

Welcome To California Gold Rush XV



From The Executive Corner

Dear California Thoroughbred Reader,

Saturday, April 26, will mark the 15th renewal of the California Gold Rush day, and we are extremely pleased that Santa Anita Park will, for the first time, host this spring celebration of California-bred and California-sired Thoroughbreds. The event is highlighted by five of this year's Golden State Series races; the \$250,000 Snow Chief Stakes for three-year-olds, the \$250,000 Melair Stakes for three-year-old fillies, the \$125,000 Tiznow Stakes for four-year-olds and up, the \$125,000 Spring Fever Stakes for fillies and mares four-years-old and up, and the \$100,000 Frans Valentine Stakes for fillies and mares four-years-old and up. Some of the conditions of these historic races have been changed in order to maximize field size, provide a balanced stakes schedule and adhere to the track configuration. Over the years, many top class Cal-breds have competed at Gold Rush, including a host of millionaires, grade I winners and champions.

As in the past, the day promises to feature large competitive fields that will offer racing fans numerous opportunities to wager on the local horses that they have followed throughout the years. There will once again be a wide variety of races offered, from the multiple black-type opportunities to rich purses for maidens and first condition allowance horses.

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) is extremely proud of this event and would like to thank Santa Anita, local horsemen and all of the sponsors over the years for their continued support in making Gold Rush such a success.

Please join us on April 26 in celebrating the top horses bred and conceived here in the Golden State.

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Dear California Thoroughbred Reader,

The first Saturday of Santa Anita Park's inaugural extended summer meet will showcase the best of California-bred and California-sired race crops. California Gold Rush XV is a very important day to highlight the importance of California owners and breeders, and the second such day Santa Anita will have held since Opening Day! April 26 will be highlighted by five stakes races totaling just under a million dollars in prize money, plus an exciting undercard that is sure to draw a crowd.

With the unfortunate loss of Betfair Hollywood Park, we at Santa Anita are looking forward to continuing with this California tradition and taking on such stakes as the \$250,000 Snow Chief Stakes and Melair Stakes for the top three-year-old colts and fillies. Add in the pair of \$125,000 stakes with the Spring Fever Stakes and Tiznow Stakes for older males and females and top it off with the \$100,000 Fran's Valentines Stakes for older fillies and mares and we have the making of an exceptional day of racing.

The day is set to provide full and competitive fields of California superstars for all their fans and connections to enjoy. Santa Anita looks forward to hosting the Golden State's breeders and owners to an unforgettable party and day at the races as a major thank-you for providing their utmost support and dedication to California's Thoroughbred breeding and racing industry.

See you at "The Great Race Place" for an unforgettable day on Saturday, April 26.

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