of Agriculture Racing Laboratory. The Ohio Department of Agriculture Laboratory will become the third fully accredited laboratory upon successful completion of a site inspection, as it has previously fulfilled the other requirements for RMTC accreditation. The University of California-Davis Kenneth L. Maddy Laboratory and HFL Sport Science Inc. Laboratory in Lexington, Kentucky, were the first two laboratories to be accredited by the RMTC, and five other laboratories have applied for accreditation.
- Voted to support the effort for nationwide adoption of uniform medication rules, penalties and laboratory accreditation reforms, and directed RMTC staff to provide any scientific expertise needed by racing commissions to support adoption of these reforms.
- Voted to form a committee to review the existing model rule for out of competition testing and to recommend any necessary changes to the protocol for the collection and testing of out of competition samples at the request of The Jockey Club.
- Voted to authorize the RMTC's Scientific Advisory Committee to explore whether the scientific research will support separate medication rules for Standardbreds in regard to the withdrawal times for clenbuterol and intra-articular corticosteroids at the request of the United States Trotting Association.
- Elected Alex Waldrop, president and chief executive officer of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, to succeed Dr. Bobby Lewis as chairman of the RMTC board. Lewis, who served as chairman for the past six years, will continue to represent the American Association of Equine Practitioners on the RMTC board. "I am very proud of what the RMTC has accomplished since its inception," stated Dr. Lewis. "I look forward to seeing the implementation of the National Uniform Medication Reform program that has been the focus of much of our work over the past six years."

For additional information, visit the RMTC website at www.rmtcnet.com.

The Jockey Club Releases 2012 Breeding Statistics



On September 13, The Jockey Club reported that 2,392 stallions covered 37,908 mares in North America during 2012, according to statistics compiled through September 9, 2013. These breedings have resulted in 22,001 live foals of 2013 being reported to

The Jockey Club on Live Foal Reports received as of September 9, 2013.

The Jockey Club estimates that the number of live foals reported so far is approximately 90 percent complete. The reporting of live foals of 2013 is down 2.2 percent from last year at this time when The Jockey Club had received reports for 22,500 live foals of 2012.

In addition to the 22,001 live foals of 2013 reported through September 9, The Jockey Club had also received 2,891 No Foal Reports for the 2013 foaling season. Ultimately, the 2013 registered foal crop is projected to reach 23,000.

The number of stallions declined 8.7 percent from the 2,620 reported for 2011 at this time last year, while the number of mares bred decreased 4.8 percent from the 39,838 reported for 2011.

The 2012 breeding statistics are available alphabetically by stallion name through the Publications and Resources link on The Jockey Club homepage at www.jockeyclub.com.

Matt Iuliano, The Jockey Club's executive vice president and executive director, stated that the breeding statistics are not a measurement of the live foals born in each state or province, but are a count of live foals by conception area, regardless of where the foals were born. He also reiterated that the statistics should not be taken to represent the final fertility record of any single stallion or conception area.

Kentucky annually leads all states and provinces in terms of Thoroughbred breeding activity. Kentucky-based stallions accounted for 41.1 percent of the mares reported bred in North America in 2012 and 48.8 percent of the live foals reported for 2013.

The 15,569 mares reported bred to 249 Kentucky stallions in 2012 have produced 10,726 live foals, a 2.1 percent decrease on the 10,960 Kentucky-sired live foals of 2012 reported at this time last year. The number of mares reported bred to Kentucky stallions in 2012 declined 2.2 percent against the 15,918 reported for 2011 at this time last year.

Among the 10 states and provinces in which stallions covered at least 1,000 mares in 2012, only Florida and New York stallions produced more live foals in 2013 than in 2012 as reported at this time last year. The following table shows the 10 states and provinces, ranked by number of state/province-sired live foals of 2013 reported through September 9, 2013.



