



THE TEXAS HORSEMEN'S NEWS

Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Gala Returns, 2012 Inductees Announced

The Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame will once again honor those that have enriched the tradition of horse racing in Texas at the 12th annual Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Gala on Saturday, November 10 at Retama Park Race Track in Selma, Texas.

The gala and induction of Hall of Fame honorees will be held before and during the races on that Saturday, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The gala includes valet parking, cocktails, a prime rib and grilled salmon gourmet buffet dinner, induction of the honorees, a silent auction, and live racing. All proceeds from the gala, which is open to the public, will benefit the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Texas horse racing industry and those individuals who have influenced and contributed to its growth and development.

"We expect this Hall of Fame gala to be our best ever," said Joe Straus Jr., breeder and owner of Thoroughbred horses, founder of the Texas Horse Racing Association, chairman of Retama Entertainment Group (the management company of Retama Park), and co-founder of Retama Park. "Not only do we have a stellar group of inductees and a great evening of food and entertainment planned, but the positive energy among horse racing advocates is electric. Everyone is very optimistic about the future of racing at Retama with the commitment from a winning company like Pinnacle."

Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Inductees for 2012

Valid Expectations: Valid Expectations has been one of the Southwest's most prolific stallions since he came to Lane's

End Texas from Florida in 2001. He was Texas's leading general sire for the ninth time in 2011. Valid Expectations had 56 winners from 102 runners last year, for progeny earnings of \$1,443,279. His chief earner was Miss Lederhosen, a stakes winner of \$72,001 trained by Steve Asmussen. Valid Expectations was Asmussen's first big horse as a trainer; he conditioned Valid Expectations for Ackerley Brothers

Farm and won seven stakes with him, including the Grade 3 Derby Trial at Churchill Downs in 1996. In all, Valid Expectations won 12 of 27 starts and \$596,092. He began his stud career in Florida, and after siring two crops was brought to Texas by a partnership that included Will Farish of Lane's End. To date, Valid Expectations has amassed \$28,834,339 in progeny earnings. Among his leading offspring is Saratoga County, who earned \$1.6 million, and The Daddy, who won the Grade 2 Super Derby in 2005.



Inductee Bill Casner

ing the 2000 Centaur Challenge Championship (G1) at Lone Star Park. Once traded for two pigs, two calves and a dog, Kool Kue Baby is one of only five distaffers to win the title of champion-aged mare more than once. Since the division award began in 1962, only Kool Kue Baby, Charger Bar, Little Blue Sheep and Dash For Speed have accomplished that feat. She won the MBNA America Oklahoma Challenge (G2) at Remington Park in 1999. Her other victories include

Kool Kue Baby: Quarter Horse racing's all-time leading stakes winner with 25, Kool Kue Baby has a record of 33 wins in 63 races and earnings of \$746,019—of which \$404,606 came in Challenge races. Bred by Donald Gardner of Jacksboro, Texas, the mare ended her career on a high note by tak-

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2012 THOROUGHBRED MEET STAKES SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 10, Closes: Friday, July 6 and Friday, August 10
M2 Technology La Seniorita Stakes* – \$75,000 Guaranteed
– Two Years Old, Fillies 1 mile (Turf)

Saturday, November 10, Closes: Friday, July 6 and Friday, August 10
El Joven Stakes* – \$75,000 Guaranteed
– Two Years Old, Colts & Geldings, 1 mile (Turf)

Saturday, November 10, Closes: Wednesday, October 31
Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Stakes – \$50,000 Guaranteed
– Accredited Texas-Breds, Three Year Olds and Upward, 1 1/16 mile (Turf)

Saturday, December 8, Closed
Darby's Daughter Texas Stallion Stakes – \$75,000 Guaranteed
– Two Years Old, Fillies, 6 furlongs

Saturday, December 8, Closed
My Dandy Texas Stallion Stakes – \$75,000 Guaranteed
– Two Years Old, Colts & Geldings, 6 furlongs

Saturday, December 8, Closes: Wednesday, November 28
The Fiesta Mile – \$50,000 Guaranteed
– Accredited Texas-Breds, Fillies & Mares, Three Year Olds and Upward,
1 mile (Turf)

2012 ARABIAN STAKES SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 17, Closed
Texas Arabian Oaks – \$15,000 Estimated
– Four Years Old, Fillies, 1 mile

Saturday, November 17, Closed
Texas Arabian Derby (Grade III) – \$20,000 Guaranteed
– Four Years Old, Colts & Geldings, 1 1/16 miles

Saturday, December 8, Closed
Lone Star Arabian Fillies Futurity – \$10,000 Estimated
– Three Years Old, Fillies, 6 furlongs

Saturday, December 8, Closed
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Texas Horsemen's Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Place	Time
Sep. 3 (Mon.)	All American Futurity	Ruidoso Downs, Ruidoso, NM	1:35 pm
Sep. 10 (Mon.)	Zero Date for Quarter Horse Papers	Racing Office, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 11 (Tues.)	First Entry Day for Quarter Horse Meet	Racing Office, LSP	8:00 am
Sep. 14 (Fri.)	Opening Night of Quarter Horse Meet	Lone Star Park	6:35 pm
Sep. 16 (Sun.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 17 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 23 (Sun.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 24 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 30 (Sun.)	Chapel Service	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Oct. 1 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
	Zero Date for Thoroughbred Papers	Racing Office, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 2 (Tues.)	First Entry Day for Thoroughbred Meet	Racing Office, Retama	8:00 pm
Oct. 5 (Fri.)	Opening Night of Thoroughbred Meet	Retama Park	6:45 pm
Oct. 7 (Sun.)	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 8 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 14 (Sun.)	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 15 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 21 (Sun.)	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 22 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 28 (Sun.)	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Oct. 29 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Nov. 2 (Fri.)	Breeders' Cup World Championships	Santa Anita Park, CA	12:05 pm
Nov. 3 (Sat.)	Breeders' Cup World Championships	Santa Anita Park, CA	10:50 pm
Nov. 4 (Sun.)	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Nov. 5 (Mon.)	Free Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Nov. 10 (Sat.)	Closing Night of Quarter Horse Meet	Lone Star Park	6:35 pm

NOTE: All events subject to change. Please check THP website and track bulletin boards at racetracks for changes.

