

A Warm Welcome To California National Gold Rush VII Day



From the Executive Corner



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 California National Gold Rush Day. As one of largest banks headquartered in the Los Angeles area, recently adding two new branches to its rapidly growing community network, California National Bank has been an indispensable partner in Gold Rush Day, a single-afternoon spectacle of 10 stakes races exclusively for the California-bred Thoroughbreds. The upcoming California National Gold Rush VII Day will take place the first Sunday of Hollywood Park's Spring/Summer meet, April 30, and will offer \$1.31-million in purses.

Both California National Bank and the Gold Rush Day are alike in their ability to dramatically impact their respective industries, particularly in the areas of growth. Although a young event, Gold Rush Day continues to positively support California Thoroughbred breeders, just as the California National Bank has continued its growth in the banking community, beginning with one branch in 1996 and expanding to 66 branches today. Furthermore, both entities understand what is important to them, California National's focus on customer service and Hollywood Park's commitment to the support of California Thoroughbred breeders.

California National Gold Rush VII 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 VI, the Robert H. Walter Family Trust won the Cal National Snow Chief Stakes with a home-bred, Robador. The Melair was taken by SM Mitchell Ranch LLC's Leave Me Alone, a filly bred by Old English Rancho, Quinn and Pond.

Gold Rush VII Day, with its surrounding festivities, is bound to serve as a colorful launching pad for our 67th Spring/Summer meet while climaxing the first weekend of our 61-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 30, 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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Dear California Thoroughbred Reader,

The latest annual California National Gold Rush Day, scheduled for Sunday, April 30, at Hollywood Park, will mark the seventh renewal of an 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 \$1.31-million in gross purses for Cal-breds only. The first six 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 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.

An added incentive to attend will be the appearance of the popular band Sugar Ray, featuring lead singer Mark McGrath, who will perform a concert at the north end of the grandstand following the last race.

The CTBA is proud to be one of the sponsors at California National Gold Rush VII Day 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 TVG (Television Games Network), Barretts Equine Ltd., Magali Farms, Pepper Oaks Farm and Warren's Thoroughbreds LLC.

Also, this event will be televised nationally live on TVG and there will be a review of the races on ESPN's weekly show "Wire to Wire."

So, come join us on Sunday, April 30, to participate in this annual celebration of our nationally successful Cal-breds.

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