	2012 Mares Bred	2012 Live Foals	2013 Live Foals	Percent Change
KY	15,569	10,960	10,726	-2.1%
FL	3,187	1,642	1,751	6.6%
CA	2,475	1,600	1,582	-1.1%
LA	2,306	1,344	1,172	-12.8%
NY	1,664	713	971	36.2%
ONT	1,350	700	684	-2.3%
PA	1,124	628	608	-3.2%
NM	1,127	585	503	-14.0%
OK	1,124	509	470	-7.7%
TX	1,014	444	417	-6.1%

The statistics include 322 progeny of stallions standing in North America but foaled abroad, as reported by foreign stud book authorities at the time of publication. In this category, 103 live foals by North American stallions were reported from Republic of Korea, 60 from Great Britain, and 42 from Ireland. Remaining countries on the list are Philippines, 23; Japan, 19; Mexico, 17; Brazil, 13; France, 11; Jamaica, 10; Argentina, 5; India, 5; Thailand, 5; Qatar, 3; Chile, 2; Dominican Republic, 2; Ecuador, 1; Sweden, 1.

The report also includes 75 mares bred to 30 stallions in North America on Southern Hemisphere time. The majority of these mares have not foaled.

TAA Hires James Hastie as Executive Director

On November 8, the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (TAA) announced that it had hired James Hastie as the organization's Executive Director. Mike Ziegler, who has served as the TAA's Executive Director since March of 2012, will remain with the organization through a transition period before returning full-time to his role as Executive Director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance.

Hastie joins the TAA from Cazenovia, New York. Most recently he served as Major Gifts Officer for the American Red Cross in Syracuse, New York. He also held roles as Interim Chief Development Officer and Public Affairs Specialist at the American Red Cross. His prior experience includes leadership roles at State University of New York, Zurich Rowing World Cup, IMG/TWI, the U.S. Equestrian Team, and Walt Disney World, Inc.

Hastie also brings a long history of involvement with equestrian sports. He served as Director of Communications for the U.S. Equestrian Team from 1997-2000, and as Executive Director of the Morrisville College Foundation, (MCF) he spearheaded fundraising efforts to build the Morrisville State College Equine Rehabilitation Center. He was also involved in organizing the 2012 American Express Ride

for The Red Cross, a trail ride in Wellington, Florida featuring Olympic riders and benefitting the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief Fund.

"We're pleased to welcome James to the TAA. His leadership and fundraising experience, combined with his passion and appreciation for horses, make him uniquely qualified to lead the organization in its mission to establish an industry-wide solution for Thoroughbred aftercare," stated Jack Wolf, TAA board president and Thoroughbred owner. "We would also like to thank Mike Ziegler for his dedication and leadership of the TAA. He has been integral in our initial accreditation and fundraising, and in establishing industry-wide support for our efforts."

The Jockey Club Announces Plan to Fund Baseline Concussion Tests for Jockeys



On November 6, The Jockey Club announced that it will fund baseline concussion testing for all jockeys who use the Jockey Health Information System (JHIS).

The JHIS, which was created in October 2008, is a database that stores jockeys' updated medical histories and enables emergency medical personnel at racetracks to instantly access that information in the event of injury. There is no cost for any racetrack or jockey to participate in the JHIS. It can be accessed via a new module of InCompass' Race Track Operations system.

"Baseline concussion testing has become an integral part of any safety regimen in professional and amateur sports alike," said James L. Gagliano, president and chief operating officer of The Jockey Club. "The topic was addressed at the International Jockeys' Health, Safety & Welfare Conference at Monmouth Park in September, and we've all read about the testing being done with football players and, most recently, NASCAR drivers. We are pleased to use the platform of the JHIS to offer this service to the riders."

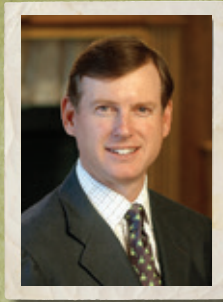
"On behalf of the Jockeys' Guild and its members, I want to truly thank The Jockey Club for its continued support for the welfare of riders," said Terry Meyocks, national manager of the Jockeys' Guild. "It is my hope that every rider will take advantage of this opportunity, and we look forward to working with the tracks and riders to see that it is widely promoted."

The creation and development of the JHIS featured collaboration among InCompass, The Jockey Club Technology Services Inc., the Jockeys' Guild, Keeneland and Dr. Barry Schumer, Keeneland's medical director, who developed the original concept and consulted on the project. Keeneland is the only track in the country that requires jockeys to sign up for the JHIS.