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The Paddock Foundation is a non-profit corporation with a mission to support and advance the care of Thoroughbred racehorses after their racing careers by supporting rescue, retirement, rehabilitation, retraining and rehoming.

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Southern Racehorse Magazine

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Southern Racehorse is a new bi-monthly printed magazine that will go to all TTA members as a free member benefit. This publication, which also covers Oklahoma and goes to all members of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma (TRAO), will produce a Stallion Register in December to cover the entire Southwest.

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Handle, Attendance Both Up at Annual Gillespie County Fair Association Mixed Meet

The Gillespie County Fair Association's annual eight-day mixed meet concluded on Sunday, August 26. The meet registered increases in both attendance and handle.

A total of \$1,292,129 was wagered live at Gillespie on the meet's races, for a daily average of \$161,516.13. Total wagering was 3.70 percent higher than the meet's wagering in 2011.

A total of 14,854 patrons enjoyed the races at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds this year, for a daily average of 1,857 per day. It was a 5.47 percent increase compared to 2011's attendance.

Reyes C. Vasquez's two-year-old gelding Spit Curl Jesse was the dominant horse at the meet, taking the \$37,300 TQHA Futurity going 350 yards in :17.617 on July 21, his 350-yard trial for the Gillespie County Fair Futurity (G3) in :17.695 on August 12, and just nipping favorite and fastest qualifier Cougar Hill by a nose in the \$120,400 Gillespie County Fair Futurity (G3) on August 26, going the same distance in :17.618.

Bred in Texas by Juan M. Escalante, Spit Curl Jesse was saddled to victory in the TQHA Futurity by Michael Chavez and to his other triumphs by trainer Candelario Montes, Jr. He was ridden each time by Thomas Ramirez.

Leading jockey at the meet for the second consecutive year was Eliazar T. Vera, who rode eight winners from 22 starts and earned \$22,188. Second place went to Luis L. Vivanco, who rode five winners from 14 starters and earned \$17,028. Richardo Aguirre and Issac Chapa finished in a tie for third place, each riding two winners at the meet.

Jaime Castellanos was the co-leading trainer and co-leading owner at the meet. He saddled four winners from 17 starters, while owning two of those winners. Tied for leading owner with two wins were Rico Silva, Basillio Lozano, Justo Bustamante, and Ramana Angad.

Justo Bustamante also saddled two winners from eight starters to be the co-leading trainer at the meet. Fernando Chavez finished third among trainers with three winners. 🐾



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Texas Racing Commission Approves Pre-Opening Simulcasting for Saddle Brook Park

At its meeting on August 14, the Texas Racing Commission (TxRC) granted Saddle Brook Park the right to simulcast for two years prior to its opening. Planned to be located in Amarillo, construction has not yet begun Saddle Brook Park, which holds a Class 2 license from the TxRC.

Saddle Brook Park has chosen 6,300-square foot building as a temporary location six miles from where the track will be built in Amarillo for its pre-opening simulcast facility. The ownership group is led by Drew and Lynn Alexander, and former Lone Star Park president and current Kentucky Downs co-owner Corey Johnsen is acting as the group's track/simulcast operator.

In paperwork submitted to the TxRC, Saddle Brook Park indicated that it is interested in applying for live dates in October and November of 2012. The group is targeting

opening its simulcast facility on October 15.

Texas statutes provide for such simulcasting if certain provisions are met, including simulcasting in a temporary facility only in the county in which the track is to be built. The TxRC set a precedent for this in 1996, when it granted Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie permission to conduct pre-opening simulcasting before commencing live racing in April of 1997.

In documents submitted to the panel, simulcast handle is projected to be \$10.3 million a year. Saddle Brook plans to simulcast on Wednesdays through Sundays

and on holiday Mondays.

As for the track, it is to be located on a 286-acre site just south of Interstate 40. It is proposed to be a seven-furlong oval with 200 stalls and a 15,000 square-foot "anchor building." 🐾





Important Information for Texas Horsemen Regarding Depositing Checks into Your Horsemen's Bookkeeper Account



Federal banking regulations require that all checks for deposit be made payable to the company or organization for whom they are intended.

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Since Texas has a centralized horsemen's bookkeeper system, operated by the horsemen's organization, checks made out to a racetrack will be returned. All checks to be deposited into your horsemen's account for ANY reason (stakes, nomination, time of entry, start fees, jockey fees, etc) MUST be made payable to The Horsemen's Bookkeeper.

Please do not take a chance that your stakes payment will not be made on time by sending checks made payable to anyone other than The Horsemen's Bookkeeper for deposit into your account.

We appreciate your understanding and your assistance in helping us comply with federal banking regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to give us a call at (512) 467-9799.

The Jockey Club Projects 2013 Foal Crop at 24,700; Estimates for 2010 and 2011 Crops Revised



The Jockey Club is projecting a 2013 North American registered Thoroughbred foal crop of 24,700, the same number that was projected for the 2012 crop one year ago, it was announced on August 11 by Matt Iuliano, the organization's executive vice president and executive director.

