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Texas Racing Commission Grants 2011 Race Dates for Texas Racetracks

At a meeting of the Texas Racing Commission (TxRC) on September 14, the agency approved 2011 race dates for Texas racetracks. The dates approved matched a plan agreed upon by the Texas Horsemen's Partnership (THP), the state breed organizations (TTA, TQHA, TABA, and TPHA), and the racetracks and submitted to the TxRC the week before the meeting. Under the plan, the total number of race days will be reduced in 2011, but this will allow purses to remain at their current level or, in some cases, improve over 2010 levels despite continued wagering declines in Texas.

Commission Chair Rolando Pablos said, "I applaud the breeders, horsemen, race tracks and commission staff. All of the industry's stakeholders were fully engaged. The race date allocation process is never simple, and circumstances this year presented difficult challenges."

Pablos added, "In the end, the horsemen and tracks negotiated a compromise solution that is responsive to the needs of Texas' horsemen for opportunity and also is sensitive to the requirements of the tracks."

The Gillespie County Fair in Fredericksburg was granted its requested traditional eight-day mixed meet. Live racing will be held at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds in 2011 on July 2, 3, 16, and 17 and August 13, 14, 27, and 28. Racing will be 60 percent Quarter Horses and 40 percent Thoroughbreds.

Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie was granted a 52-day Thoroughbred meet that will run from April 14 to July 10, 2011 and a 26-day Quarter Horse meet that will run from September 16 through November 12, 2011. The Thoroughbred meet will be eight days shorter than the 2010 meet, and the Quarter Horse meet will be three days shorter. Purses at the Thoroughbred meet are expected to average approximately \$170,000 per day, while the Quarter Horse meet purses are expected to average approximately \$60,000 per day.



Retama Park near San Antonio was granted a single, three-part 45-day meet for 2011 that will run from July 1 through October 15. The first part of the meet, from July 1 through 28, will consist of only Quarter Horse racing and is expected to average \$60,000 per day in purses. The second part will be a mixed breed period from July 29 through August 27, with a daily split of six or seven Quarter Horse races for daily purses of \$40,000-\$46,000 and three to four Thoroughbred races for daily purses of \$27,000-\$36,000. The final portion of the meet, from September 1 through October 15, will consist of Thoroughbred racing with estimated average daily purses of \$80,000.

For 2010, Retama Park was granted 30 days of Thoroughbred racing, which was later amended to 16 days. Retama Park held no Quarter Horse or mixed breed meets during 2010.

In order for Retama's meet to achieve the aforementioned purse levels, Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred purse funds will be moved from the

Manor Downs purse account to the Retama Park purse account. Manor Downs near Austin, which ceased operation in July, did not request any live race dates for 2011. However, the track did request dates for 2012, though that request was tabled by the TxRC. Manor Downs purses funds will be directed towards Lone Star Park, Retama Park, and Sam Houston Race Park for 2011 to supplement their purse funds and enable each to run some additional races that otherwise would not have been possible.

Sam Houston Race Park in Houston was granted a 27-day Thoroughbred meet from January 21 through March 6, 2011, with average daily purses expected to be approximately \$150,000. Additionally, Sam Houston was granted permission to drop the live Thoroughbred dates it was originally scheduled to run in November and December of 2010. At one point during negotiations, Sam Houston was planning to drop its Thoroughbred meet and send purse funds to

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Texas Horsemen's Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Place	Time
Every Sunday	Chapel Services	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
Every Wednesday	Bible Study	Chapel, Retama	12:00 pm
Every Thursday	English as a Second Language Classes	Chapel, Retama	6:00 pm
Every Saturday	Chapel Services	Chapel, LSP	11:00 am
Sep. 17 (Fri.)	First Night of Quarter Horse Meet	Lone Star Park	6:35 pm
Sep. 20 (Mon.)	Off-Track Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 21 (Tues.)	Spanish Services	Chapel, LSP	5:30 pm
Sep. 23 (Thurs.)	Free Medical Services	First Aid Room, LSP	4:00 - 8:00 pm
Sep. 26 (Sun.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	11:00 am
Sep. 27 (Mon.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Sep. 27 (Mon.)	English as a 2nd Language & GED Classes	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Sep. 28 (Tues.)	Spanish Services	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Sep. 30 (Thurs.)	Free Medical Services	First Aid Room, LSP	4:00 - 8:00 pm
Oct. 3 (Sun.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	11:00 am
Oct. 4 (Mon.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Oct. 4 (Mon.)	English as a 2nd Language & GED Classes	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Oct. 5 (Tues.)	Spanish Services	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Oct. 6 (Wed.)	Free Flu Vaccines for Licensed Horsemen	Chapel, Retama	11:00 am
Oct. 7 (Thurs.)	Free Medical Services	First Aid Room, LSP	4:00 - 8:00 pm
Oct. 10 (Sun.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	11:00 am
Oct. 11 (Mon.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Oct. 11 (Mon.)	English as a 2nd Language & GED Classes	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Oct. 12 (Tues.)	Spanish Services	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Oct. 14 (Thurs.)	Free Medical Services	First Aid Room, LSP	4:00 - 8:00 pm
Oct. 15 (Fri.)	Free Flu Vaccines for Licensed Horsemen	Chapel, LSP	3:00 pm
Oct. 17 (Sun.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	11:00 am
Oct. 18 (Mon.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	12:00 pm
Oct. 18 (Mon.)	English as a 2nd Language & GED Classes	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Oct. 19 (Tues.)	Spanish Services	Chapel, LSP	6:00 pm
Oct. 21 (Thurs.)	Free Medical Services	First Aid Room, LSP	4:00 - 8:00 pm
Oct. 23 (Sat.)	Closing Night of Thoroughbred Meet	Retama Park	6:45 pm
Oct. 24 (Sun.)	Free Horsemen's Transport Shuttle	Chapel, LSP	11:00 am

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



Editorial from the TTHBPA President

There has been a lot of misinformation regarding the allocation of race dates this year, and I'd like to address some of these issues. I want to begin by discussing the race date process. The process for 2011 race dates discussions started out in the same way as past years. The Texas Racing Commission (TxRC) requests that the horsemen's representative organization (the Texas Horsemen's Partnership), along with the breed registries, meet with the track representatives to discuss and come to an agreement on race dates for the upcoming year. The TxRC has asked for these industry "working group" meetings year after year.

The process, until this year, had always been successful, and a calendar was generally agreed to in a short period of time. However, this year a group of people calling themselves "mushrooms" became involved and began writing and calling the TxRC. They claimed that they didn't have a voice in these meetings, and thus accused the THP and its partner HBPA's of having "secret meetings." These working group meetings have never been secret. They have always been part of the race date process. These discussions have to begin somewhere, and the industry representatives begin the process before input from the membership is taken.

We've been fighting for race dates in Texas for our members for a long time. We've even gone so far as to threaten to withhold simulcast signal approval for tracks if they didn't run live race dates.

There have also been a lot of slanderous comments made towards our HBPA boards. A board member and a member of our staff have been threatened with physical harm and have had acts of vandalism committed at their residence. I'm mentioning this to give you an example of how the race date process has gotten out of hand this year.

We voted for the calendar, which was ultimately approved by the TxRC, because that was the calendar with the most racing opportunities upon which we could reach an agreement. We actually did end up with more race dates than the number with which we began the process. Any calendar considered had to reflect the current economic climate, which was made evident with the closing of Manor Downs.

Some of the other states without gaming that have requested live date reductions are:

Kentucky

Churchill Downs: 73 days in 2009 and 62 days in 2010

Ellis Park: 48 days in 2009 and 27 days in 2010

Turfway Park: 114 days in 2009 and 88 days in 2010

Michigan

Pinnacle: 68 days in 2009 and 25 days in 2010

Ohio

Live racing reduced 20 days in 2010

Nebraska

104 days in 2009 and 91 days in 2010

California

Del Mar: 43 days in 2009 and 37 days in 2010

Hollywood Park: Spring/Summer meet raced four days per week instead of the traditional five days per week, citing all handle sources are down 11-12 percent from 2009.

We are hoping that the reduction in race dates is only for 2011.

One last thing – the above mentioned "mushrooms" claim we are all onboard with an "it's all about slots or nothing plan." The HBPA, along with the TTA, are members of Texas H.O.R.S.E. This group of horse organizations representing various disciplines are actively working to secure legislative relief for the horsemen in Texas. For some to suggest it's all about slots is simply misinformed. They are wrong!