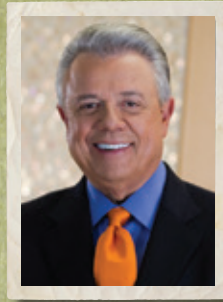
InCompass, a subsidiary of The Jockey Club, plans to acquire a package of these tests, which would be administered free of charge by a medical professional at each track if the rider agrees to enroll in JHIS. 🐾



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News from TTHBPA Director of Racing Terry Blanton



Terry Blanton

Where has the year gone, or am I just getting older faster?

Retama Park will continue to race on Fridays and Saturdays through December 28.

The entries and wagering continue to struggle, but Chris assures us that 2014 will be much improved with better marketing themes. James informed me that they have received many new HD television sets from a sister casino in Lake Charles plus lots of slightly used furniture. We had a very busy Breeder's Cup handle at Retama, and as of this

writing, the Hall of Fame weekend is in the books.

Lone Star Park has shut their gates to the stable area as of November 16. They will open them on March 10 as a training center until March 24, when the stable area will be open for the 2014 Thoroughbred meet. Stall applications will be due on February 26, and zero date for papers will be April 7. Please be sure to check the calendar on page 5 of this issue for any dates I may have missed. If you are in need of training space, you may contact James Leatherman at Retama Park at (210) 651-7000.

I look forward to the 2014 meet at Sam Houston Race Park. The stable area will open December 16. However, the track will not open for training until the day after Christmas on December 26.

Training hours will be set at a holiday schedule – December 26 through January 7, 2014, 7:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. with no gates and no break. The track will be closed on Sunday, December 29 and Wednesday, January 1. As of January 8, the training hours will be Monday and Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with no break, and gates will be set 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays will be dark, with the track closed for training. Thursdays through Sundays, the track will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with the gates being set at 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Break on those days will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

This is short and sweet. So until our next issue, if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (214) 384-9547 or Tami Hare at (214) 850-6821. 🐾



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Texas Horsemen's Bookkeeper FAQ

Below you will find some of the more commonly asked questions regarding the operation of the Horsemen's Bookkeeper in Texas. If you don't find the answer to your question here, please send us an e-mail with your question to Marsharountree@texas-horsemen.com or call us at (512) 467-9799 and we will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Q- Why does the horsemen's organization operate and manage the horsemen's bookkeeper?

A- The funds held in the horsemen's bookkeeper account belong to horsemen and at no time belong in the bank accounts of the racing associations. The horsemen's organization is fully qualified and prepared to conduct the business of the horsemen's bookkeeper.

Q- How do I open an account?

A- When you enter a horse in a race at a Texas track, an account is automatically generated for you.

Q- Why is the name on my account different from my actual name?

A- The account is named exactly as the name appears on the horse's registration papers. This information comes from the racing office and is downloaded into the horsemen's bookkeeper system.

Q- Can I change the name on the account once it has been opened?

A- No, the name must remain the same as the ownership on the horse's registration papers. Changing the name of the account would result in another account being created the next time the horse drew into the body of a race. You should always register a horse in the exact name that you want your bookkeeper account to be named.

Q- My horse won purse money in a race, but it doesn't show up on my account. Why?

A- Ask the bookkeeper to check for other accounts that may have been automatically created with a similar name. For instance, if you registered and ran a horse under the name "John Doe," then registered another horse under the name "J. Doe," then two accounts may have been generated, and the race was perhaps posted under the other name. This is why it is best to always register your horses in the same name, if possible.

Q- I submitted a W-9 form last year. Why do I have to prepare another one this year?

A- In order to comply with IRS requirements, we must have a completed W-9 each year.

Q- Can I use my social security number for my partnership account?

A- You can use your social security number for partnership accounts, but keep in mind that any earnings will be reported to the IRS as income for your social security number. If you use your personal tax number, the name on the account must have your name, followed by the partnership name. The tax number must match the first name on the

account. It is always best to apply for a federal tax ID number for partnership accounts so that the income can be credited to the partnership instead of your personal income.

Q- My tax form 1099 is wrong. How can I get it corrected?

A- If the 1099 has the wrong earnings amount, please make sure that you have looked at your year-end statement to verify earnings before you call our office for a corrected tax form. A 1099 that is indeed in error may be corrected by calling the Austin office of the Horsemen's Bookkeeper at (512) 467-9799.

Q- I write checks for jock mounts and make other deposits payable to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper for my racing account. Should I send a 1099 to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper?

