



From the EXECUTIVE CORNER



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Moving Forward in Uncertain Times

At the time of writing this editorial, we are facing uncertainty with the COVID-19 virus and the effects on racing in the near future. But we are moving forward in the hopes that our planned racing events continue.

The CTBA has made a commitment the past few years not only to encourage more California-bred restricted racing opportunities in Northern California, but also to supplement those races financially through the California-bred Race Fund. I am very pleased to report that in 2018 and 2019 many new Cal-bred restricted maiden races were offered and were well supported by the horsemen. With the focus in the north being primarily on open races (due to the overall horse inventory), which includes the added 30% bonus to California-breds, these supplements in restricted races provide a total purse equal to or greater than the open races, with the benefit of the fields being limited to strictly Cal-breds.

Once again we are pleased to announce and co-sponsor the fifth consecutive Cal-bred Turf Extravaganza, to be held Sunday, April 26, at Golden Gate Fields. At this time, plans for the event include the \$100,000 Silky Sullivan and \$100,000 Campanile for 3-year-olds and 3-year-old fillies, respectively. Other restricted opportunities will be discussed and determined later.

As the Cal-bred Turf Extravaganza is now an annual fixture on the calendar, we would like to acknowledge and thank both Golden Gate Fields and the Thoroughbred Owners of California for their ongoing support. A complete listing of



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Plans are in place for the April 26 Cal-bred Turf Extravaganza at Golden Gate Fields

race conditions and purses is shown in the table below.

Also, in regard to Northern California racing during the fair meets, we will again offer two Golden State Series races later this year. They include the \$100,000 Ev-

erett Nevin Stakes at Pleasanton and the \$100,000 Harris Farms Stakes at Fresno. The CTBA Racing Committee continues to look at innovative ways to provide more opportunities for owners/breeders in both the north and the south. **CTB**

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS

(PURSES AND CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Sunday, April 26

Campanile Stakes – Cal-bred – Fillies 3YO – 1M – Turf - \$100,000

(Includes \$50,000 from CTBA)

Silky Sullivan Stakes – Cal-bred – 3YO – 1M – Turf - \$100,000

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