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Northern Extravaganza

In an effort to continue offering more California-bred restricted racing opportunities in Northern California, the California Thoroughbred Breeders Association is pleased to announce the Cal-bred Turf Extravaganza, to be held April 26 at Golden Gate Fields. This event will offer four California-bred turf races, including both the \$100,000 Silky Sullivan for 3-year-olds and the \$100,000 Campanile for 3-year-old fillies.

With many Cal-bred days highlighting the Southern California racing year, it has been our goal to provide a showcase of California-bred racing in the north. The largest hurdles in offering such an event has been the limited purse money allocated to stakes in the north, and the emphasis on open overnight races due to the limited inventory based in Northern California. As Cal-breds make up 60-70% of the field sizes in the north, the focus has been on open maiden allowance and allowance races because of an added 30% bonus awarded to California-breds in open races.

The California-bred restricted races carded for the turf event, however, will have total purses equivalent to the open races through supplements from our Cal-bred Race Fund. We are hoping this will be something we can build on and expand in the future and appreciate the support from Golden Gate and the Thoroughbred Owners of California.

We also continue to have discussions with the Northern California Fairs to continue to provide more restricted racing opportunities. Both the \$100,000 Oak Tree Distaff at Pleasanton and the \$100,000 Harris Farms Stakes at Fresno will again be part of the Golden State Series and will be offered later this year. There is a good possibility that Cal-bred



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The Cal-bred Turf Extravaganza will grow state-bred racing opportunities in Northern California

maiden allowance races will also be available during the Fair meets. The CTBA Racing Committee continues focusing on providing ample restricted racing opportunities for owners/breeders in both the north and south.

Speaking of Southern California racing, California-breds are picking up where they left off last year with many graded stakes wins already at Santa Anita Park, highlighted by the recent 7/4-length grade I win by Warren's Veneda in the \$400,000 Santa Margarita Stakes. Congratulations



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Warren's Veneda in the Santa Margarita

to her connections as she is now the top older female on the West Coast. We are seeing 2015 shaping up to be another exciting year for Cal-breds. **CTB**