



California Horses Have Chance to Shine

To all California breeders and owners,



The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association is pleased to announce the 27th running of the California Cup, to be held at Santa Anita Park in conjunction with the Sunshine Millions on Saturday, Jan. 28. Now in its fourth year to be merged with Sunshine Millions, this event will again be a showcase

of the top California-bred and California-sired horses, with large fields and competitive racing.

Previous California Cup Derby winner California Chrome, the current North American leading money earner, is set to run the final race of his notable career on this same day at Gulfstream Park in the world's newest richest race, the Pegasus World Cup Invitational. The day will certainly hold a lot of promise for Cal-breeds.

Total purses for California Cup will again exceed \$1 million, with a 10-race card featuring the \$250,000 Cal Cup Classic presented by City National Bank, \$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 outstanding 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 for Sunshine Millions/California Cup Day 2017. Thoroughbreds sired and foaled in the state are the backbone of the California racing industry, and the breeding of California-bred Thoroughbreds is a multi-billion-dollar industry.



This year's date could prove to be a legendary one in the history of California-bred Thoroughbreds. It was three years ago that California Chrome began his dual Classic-winning, Horse of the Year season with a win in the California Cup Derby. He has followed up that promise by becoming North America's all-time leading money winner. As of this writing, on Saturday, Jan. 28—the date of this year's Sunshine Millions/California Cup Day at Santa Anita—Chrome will race for the final time. A win in the \$12 million Pegasus World Cup Invitational at Gulfstream Park

would crown this native California-bred son as the richest horse in the history of the planet.

California Chrome's success is not an isolated accident. The 26 previous runnings of the California Cup have served as a launch pad for some of the greatest stars of our sport. 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 with Charmonnier. Ten days later, in large part because of the Cal Cup victories, that trainer announced he would leave Quarter Horses to care exclusively for his 20-horse Thoroughbred stable. Twenty-five years, four Kentucky Derbys, and one Grand Slam 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. Vice President, West Coast Operations
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