Our office staff is available to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to call or email us.

Thank you for your time and good luck at the track,

Jan Haynes



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Lone Star Park for a richer consolidated meet, but the track amended its original date request the week before the TxRCs September 14 meeting.

Additionally, Sam Houston was granted a 30-day Quarter Horse meet that will run from March 11 through May 16. Daily purses during the meet are expected to be approximately \$52,000.

For 2010, Sam Houston was granted 61 Thoroughbred days (but without the November and December dates will race only 47 days), as compared to the 27 days granted for 2011. Sam Houston held a 45-day Quarter Horse meet this year, compared to 30 days scheduled for 2011.

"We are thrilled about this new structure for our live racing seasons," said Sam Houston Race Park President Andrea Young. "We believe the creation of a shorter Thoroughbred meet with a stronger overall purse structure

will lead to substantial increases in both interest and attendance this season. One of our goals is to create a sense of urgency while also building bigger and stronger races for our horsemen as well as our racing fans. We are looking forward to 2011."

Young continued, "We wish to thank the Texas Horsemen's Partnership, as well as the various breed registries, for their hard work during the process of allocating race dates this year. It is no secret that this is a difficult time for racing fans in Texas. Texas racetracks and horsemen are facing intense competition from our surrounding states, all of which offer purses supplemented by slot machines at their racetracks. We feel the way we have structured this meet will give us the best shot at survival in the short term."

In all, the 2011 race dates for Texas racetracks include 100 Thoroughbred race days, 66 Quarter Horse race days, and 22 days of mixed breed racing. 🐾



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A Positive Change for our Members from the Horsemen's Bookkeeper

For several years, our members have been frustrated by a problem with their horsemen's accounts. The Texas Racing Commission (TxRC) Rules of Racing state that the jockey mount fee must be transferred to his/her account immediately after the race becomes final. In some cases, the purse won by the owner is put on hold by the stewards and is held for a week or more. That placed the entire amount of the earned purse on hold and created a negative balance in the owners account. Even worse, if the owner had cleared funds in his account, the jock fee was deducted from the cleared funds.

Some owners found themselves in a frustrating position. They had cleared funds in the account and won a big race. That is a good thing, right? Not if the jock fee was deducted

from the cleared funds in their account. The cleared fund balance should not have had anything to do with the current amount owed to the rider.

Remaining in compliance with the TxRC Rules, the Horsemen's Bookkeeper worked with The Jockey Club Information Systems (TJCIS), which owns and programs our horsemen's bookkeeper account software, to make changes in the way this transaction takes place. We are happy to report that now if a horseman has cleared funds in his/her account, any deduction for jockey fees will not be taken from cleared funds.

We realize that our members are going through some tough times right now, and hopefully this change will make things a little more convenient for our horsemen. 🐾



The AAEP Urges Veterinarians and Horse Owners to Prepare for Severe Weather Events



The American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) advises coastal veterinarians and horse owners to review their disaster response protocol during the height of the 2010 hurricane season.

Preparation is the horse owner and veterinarian's greatest asset during a crisis or emergency. Horse owners have access to educational resources about how to prepare for a disaster at www.aaep.org/emergency_prep.htm. Articles by AAEP-member veterinarians address important considerations during a disaster, including state guidelines for equine evacuation, medical record updates, feed and water supply, emergency rescues, and first aid.

The AAEP also provides support for equine practitioners impacted by natural disasters. Practitioners can join a network of veterinarians who have responded to disasters and find resources to create a practice disaster response plan at www.aaep.org/emergency_prep.htm.

"As we've learned from past disasters, preparedness can mean the difference between life and death for humans and horses alike," said James Hamilton, DVM, former chairman of the AAEP Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Committee. "Housing for the animals, food and water supplies, and evacuation transportation options are just a few of the key decisions that should be made before an emergency occurs."

Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators for August 2010

On September 3, Equibase Company released its "Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators" for August of 2010. Compared to August of 2009, wagering on U. S. racing* was down 8.03%, purses were down 7.92%, and race days were down 13.23%.

For the first eight months of 2010, decreases were seen across the board as compared to the first eight months of 2009. Wagering on U. S. racing* is down 7.27% (over \$637,000,000), purses are down 5.15%, and race days are down 6.73%.

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

Unwanted Horse Coalition Materials Available



The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) continues its efforts to educate the industry about the issues relating to unwanted horses and owning responsibly. The UHC has prepared and distributed a variety of materials that will educate horse owners on various topics. The materials describe the efforts of the coalition, offer alternatives for horse owners to consider for their horses when they can no longer care for them, and detail ways the

horse community can get more involved. With the number of unwanted horses increasing, the industry and horse owners must step up their efforts to educate themselves about potential solutions. The materials suggest options an individual or an organization can take so that the number of unwanted horses does not increase.

The following is a list of materials currently offered by the UHC:

- The UHC brochure, The Problem of the Unwanted Horse, which explains the Coalition and its activities.
- The UHC handbook, Own Responsibly: Guidance for current and potential horse owners from the Unwanted Horse Coalition, which includes chapters on the responsibilities of horse ownership; options for owners with unwanted horses; programs that extend the useful lives of horses; questions to ask when trying to place a horse; and the tax ramifications of contributing your horses to a charitable organization.
- "Own Responsibly" flyers, which describe what it means to act responsibly regarding the long-term needs of your horse.
- The 2009 Unwanted Horses Survey, the results of a national survey taken by more than 27,000 horse owners, equine industry stakeholders, rescue and retirement facilities and non-horse owners regarding the issue of unwanted horses, its importance, causes, solutions and effects.
- The UHC handbook, Best Practices: How Your Organization Can Help Unwanted Horses, which details initiatives and activities organizations can undertake to help reduce the number of unwanted horses.
- Rehabilitating the Neglected Horse: A Caregivers' Guide, a brochure covering basic care for rehabilitating a neglected horse. Subjects include nutrition, farrier care, vaccination and de-worming.

"The UHC hopes that horse owners and breeders will use the materials offered to educate themselves and spread the word about unwanted horses to their colleagues. Once educated about the issues facing unwanted horses, individuals and organizations can help to implement programs that assist horses in need," said Ericka Caslin, Director of the UHC.

All materials are available for download on the UHC website: www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org or they can be purchased in hard copy by contacting the UHC. Contact Ericka Caslin at ecaslin@horsecouncil.org or (202) 296-4031 for additional information.

The Jockey Club Releases 2009 Breeding Statistics, Live Foal Production for Texas Down 22.4 Percent



On September 16, The Jockey Club reported that 3,130 stallions covered 49,404 mares in North America during 2009, according to statistics compiled through September 8, 2010. These matings have resulted in 27,233 live foals of 2010 being reported



to The Jockey Club on Live Foal Reports received as of September 8, 2010.

As in past years, The Jockey Club estimates that the reporting of live foals, at this point in time, is approximately 90 percent complete. The reporting of live foals of 2010 is down 14.2 percent from last year at this time when The Jockey Club had received reports for 31,727 live foals of 2009.

The 2010 registered foal crop projection of 30,000 takes into account that not all live foals become registered. In addition to the 27,233 live foals of 2010 reported through September 8, The Jockey Club had also received 5,138 No Foal Reports for the 2010 foaling season.

The number of stallions declined 9.0 percent from the 3,439 reported for 2008 at this time last year, while the number of mares bred decreased 13.2 percent from the 56,901 reported for 2008.

The 2009 breeding statistics are available alphabetically by stallion name through the Publications and Resources link on The Jockey Club homepage at jockeyclub.com.

Breeding statistics released by The Jockey Club are not a measurement of the live foals born in each state or province, but rather a count of live foals reported to date by conception area, regardless of where the foals were born. In addition, the statistics should not be taken to represent the fertility record of any one stallion.

Kentucky annually leads all states and provinces in terms of Thoroughbred breeding activity. Kentucky-based stallions accounted for 39.0 percent of the mares reported bred in North America in 2009 and 47.5 percent of the live foals reported for 2010.

The 19,252 mares reported bred to 330 Kentucky stallions in 2009 have produced 12,931 live foals, a 9.3 percent decrease on the 14,257 Kentucky-sired live foals of 2009 reported at this time last year. The number of mares reported bred to Kentucky stallions in 2009 declined 11.0 percent against the 21,620 reported for 2008 at this time last year.