The foal crop projection, traditionally announced in mid-August, is computed by using Reports of Mares Bred (RMBs) received to date for the 2012 breeding season. RMBs are to be filed by August 1 of each breeding season.

Like the 2012 foal crop projection, the 2013 is the smallest foal crop since 1971, when 24,301 foals were registered.

Iuliano also announced Saturday that foal crop projections for 2010 and 2011 have been revised downward by 1,500 foals for each year.

"We have revised downward the estimates for the foal crops of 2010 and 2011 by 1,500 foals each," Iuliano said.

"The rate of registered foals produced from the number of mares bred has not met historical rates for these two foal crops."

The projected foal crop for 2010 is now 28,500 and the estimate for 2011 is now 25,500.

Stallion owners who have not returned their RMBs for the 2012 breeding season are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Submission of RMBs can be accomplished quickly and easily through Interactive Registration™, the online service that enables registered users to perform virtually all registration-related activities over the Internet. Interactive Registration is available at registry.jockeyclub.com.

Additional foal crop information is available in The Jockey Club's Online Fact Book at www.jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp and in the state fact books at www.jockeyclub.com/statefactbook.asp.

Wagering, Purses, Race Days Down in July

On August 5, Equibase, LLC released its "U. S. Thoroughbred Racing Indicators for July 2012." While there were across the board declines in July 2012 as compared to July 2011, overall year-to-date figures for the first seven months of 2012 remain slightly ahead of the same time period last year.

In July of 2012 as compared to July of 2011, wagering declined 7.37% (\$925,447,361 versus \$999,046,849), purses declined 2.63% (\$107,793,727 versus \$110,707,102), and race days declined 5.43% (557 versus 589).

In comparing January through July of 2012 to January through July of 2011, wagering on U. S. races increased 0.89%, purses were up a significant 6.27%, and race days were up slightly (0.49%).

These figures include worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

Dr. Dionne Benson Named RMTC Executive Director and COO



RMTC
Racing Medication & Testing Consortium

The Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) recently announced the hiring of Dr. Dionne Benson as RMTC

Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer. In her new position, Dr. Benson will provide administrative oversight of RMTC-funded research projects, the implementation of world-class laboratory drug testing standards, and the development and promotion of uniform medication rules, policies and guidelines.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Benson on board," said RMTC Chairman Dr. Robert Lewis. "She will provide the RMTC with strong leadership and scientific expertise, enabling great progress in the critical areas of research development, drug testing advancement and medication policy uniformity. Dr. Benson has assumed the duties that



Jamie Haydon provided on an interim basis, and on behalf of the RMTC board, I want to sincerely thank Jamie and The Jockey Club for his services to the RMTC."

A native of the Twin Cities area of Minnesota, Dr. Benson most recently completed a veterinary internship at the acclaimed Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. In that position, Dr. Benson rotated through the areas of surgery, anesthesia and medicine, and was responsible for primary patient care. Dr. Benson previously completed a summer research project under Dr. Troy Trumble at the University of Minnesota, in which she designed and executed a clinical study on peri-neural and intra-articular joint blocks.

In addition, Dr. Benson has worked as a veterinary assistant to Dr. V. Don Newcomb at Canterbury Park and as a detention barn technician for the Minnesota State Veterinarian's office.

Prior to her veterinary medicine pursuits, Dr. Benson practiced law for eight years, serving as an adjunct faculty member at the William Mitchell College of Law, and as an attorney for the National Arbitration Forum and at Larkin, Hoffman, Daly and Lindgren, Ltd. in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Benson received her B.S. and D.V.M. from the University of Minnesota, and J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law.

Dr. Benson has garnered many awards, scholarships and grants, including the ACVS Foundation Student Surgical Proficiency Award for Excellence in Large Animal Surgery (April 2011), Bayer Healthcare Legend Award in Equine Medicine (April 2011), Julie Hanzlik Memorial Scholarship (April 2011), American Livestock / Hiscox Insurance Company / AAEP Scholarship (December 2010), Winner's Circle Scholarship (April 2010), and the Morris Animal Foundation Summer Student Research Grant Recipient (June 2009).

The RMTC consists of 25 racing industry stakeholders and organizations that represent Thoroughbred, Standardbred, American Quarter Horse and Arabian racing. The organization works to develop and promote uniform rules, policies and testing standards at the national level; coordinate research and educational programs that seek to ensure the integrity of racing and the health and welfare of racehorses and participants; and protect the interests of the racing public.

Big Changes Coming to Claiming Crown, Nomination Forms Now Available



The 2012 Claiming Crown has a trifecta of important changes that all horsemen should note. First, the event will make its Florida debut on opening day at Gulfstream Park on December 1. Second, this year's Claiming Crown will be the richest ever, with \$850,000 in guaranteed purses spread out over seven races. Lastly, the Claiming

Crown nomination process has changed so that both trainers and horses must be nominated to the event.

The Claiming Crown is a partnership between the National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. The Claiming Crown was created to be the claiming horse owner's Breeders' Cup; a special racing event, created for the "average owner," and featuring some of the most competitive horses in the country.

The Iron Horse (1 1/16 miles) and the Express (six furlongs), for horses that have started for a claiming price of \$7,500 or less since January 1, 2011, will both offer a purse of \$100,000, up from \$50,000 last year. The Rapid Transit (seven furlongs) and Glass Slipper (seven furlongs for fillies and mares) both increased \$25,000 to \$100,000 apiece and are for horses that started for \$16,000 or less. New this year is the Tiara for fillies and mares that have started for \$25,000 or less, and along with the Emerald, will offer a \$125,000 purse going 1 1/16 miles on the turf. The richest Claiming Crown race will be the Jewel for horses that have started for \$35,000 or less going 1 1/8 miles for a \$200,000 pot, up from \$150,000 last year.

