

2016 DELAWARE PARK MEET AND FIRST CONDITION BOOK

Delaware Park, the leading meet in 2015, is in the process of writing its first condition book for the 2016 meet. It is vital they hear from you - the owners and trainers who intend to race there. They want to write races to meet the conditions of your horses so please contact the Delaware Park racing office NOW with what you have. Their number is 302-994-2521.

Delaware Park offers the largest purses in the country, **and your horse is guaranteed to earn money!** Any Arabian horse in a race gets money, no matter where it finishes - even last place. In a race with at least 7 starters, each horse is paid \$500 just for participating. If there are fewer than 7



Time to saddle up and get your horses ready! Delaware Park will be racing from May 21 through October 15. The time to plan is now!

in the race, the also-ran money is \$125 each. No stall fees, no entry fees, and purses ranging from \$8,500 for claiming races up to \$20,000 for allowance races!

Delaware Park Gears Up for 2016 Live Racing Season 81 days of live and premier races return to Stanton

Delaware Park received approval from the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission today on dates for the 2016 live racing season. The 79th season of live racing at the Stanton oval will feature 81 days with the meet starting on Saturday, May 21st and concluding on Saturday, October 15th.

Delaware Park's premier races for thoroughbreds, the Delaware Oaks (Gr. III) and the Delaware Handicap (Gr. I), will be held on July 9th and July 16th, respectively. The stakes schedule for Arabians will be available in February.

Live racing updates are as follows:

- During the first week, live racing will be held three days per week on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
- Live racing will be added on Thursdays from June 2nd through September 22nd.
- Beginning on September 29th, Thursdays will be dropped from the schedule and live racing will revert back to a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday schedule through closing day, October 15th.
- During the season, the first post time is set for 1:15 p.m. daily.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2015 DARLEY NOMINEES

The Arabian Racing Cup announces the following nominees for the coveted USA Darley Awards. These nominees were selected by the Cup Stewards as the best of Arabian Racing in the U.S. for the year 2015.

Beginning next week, the Darley Voting Academy will review detailed statistics and performance data from the Arabian Jockey Club about these nominees and cast their votes via confidential ballots.

Congratulations to the following nominees:

3-Year-Old Colt

Easter Man
RB Madjyk Man
Uptown Dannys Boy

3-Year-Old Filly

Jewell AA
Lady Haha
RB Big N Rich

4-Year-Old Colt

ES Mi Cielo
F Sixteen
Paddys Day

4-Year-Old Filly

All N All
Dream Pearl
RB Frynch Broad

Older Horse

RB Rich
So Big Is Better
Thess Is Awesome

Older Mare

DC Willeys Song
Our Princess
Royal Richess

Trainer

Lynn Ashby
Scott Powell
Jerenesto Torrez

Jockey

Kelsi Purcell
Travis Wales
Jiminez Ernesto Valdez

Owner (Four were selected because there was a tie for third place.)

Joseph and Betty Gillis
Jon Henningsgard
Quarter Moon Ranch LLC
Rosebrook Farm LLC



The Arabian Cup Stewards vote annually for the Darley nominees then the Darley Voting Academy chooses the winners.



So Big Is Better wins the Delaware Park Arabian Classic H. (G1). Photo copyright Hoofprints Inc.

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DC Willeys Song won the Buzz Brauning Arabi Distaff H. (G1) on her way to Horse of the Year and Older Mare nominations. Photo copyright Hoofprints Inc.

Breeder

Joseph or Betty Gillis
Jane Teutsch
Dianne K. Waldron

Horse of the Year
Paddys Day
So Big Is Better
DC Willeys Song

The winners will be crowned Darley Champions of 2015 at the 29th Annual Darley Awards April 1 through April 3, 2016 in Hollywood, California. The glittering ceremony and gala weekend is sponsored by the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival. According to Lara Sawaya, Director of the Festival, the Darley Awards themselves will be presented on April 1 at the Dolby Theater in Highland Center. On April 2 the focus shifts to Santa Anita Race Course and the \$100,000 HH Sheikh Fatima bint Mubarak Darley Award Stakes (PA). Sunday evening, April 3, the Celebration Banquet and annual stallion breeding auction will be held at the host hotel, the Beverly Wilshire, a Four Seasons Hotel. Please refer to the Cup's website, www.arabianracingcup.com, for more details as they become available.

Founded in 1983 by Dr. Sam Harrison, the Arabian Racing Cup's Darley Awards ceremony is the showcase of U.S. Arabian racing. In 2012, the HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival and the Cup joined together to promote this prestigious event. The Darleys are headlined by the HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Darley Awards recognizing international women in Arabian Horse Racing.

The Darley Award Ceremony is under the direction of Lara Sawaya, Executive Director of the Festival, and organized by Arabian Racing Cup, The HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival is sustained by the Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority and coordinated by Abu Dhabi Sports Council with National Feed and Flour Production and Marketing CO. LLC as associate sponsors in cooperation with Emirates Racing Authority, IFAHR, Emirates Arabian Horse Society, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Authority of Youth and Sports Welfare with The National Archives as the official partner and Emirates Airline as the official carriers and sponsored by Bloom, Petromal, Rise General Trading Co. LLC, Hayatna, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), Al Awani General Enterprises, Kabale, Al Wathba Centre, the UAE's General Women's Union, The Supreme Council for Motherhood and Childhood, the HH Sheikh Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Sports Academy, Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition 2016, Dr. Nader Saab Switzerland, Al Wathba Centre, Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, Eastern Mangroves Suites-Abu Dhabi by Jannah, Yas Channel, Omeir Travels, Racing Post, Paris Turf and Laboratories Fadia Karam Cosmetics.

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2016 Delaware Park Handicap Tournaments

Once again a number of handicapping tournaments will be held at Delaware Park throughout the year. The scheduled dates are February 13th, June 11th (or June 18th – exact date to be determined), August 13th, September 10th, and November 19th.

Entry fee is \$100 and the bankroll will remain \$100. The betting format is \$10 minimum per race (no maximum) restricted to Win, Place and Show on the contest tracks. Participants must wager on a minimum of 10 races (no maximum). Participant with the highest total after last race is the winner.

As in previous tournaments 100% of the entry fees will be returned as prize money. Distribution will be as follows: 1st Place 50% – 2nd Place 25% – 3rd Place 15% – 4th Place 10%.

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE RACES!

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