Among the top 10 conception areas for live foals of 2010, only Pennsylvania stallions produced more live foals in 2010 than in 2009 as reported at this time last year. The top 10 conception areas for live foals of 2010 reported through September 8 are:

Conception Area	2009 Mares Bred	2009 Live Foals	2010 Live Foals	Pct. Change
Kentucky	19,252	14,257	12,931	-9.3
Florida	5,478	2,892	2,097	-27.5
California	4,081	2,528	1,891	-25.2
Louisiana	4,011	1,896	1,678	-11.5
New York	1,908	1,080	908	-15.9
Pennsylvania	1,405	692	844	+22.0
Texas	1,758	1,000	776	-22.4
Ontario	1,395	746	698	-6.4
New Mexico	1,431	783	697	-11.0
Oklahoma	1,670	697	538	-22.8

The statistics include 458 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, 101 live foals by North American stallions were reported from Korea and 68 were reported from Ireland.

Remaining countries on the list are Great Britain, 59; Japan, 42; Uruguay, 26; France, 24; India, 17; Brazil, 16; Peru, 16; Venezuela, 16; Chile, 14; Argentina, 12; Mexico, 11; Turkey, 9; Panama, 7; Australia, 4; Italy, 4; Saudi Arabia, 4; Dominican Republic, 3; Trinidad, 3; and Germany, 2. The report also includes 124 mares bred to 30 stallions in North America on Southern Hemisphere time. The majority of these mares have not foaled.

Live foals reported in Texas are down dramatically – 22.4 percent for 2010. This marks the alarming 14th consecutive year the number of live foals produced in Texas has declined. In fact, the number of foals born in Texas has declined over 53 percent since just 2005. Moreover, until 2002, Texas ranked fourth in the nation in terms of foal production, behind only Kentucky, Florida, and California. Today, Texas has dropped all the way to seventh on the list, being passed by Louisiana, New York, and Pennsylvania – all states that have legalized additional forms of gaming at their racetracks to increase purses. As recently as 1995, foal production in Texas was three times what it has fallen to this year.

Equibase Introduces Redesigned Mobile Website and Free iPhone Application



Equibase Company recently announced that it has completely redesigned its mobile website to capitalize on the powerful smart phone technology residing within the iPhone and phones with the new Android operating system. Moreover, iPhone users can watch video replays and view the results of all graded stakes races from 2010 following the launch of the free Equibase Racing Yearbook™ application (app) within the iTunes store.

“When Equibase began serving the racing information needs of the mobile web market in 2003, smart phones

were still in their infancy,” said Zeitlin. “Today their capabilities are so much greater. Our upgraded mobile site takes advantage of these new technologies by providing more detailed information and enhanced navigation so that horseplayers can continue to follow the sport in real-time with an interface specifically optimized for



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Thoroughbred Safety Committee Announces New Recommendations at Round Table Conference

The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Safety Committee, formed in May 2008 to review every facet of equine health and to formulate recommended actions to be taken by the industry to improve health and safety in Thoroughbred racing, issued four new recommendations at the 58th annual Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing in Saratoga Springs, New York.

The new recommendations, announced by Stuart S. Janney III, the chairman of the Thoroughbred Safety Committee, pertain to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), drug testing and laboratory standards, pre-race inspections and the Rider Accident Database.

Copies of the entire text of the four new recommendations are available at jockeyclub.com/tsc.asp, but following are some of the highlights.

In regard to NSAIDs, the committee calls for:

- The immediate adoption by the Association of Racing Commissioners International (RCI) and all United States racing authorities of the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) recommendation revising the recommended threshold for the NSAID phenylbutazone from five (5) micrograms per milliliter to two (2) micrograms per milliliter of plasma or serum when administered not less than 24 hours prior to post time.

In regard to drug testing and laboratory standards, the committee calls for:

- The adoption of the RMTC Equine Drug Testing Standards into the RCI Model Rule book and the participation and adoption of the standards by all United States rac-

ing authorities and their associated testing laboratories.

In regard to pre-race inspections, the committee calls for:

- The immediate use of the pre-race veterinary examination module (developed by InCompass Solutions Inc.) and the sharing of inspection information by all racing jurisdictions, regulatory veterinarians and racetracks performing pre-race inspections.
- The transparency and reciprocity of all associated "lists" kept by various racing officials.

In regard to the Rider Accident Database, which was a primary objective identified at the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit in June, the committee calls for:

- The standing commitment by all racetracks, state racing authorities, horsemen, exercise riders, jockeys and the Jockeys' Guild to participate in the Rider Accident Database.

The objectives of the Rider Accident Database will be to identify the frequency, types and outcome of rider injuries using a standardized format that will generate valid statistics; identify circumstances of increased risk of injury; and serve as a data source for research directed at improving safety and preventing injuries. As with the Equine Injury Database, The Jockey Club Technology Services and InCompass Solutions will assist in the development of the Rider Accident Database.

"We have been encouraged by the response and actions of various commissions, racetracks and organizations that have adopted some or all of the seven Thoroughbred Safety Committee recommendations that have been made to date," said Janney. "We believe these four recommendations we are announcing today are just as important, and we would once again urge those organizations to act as soon as possible, for the benefit of our athletes and our industry."

The new recommendations were announced in a segment entitled, "Medication and Safety: A Report of Collaborative Progress."

Prior to the announcement of the new recommendations, Alan Foreman, president of the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association Inc., announced that five laboratories that perform drug testing services for horse racing have signed letters of intent to complete the RMTC accreditation process no later than December 31, 2011. Accreditation is a key component of the RMTC's five-part Drug Testing Initiative.

The laboratories are Dalare Associates in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, HFL Sports Science in Lexington, Kentucky, Morrisville State College in Morrisville, New York, the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at the University of California-Davis in Davis, California, and the Pennsylvania Equine Toxicology and Research Laboratory in West Chester, Pennsylvania.



In addition to meeting the equine drug testing code of standards, laboratory accreditation also requires development of a uniform request for proposal from state racing commissions for drug testing services that requires adherence to defined standards and compliance with international drug testing accreditation specifications (ISO/IEC 17025); participation in a frozen sample program for a minimum of five years for future analysis as new drug tests are developed; and ongoing participation in a blind quality assurance program.

In a presentation highlighting the activities of The Jockey Club, Matt Iuliano, the organization's executive vice president and executive director, announced the creation and availability of individual state Fact Books on jockeyclub.com. This new resource provides more state and provincial detail than is available in the Online Fact Book and is designed to assist state and provincial Thoroughbred industries with education and lobbying efforts.

The second morning of the Round Table Conference was devoted almost exclusively to the current state of the Thoroughbred industry and its collaborative progress on issues of welfare, safety and integrity.

The Jockey Club Round Table Conference was first held on July 1, 1953, in The Jockey Club office in New York City. The following year, it was moved to Saratoga Springs, New York, where it has been held every August since.

Unwanted Horse Coalition Launches Operation Gelding Program



The Unwanted Horse Coalition (UHC) has initiated Operation Gelding. The new UHC program will provide funds and materials to assist organizations, associations and events that wish to sponsor clinics to which horse owners can bring their stallions to be castrated. A number of associations have sponsored such clinics, and the UHC wants to help more organizations, associations and events get involved in this effort.

This initiative is made possible by a special gift from the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation (AAEP) and the UHC; both organizations have donated seed money to get the program started. Operation Gelding is patterned after several initiatives undertaken by horse associations, organizations and events around the country.

"The Coalition has focused on raising awareness about the unwanted issue for the first few years of its existence. We are now able to start offering some tangible programs that help address the problem. Hopefully this will be the first of many," said David Foley, Executive Director of the AAEP.

The UHC will provide information and forms necessary to conduct a clinic, along with seed money to defray the costs. Funds of \$50 per horse gelded with a \$1,000 maximum will be awarded to groups once a year. Assistance

will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis, subject to available resources. Organizations can apply by filling out the Operation Gelding Funding Form provided by the UHC. Funds will be awarded once the clinic is complete and a veterinary statement is provided. Any organization, association or event can participate in the UHC's Operation Gelding program, the UHC wants to involve as many groups as possible.

