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Arabians at Santa Anita on April 1

All eyes turn to the Darley Awards **HOLLYWOOD 2017**, with the star-studded \$100,000 HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Stakes at historic Santa Anita Park in nearby Pasadena, CA. The Darley Awards weekend is hosted by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival in conjunction with the Arabian Racing Cup.

AJC LIVE will be onsite with host Evie Tubbs Sweeney for all the action. Many thanks to our generous sponsor, **CRE RUN FARM**, for making the live broadcast possible. Enjoy candid interviews, beautiful panorama views from the Chandelier Room at Santa Anita, and live racing action beginning 3:30pm PT on Saturday, April 1st. Don't miss it!

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The Delaware Park meet starts on Saturday, June 3rd and concludes on Saturday, October 21st.

In races with 7 or more starters, all horses are guaranteed to earn at least \$500.

Contact the racing office with any questions. (302) 994-2521

www.delawarepark.com

Invitational Races in the U.S.

FROM THE ARABIAN JOCKEY CLUB

Pursuant to the directive of the Executive Director, Ms. Lara Sawaya, of the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Global Arabian Flat Horse racing festival, this sponsor will determine the final entrants into all of their sponsored races in the USA. This would include The Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahan Cup, HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Championship (IFAHR), HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak Apprentice Championship (IFAHR) and the Wathba Stud Farm series of races. As has been done in the past for the President of the UAE Cup S. races, this necessitates that these races are to be considered "Invitational" races.

While Delaware Park does not host any of these races, horses competing at Delaware Park may participate in some of them so it is important to be aware of the rules.

HARC ENTERS THIRD YEAR WITH POSITIVE DIRECTION

By Pamela Burton, www.horsereporter.com

The Heritage Arabian Racing Club (HARC) gathered enthusiasts from more than 20 countries in a General Meeting and Conference in Abu Dhabi on Saturday, March 3rd.

Holding its second AGM Conference in as many years, it was noted that the growth of HARC has exceeded all expectations. According to Ms. Deirdre Hyde, Honorary Secretary for HARC and Breeding Manager at Wrsan Stables, "It has been very gratifying that HARC has been warmly welcomed around the world". The driving force behind HARC is His Highness Sheikh Sultan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Wrsan, whose inspiration it was to form HARC in February 2015.

HARC welcomed four new countries into the fold. Spain, Italy, Uruguay and Romania were approved to join the 15 existing countries already supporting and participating in HARC's initiative to preserve the purebred Arabian of traditional type and bloodlines.

After a full morning of feedback and discussion for long-term growth given by international guests, the afternoon conference of Racing, Marketing & Breeding for HARC, did not disappoint.

Tracing ancient pedigree lines that gave the Arabian its original look of dished face, high tail carriage, and graceful manner, Anna Stojanowska highlighted Polish Dam lines from Sabda to Sephora. This was followed by Deirdre Hyde's presentation: 'History of Arabian Racing'.

The final presenter, lending a practical note to the afternoon was leading marketing expert, Evie Tubbs Sweeney from the USA. She detailed how she had presented a series of hugely successful HARC road shows to five of the top racing and Arabian show community destinations in America during the past year (2016).

2017 HARC Added Bonus Money

The USA will host five races offering HARC added-money in 2017. Dates are forthcoming.

- California
- Colorado (if Arabians will be running there.)
- Delaware
- Michigan (if Arabians will be running there.)
- Texas

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How to Put Weight Back on Your Horse

by [Eastern Hay and Grain](#) | Mar 15, 2017 |

Your older horse lost weight over the winter. Your competitive horse had a hard, long season...and looks it. Or a severe illness dropped more than 100 pounds off of your pleasure horse.

You want to put that weight back on, and restore the bloom to your horse. It should be pretty easy right? Just increase the calories, and your horse will return to his former fit and healthy self. However, it's not just the amount of calories, but the right calories, and feeding them wisely, that will promote weight gain and condition.

The best way to start is by increasing the most important component of your horse's diet: his ration of good quality forage. Make sure you get the best hay you can to provide the best nutrition, and provide free choice hay so he can eat as much as he wants.

Keep in mind that different hays provide different caloric content. Timothy provides about 804 calories per pound, while orchard grass has about 872 and alfalfa delivers a caloric punch of 977 calories per pound, so there is a significant range of calories between types of hay. Switching (gradually) to a good quality alfalfa will go a long way towards helping your horse regain weight.

Increasing grain (concentrates) must also be done slowly and carefully in order for the digestive tract to adapt. Concentrates must be specifically chosen according to the type and amount of work the horse is getting. A high performance horse and a pleasure horse obviously require very different grains and amounts.

A safe rule of thumb when putting weight on a horse is to feed no more than five or six pounds of grain per meal to a thousand pound horse. If your horse requires additional grain, it needs to be fed in additional meals, or the grain may be switched to a higher calorie feed. The difference in caloric content can be marked. Some formulated feeds provide 50% more calories per pound than feeding straight oats.

Of course, it's not just the weight gain you want to achieve. Along with that you want the bloom and good muscular structure of a healthy athlete. Proceed slowly and carefully, monitor weight gain, and feed the right forage and concentrates for your horse, and soon your horse will be back to his healthy, shiny self.

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2017 HARC Added Bonus Money continued.

A total of \$7,000 in *HARC added-money bonuses will be paid* per race out to the top three HARC-nominated finishers – regardless of final placement in race among non-HARC horses – as follows:

- \$1,750 to breeder AND owner of the first place HARC-nominated horse (up from \$1,000 in 2016).
- \$1,050 to the breeder AND owner of the second place HARC-nominated horse (up from \$600 in 2016).
- \$700 to the breeder AND owner of the third place HARC-nominated horse (up from \$400 in 2016).

If there are fewer than three HARC-nominated horses in the race, the total amount (\$7,000) will be proportionally divided among the HARC-nominated horses in the race. Please note, horses **MUST** be nominated with HARC to receive the HARC bonus.

Getting Ready to Race!



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Top left: Christian Castro with Jim and Sue Meyers's colt Burn Notice MC.

Top right: Elizabeth Brand shipped in from Texas. Not long after she took this picture of (hopefully) winter's last gasp. Soon we'll have green grass and we'll all be complaining about the heat and humidity.