

Welcome To Cal National California Gold Rush VIII



Dear California Thoroughbred Reader,

The latest annual Cal National California Gold Rush Day, scheduled for Sunday, April 29, at Hollywood Park, will mark the eighth renewal of this outstanding "Spring Celebration" of the California-bred Thoroughbred.

This year, we are pleased to confirm that California National Bank will again sponsor the \$250,000 Snow Chief Stakes on a day featuring a total of 10 stakes races worth \$1,310,000 in gross purses for Cal-breds only. The first seven editions of Gold Rush Day 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 whom they follow throughout the year.

The California Gold Rush Party will once again be held in Hollywood Park's elegant Turf Club, and will offer fine cuisine and refreshing beverages. This year's event also signals the first time it will be run on a synthetic racing surface, the Cushion Track installed prior to Hollywood Park's 2006 Fall Meet.

The CTBA is proud to be one of the sponsors of Cal National California Gold Rush VIII 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 for the day, include TVG (Television Games Network), Barretts Equine Ltd., Warren's Thoroughbreds LLC, the NTRA (National Thoroughbred Racing Association) and Magali Farms.

Also, this event will be televised nationally live on TVG.

So, come join us on Sunday, April 29, to participate in this annual celebration of our nationally successful Cal-breds.

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Dear California Thoroughbred Reader

Hollywood Park would like to extend a warm welcome to California National Bank and thank them for their continued support of the Cal National California Gold Rush Day. As one of the largest banks headquartered in the Los Angeles area, recently adding a new branch in Rancho Cucamonga to its rapidly growing community network, California National Bank has been an indispensable partner in California Gold Rush, a single afternoon spectacle of 10 stakes races exclusively for California-bred Thoroughbreds. The upcoming Cal National California Gold Rush VIII will take place the first Sunday of Hollywood Park's Spring/Summer Meet, April 29, and will offer \$1,310,000 in purse money.

California National Bank and California Gold Rush are alike in their ability to dramatically impact their respective industries, particularly in the area of growth. Although a young event, California Gold Rush continues to positively support California Thoroughbred breeders, just as California National Bank has continued its growth in the banking community, beginning with one branch in 1996, and expanding to 67 branches today. Furthermore, both entities understand what is important to them, as exemplified in Cal National's focus on customer service and Hollywood Park's commitment to the support of the California Thoroughbred breeders.

Hollywood Park is excited that this year's Cal National California Gold Rush will be the first run over the Cushion Track. During the 2006 Fall Meet, the synthetic racing surface received rave reviews from horsemen. We hope the new track continues to please.

Cal National California Gold Rush VIII 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 of the state's breeding and racing industry.

During last year's Cal National Gold Rush VII, Watson and Weitman Performances LLC won the Cal National Snow Chief stakes with Da Stoops, bred by Malibu Valley Farms Inc. The Melair was taken by She's an Eleven, owned by Lee and Susan Searing's CRK Stable and bred by Old English Rancho and Joe Turner.

California Gold Rush VIII, with its surrounding festivities, is bound to serve as a colorful launching pad for our 68th Spring/Summer Meet while climaxing the first weekend of our 63-day season. With a history of full and competitive fields, the event is a natural for Pick Six players, and will feature a guaranteed \$1 Million Pick Six pool.

So, plan to be with us on Sunday, April 29, 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 and racing industry.

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