The first important date in the new nomination process is August 31. On or before that date, trainers must pay a \$100 fee to be eligible to nominate horses to the 2012 Claiming Crown. Similar to a seat license, this fee enables a trainer to nominate horses by Regular Nomination. Trainers not making this payment will only be able to nominate horses through Supplemental Nomination.

Eligible trainers may nominate horses to Claiming Crown races on or before November 9. In a change from prior years, both the horse and Claiming Crown race must be named at the time of nomination.

Supplemental nominations and entries will be taken on November 28.

Trainer and Regular Nomination forms are now available at www.claimingcrown.com.

New Stats Central Offerings Introduced

on Equibase.com
Equibase Company LLC has introduced personalized racing highlights for all individual profile pages and the ability to sort leaders' lists by a variety of new categories in the Stats Central section on equibase.com.

"The new racing highlights section at the top of every individual profile page provides a 'tale of the tape' like list featuring the best racing achievements for horses and people," said Chris Dawahare, manager of eBusiness Operations and Development for Equibase Company. "And the new sorting feature gives fans easy access to statistics on leading horses, jockeys, trainers or owners - not just by overall earnings and wins - but in a wide variety of categories."



The racing highlights section within all individual profile pages for horses, jockeys, trainers and owners includes a listing of their respective best racing class achieved, as well as a listing of performance in Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup Championships races. The section also highlights where the horse or person ranked if within the top 100 for earnings and wins with a link to that specific year.

The expanded North American racing leaders' lists include all horses, jockeys, trainers and owners annually back to the year 2000 and are now sortable by categories such as sex, age, track surface and stakes (including graded) races. In addition to the aforementioned categories, the jockeys' and trainers' lists can also be sorted by first time starters. Owners' lists can be sorted by stakes winners and graded stakes winners.

The Jockey Club Unveils Major League Horse Racing and Thoroughbred World



On August 22, The Jockey Club announced the launch of Major League Horse Racing, an interactive game that combines the skill of fantasy sports and the fun of social media with the excitement of horse racing, and Thoroughbred World, a game focused on the breeding, owning and training aspects of the sport.

Players can access both games through Facebook. Major League Horse Racing is also available at MajorLeagueHorseRacing.com, and there is an Apple iPad version of Thoroughbred World coming soon.

Both games were developed as part of a wide-ranging fan development initiative that was recommended in the comprehensive 2011 economic study of the Thoroughbred industry, which was commissioned by The Jockey Club and conducted by McKinsey & Company.

"These games complement our fan development strategy and will be heavily promoted through our America's Best Racing platform and our television programming," said Jason G. Wilson, The Jockey Club's vice president of business development. "Free-to-play online games have been successful in teaching consumers how to play other games, such as online poker, and they attract fans.

"Social gaming has become a major entertainment platform, as evidenced by FarmVille's 85 million 'farmers,' 30 million of whom play daily," he added. "A game like Thoroughbred World that simulates the Thoroughbred owner experience for casual and dedicated fans should build racing's brand and relevance."

In just a one week after its release, Major League Horse Racing had attracted more than 1,200 players. Thoroughbred World had attracted 2,000 players since it was launched and promoted on August 16, 2012. (The game had more than 20,000 players during beta testing in Asia this summer with virtually no promotion.)

"If you love the thrill of the race and would like to experience handicapping in a low-risk way, then the free-to-play

Major League Horse Racing should appeal to you," said Wilson. "If you would rather spend time on the farm than at the track, you will likely enjoy Thoroughbred World."

In Major League Horse Racing, players will complete a race card each week, assigning Game Bucks to the four horses they believe will outperform the field. Additional Game Bucks can be earned through various social tasks on Facebook and Twitter.

Each week's highest scoring players will be eligible for prizes that will be revealed throughout the season.

Thoroughbred World combines the best game-play elements of a simulated world builder and a resource manager. Players create the ultimate racehorse in custom training facilities, improving agility, balance, stamina and speed through a series of mini-games.

Once their dream horse is prepared, players enter races against other players to win in-game currency and other items.

HBPA Affiliates Pass Formal Resolutions in Support of Race-Day Lasix



On August 3, it was announced that 24 state-affiliates of the National HBPA, representing approximately 29,000 Thoroughbred owners and trainers, have passed formal Board of Directors Resolutions supporting the continued regulated use of race-day Lasix/Salix for all Thoroughbred horses of racing age for the

health and welfare of their horses and the safety of their riders. Other National HBPA Affiliates are in the process of polling their Directors regarding similar Board resolutions.

To date, Affiliates passing Board resolutions include: Arizona, Arkansas, British Columbia, Charles Town, Finger Lakes, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mountaineer Park, Nebraska, New England, Ohio, Oklahoma, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tampa, Virginia, and Washington.

Notable owners Maggi Moss and Ken and Sarah Ramsey are among those who concur with this Lasix position, as do leading trainers Dale Romans, Larry Jones, and Bob Baffert.

"These Affiliate Board resolutions demonstrate to one and all that the vast majority of owners and trainers in the United States and Canada support the use of race-day Lasix," stated Robin Richards, the Chair and President of the National HBPA. Richards added, "Owners and trainers who are at the barn every day, dealing directly with their horses know that Lasix is a safe, effective and beneficial medication for the prevention and treatment of EIPH."

