



Cal Cup Offers Much to Celebrate



To all CTBA members,

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association is pleased to announce the 26th edition of California Cup to be held at Santa Anita Park in conjunction with the Sunshine Millions on Saturday, Jan. 30. Now in its third year to be merged with Sunshine Millions, this event will again be a showcase of some of the top California-bred and California-sired horses, with large fields and competitive racing.

Total purses will exceed \$1 million, with a 10-race card featuring the \$250,000 Cal Cup Classic presented by City National Bank, the \$250,000 Cal Cup Derby, \$200,000 Cal Cup Oaks, \$150,000 Cal Cup Sprint, \$150,000 Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint, and several overnight races restricted to horses bred/sired in California.

The annual Cal Cup Party for industry participants and racing enthusiasts will be held again in Santa Anita's upper-level grandstand. Excellent viewing and a festive atmosphere accompany the spectacular Cal Cup food buffet and generous bar. We thank our partners at Santa Anita, and our loyal sponsors, for all of their support honoring the California breeding industry. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,
Doug Burge
President
California Thoroughbred Breeders Association

Dear friends in the California breeding industry,
Santa Anita Park is once again proud to welcome and support California-bred Thoroughbreds and their owners, trainers, and breeders on Saturday, Jan. 30, for Sunshine Millions/California Cup Day 2016. The California-bred is the backbone of the California racing industry, and the breeding of California-bred Thoroughbreds is a multi-billion dollar industry for the state.

The 25 previous runnings of the California Cup have served as a launch pad for some of the greatest stars of our sport. Two years ago, California Chrome began his dual classic-winning, Horse of the Year season with a win in the California Cup Derby. In 1991, when the event was just a year old, a successful 39-year-old Quarter Horse trainer won three Cal Cup races, including the \$250,000 California Cup Classic Handicap with Charmonnier. Ten days later, in large part because of his Cal Cup victories, that trainer announced he would leave Quarter Horses to care exclusively for his 20-horse Thoroughbred stable. Twenty-four years, four Kentucky Derbys, and one Triple Crown later, Bob Baffert has lost the cowboy hat, but is still a large presence on Cal Cup Day.

On behalf of everyone at Santa Anita, we look forward to hosting you to salute this year's California-bred stars and welcome those whose light will shine into the future.

Sincerely,
Joe Morris
Sr.VP, West Coast Operations
The Stronach Group