A- You should not send a 1099 to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper. Any expenses that you incur as a result of your racing operation might be used as a deduction on your tax return. Discuss this with your tax professional to determine what items are deductible and whether or not you should send 1099s to other persons that you have paid.

Q- Do I need to send a 1099 to my jockey?

A- No, you do not need to send a 1099 to the jockeys. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper sends the tax forms to all of the jockeys at the same time that the forms are mailed to the owners. Please discuss with your tax professional the possibility of using riders' fees as a deduction in your race operation.

Q- Can I use money in my account to pay my trainer?

A- You can request that money from your account be transferred into your trainer's account.

Q- Why can't a check be written from my account to my vet?

A- Checks may only be issued in the name of an account holder. Veterinarians, farriers and other equine professionals do not have accounts within the bookkeeper system. Therefore, no money may be transferred to those persons.

Q- Can I make stakes payments to a racetrack from my account?

A- You may request that funds be transferred from your account for nominations, stakes payments, or entry and start fees. Be aware that the transfers are dated, and as such need to be made in a timely manner according to the due date for stakes payments.

Q- The race meet was over at Lone Star Park and I didn't receive a check for my account balance. Why?

A- Although each racetrack has a bookkeeper employed by the horsemen's organization, the bookkeeping system is a statewide system similar to branch banking. When you start a horse in Texas, you are entered into the system, and you will have one account for all of your racing activity in the state. Each transaction, regardless of which Texas track generated it, will appear on one statement. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper does not clear accounts and mail checks without a request from the account holder.

Q- I want to claim a horse at another Texas track although I am racing at Lone Star. How can I do that?

A- One of the benefits of a centralized bookkeeper system is that you may access your funds at any Texas track. The money that you have in your horsemen's account is available at any time at any Texas track.

Q- I tried to cash a check from my horsemen's account at a local Frost Bank, and they charged me a fee. If the Horsemen's Bookkeeper uses this bank, why do I have to pay a check cashing fee?

A- While the Horsemen's Bookkeeper account is at Frost Bank, if you do not have an account there, you will be charged a small fee for cashing your check. Frost Bank is one of our corporate partners and offers great benefits, as well as cost savings, to horsemen who maintain accounts at Frost Bank. Why not check it out and see if they can be of service to you?

Q- I called a bookkeeper to get my account balance, and she said I had a negative balance. How can this be since I won purse money this week?

A- Most likely, the purse that you won is on hold by steward's order. The bookkeeper system automatically charges your account for the jockey fees as soon as the race is run. This can put your account into a negative mode until the purse is released and posted to your account.

Q- I won a race two weeks ago, and the purse is still on hold. Why?

A- Purse earnings for first and second place are automatically placed on a steward's hold pending test results. There are also holds placed on random finish positions at any given time by the stewards. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper cannot release purse funds until the stewards of the Texas Racing Commission release the hold and authorize payment. If you have questions regarding a hold on purse funds, please call the Texas Racing Commission at (512) 833-6699.

Q- I noticed that I was charged for photo fees, and I never received my win pictures. What can I do?

A- Charges for photos and videos are deducted from your horsemen's account on the day that the photos were ordered. In the case of missing photos or disputes regarding photos, please call the track photographer's office for assistance. The Horsemen's Bookkeeper cannot resolve issues relating to photos or videos.

Q- I would like to have access to my horsemen's account online. Is it possible to view my statement on the internet?

A- You may view your horsemen's account statement online at any time. Please call our Austin office at (512) 467-9799 to request information on setting up your online account access.

Q- I requested a check from one of the bookkeepers, and she said I would have to come back in an hour. Is this normal? And why can't I get my check immediately?

A- In most instances, the bookkeepers will be happy to issue a check on the spot when you request funds from your account. During particularly busy times and during the

racers, they may ask that you return at a later time to pick up a check. During the races, the bookkeeper is busy posting results and verifying claim funds, as well as recording deposits and other transactions within the bookkeeper system. Your check will be available as soon as possible, and if you are in a hurry and must leave before the check is ready, we will be happy to mail it to you.

Q- My trainer called a bookkeeper and asked for a copy of my statement so that he could prepare his training bill for the month. His request was denied. Why?

