



From the EXECUTIVE CORNER



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CALIFORNIA CUP TURNS 28

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association is pleased to announce the 28th running of the California Cup, to be held at Santa Anita Park in conjunction with the Sunshine Millions on Saturday, Jan. 27. Now in its fifth year to be merged and run early in the year instead of the fall, this event will again showcase the top California-bred and California-sired horses, with full fields, larger restricted purses, and very competitive racing.

This year the stakes and overnight restricted races on the card have been adjusted in order to offer more lucrative opportunities for different classes of horses. This should encourage increased participation of the horsemen.

Total purses will once again ap-

proach \$1 million with a 10-race card. The stakes races for the day include the \$200,000 Unusual Heat California Cup Turf Classic Presented by City National Bank; the \$150,000 California Cup Sprint; the \$150,000 Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Sprint; and the debuting \$100,000 California Cup Turf Sprint for 3-year-olds.

The overnight restricted races under consideration are maiden allowance, non-winners of one allowance, and maiden claiming races, all with significantly larger purses due to the supplemental support from the Cal-bred Race Fund.

Two other historic California Cup stakes, the Derby and Oaks, have been moved back a few weeks on the calendar to provide better spacing between the 2- and now 3-year-old stakes that

have been offered since last summer. These stakes, both with purses of \$200,000, will be run on Presidents' Day, Feb. 19.

The annual California Cup/Sunshine Millions party for breeders, owners, and racing enthusiasts will be held for the first time in the FrontRunner restaurant.

The Group Sales Department at Santa Anita will be accepting reservations for the party this year. The details of the party are currently being discussed, and a letter will be mailed to all previous partygoers with instructions. Details will also be available at ctba.com.

We thank our loyal sponsor, City National Bank, and our partner, Santa Anita, for all of their support honoring the Cal-bred industry.

We hope to see you there! **CTB**

California Cup/Sunshine Millions Stakes

Purse	Stakes	Conditions	Distance
\$200,000	Unusual Heat Turf Classic presented by City National Bank	4-y-o & up	1 1/8 m. (T)
\$150,000	California Cup Sprint	4-y-o & up	6 f.
\$150,000	Sunshine Millions Filly & Mare Turf Sprint	4-y-o & up, f. & m.	abt. 6 1/2 f. (T)
\$100,000	California Cup Turf Sprint Stakes	3-y-o	abt. 6 1/2 f. (T)

Feb 19, 2018 Cal Cup Stakes Races

Purse	Stakes	Conditions	Distance
\$200,000	California Cup Derby	3-y-o	1 1/16 m.
\$200,000	California Cup Oaks	3-y-o f.	1 m. (T)