"The impetus for these clinics is that the castration of a stallion will help prevent over-breeding and produce a gentler horse that is more rideable, more trainable and more saleable, allowing them to be used in several careers," said Dr. Doug Corey, Chairman of the UHC. "With the inauguration of this program, the UHC will become more directly involved in helping horses."

"There are many ways that an organization, association or event can become involved in helping with unwanted horses in addition to Operation Gelding. The UHC's handbook, Best Practices: How Your Organization Can Help Unwanted Horses, outlines other activities that organizations, associations and events can undertake to create programs that help horses in need," said Ericka Caslin, director of the UHC. Best Practices cites many examples of how organizations and groups can get involved, including gelding clinics. This handbook is available for download at the UHC website at <http://www.unwantedhorsecoalition.org/?id=1> or hard copies can be obtained by contacting the UHC.

NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance to Host NTRA Professional Education Seminar October 19 at Keeneland



The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance will host the inaugural NTRA Professional Education Seminar—Presented by Pfizer Animal Health and Keeneland on Tuesday, October 19 at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky. Attendance at the seminar

will help satisfy continuing education requirements for racetracks as mandated by the Alliance's Code of Standards.

The Seminar will feature expert speakers from across the country who will discuss health and safety topics targeted specifically to trainers, aftercare organizations, track medical directors, racing officials, farriers, and regulatory and association veterinarians. An agenda and list of speakers will be released at a later date.

"The NTRA Professional Education Seminar will assemble leading experts in one location so that attendees can learn about the latest issues, developments and techniques pertaining to human and equine safety in Thoroughbred racing," said Mike Ziegler, Executive Director of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance. "All participants will find this one-day gathering extremely helpful in their professional development. We thank Keeneland and Pfizer Animal Health for their invaluable support in establishing the seminar."

"As an avid supporter of the NTRA and its Safety and



Integrity Alliance, Pfizer Animal Health is proud to present this first-ever Professional Education Seminar,” said Kristin Ruff, Sr. Equine Marketing Manager, U.S. equine business, at Pfizer Animal Health. “As equine health and safety research advances, it is crucial that those working directly with the Thoroughbred stay abreast of the latest information available.”

“I’m very pleased that we have the opportunity to host this important new seminar,” said Nick Nicholson, President and CEO of Keeneland. “As the Thoroughbred industry strives to optimize the safety of the human and equine athletes who make our sport great, it is important that the working knowledge of all those around them stays completely current.”

For additional information about the NTRA Professional Education Seminar, including how to register, contact Casey Hamilton at (859) 422-2627. Discounted hotel rooms for seminar attendees are being held at the Crowne Plaza in Lexington.

The Alliance, formed in October 2008 with the goal of establishing national uniform standards in the areas of safety and integrity, includes 55 racetracks in North America and every major national horsemen’s organization. Alliance certification standards cover six broad areas: injury reporting and prevention; creating a safer racing environment; aftercare and transition of retired racehorses; uniform medication, testing and penalties; safety research; and wagering security.

The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance is a standing organization whose purpose is to establish standards and practices to promote safety and integrity in horse racing and to secure their implementation. Information on the Alliance, including the Alliance Code of Standards, can be found at www.NTRAalliance.com.

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, former four-term Governor of Wisconsin and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, serves as independent monitor of the Alliance and will provide public reports on Alliance progress in instituting safety and integrity standards.

ROAP Approves Strategic Plan and Apprentice Program



During the Racing Officials Accreditation Program’s summer board of directors meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on August 31, the organization approved a strategic plan that focuses on education, communications, and marketing and announced an apprentice program designed to provide aspiring racing officials with relevant work experience.

As part of its strategic plan, ROAP will restructure its 60-hour accreditation school to provide expanded individual training and offer mini-workshops in conjunction with the Association of Racing Commissioners International, University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program’s Symposium on Racing and Gaming, and the Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association. The mini-workshops

will provide a foundation of understanding for the industry concerning the activities and importance of properly trained and accredited racing officials. In addition, ROAP intends to expand its presence on social networking sites, including development of a YouTube channel for educational purposes.

“The strategic plan approved by the board will further enhance the preparation of accredited racing officials, stewards, and judges and foster a greater understanding of their important role in protecting the integrity of the sport,” said ROAP Chairman Stan Bowker. “The plan is the result of valuable input received not only from our stewards advisory committee but from ROAP’s constituents, namely state racing commissions, executive directors, and executive secretaries.”

The Racing Officials Apprentice Program, announced at the board meeting, is open to individuals who have completed the ROAP 60-hour accreditation school, passed all required examinations, and are looking for work experience as a racing official. Each apprenticeship will be tailored specifically to the individual applicant and track, and each apprentice will receive a stipend from ROAP. Potential applicants and interested tracks and associations should contact ROAP for additional information at (859) 224-2702. Applications are available at horseracingofficials.com.

Also at the meeting:

- The board agreed to establish a Racing Officials Certificate Program as an intermediary step toward full accreditation. Those who do not wish to be fully accredited can attend shorter job-specific courses and receive racing official certification.
- The board approved ROAP’s participation in the NTRA Inaugural Education Forum at Keeneland on October 19, 2010.
- The Race for Education ROAP Scholarship was renewed for a second year. The scholarship, which is open to recent graduates of a university-based equine-related program or those who want to pursue a career as a racing official, covers tuition for the 60-hour accreditation school at Los Alamitos in January 2011. The application deadline is December 1, 2010, and the application form is available at horseracingofficials.com.

In addition to the 60-hour accreditation school and continuing education program at Los Alamitos, upcoming continuing education seminars will be offered on the following schedule:

- September 16 – National Steeplechase Association (Fair Hill, Maryland)
- October 18-19 – United States Trotting Association (Columbus, Ohio)
- November 8-9 – Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission (Wilmington, Delaware)
- November 15-16 – University of Louisville (Louisville, Kentucky)



In order to maintain their accreditation, stewards and judges must complete at least 16 hours of continuing education every two years. In 2009, two-thirds of racing stewards in North America were accredited, and currently, 29 states and four Canadian provinces employ at least one accredited steward.

ROAP, which receives primary funding from The Jockey Club and is based in its Kentucky office, is a 501(c) (6) organization whose board of directors is made up of representatives from 18 industry organizations and eight at-large representatives. Stewards and judges receive their accreditation and continuing education credits through this program.

The Jockey Club Launches Registry Mobile Site



Thoroughbred owners and breeders who use The Jockey Club's Interactive Registration™ (IR) service can now access two of the most popular features — the Online Names Book and the list of recently released names — on their smart phones following the launch of mobile.registry.jockeyclub.com.

“These two naming services represent the initial step in the development of Registry mobile, and we look forward to introducing additional features and services in support of the growing mobile web access market,” said Matt Iuliano, The Jockey Club's executive vice president and executive director.

The Online Names Book is a searchable list of approximately 450,000 Thoroughbred names in active use. The list of recently released names comprises approximately 40,000 names released from active use on January 1 each year. Both resources are updated as names are claimed so that customers are always looking at the most current information.

To access Registry mobile, simply go to mobile.registry.jockeyclub.com or click on the link found at registry.jockeyclub.com.

Prize pool for 2010 *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship to Increase to an Estimated \$2 Million, Including \$1 Million to Winner



The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) recently announced that the total prize pool for the January 2012 *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship (NHC) in Las Vegas is expected to rise to an estimated

\$2 million, and that the grand prize will double to an estimated \$1 million. By comparison, the upcoming 2011 NHC—to be held January 28-29 at Red Rock Casino, Resort and Spa in Las Vegas—will offer a total estimated prize pool of \$1.1 million and a grand prize of \$500,000.

The higher prize structure will be made possible by a tournament expansion that will increase the number of final-

ists in Las Vegas from an estimated 321 in 2011 to approximately 500 in 2012. Finalists must still have qualified during the year in order to compete at the NHC Finals. However, tourney host participation will now be available to all pari-mutuel operators throughout North America.

“NHC tourney participation by customers remains very strong, and the demand to host NHC qualifiers continues to exceed our current supply of available berths at the finals,” said Keith Chamblin, Senior Vice President of the NTRA. “With these changes, we will address customer demand in a way that will grow the tournament and better reward North America's sharpest handicappers.”