A- Individual statements within the horsemen's bookkeeper system record all of your transactions, not limited to purse earnings. These statements have your social security or tax identification number on them and are considered to be personal and confidential. Think of your horsemen's bookkeeper account as a bank account, and you will understand why they cannot be shared with other persons. If you would like for your trainer to have a copy of your statement, you can send it to him or her at any time. Privacy matters prevent us from divulging your account information to anyone other than yourself.

Q- My trainer needs access to my horsemen's account and the funds that I have in there in order to make stakes payments and to claim horses for me. What needs to be done to provide this access?

A- The Texas Racing Commission will license your trainer as your "Authorized Agent" in order to provide your trainer with access to your account. There are varying degrees of "permissions" to your account, and the Racing Commission will be happy to assist you with these matters.


Q- I want to claim a horse and will be wiring the funds directly into my account. How is this procedure handled?

A- Any of the Horsemen's Bookkeepers will be happy to provide you with wiring instructions for direct deposit into your account. Please be aware that wires initiated late in the day on Fridays may not be received by the bookkeeper in time for a claim during the weekend. If possible, you should initiate wire transfers 24 hours before the funds will be needed, except on Fridays and weekends, when you should initiate the wire on the previous Thursday.

Q- I want to cash a check at the track teller window. Why does the bookkeeper have to approve it?

A- As a service to horsemen, the tracks have agreed to cash checks for horsemen with the bookkeeper's approval and guarantee of available funds. The bookkeeper will verify that you have an active account within the bookkeeper system, and by approving the check, she is guaranteeing that the check will clear. Any returned checks are presented to the Horsemen's Bookkeeper by the track for collection. There will be a \$35 fee for all returned checks, and you may be placed on a "do not cash" list. Each racetrack has limitations on the amount that can be cashed with bookkeeper approval. Checks for amounts that exceed the approved limit must be approved by track personnel.

Q- Can I request a check by e-mail?

A- You may request a check from your account by sending the request to: cmartin@texashorsemen.com. 



Sam Houston Race Park

Thoroughbred Meet Stakes Schedule

Date	Race	Conditions	Distance
January			
Fri., Jan. 17	Texas Champions Weekend		
	\$50,000-guaranteed Bara Lass Stakes	3YO F, TX-Bred	6 Furlongs
	\$50,000-guaranteed San Jacinto Stakes	4YO & Up, F&M, TX-Bred	1 1/16 Miles (T)
	\$50,000-guaranteed Yellow Rose Stakes	4YO & Up, F&M, TX-Bred	6 Furlongs
Sat., Jan. 18	Texas Champions Weekend		
	\$50,000-guaranteed Groovy Stakes	3YO, TX-Bred	6 Furlongs
	\$50,000-guaranteed Richard King Stakes	4YO & Up, TX-Bred	1 1/8 Miles (T)
	\$50,000-guaranteed Spirit of Texas Stakes	4YO & Up, TX-Bred	6 Furlongs
	\$50,000-guaranteed Star of Texas Stakes	4YO & Up, TX-Bred	1 Mile
Sat., Jan. 25	Houston Racing Festival		
	<i>(all Houston Racing Festival races are part of the Penn Gaming Racing Series)</i>		
	\$400,000-guaranteed Houston Ladies Classic	4YO & Up, F&M	1 1/16 Miles
	\$200,000-guaranteed John B. Connally Turf Cup (Gr. IIIT)	4YO & Up	1 1/8 Miles (T)
	\$75,000-guaranteed Champion Energy Services Stakes	4YO & Up	5 Furlongs (T)
	\$50,000-guaranteed Allen's Landing Stakes	3YO	7 Furlongs
February			
Sat., Feb. 1	\$50,000-guaranteed Tomball Stakes	4YO & Up, F&M, TX-Bred	1 1/16 Miles (T)
Sat., Feb. 8	\$50,000-guaranteed Bucharest Stakes	4YO & Up, TX-Bred	5 Furlongs (T)
Sat., Feb. 15	Texas Stallion Stakes Weekend		
	\$75,000-guaranteed Jim's Orbit Stakes	3YO, TX-Bred	1 Mile
	\$75,000-guaranteed Two Altazano Stakes	3YO F, TX-Bred	1 Mile
	\$50,000-guaranteed Jersey Village Stakes	4YO & Up, TX-Bred	1 1/16 Miles (T)
Sat., Feb. 22	\$50,000-guaranteed Sam Houston Sprint Cup	4YO & Up	6 Furlongs
	\$30,000-estimated Texas Six Shooter (GII)	4YO C&G, Arabian	7 Furlongs
	\$30,000-estimated Texas Yellow Rose (GII)	4YO F, Arabian	7 Furlongs
March			
Sat., Mar. 1	Maxxam Gold Cup Racing Festival		
	\$100,000-guaranteed MAXXAM Gold Cup	4YO & Up	1 1/8 Miles
	\$50,000-guaranteed Jersey Lilly Stakes	4YO & Up, F&M	1 1/16 Miles (T)
	\$50,000-guaranteed Texas Heritage Stakes	3YO	1 Mile
Sat., Mar. 8	HH Sheikh Zayed Arabian Racing Festival		
	\$30,000-added Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Cup	4YO & Up, Arabian	7 Furlongs
	\$25,000-added Sheikha Mubarak Ladies World Championship	4YO & Up, F&M, Arabian	7 Furlongs