The National HBPA has always held that uniform national medication rules must be based solely on scientific proof and not passionate belief. The 2009 study by Hinchcliff, Morley, and Guthrie, (Efficacy of furosemide for prevention of exercised-induced pulmonary hemorrhage in Thorough-



bred race horses, J. Am Vet Med Assoc 2009, 235:76-82), funded in large part by the U.S. Jockey Club, found that administering Lasix before a race dramatically decreased the incidence and severity of pulmonary bleeding. Horses were three to four times more likely to have evidence of pulmonary bleeding without Lasix and were seven to 11 times more likely to have moderate to severe bleeding without it.

“The scientific research incontestably establishes that Lasix allows a horse to only run to its God-given potential; not faster than its potential” stated Phil Hanrahan, the CEO of the National HBPA. Hanrahan went on to state, “The National HBPA challenges any organization or individual that supports a ban on race-day Lasix to provide us, and the Thoroughbred racing industry as a whole, with scientific support for their position that race-day Lasix should be banned because Lasix is detrimental to the horse.”

The Jockey Club Elects Six New Members



On August 23, The Jockey Club announced the election of six new members:

Bill Casner is a Thoroughbred owner and breeder who serves on the board of trustees for the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association and Breeders' Cup Limited. In addition,

he was a founding board member for The Race For Education. He is also vice chairman and co-founder of the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP).

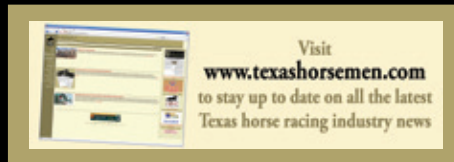
Brereton Jones, a Kentucky-based owner and breeder, is the founder of Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky. He is also a co-founder of KEEP. Jones served as the governor of Kentucky from 1991 through 1995; he was the lieutenant governor of Kentucky from 1987 to 1991.

Earle I. Mack has been involved in the Thoroughbred industry for nearly 50 years. He served on the New York Racing Association board of trustees for 14 years and as chairman of the New York State Racing Commission for seven and a half years. He has been a leading proponent of aftercare efforts for retired racehorses, especially through the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation.

Barry Ostrager, owner of Questroyal Stud LLC in New York, is the president of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders Inc. and serves as the attorney for the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation. He is also a board member of the New York Racing Association.

Kevin Plank is the founder and chief executive officer of Under Armour, an athletic performance apparel, footwear, and accessories brand designed for all athletes. A Thoroughbred owner and breeder, he bought the historic Sagamore Farm in Glyndon, Maryland, in 2007 to implement a long-term restoration plan.

Stuart Subotnick, president and chief executive officer of Metromedia, is vice chairman of the New York Racing Association. Subotnick breeds and races horses based out of his Anstu Farm in Lexington, Kentucky.



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News from TTHBPA Director of Racing Terry Blanton



Terry Blanton

Hello from a vacant Lone Star Park.

Thoroughbred racing will resume at Retama Park on Friday, October 5, and racing at Retama will be conducted every Friday and Saturday night through Saturday, December 29. The track opens for training on Monday, September 24, with no stall rent for those participating in the 2012 Thoroughbred meet. The first condition book should be ready by August 31, and purses will average around \$106,000 per day.

Lone Star's stable area opened on Monday, August 27 for the Quarter Horse meet that will begin on Friday, September 14. Those not participating in the Quarter Horse meet may rent stalls at \$6.00 per day. Be sure to contact the racing office before shipping your horses.

Lone Star has been working on stable area improvements for 2013 that include replacing roofs damaged

by the recent hail storm. The new infield screen and other improvements are scheduled to be completed by September 14.

Race dates for Texas for 2013 and 2014, as well as breed splits, are being finalized for the October meeting of the Texas Racing Commission. If you have any comments concerning either subject, you are welcome to call the THP office at (512) 467-9799.

The Texas Horsemen's Assistant Fund (THAFI) will be offering free flu vaccinations to our members and their



immediate families during the Quarter Horse meet at Lone Star and the Thoroughbred meet at Retama. For dates and information, please watch our website at www.texashorsemen.com. You are also welcome to contact Tami Hare at (214) 850-6821.

Be sure to take a look at the calendar on page 5 of this issue and on our website as mentioned above for events that the THP offers. Also keep an eye on bulletin boards at the racetracks for any announcements or changes.

As always, if you should have any questions, concerns, or issues that you may need to discuss, you are welcome to contact me at (214) 384-9547 or Tami Hare at (214) 850-6821. 🐾



Retama Park 2012 Thoroughbred Meet Stakes Schedule

Date	Race	Conditions	Distance
November			
Sat., Nov. 10	\$75,000-guaranteed El Joven Stakes	2 YO, C&G	1 M (T)
	\$75,000-guaranteed M2 Technology La Seniorita Stakes	2 YO, F	1 M (T)
	\$50,000-guaranteed Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Stakes	3 YO & Up, TX-Bred	1 1/16 M (T)
Sat., Nov. 17	\$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. 8	\$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
	\$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

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the MBNA America Challenge Championship (G1), which she won in 1996 and 1998; the Sam Houston Classic (G1), which she won in 1995-96 and 1998; and the Eastex Handicap (G2). She also won the 1998 Refrigerator Handicap at Lone Star Park for her record-breaking 23rd stakes victory.