New for 2012 is that all contestants at qualifying tournaments must have paid a one-time annual membership fee of \$45 in order to be eligible to compete at the National Handicapping Championship. Included in the annual fee is free participation in a number of online NHC qualifying tournaments offering berths in the NHC, as well as other benefits that will be announced prior to the sign-up period. Contestants may opt not to purchase the \$45 annual membership, but they would then be competing in qualifying tournaments for purse money only at the qualifiers, and not for the available berths in the NHC Finals. NHC berths at a given qualifier will only be available to those who are paid members prior to the start of competition at a qualifying tournament.

Since its inception in 2000, the *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship has experienced significant growth. The inaugural NHC, held at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, offered a total purse of \$242,000, with \$100,000 to the winner.

In just its 12th year, the *Daily Racing Form*/NTRA National Handicapping Championship is the most important tournament of the year for horseplayers and is the culmination of a year-long series of NTRA-sanctioned local tournaments conducted by racetracks, casino race books, off-track betting facilities and horse racing and handicapping Web sites, each of which sends its top qualifiers to the national finals. Each year, the NHC winner joins other human and equine champions as an honoree at the Eclipse Awards.

NTRA.com Opens New Memorabilia and Collectables Store



NTRA.com, the official Web site of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, is now offering horse racing memorabilia for sale on its new NTRA Memorabilia and Collectables page.

Fans may choose from a wide assortment of photos, racing programs, racing goggles, glasses and other memorabilia—including numerous signed items. The memorabilia includes items featuring such stars as Zenyatta, Rachel Alexandra, Barbaro, Secretariat, Seattle Slew, Affirmed, Genuine Risk, Forego and Ruffian. All NTRA Memorabilia and Collectable purchases include a certificate of authenticity. 🐾



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News from TTHBPA Director of Racing Terry Blanton



Terry Blanton

As I write this from my office at Lone Star Park, the Quarter Horse season is about to open and will continue through November 13. The horsemen are happy to be here and are expecting to have a better meet than in past years.

The 2011 race dates were awarded by the Texas Racing Commission on Tuesday, September 14. There have been several public meetings on this subject to get to this point. I have received many calls from concerned owners and trainers that have wanted to express their suggestions on how to maintain and/or improve Texas racing. Most trainers are seeking more dates and most owners would like to see larger purses. I can only say that it was a long nine months of meetings. However, I do believe that a very workable compromise by the horsemen's groups and tracks evolved. The approved dates are discussed

throughout this publication as well as being posted on our THP website at www.texashorsemen.com.

Equine Piroplasmiasis is still a cause of concern throughout the Southwest. The easiest thing to do is have your horses tested. This may seem costly depending on which veterinarian you use, but it will insure better control and will eliminate exposure to other horses. There are various requirements at each racetrack, and it is a good idea to call each track before shipping. Remember to keep the original certificates with you at all times.

Retama Park opened its Thoroughbred meet on September 3 with an average of 9.3 horses per race and many over-prescribed races. Entries continue to be encouraging for a decent meet. The handle seems to be about average, but we are all hopeful to see an increase as the season continues.

With the Retama meet ending on October 23, there will be a long break in action. We realize this creates a hardship for many horsemen, and we are working with Retama Park and Sam Houston Race Park concerning dates that you will be able to ship in and out of each track. These dates will

be posted on our website when they are finalized.

Finally, I would like to thank the leadership of the Texas Horsemen's Partnership – Marsha Rountree and Jan Haynes – for their many efforts in completing a workable race dates calendar. I would also like to thank the racetracks for hosting the many meetings to ensure that the race dates calendar was completed. Additionally, I would also like to send out my appreciation to the 100-plus horsemen that took the time to contact me with their concerns and suggestions on this subject.

It is now time to get back to winning races. We all need to work together and help each other, so don't forget to bring a friend out to the races.

Also, I would like to pass along that the Texas Horsemen's Partnership will be offering free flu vaccinations to all licensed horsemen and their immediate family members. You may contact Tami Hare at the number below for the dates and times at each racetrack.

As always, you are welcome to contact either Tami Hare at (214) 850-6821 or myself at (214) 384-9547 with any issues, concerns or questions. 🐾



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Attention Horsemen: Current Entry Requirements at Texas Racetracks

Below are the entry requirements for Texas racetracks that will conduct live racing between now and the end of 2010. These requirements are subject to change at any time, so the Texas Horsemen's Partnership suggests that before you ship horses to any Texas racetrack, call that track's racing office to verify their current entry requirements.

Additionally, on the next two pages, you will find reprinted in English and Spanish a report on how to protect your horses from Equine Piroplasmiasis from the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The Texas Racing Commission (TxRC) is posting this information at all Texas racetracks.

Lone Star Park

The following entry requirements policy has been in place since Monday, July 26, 2010. This policy is for all horses shipping into the stable area of Lone Star Park regardless of their origin:

A negative Piroplasmiasis cElisa test for *Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi* that has been performed in the last year will now be mandatory.

And, as usual, you must also provide the stable gate a negative Coggins test within the past twelve (12) months and have a valid health certificate dated within 45 days when entering the stable area.

If you have any questions, contract the Lone Star Park Racing Office.

Retama Park

The following entry requirements for Quarter Horses and Paints have been in place since Monday, August 16, 2010:

This policy is for Quarter Horses and Paints shipping into the stable area of Retama Park for workouts, regardless of their origin. Original documentation of a negative Piroplasmiasis cElisa test for both *Theileria equi* and *Babesia caballi* that has been performed in the last year will now be MANDATORY!

And, as usual, to be admitted to the stable area, you must also provide the stable gate original documentation of a negative Coggins test within the past twelve (12) months and have a valid original Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) dated within 45 days.

Any horse(s) stabled on the grounds presently or shipping in for the Thoroughbred meet will have to have documentation of a negative test by Sunday, October 24, 2010.

And, as usual, to be admitted to the stable area you must also provide the stable gate original documentation of a negative Coggins test within the past twelve (12) months and have a valid original Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) dated within 45 days.

AND

Until the mandatory date of October 24, 2010 has occurred, a signed statement by the accredited veterinarian stating, "I personally inspected this animal and it does not display clinical signs of Equine Piroplasmiasis and I have inspected and treated for ticks with an approved synthetic spray product." This statement shall be included on the original Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate).

If you have any questions please contact the Retama Park Racing Office. 🐾

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Protect Your Horses from Equine Piroplasmosis

Versión en Español 

What you can do to protect your horses from EP

Equine Piroplasmosis (EP) is a blood-borne parasitic disease that affects horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, and zebras. EP-infected animals can develop fever, anemia, yellowing of the membranes in the eyes and mouth, and dark brown to red-tinged urine. Some animals die from the disease, while others never get sick. Horses with persistent EP infections are carriers of the parasites that cause the disease and are potential sources of infection to other horses.

Since 2008, EP-infected horses have been found in several States. Horses that tested positive for the disease have been quarantined or euthanized, and horses that had contact with infected horses have been tested. The USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has developed guidelines for managing infected and exposed horses and is working with EP researchers, equine industry partners, and State animal health authorities to develop additional control strategies. For information on the control of EP in your State, contact your State Animal Health Official or the Federal Area Veterinarian in Charge for your State.

How EP is spread

EP is spread by certain ticks, which move the parasites from one horse to another. Recently, EP has been spread via ticks on a small number of premises in close proximity. An on-going investigation is underway to determine the types of ticks involved. At this point, it does not appear that EP infections via ticks have occurred outside the affected premises. Investigations are ongoing to determine how EP was introduced to U.S. horses.

People can also spread the EP disease agents by reusing needles or syringes between infected and uninfected horses. Dental, tattoo, and surgical equipment can also spread disease if they are not thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between horses. In addition, taking blood from an infected horse—even one that appears healthy—and giving it to an uninfected horse as a transfusion would likely move the disease agent between horses.

Recently, disease spread has occurred through the reuse of needles and/or syringes. There have also been reports during disease investigations of nonveterinarians administering blood transfusions on horses to enhance performance.