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Big Stakes Weekends, Houston Ladies Classic Highlight Sam Houston Race Park 2014 Thoroughbred Meet

Sam Houston Race Park will open its 20th annual live racing season when it kicks off its 2014 Thoroughbred meet on Friday, January 17 and will again average daily purse amounts in excess of \$165,000. The richest stakes program in Texas will once again be anchored by the richest Thoroughbred race in Texas, the second annual \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic, set for Saturday, January 25, 2014. In total, the 32-day meet will feature 24 stakes races and offer total stakes purses in excess of \$1.7 million.

"We are looking forward to another great racing season," says Sam Houston Race Park President Andrea Young. "We intend to build upon last year's success of the inaugural Houston Ladies Classic and make this a premier event in Houston for all racing and sports fans."

Of the Ladies Classic, Young asserted, "Our goal was to improve the quality of our live racing product, and the Houston Ladies Classic set the tone for a great season. We look forward to raising the bar even higher in 2014."

The 2014 live racing season will also feature a variety of special events and promotional days including:

- Opening Night/Texas Champions Weekend Kick Off with 50 cent draft beer, \$1.50 wine specials, and free admission for military in uniform. (January 17)
- 50 Cent Beer Fridays with ESPN's Fred Faour and A.J. Hoffman featuring 50 cent draft beer and \$1.50 wine specials every Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Houston Ladies Classic, featuring the richest Thoroughbred race day in Texas benefiting Susan G. Komen, hat contest, drink specials and more! (January 25)
- Chinese New Year Celebration featuring a Dragon Dance and Asian inspired food selections. (January 31)
- Food Trucks Day featuring a variety of Houston's best food trucks outside of the paddock. Last year's event included local favorites such as Bernie's Burger Bus, Kurbside Eatz, Good Dog Hot Dogs, Happy Endings, and Porch Swing Desserts. (February 2)
- Wiener Dog Races highlighting the fastest wiener dogs in Houston and \$1 hot dogs. (February 8)
- Dollar Day at The Park featuring \$1 admission, live racing programs, hot dogs, soda and draft beer. Free petting zoo. (February 15 & April 19)
- Ladies Night where ladies get in free and enjoy \$2.00 wine specials (February 22)
- Camel & Ostrich Races has been expanded to two nights in 2014 after a sell out in 2013. This year's event will star reigning Camel Racing Champion



Chita Johnson from Houston's KHOU Channel 11. (March 7 & 8)

- Kentucky Derby Day highlighting simulcast action direct from Churchill Downs, mint julep specials, hat contest and more! (May 3)
- Mother's Day Brunch Special featuring live racing, \$50 premier buffet in the Winner's Circle Restaurant and a special post time. (May 11)

"After a very successful 2013 Camel and Ostrich event, we are listening to our fans and expanding this promotion to two nights," said Young. "We are always striving to give our fans great racing and fun, unique promotions to bring them out to the park."

The 2014 Thoroughbred schedule will kick off with Texas Champions Weekend starting on Friday, January 17 and continuing on Saturday, January 18. Texas Champions Weekend will feature over \$400,000 in total purses beginning Friday, a day highlighted for fillies and mares, and carrying over to Saturday, a day that will feature open races for Texas-breds.