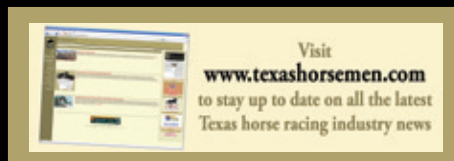
T.I. "Pops" Harkins: A Texas Thoroughbred Breeders Association member since the association's inception and a board member for 16 years, Harkins earned TTBA Breeder of the Year honors on three separate occasions—a singular distinction to date—reflecting the notable racing performances of progeny by Harkins' eminent stallion, Treasury Note. During 20 years of stud duty for Harkins, Treasury Note's progeny amassed more than \$1.2 million in earnings. Harkins raced several stakes winners by Treasury Note, all out of the dozen or so broodmares he kept at his farm. Raised and educated in Louisiana, he was a geophysicist by profession, but his passion for Thoroughbreds came from the heart. The unwavering respect of Harkins' peers was evident when he was named TTBA "Man of the Year" twice; most recently in 1988—in recognition of his tireless efforts in the campaign to resurrect pari-mutuel racing in Texas. Harkins passed away in 1992.

Bill Casner: Bill Casner grew up in El Paso and embarked on a race training career in the Midwest. In 1979, Casner temporarily left the Thoroughbred industry, and with partner Kenny Troutt founded Excel Communications. Casner also owns B&R Equipment, which sells and leases heavy earth-moving equipment. Casner re-entered the Thoroughbred industry in the mid-1990s through various racing partnerships. In early 2000 he and Troutt established WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky; in 2010 Casner sold his interest in WinStar to Troutt. Casner is currently vice chairman and co-

founder of the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), and he serves on the board of trustees for the Thoroughbred Owner Breeders Association (TOBA) and Breeders' Cup. He was a founding board member for The Race For Education Inc., a national scholarship foundation that provides educational opportunities to children of racing's stable area workers and farm workers.

Allen and Jeanette Moehrig: Texas natives Allen and Jeanette Moehrig have been making American Quarter Horse history for decades. Owners of a gasoline station when they acquired their first horse some 40 years ago, the Moehrigs raised what is arguably the best racing American Quarter Horse ever in Special Effort—the Texas-bred horse that in 1981 became the only horse to ever win the fabled Ruidoso Triple Crown as a two-year-old. World Champion and \$1.2 million earner Special Effort—himself a member of the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame—is still the only two-year-old Triple Crown winner some 31 years later. Allen and Jeanette Moehrig are so much more than the breeders of Special Effort. Working side by side on the Texas racetracks and on their Seguin breeding farm, the Moehrigs raised many stakes winners and track record setters. They bred and raised the champion Eyesa Special, an earner of \$1.4 million, that won the 2000 All American Futurity on Labor Day and then came home to Lone Star Park to win the \$911,000 Texas Classic Futurity. Allen passed away this past June in 2012.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the gala at \$125.00 per person, please contact Sharolyn Grammer at (210) 651-7000 or retama@flash.net. Generous sponsorship packages are available. 🐾



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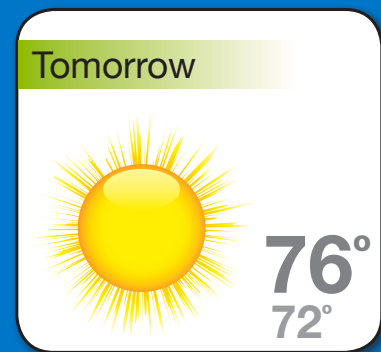
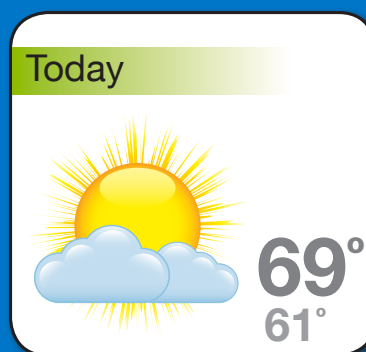
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Retama Park Thoroughbred Meet to Open October 5

Retama Park's 2012 Thoroughbred meet is set to commence on Friday, October 5. Racing will be held on Friday and Saturday nights through December 29, with a first post time each evening of 6:45 p.m.

Nine stakes will be offered at the meet - five for Thoroughbreds and four for racing Arabians - worth a total of \$405,000.

The stakes schedule will kick off on Saturday, November 10, with the running of the track's popular turf stakes for two-year-olds - the \$75,000-guaranteed El Jovan Stakes for colts and geldings going one mile on the grass and the \$75,000-guaranteed M2 Technology La Senorita Stakes for juvenile fillies going one mile on the grass. Also slated for the same night is the \$50,000-guaranteed

Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Stakes for Texas-bred three-year-olds and upward going 1 1/16 miles on the turf.

Coinciding with those stakes, the 12th annual Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame Gala will be held on Saturday, November 10, at Retama Park Race Track in Selma, Texas.

The gala and induction of Hall of Fame honorees will be held before and during the races, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The gala will include valet parking, cocktails, a prime rib and grilled salmon gourmet buffet dinner, induction of the

honorees, a silent auction, and live racing. All proceeds from the gala, which is open to the public, will benefit the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Texas horse racing industry and those individuals who have influenced and contributed to its growth and development.

On Saturday, November 17, Arabian four-year-olds will take the spotlight with the running of the \$20,000-guaranteed Texas Arabian Derby for colts and geldings going 1 1/16 miles and the \$15,000-estimated Texas Arabian Oaks for fillies racing one mile.

Both breeds will be in stakes action on Saturday, December 8. Texas-bred Thoroughbred two-year-olds will contest the \$75,000-guaranteed My Dandy Texas

Stallion Stakes for colts and geldings going six furlongs and the \$75,000-guaranteed Darby's Daughter Texas Stallion Stakes for fillies going six furlongs. Arabian three-year-olds will contest the \$10,000-estimated Lone Star Arabian Colts & Geldings Futurity going six furlongs and the \$10,000-estimated Lone Star Arabian Fillies Futurity, also at six furlongs.