ALWAYS

- Use a new sterile needle and syringe for all injections, whether into a vein or muscle
- Clean and disinfect equine dental, tattoo, and surgical equipment between horses
- Have any horse that will serve as a blood donor tested for EP
- Contact your veterinarian if your horse is sick and has signs of fever, reduced feed intake, or lethargy
- Check with your State Animal Health Official if you need more specifics about EP

NEVER

- Reuse needles or syringes between horses, even if the horses live on the same facility and appear normal
- Insert a previously used needle into a drug or vaccine multidose bottle
- Use dental, tattoo or surgical equipment that has not been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized
- Use blood from a horse of unknown infectious disease agent status for transfusion

More information on EP is available at:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/content/printable_version/fs_equinep_08.pdf

To find the Federal Area Veterinarian in Charge in your State:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/ (click your State on the interactive map).

For a listing of State Animal Health Officials:

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Proteja a sus Caballos de la Piroplasmosis Equina

La Piroplasmosis Equina (PE) es una enfermedad parasitaria transmitida por la sangre que afecta a caballos, ponis, burros, mulas, y cebras. Los animales infectados con PE pueden presentar fiebre, anemia, membranas amarillentas en los ojos y la boca, y orina teñida desde café oscuro hasta rojo. Algunos animales mueren por esta enfermedad, mientras que otros nunca enferman. Los equinos con infecciones persistentes de PE son portadores de los parásitos que causan la enfermedad y son fuentes potenciales de infección para otros equinos.

Desde 2008, se han encontrado equinos infectados con PE en varios estados. Los equinos positivos a la enfermedad han sido cuarentenados o sacrificados, y los equinos en contacto con equinos infectados han sido muestreados. El Servicio de Inspección de Animales y Plantas (APHIS por sus siglas en inglés) del Departamento de Agricultura de los Estados Unidos (USDA por sus siglas en inglés), ha desarrollado guías para el manejo de equinos infectados y expuestos, y está trabajando con investigadores de PE, socios de la industria equina y las autoridades estatales de salud animal, para desarrollar estrategias adicionales de control. Para información sobre el control de PE en su estado, contacte al Oficial Estatal de Salud Animal o al Veterinario de Área a Cargo del APHIS-Servicios Veterinarios.

¿Cómo se propaga la PE?

Determinadas garrapatas extienden la PE, al movilizar los parásitos de un equino a otro. Recientemente, la EP se ha diseminado por la vía de las garrapatas a un pequeño número de predios que se encuentran cercanos. Se está llevando a cabo una investigación para determinar los tipos de garrapatas involucradas. En este punto, no parece que las infecciones de PE por garrapatas hayan ocurrido fuera de los predios afectados. Se están realizando investigaciones para determinar cómo fue introducida la PE a los equinos de los Estados Unidos.

Las personas también pueden diseminar los agentes de la enfermedad cuando utilizan agujas o jeringas usadas entre equinos infectados y no infectados. El equipo para uso dental, de tatuaje y quirúrgico puede también propagar la enfermedad si no está completamente limpio y desinfectado. Además, hacer una transfusión de sangre de un equino infectado—aunque parezca sano—a un equino no infectado probablemente transmitiría el agente de la enfermedad entre los equinos.

Recientemente, la diseminación de la enfermedad ha ocurrido por utilizar agujas y/o jeringas usadas. También se ha reportado durante las investigaciones de la enfermedad sobre personal no veterinario que administra transfusiones de sangre a equinos para mejorar su rendimiento.

¿Qué puede hacer para proteger sus equinos de la PE?

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- Use agujas y jeringas nuevas esterilizadas para todas las inyecciones, sean en vena o músculo
- Limpie y desinfecte el equipo dental, de tatuaje y quirúrgico con cada equino
- Haga pruebas de PE a cualquier equino que sea donante de sangre
- Contacte a su veterinario si su equino está enfermo y tiene fiebre, letargo o reduce su ingesta de alimento
- Si necesita mayor información de la PE consulte a su Oficial Estatal de Salud Animal

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- Utilice agujas o jeringas usadas en otros equinos, aunque vivan en las mismas instalaciones y parezcan normales
- Inserte una aguja usada en frascos de dosis múltiple de vacuna o medicamento
- Use equipo dental, de tatuaje o quirúrgico que no se haya limpiado y desinfectado totalmente
- Use sangre para transfusión de un equino con estado desconocido del agente infeccioso

Más información sobre PE está disponible en: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/content/printable_version/fs_equinep_08.pdf

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Comin Thru Named Horse of the Meet at Sam Houston Race Park Quarter Horse Meet, Wagering Declines

Sam Houston Race Park concluded its 2010 American Quarter Horse Meet, which featured 44 days of live Quarter Horse racing offering fans 450 carded races with a total of \$3,798,149 in purse distribution across the Spring/Summer season, on Saturday, August 14. For the second consecutive year, The Park's meet included Retama Park's Quarter Horse dates.

The Park hosted nearly 30 stakes events this season, including the \$400,000 TQHA Sale Futurity (RG1), the \$346,700 Sam Houston Futurity (G1), the \$113,502 TQHA Sires' Cup Futurity (RG2), the \$113,250 Sam Houston Derby (G2), the \$106,290 Bank of America Texas Challenge Championship (G1), the \$54,727 TQHA Sires' Cup Derby (RG3), the \$50,000 Sam Houston Classic (G2), and the \$48,300 Sam Houston Maiden Classic.

Sam Houston Race Park continued to experience significant declines in daily handle averages on its live product as compared to the prior year. Average live handle per live race day decreased by 11.6 percent, and average all-sources handle dipped 9.6 percent.

"The decrease in handle we experienced this summer is not simply a result of an uncertain economy on the consumer and inclement weather, but also the result of the significant competitive disadvantage Texas tracks face when compared to our neighboring states with whom we compete," said Andrea Young, president and chief operating officer of Sam Houston Race Park.

The Park, which was granted 45 days of live Quarter Horse racing by the Texas Racing Commission, lost one live race date due to inclement weather but was able to make up those races by increasing the number of races per day across the remainder of the season. Weather proved to be a major issue throughout The Park's summer meet. On race days alone, The Park experienced more than 12 inches of rain in 2010, compared to less than three inches the previous year. The average field size for the meet had 8.62 horses featured on the live racing card with an average of 8.16 starters per race. This decreased from the 2009 average of 8.35 starters per race.

New Events and Promotions at Sam Houston Race Park

"On a positive note, we were pleased to be able to attract more than 100,000 fans during our recently concluded meet. We know that the decreases in wagering levels were largely offset by our continued commitment to actively promote The Park with special promotions and variable pricing. However, we know that these items alone will not be able to grow our business in the long-term," stated Young.

The Park implemented several new promotions for the 2010 Quarter Horse Meet in an effort to boost attendance and attract the casual sports fan to the racing product. Among

these promotions was the popular 50 Cent Beer Night, which featured 50 cent draft beer on the first Friday of each month. The promotion was such a success in boosting attendance that it will continue every Friday during simulcast operations through the end of September.

In addition to 50 Cent Beer Night, The Park held its third annual Verizon Wireless Concert Series on the Bud Light stage, hosting such acts as Blue October, Foghat and Blue Oyster Cult, Luke Bryan and Kevin Fowler every Saturday night following live racing. The Park also hosted Party on the Patio, featuring hot food the outdoor grill, track-side patio seating, and \$2 draft beer specials from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Saturday. Bundled with general admission to live racing events, the Party on the Patio ticket package was a fun and affordable way to spend a night at the races.

Also new to this year's Quarter Horse meet was the Father's Day Celebration, featuring the Father's Day Lawn Mower Races, which drew more than 8,000 fans.

The Park also saw continued success in hosting live racing events around larger simulcast dates including: the 136th Running of the Kentucky Derby (May 1); the 135th Running of the Preakness Stakes (May 15); and the 142nd Running of the Belmont Stakes (June 5).

In addition to these dates, The Park had strong attendance numbers for the annual July 4th Extravaganza weekend, which was extended across

two days and drew more than 50,000 patrons.

Comin Thru Recognized as "Horse of the Meet"

Comin Thru was voted Horse of the Meet for the 2010 American Quarter Horse Meeting at Sam Houston Race Park. The four-year-old son of Separatist ended the 2010 American Quarter Horse Meet with a perfect record of four wins in four starts, including three stakes wins. Comin Thru holds an exceptional career record of seven wins in only 19 starts, with total winnings reaching \$97,142.