In addition to Texas Champions Weekend, the 2014 Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule also includes: January 25: \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic, \$200,000 Grade III John B. Connally Turf Cup, \$75,000 Champions Energy Services Stakes, \$50,000 Allen's Landing Stakes; February 1: \$50,000 Tomball Stakes; February 8: \$50,000 Bucharest Stakes; February 15: \$75,000 Jim's Orbit Stakes & \$75,000 Two Altazano Stakes, \$50,000 Jersey Lilly Stakes; February 22: \$50,000 Sam Houston Sprint Cup, Texas Six Shooter Stakes & Texas Yellow Rose Stakes; March 1: \$100,000 MAXXAM Gold Cup, \$50,000 Jersey Village Stakes, \$50,000 Texas Heritage Stakes; March 8: Sheikha Mubarak Ladies Stakes & HH Sheikh Zayed Cup.

Officials have announced that Tuesday afternoon will replace Sunday in the 2014 Thoroughbred meet.

Post times for live Thoroughbred racing have been adjusted in 2014 and will be Friday (7 p.m.), Saturday (7 p.m.), Monday (1 p.m.) and Tuesday (1 p.m.). Post times for Live American Quarter Horse racing, which begins on March 21, will be every Thursday (7 p.m.), Friday (7 p.m.), and Saturday (6 p.m.). A special 1 p.m. post time is set for Kentucky Derby Day and Mother's Day

Following the conclusion of the Thoroughbred season on March 11, Sam Houston Race Park will host its 2014 American Quarter Horse Meet with 24 days. Live Quarter Horse racing will begin on Friday, March 21 and continue through May 11. 🐾





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Benefits of Membership

Every person that starts a racehorse at a licensed Texas racetrack is automatically considered a member of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership for that year and is entitled to membership privileges.

The Texas Horsemen's Partnership (THP) is officially recognized by the Texas Racing Commission as the organization representing owners and trainers of horses racing in Texas. The Texas Horsemen's Partnership is a partner-

ship between the Texas Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA, Inc.

The Texas Horsemen's Partnership is an affiliate of the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, as well as a member of Texans Horse Organizations for Racing, Showing and Eventing (HORSE). Certain members also may qualify for assistance through a trust fund administered by the THAFI to assist qualified horsemen with certain medical needs. In 2011, the THAFI paid out over \$98,000 in benevolent assistance to horsemen.

Funding for the THP is derived from several sources, including a contractual deduction from the purse accounts at each track, corporate sponsorships, revenue generating programs initiated by the THP and interest from treasury management. Therefore, no direct dues are required from any single member.

The Texas Horsemen's Partnership conducts numerous programs and services aimed at improving efficiency and enriching the lives of ALL horsemen at our tracks in Texas. This benefits package is second to no other racing jurisdiction in the country.

Below are some of the benefits that the Texas Horsemen's Partnership provides for its members:

Centralized Horsemen's Bookkeeping System: This revolutionary system was conceived and implemented by the THP and brings a branch-banking approach to our members. Horsemen are now able to consolidate all of their financial activity associated with horse racing at the various Texas tracks on one account and have one comprehensive statement. This allows for easier accounting and simplified tax reporting.

Free subscription to *The Texas Horsemen's News*: Every member who signs up at our website is e-mailed *The Texas Horsemen's News*, the official publication of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership. The THP's goal in producing and distributing this publication is to keep all of our members up to date on the news that affects our industry. We also want to give horsemen a "behind-the-scenes" look into many of the issues and personalities that shape our sport.

Interactive Website (www.texashorsemen.com):

- Latest industry news and information affecting Texas horsemen
- Access to online Horsemen's Bookkeeper account balances
- Organization information such as structure, bylaws, meeting minutes, etc.
- Information on benefits available to members

Chaplaincy Services: The THP and each racetrack cooperatively provide funds for a chaplain at all tracks. The chaplain conducts Sunday church services, weekly bible studies, offers counseling, facilitates drug intervention treatments when necessary and, in some cases, teaches an English/Spanish course. The Chaplain also assists horsemen with obtaining GEDs and gives classes in computer use.

Complimentary Fire, Disaster & Vanning Insurance coverage: \$25,000 per horse fire insurance coverage against death by fire, disaster & vanning for horses currently racing or in training to race at a participating race track in the U.S. or P.R. or in transit between them.