The track's popular Fifty Cent Nights will be back this season, with dates still to be determined. 🐾



Lone Star Park's Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses Set to Kick Off September 14

Lone Star Park's 2012 Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses is set to kick off on Friday, September 14. The 26-day meeting will continue through Saturday, November 10, with live racing held every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. each night of live racing, with a first post time of 6:35 p.m.

The meet will be highlighted by the 20th running of the Grade 1, \$1 million-estimated, Texas Classic Futurity, the richest horse race in Texas, on Saturday, November 10.

In addition to the Texas Classic Futurity, other Grade 1 stakes slated for the meet include, the \$75,000 Refrigerator Handicap, Saturday, October 6, the \$500,000-estimated Dash For Cash Futurity, Sunday, September 29 and the \$400,000-estimated Texas Classic Derby, Saturday, November 10, the same night as the Texas Classic Futurity. The Grade 2, \$150,000-estimated Dash for Cash Derby will be run the same night as the Dash For Cash Futurity, Sunday, September 29.

The \$1,000,000 Texas Classic Futurity - the richest horse race in Texas - for two-year-olds, and the \$400,000-estimated Texas Classic Derby, for three-year-olds, are scheduled for closing night, Saturday, November 10. The fields for the finals will be determined by the 10 fastest times during trials held Friday, October 19 for

the Texas Classic Derby and Saturday, October 20 for the Texas Classic Futurity.

On Sunday, September 29, Lone Star Park will host the \$500,000-estimated Dash For Cash Futurity and the \$150,000-estimated Dash For Cash Derby, as well as the \$50,000-estimated Dash for Cash Juvenile Stakes. Trials for the Dash For Cash Derby are set for Friday, September 14, while the Dash for Cash Futurity and Juvenile Stakes trials are scheduled for Saturday, September 15.

Other graded stakes will include the \$20,000-guaranteed Classic Chevrolet Heartbeat of America Handicap (RG3) on Saturday, September 22 and the \$20,000-guaranteed B. F. Phillips Jr. Handicap (RG3) on Saturday, October 27.

In addition to Quarter Horse races, there will be stakes events for Paints & Appaloosas and Arabians. On Friday, October 12, Lone Star Park will host two divisions of the \$20,000-guaranteed

Arabian Stallion Stakes - one for colts & geldings, the other for fillies & mares. New for this year will be the \$10,000-added TM Fred Texas Arabian Stakes for three- and four-year-old Texas-breds.

The seventh running of the \$50,000-added Lone Star Speedhorse Paint & Appaloosa Futurity is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, and the \$5,000-added Olympia Joe Lone Star Paint & Appaloosa Handicap is scheduled for Friday, November 2. 🐾



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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.

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- Horsemen's appreciation dinners

Retama Park Closes American Quarter Horse Meet

Retama Park's 2012 American Quarter Horse Meet concluded on Saturday, August 11. The meet had begun on June 8, with live racing on Friday and Saturday nights.

The meet was highlighted by a 21-race stakes schedule that included five graded stakes.

Continuing tradition, the richest race of the meet was the \$400,000 TQHA Sales Futurity (RG2), which was held on Saturday, July 28. That 350-yard race was dominated by D. and J. Schoenhofer and R. Burnett's chestnut gelding Cash Flow Cartel, who earned a half-length front-running victory in :17.612. Cash Flow Cartel was ridden by Luis Vivanco and is trained by Cindi Keeton.

Also on July 28, Antonio Carrizales' Jess Fly With Me came flying late to beat Texasindependencegal by a nose in the \$147,300 Retama Park Derby (G3) for three-year-olds. Ridden by Santos Carrizales, Jess Fly With Me covered the 400 yards in :19.704 for trainer Eusevio Huitron.

The night before, Retama Park offered two divisions of the Garlyn Shelton GMC Truck Stakes (RG3) for Texas-bred three year olds and up going 400 yards. Malinche Cattle

Company, Inc.'s six-year-old gelding Charal Kid added another stakes to his resume by taking the first division by three-quarters of a length in :19.833 for trainer Eusevio Huitron and jockey Santos Carrizales. Owner/trainer Jose Socorro Vera Jr.'s four-year-old gelding Kool Country Man took the second division by a neck in :19.920 under jockey Alfonso Lujan.



The other two graded stakes of the meet were conducted on Saturday, June 30. Juan Carlos Perez's Ss Poker Face drove to a solid 1 1/4-length victory in the \$101,950 Sires' Cup Futurty (RG2) for two-year-olds going 350 yards. Timed in :17.555, the two-year-old colt was ridden to victory by Carlos Castro and is trained by Cleto Martinez, Jr. Francisco Garza's filly Jumpn Beau Chick crossed the wire

a half-length in front in the \$50,000 Sires' Cup Derby (RG3) for three-year-olds going 400 yards. Saddled by Roberto Madrigal, Jumpn Beau Chick was timed in :19.763. She was ridden by Mario Trujillo.

