

We Welcome You To Cal National California Gold Rush VI



From the Executive Corner



Dear California Thoroughbred Reader,

We enthusiastically welcome the participation of Cal National in what has become the Cal National California Gold Rush Day as the rapidly growing bank headquartered in Los Angeles becomes an instrumental partner in the single-afternoon spectacle of 10 stakes races exclusively for California-bred Thoroughbreds. Cal National California Gold Rush Day VI, which offers \$1.31 million in purses, is set for the first Sunday of Hollywood Park's Spring/Summer meet, April 24.

The relatively young event continues to make a dramatic impact on the Thoroughbred racing landscape just as Cal National has done in the banking business with its growth from one branch in 1996 to 64 such locations today. Gold Rush Day is anchored by the \$250,000 Cal National Snow Chief Stakes and includes the \$200,000 Melair Stakes as well as four additional \$150,000 events for Cal-breds: the Khaled, Fran's Valentine, B. Thoughtful and Tiznow Stakes, each honoring an icon in the state's industry.

During last year's California Gold Rush V, Cheiron, a son of Maria's Mon bred by The Thoroughbred Corporation and owned by Noctis LLC, Neil Papiano and Steve Taub, set a stakes record of 1:48.78 for 1 1/8 miles in the 11th running of the Snow Chief. The Melair was taken by Golden Eagle Farm's homebred Yearly Report, who rolled to a four-length victory.

The sixth California Gold Rush Day, with its surrounding festivities, is bound to serve as a colorful launching pad for our 66th Spring/Summer meet while climaxing the first weekend of our 64-day season. With a history of full and competitive fields, the event is a natural for Pick Six players, and we will again guarantee a Pick Six pool of \$1 million.

So, plan to be with us on April 24, for a day that is indeed one of the most festive and exciting on our racing calendar, and one that underscores our continuing commitment to the California Thoroughbred breeding industry.

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CALIFORNIA THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
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Dear California Thoroughbred Reader,

The latest annual California Gold Rush Day, scheduled for Sunday, April 24, at Hollywood Park, will mark the sixth renewal of an outstanding "Spring Celebration" of the California-bred Thoroughbred.

This year, we are pleased to confirm that Cal National will sponsor the \$250,000 Snow Chief Stakes on a day featuring a total of 10 stakes races worth \$1.31 million in gross purses for Cal-breds only. The first five editions of California Gold Rush have proved very popular with substantial handle achieved nationwide.

As in the past, the day promises to feature large competitive fields offering racing fans numerous opportunities to root for, and wager on, the local horses who they follow throughout the year.

The Gold Rush party will once again be held in Hollywood Park's elegant Turf Club, and will offer fine cuisine and refreshing beverages, as well as exciting promotional giveaways throughout the day.

The CTBA is proud to be one of the sponsors at Gold Rush VI and is looking forward to working with Hollywood Park to make the event a highlight of the year for all those who attend. Other sponsors on the day will include Barretts Equine Ltd., TVG (Television Games Network), the NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association), Warren's Thoroughbreds LLC and Pepper Oaks Farm.

So, come join us on April 24 to participate in this annual celebration of our nationally successful Cal-breds.

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