Groom Elite Educational Program: Groundbreaking groom training program offered at all Class One racetracks in Texas to improve the skill level of the people working with racehorses in Texas on a daily basis. Offered in both English and Spanish. The program has been endorsed as the national groom-training program of the National HBPA, and beginning in 2002, it became available in other racing jurisdictions outside of Texas.

Compass Bank Bonus Banking Package: This program offers free checking, discounts on installment loan rates, first check order free, customized THP checks, free online banking for 90 days, and more.

Free subscription to EquineLine.com Portfolio Service: The THP, in cooperation with the Jockey Club Information Systems, offers a free 90-day chance to try this great service that includes access to online condition books, horse tracking, nicking reports, etc. at no risk.

Group rates on Equine Liability Insurance: This is a cost effective group-rate policy to protect your assets in case of an injury or damage to property arising from your equine activities.

Discount at Sheplers Western Wear: All members are eligible to receive a 20% discount at selected Sheplers Western Wear super stores by presenting your TRC license at the checkout stand.

Representation in:

- Purse negotiations with racetracks
- Texas Racing Commission (TxRC)
- National HBPA (NHBPA)
- Legislative matters
- Texas Horse Organizations for Racing, Showing and Eventing (HORSE)

Other Member Benefits Include:

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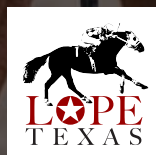
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Chaplain's Corner: Horses ... Be Careful!

by Chaplain Sam Ed Spence, Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie

According to my unofficial count, the words "horse" or "horses" are mentioned at least 148 times in the Bible. Dogs, which are referred to as "man's best animal friend," are referred to just a little over 40 times in God's word. It is also evident from the Bible and from world history that the horse played a much bigger role in this history than did the dog.

Now I have nothing against dogs. In fact, dogs played a big part in my life as a youngster. While Dad was a cowboy and horse trainer, my grandfather (mom's dad) was a farmer and very successful Greyhound breeder. I spent many of my summers at Granddad's helping him with his dogs – teaching them to lead, get on the grooming box, and taking them to the training track. In addition, my wife has a miniature Dachshund (which I bought her as a present), of which she is very fond. She will admit, however, that this puppy takes a back seat to ol' Smarty, her ranch sorting and team penning horse that she has ridden for the past seven years. Horses in general, but especially Smarty, have a very special place in her heart.

But herein lies the danger. Marge must be careful that she does not allow horses to be as important in her life as

they once were prior to her accepting Jesus Christ as her Savior and being born again. At one time, horses were literally "her god." She lived, breathed, ate, drank and smoked horses!

With me, it was work ... 10 to 14 hours a day in the office churning out the letters, articles, and talking on the phone ... making the outfit grow! For others, it's making the dollars, accumulating the wealth ... all of which is okay, just as long as it does not become our god. We simply have to be careful who or what we worship.

An idol is not necessarily some little clay image or figurine that we put in a special place and to which we bow down. It can be our work, our livelihood, and yes, even those four-footed critters out in the barn or in the pasture.

This little article is as much for me as for all those reading it. I must be careful not to allow my ministry to become more important than my personal relationship with my Savior; it is a pitfall of which all chaplains and ministers must be wary. Remember, God's first commandment is to love Him with all our heart, soul and being ... and have no other gods before Him, including horses! 🐾

2013/2014 Race Dates for Texas

Gillespie County Fairgrounds

Mixed: July 4, 5, 19, 20,
August 9, 10, 23, 24, 2014 (8 days)

Laredo Downs

Quarter Horses: August 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31, 2014
(6 days)

Lone Star Park

Thoroughbreds: April 10-July 12, 2014 (50 days)
September 19 - November 15, 2014 (26 days)

Retama Park

Quarter Horses: June 6-August 9, 2014 (20 days)
Thoroughbreds: October 4-December 28, 2013 (26 days),
September 5 - November 29, 2014 (26 days)

Saddle Brook Park

Mixed: October 24, 25, 2014 (2 days)

Sam Houston Race Park

Thoroughbreds: January 17-March 9, 2014 (30 days)
Quarter Horses: March 20-May 11, 2014 (24 days)

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