After a short break, Retama Park will resume live racing on October 5 with the start of its 2012 Thoroughbred meet. 🐾



Lone Star Park Fall Meeting of Champions Quarter Horse Stakes Schedule

Date	Race	Conditions	Distance
September			
Sat., Sep. 22	\$20,000-guaranteed Classic Chevrolet Heartbeat of America Handicap (RG3)	3YO & Up, TX-Bred	350 Yards
Sat., Sep. 28	\$30,000-added Red Cell Distance Challenge	3YO & Up	870 Yards
	\$30,000-added Merial Distaff Challenge	3YO & Up, F&M	400 Yards
Sun., Sep. 29	\$500,000-estimated Dash For Cash Futurity (G1)	2YO	400 Yards
	\$150,000-estimated Dash For Cash Derby (G2)	3YO	440 Yards
	\$50,000-estimated Dash For Cash Juvenile Stakes	2YO	400 Yards
October			
Sat., Oct. 6	\$75,000-guaranteed Refrigerator Handicap (G1)	3YO & Up	440 Yards
Fri., Oct. 12	\$20,000-guaranteed Arabian Stallion Stakes	3YO & Up, C&G, Arabians	1 Mile
	\$20,000-guaranteed Arabian Stallion Stakes	3YO & Up, F&M, Arabians	1 Mile
Fri., Oct. 26	\$10,000-added TM Fred Texas Arabian Stakes	3 & 4YO, TX-Bred, Arabians	6 Furlongs
Sat., Oct. 27	\$20,000-guaranteed B. F. Phillips Jr. Handicap (RG3)	3YO & Up, TX-Bred	400 Yards
November			
Fri., Nov. 2	\$5,000-added Olympia Joe Paint & Appaloosa Stakes (G1)	3YO & Up, Paints & Apps.	350 Yards
Sat., Nov. 3	\$50,000-added Lone Star Speedhorse Paint & Appaloosa Futurity (G1)	2YO, Paints & Apps.	400 Yards
Sat., Nov. 10	\$1,000,000-estimated Texas Classic Futurity (G1)	2YO	400 Yards
	\$400,000-estimated Texas Classic Derby (G1)	3YO	440 Yards
	\$80,000-estimated Texas Classic Juvenile Stakes	2YO	400 Yards

Chaplain's Corner: Bits in Horses' Mouths

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

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! (James 3:2-5 NKJV)

James, the head of the church at Jerusalem and Jesus' natural brother, evidently had a little horse savvy when he penned the above verses in his letter to the 12 tribes of believers. We don't know if he had any riding experience, and most likely he didn't know the difference in high port, low port, spade, or snaffle bits, but James certainly had a handle on what keeps a half-ton of horse-flesh in control by its rider. More importantly, he gives us great comparisons of bridle bits and boat rudders with that most powerful little member of our body – the almighty tongue.

I recently heard a respected motivational speaker say, "You and I are the sum total today of all the thoughts we've had and the words we have spoken in our lifetimes ... the tongue is what literally controls, dictates, and determines our very lives."

Those seem like overly strong statements until you delve into God's word and see what He has to say about our words. Consider these scriptures:

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. (Proverbs 18:21)

For as he [a man or woman] thinks in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7)

For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. (Matthew 12:34)

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

Now, consider that God used words (faith-filled words) to speak the universe into existence. Then He created man in His own image, after which He instructed the man to ... "have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28) Man was to take that dominion through his ability to speak words.

Get the picture? The words we speak and the thoughts we have are so much more important than most of us have ever considered. I once heard a wise man say, "Be careful of the one who

talks too fast ... he may not have thought about what he's saying."

For example, one day just before I got to the end of a shedrow on one of my morning rounds, a spring of expletives erupted from the other side that would make a sailor blush. As I rounded the corner stall, the author of the statements – a trainer friend of mine – looked up in surprise. "Gosh, Chap, I'm, sorry...didn't know you were around!"

I laughed and replied, "Aw, Frank (fictitious name), that's okay – I'm not the one you have to answer to anyhow." Then I added (with the most non-condemning grin and tone of voice I could muster up), "but Jesus did say one time that from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks ... so I reckon we sorta know what's in your heart, don't we!"

Frank chewed on that for a few moments, then replied, "Man alive, Chap, you're being pretty hard on me!"

No, partner, I don't mean to condemn you at all; I just want to help you," I said. "You're exactly the way I was some years back before I began to understand the power of words. You see, that young horse you got upset at over there is not going to have his plight improved by what you said about him; in fact, he's going to have a lot tougher row to hoe now than before you came down on him ... all because of the power of the words we speak."

That really got Frank's attention, and he wanted to know more. I explained about God using words to form all of creation and then giving Adam the power to take dominion over all other creatures via the spoken word. I shared Proverbs 6:2, which says, "You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth."

"Not only do our words reflect what we believe, they actually create an environment of faith, or an atmosphere of doubt," I explained. "Think about it, Frank; your words can create an environment of faith, not only for your life, but also for the lives of others ... including your horses!"

I went on to explain that words paint pictures – pictures of defeat, or victory. Speak the devil's words, and doubt, fear, and despair result. Speak God's word and the result is faith, hope, and love.

Frank decided real quick he wanted to "tear up the canvas" he had begun to paint of his young racing prospect and then start over with some faith-filled words of blessings. In short, he possibly needed to put a spade bit in his own mouth for a spell. 🐾

2012 Race Dates for Texas

Gillespie County Fairgrounds

Mixed: July 7, 8, 21, 22,
August 11, 12, 25, 26 (8 days)

Lone Star Park

Thoroughbreds: April 12-July 8 (53 days)
Quarter Horses: September 14-November 10
(26 days)

Retama Park

Quarter Horses: June 8-August 11 (20 days)
Thoroughbreds: October 5-December 29 (26 days)

Sam Houston Race Park

Thoroughbreds: January 20-March 12 (31 days)
Quarter Horses: March 22-May 19 (27 days)

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2012 LONE STAR PARK RACING CALENDAR



2012 SPRING THOROUGHBRED SEASON April 12 - July 8 (53 Race Days)

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First Live Race Begins at 6:35 p.m. Weeknights and 1:35 p.m. Weekends*
 May 28 - First Live Race at 1:35 p.m.* • July 3 & 4 - First Live Race at 5 p.m.*

2012 FALL MEETING OF CHAMPIONS FOR AMERICAN QUARTER HORSES September 14 - November 10 (26 Race Days)

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