Comin Thru found his way into the winner's circle for three stakes races this summer, including the \$20,000 Silestone Stakes on July 3; the \$35,000 Barnmaster Sprint Stakes (RG3), which was part of the TQHA Summer Showdown on July 30; and the \$50,000 Sam Houston Classic (G2) on August 13. His most notable victory from this summer was an upset win against a tough field in the \$50,000 Sam Houston Classic (G2). Favored Stolis Winner was searching for his title as the richest racing Quarter Horse in history, but he came up short in one of the most exciting races of the season as Comin Thru broke sharply out of the starting gate and held a steady gain all the way up to the wire, reaching a speed index of 98 and crossing the finish line first in a time of :21.61.

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Horse of the Comin Thru winning the Silestone Stakes.

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Comin Thru is trained by 2010 Trainer of the Meet Judd Kearl.

"This horse has a lot of talent," commented Kearl. "We were unsure if he'd be able to handle the 440-yard distance of the Sam Houston Classic, but he proved he could do it. He runs better in each race, and he's a tremendous athlete."

Comin Thru was bred in Texas by Michael Pohl and owned by Mickey Tiner of Angleton, Texas.

Other End of Meet Awards

Claiming his third title as Sam Houston Race Park's 2010 Trainer of the Meet was Judd S. Kearl, with 53 wins in 179 starts and purse money totaling in \$336,889. Kearl, who owns and operates Ashwood Farms, has notched five career training titles overall in Texas, from Manor Downs in Austin to Lone Star Park in Dallas. Kearl noted one of his top accomplishments for the Sam Houston meet included Comin Thru.

J.B. and Sherrie Morace were named the 2010 Owners of the Meet. Mr. and Mrs. Morace celebrate their first owner title at The Park. J.B., who resides in Hockley, Texas, says he has "raced in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana, but loves racing at Sam Houston Race Park because it's their home track." J.B. and Sherrie Morace, seasoned veterans at Sam Houston Race Park, finished the 2010 American Quarter Horse Meet with 23 wins out of 82 starts and total purse money of \$101,878.

In true racing fashion, the race for the 2010 Leading Jockey title came down to the wire, with seasoned rider Rodrigo Sigala

Vallejo taking home top honors. Vallejo, who earned 47 wins in 178 mounts this season and an impressive \$417,231 in purse money, proudly accepted his award in the winner's circle following the final race of the night on Saturday, August 14. Vallejo is best known at Sam Houston for being the only jockey in the history of The Park to win the Grade 1 Sam Houston Futurity a stunning three times.

"We are proud to recognize the hard work and dedication that our 2010 leading trainer, owners, and jockey display. These people represent the backbone of our business, and we appreciate their continued efforts to keep Texas racing going. It is no secret that Texas racing continues to lose quality horses and trainers to our neighboring states where racetracks use slot machine revenues to generate larger purses, thus greatly impacting our ability to compete," stated Young. "At a time where every dollar counts, we will continue to work to level the playing field so that Texas horse racing can become a leader for the sport." 🐾

2010 American Quarter Horse Meet Statistics

Total Attendance: 101,699

Total Live Handle: \$3,653,505

Total Off-Track Handle: \$7,107,298

Total Handle: \$10,760,803

Number of Live Race Days: 44

Average Daily Purses (Earned Purses Only): \$56,500

Average Daily Purses (All In): \$86,322

Average Field Size (Carded): 8.62

Attendance, Wagering Up at Gillespie County Fair Association's Annual Mixed Meet

The Gillespie County Fair Association's annual eight-day mixed meet concluded on Sunday, August 29. The meet registered increases in both attendance and wagering this year.

A total of 14,557 patrons enjoyed the races at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds this year, for a daily average of 1,820 per day. It was 2.04 percent increase over 2009's attendance.

A total of \$1,212,932 was wagered live at Gillespie on the meet's races, for a daily average of \$151,616.50. Total wagering was 9.67 percent higher than the meet's wagering in 2009. It still fell short, however, of the meet's average daily wagering in 2008 of \$156,020.38.

The meet's racing was highlighted on closing day by the running of the \$167,050 Gillespie County Fair Futurity (G3) for two-year-old Quarter Horses going 350 yards. In the August 15 trials, Dale N James emerged as the fastest qualifier after winning his trial on the front end by a length in :17.432. In the finals, though, it was Antonio M. Flores' Jumpn Shake that blew the competition away with a front-running three-quarters of a length triumph over

Reba Reba Corona in a new track record :17.246. Dale N James checked in a length behind Reba Reba Corona in third place.

A California-bred sorrel colt by Jumpn out of the Mr Jess Perry mare Jess Shakem, Jumpn Shake is trained



by Joe Rangel and was ridden to victory by Manuel Garcia. After stumbling at the start, Jumpn Shake had won his trial on August 15 by a half-length in :17.458.

Another horse that made a big impression at the meet was Jose Alfredo Rodriguez's three-year-old gray filly Surviving Success, who set new track records at both 330 and

400 yards. On July 4, the daughter of Panther Mountain and the Royal Shake Em mare Make Em Shake flew to a dominating, front-running 3 1/4-length victory in the \$18,000 Hill Country Dash for Quarter Horses three years old and upward, going the 400 yard distance in a track record :21.601.

Getting the win was a little tougher for Surviving Success in the \$17,400 Simulcast Services Stakes for Quarter Horses three years old and upward on August 28. She rallied furiously down the lane in the 330-yard race, but Executive Looks beat her to the wire by a neck. However, Executive Looks drifted out and was disqualified to fourth place, elevating Surviving Success to first place. She reached the wire in a track record :16.543.

On closing day, August 29, Owner/trainer Jimmy L. Ray, Jr.'s Early Dancer set a seven furlong track record while winning the \$17,400 GCFA Accredited Texas-Bred Stakes for Thoroughbreds three years old and upward. The three-year-old gelding beat Dove Express by a half-length in 1:25.45 under jockey Benito Morales. 🐾

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- Access to online Horsemen's Bookkeeper account balances
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- Information on benefits available to members

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Chaplain's Corner: Live Slow ... But Ride a Fast Horse

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

A few years ago, Sam Houston Chaplain Waverly Parsons (he was at Trinity Meadows at that time) gave me a pretty, stained cedar board with the words above burned into it. Actually, he donated the piece of art for a prize in our spring chaplaincy golf tournament. However, I was so impressed with the message and the quality of his work that I hung it in my office (where it remains today) and substituted a contribution of my own to the tournament prize list.

At 71, I'm finally learning to take Waverly's cedar-board advice. Somebody say, "It's about time, chaplain!"

I'm sure that I've got some years on at least 90 percent of the folks reading this, so I want to pass on some good advice, regardless of your age – SLOW DOWN!

Don't just "take time to stop and smell the roses" – reflect on their beauty, thank the Creator for them, then buy a few and take 'em home to mama as an invitation for a quiet meal together.

As a veteran (and co-instigator) of a broken marriage at 27, a heart attack at 30, and a failed business at 38, I can testify to the senselessness of the fast-paced, worry-burdened, stress-filled, get-it-all-at-any-cost life that the world has to offer. Certainly there were a number of factors that contributed to my various downfalls, but a faulty priority attitude headed up the list.

Even after inviting Jesus Christ back into my life at age

33 and then accepting Him as my spirit-baptizer at 36, it still took me a while to slow down my breakneck pace, really put Him first place, and start enjoying the abundant life He tells us about in John 10:10. As I slowly responded to Jesus' teaching to quit worrying, take a day at a time, and get plenty of rest, the quality of my life vastly improved.

Problems? You bet ... I still had some, still do today. But I learned that every problem didn't have to be solved in one day, and that if I truly trusted the Lord, He always took care of them in ways of which I often hadn't even dreamed! Most of the time, it was simply a process of slowing down and learning to listen.

Proverbs 16:3 in the Amplified Bible says, "Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed."

When I got hold of that scripture in my heart, well, that's when I became a true wholly roller. Today, I'm extremely healthy, totally out of debt, and absolutely enjoying this journey.

And, incidentally, I also ride a very fast horse. I got a six-year-old Quarter Horse mare that's full of cow savvy, is quicker than greased lightning, and has carried me to five straight wins in a novice team penning class in which I show monthly.

So, slow down and get on the Jesus program of abundant living. 🐾

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Retama Park 2010 Fall Thoroughbred Meet Stakes Schedule

Date	Race	Conditions	Distance/Surface
September			
Sat., Sep. 25	\$100,000-guaranteed My Dandy Texas Stallion Stakes	C&G, 2YO	6 Furlongs
	\$100,000-guaranteed Darby's Daughter Texas Stallion Stakes	F, 2YO	6 Furlongs
October			
Sat., Oct. 23	\$75,000-guaranteed M2 Technology La Seniorita Stakes*	F, 2YO	1 Mile (T)
	\$75,000-guaranteed SKYY El Jovan Stakes*	C&G, 2YO	1 Mile (T)

*\$100 Nomination Fee due July 2nd and \$200 Sustaining Fee due August 6th, or \$500 Late Penalty Fee.

\$1 Million Texas Classic Futurity Tops \$2.5 Million Lone Star Fall Meeting of Champions Stakes Schedule



Lone Star Park's 2010 Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses will be highlighted by the 18th running of

the Grade 1, \$1 million-estimated, Texas Classic Futurity, the richest horse race in Texas, on Saturday, November 13.

In addition, history could be made at Lone Star Park on Saturday, October 2 in the 14th Running of the Grade 1, \$100,000 Refrigerator Handicap, which trainer Heath Taylor has indicated might be the next start for his four-year-old Stolis Winner, winner of the 2008 All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs and the 2009 Texas Classic Derby at Lone Star Park.

Stolis Winner, who has won 12 of 19 starts and earned \$2,097,731 is currently only \$28,578 behind all-time leader Refrigerator, who earned \$2,126,309 during his career, and could move to the top of the all-time money list with the \$55,000 winner's share in the race named for the current all-time leader and two-time

world champion.

A total of 14 stakes worth an estimated \$2.5 million, including four Grade 1 races and a Grade 2, will be run during Lone Star Park's Fall Meeting of Champions. The 26-day meet will be run from Friday, September 17 through Saturday, November 13 with racing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night after the opening weekend and a nightly first post of 6:35 p.m.

In addition to the Texas Classic Futurity and the Refrigerator Handicap, the two other Grade 1 stakes during the meet will be the \$500,000-estimated Dash for Cash Futurity on Saturday, October 9 and the \$400,000-estimated Texas Classic Derby on Saturday, November 13, the same night as the Texas Classic Futurity. The Grade 2, \$200,000-estimated Dash for Cash Derby will also be run on Saturday, October 9.

Lone Star Park's premier Grade 1 races for two- and three-year-olds will be run on the same night, Saturday, November 13. The Texas Classic Futurity – annually the state's richest horse race – and \$400,000-estimated Texas Classic Derby are scheduled for the closing night program. The fields for the finals will be determined by the 10 fastest times

during trials that will be held on Friday, October 22 for the Texas Classic Derby and on Saturday, October 23 for the Texas Classic Futurity.

On Saturday, October 9, Lone Star Park will host the \$500,000-estimated Dash For Cash Futurity, the \$200,000-estimated Dash For Cash Derby and \$50,000-estimated Dash for Cash Juvenile Stakes. Trials for the Dash For Cash Derby are set for Friday, September 24 while the Dash for Cash Futurity and Juvenile Stakes trials are scheduled for the next night, Saturday, September 25.

In addition to the Quarter Horse races, there will be stakes events for Paints & Appaloosas as well as for Arabian horses. The fifth running of the \$60,000-estimated Lone Star Park Paint & Appaloosa Futurity is scheduled for Friday, November 5, with trials to be held on Thursday, October 21 and the \$15,000 Olympia Joe Lone Star Paint & Appaloosa Handicap is scheduled for Friday, November 5

On Saturday, November 6, Lone Star Park will host two divisions of the \$15,000 Arabian Stallion Stakes – one for colts & geldings, the other for fillies & mares. 🐾



Lone Star Park Fall Quarter Horse Meet Stakes Schedule

Date	Race	Conditions	Distance
September			
Fri., Sep. 17	\$25,000-guaranteed Classic Chevrolet Heartbeat of America Handicap (RG3)	3YO & Up, TX-Bred	350 Yards
October			
Fri., Oct. 1	\$30,000-guar. Red Cell Distance Championship	3YO & Up	870 Yards
Sat., Oct. 2	\$100,000-guaranteed Refrigerator Handicap (G1)	3YO & Up	440 Yards
Sat., Oct. 2	\$30,000-guaranteed Merial Distaff Challenge	3YO & Up, F&M	400 Yards
Sat., Oct. 9	\$500,000-estimated Dash For Cash Futurity (G1)	2YO	400 Yards
Sat., Oct. 9	\$200,000-estimated Dash For Cash Derby (G2)	3YO	440 Yards
Sat., Oct. 9	\$50,000-estimated Dash For Cash Juvenile Stakes	2YO	400 Yards
Sat., Oct. 30	\$25,000-guaranteed B. F. Phillips Jr. Handicap (RG3)	3YO & Up, TX-Bred	400 yards
November			
Fri., Nov. 5	\$60,000-estimated Lone Star Park Paint & Appaloosa Futurity (G1)	2YO, Paints & Apps.	350 Yards
Fri., Nov. 5	\$15,000-guaranteed Olympia Joe Paint & Appaloosa Handicap (G1)	3YO & Up, Paints & Apps.	400 Yards
Sat., Nov. 6	\$15,000-estimated Arabian Stallion Stakes	3YO & Up, C&G, Arabians	7 Furlongs
Sat., Nov. 6	\$15,000-estimated Arabian Stallion Stakes	3YO & Up, F&M, Arabians	7 Furlongs
Sat., Nov. 13	\$400,000-estimated Texas Classic Derby (G1)	3YO	440 Yards
Sat., Nov. 13	\$1,000,000-estimated Texas Classic Futurity (G1)	2YO	400 Yards

Retama Park Thoroughbred Meet Opens with Large Fields, Wagering Exceeding Projections

Retama Park opened its 2010 Thoroughbred meet on Friday, September 3 to full fields and wagering that exceeded the track's projections. The eight-week meet will feature live racing every Friday and Saturday night through October 23, with a first post time of 6:45 p.m. each night. Races will also be shown on TVG.

A total of 92 horses were entered for the nine-race opening night card conducted on Friday, September 3. Saturday's nine-race card drew 99 entries, and 102 horses were entered to run in the nine races on Friday, September 10.

According to Retama Racing Secretary James Leatherman, "It was gratifying to see the horsemen enter so many horses."

The meet will feature an \$80,000 per night purse structure and be highlighted by the \$75,000 El Joven Stakes for two-year-old colts and geldings and the \$75,000 M2 Technology La Senorita Stakes for two-year-old fillies on

October 23 and two divisions of the \$100,000 Texas Stallion Stakes for two-year-olds on September 25.

Every Saturday night of the meet will feature Retama's popular 50 Cent Saturday, which includes free admission for everyone, dramatically reduced concession prices, and great free activities like pony rides, a petting zoo, face painters, and clowns.

Retama Park CEO Bryan Brown told the *Daily Racing Form*, "We just can't say how pleased we are some of the top trainers in the state are going to be here and have the confidence in us to bring their horses. We're happy that even though it's such a short meet, they made the decision to come to Retama. It's going to be a quick but fun meet that I think people will enjoy. Half of our nights are going to be our family nights."

In addition to the 50 Cent Saturdays, the meet will feature reduced 12 percent takeout on both pick threes and doubles. 🐾



2010-2011 Race Dates for Texas

Gillespie County Fairgrounds

Mixed Meet: July 2, 3, 16, 17, August 13, 14, 27, 28, 2011 (8 days)

Lone Star Park

Thoroughbreds: April 14-July 10 (52 days)
 Quarter Horses: September 17-November 13, 2010 (29 days)
 September 16-November 12, 2011 (26 days)

Retama Park

Thoroughbreds: September 23-October 23, 2010 (16 days)
 September 1-October 15, 2011 (21 days)
 Quarter Horses: July 1-28, 2011 (10 days)
 Mixed Meet: July 29-August 27 (14 days)

Sam Houston Race Park

Thoroughbreds: January 21-March 6, 2011 (27 days)
 Quarter Horses: March 11-May 16, 2011 (30 days)

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September 17 - November 13 (26 Racing Days)

Thursdays - Saturdays

First Live Race at 6:35 p.m.

*First Live Race Times Subject to Change.

Training Center Open Monday through Saturday 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Track will be closed on Sundays • Official Workouts Everyday • Starting gate Tuesday through Saturday

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