



MEDIA GUIDE

2017 – 2018



SUNLAND PARK
RACETRACK & CASINO

WELCOME TO THE NEWS MEDIA



Superb live racing at Sunland Park Racetrack – Casino – Hotel returns on Friday, Dec. 15, and the 72-day meet will be energized by the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) and a highly lucrative stakes schedule worth over \$5 million. Over \$1.5 million in purses will be offered on Sunland Derby (Gr. III) day – Sunday, March 25, 2018. The 15th running of the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) at one and one-eighth miles is the richest and most impactful race of the meet for three-year-old Thoroughbreds seeking a berth in the 2018 Kentucky Derby. The winner of the Sunland Derby (Gr. III) receives 50 valuable qualifying points for entry into the Kentucky Derby.

2017 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) winner Hence went on to win the Iowa Derby at Prairie Meadows. Irap, fourth place finisher in last season's Sunland Derby (Gr. III), raced on to win the Blue Grass Stakes (Gr. II), the Ohio Derby (Gr. III) and the Indiana Derby (Gr. III) and was third in the Grade I Travers Stakes.

2015 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) winner Firing Line finished second to eventual Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the 2015 Kentucky Derby. Sunland Derby (Gr. III) winners Hence (2017), Chitu (2014), Govenor Charlie (2013), Daddy Nose Best (2012) and Twice the Appeal (2011) all ran in the Kentucky Derby. In 2009, Mine That Bird parlayed a fourth place finish in the Sunland Derby to a victory in the Kentucky Derby at 50-1 odds.

In addition to the Sunland Derby (Gr. III), the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks, \$100,000 Harry W. Henson Handicap, \$100,000 Bill Thomas Memorial Handicap, \$100,000 New Mexico State University Stakes, \$100,000 New Mexico Breeders' Oaks and \$100,000 New Mexico Breeders' Derby will help propel Sunland Park's greatest day on March 25.

Collected, winner of the 2016 Sunland Park Festival of Racing Stakes, also added luster to the Sunland Park brand. The swift router went on to upset Arrogate in this year's Pacific Classic and was second to Gun Runner in the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic

The \$100,000 Riley Allison Derby at one mile on Sunday, Jan. 28 and the \$100,000 Mine That Bird Derby at one and one-sixteenth miles on Sunday, Feb. 25 serve as the chief local prep races for the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III). Conquest Mo Money swept to victories in both the 2017 Riley Allison and Mine That Bird Derbies. The Judge Lanier Racing owned star would subsequently finish second in the Sunland Derby (Gr. III) and the Arkansas Derby (Gr. I) at Oaklawn Park.

The \$75,000 Island Fashion Stakes at one mile for three-year-old fillies on Sunday, Feb. 25 is the main lead in race for the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks at one and one-sixteenth miles.

On Sunday, April 15, the \$150,000 Sunland Park Handicap and the \$110,000-added Copper Top Futurity get the spotlight. American Dubai romped to an impressive victory in last season's Sunland Park Handicap and remains one of the top stakes horses in the Southwest.

World class Quarter Horse racing will also be part of the Sunland product. The 17th running of the \$350,000 Championship at Sunland Park (Gr. 1) and the \$200,000 Sunland Park Juvenile Championship are set for Sunday, Dec. 31. The \$150,000 est. West Texas Derby will be run on Saturday, March 31. The \$200,000 est. West Texas Futurity finale is staged on Saturday, April 14.

Live racing at Sunland Park will take place completely on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday basis through Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Post time for the season is 12:30 p.m. Nine races will be carded each day except on weekend days presenting Quarter Horse stakes where there could be 10 to 11 races. Please let me know how we may best serve your media needs.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Alwan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Alwan
Director of Publicity

TABLE OF CONTENTS

2	The Area The Property
3	Historical Highlights Track Facts
4	Rick Baugh General Manager Sunland Park & The Kentucky Derby
5	NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance
6-7	2017 - 2018 Stakes Schedule
8-9	Leading Thoroughbred Trainers
10-11	Leading Thoroughbred Jockeys
12	Sunland Park Handicap
13	Harry W. Henson Handicap Copper Top Futurity
14-15	Sunland Derby (GR III) History Sunland Park Oaks
16	Leading Owner El Diario Handicap
17	Riley Allison Derby The Mine That Bird Derby
18	Leading Quarter Horse Trainers
19	Leading Quarter Horse Jockeys
20	The Championship at Sunland Park Shue Fly Stakes
21	West Texas Futurity History
22	General Information

2017-2018 RACING CALENDAR

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DECEMBER 15 - APRIL 17
FIRST POST 12:30PM MST

 LIVE RACING
 SUNLAND DERBY & OAKS

THE AREA

CLIMATE

It's rare to have a day in summer or winter when the sun doesn't shine. In fact, it shines over 300 days a year! Winters are usually mild with an average daytime temperature of 60° F and an average low of 32.5° F. Occasionally, temperatures will drop enough to see snow, but it never lasts long, just enough for kids and some young-at-heart adults to get excited about the unusual winter-wonderland scene covering the desert, mountains and valley. Then, it's gone as quickly as it came. The summers are hot and dry with a little less than 9 inches of rainfall each year. The average temperature during the day is 95° F if you just count June, July and August. When you consider the five months of May through September that actually make up the summer, the average daytime temperature drops to 91.5° F. It isn't uncommon for the thermometer to drop 20 degrees or more during the summer night.

LOCATION

Situated on the border of two nations and three states, Sunland Park lies in the Chihuahuan Desert, 3,762 feet above sea level. The Rio Grande River flows directly parallel to the track, separating Texas from Mexico, and it creates a lush green valley ripe for farming and ranching. The area's varied topography presents a scenic landscape and provides a pleasing contrast between arid desert, green valley and rugged mountains.

TIME ZONE

El Paso and Sunland Park are in the Mountain Time Zone and observe Daylight Saving Time from mid-March through October.

POPULATION

El Paso is the sixth largest city in the state of Texas, with 649,121 inhabitants per the 2000 census (including El Paso County residents, that number is raised to 728,943). With its proximity to Juarez, Mexico, El Paso's sister city, it's difficult to talk about the population of one city without considering that of the other. Just across the border and within walking distance of each other's downtown areas, Juarez is home to 1,700,000 people. Las Cruces is the fastest-growing city in New Mexico and the 11th fastest growing in the nation. Las Cruces, New Mexico, lies in the heart of the fertile Mesilla Valley and claims a population of 74,267. The population of Sunland Park, New Mexico, the home of Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino, is approximately 8,179. This makes for a combined total population of over 2 million, creating the largest metropolitan area on the border between the United States and Mexico.

THE PROPERTY

Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino offers free general parking, or you may take advantage of our free courteous valet parking at both the Turf Club and Casino entrances. Our Turf Club is open through the year for Simulcast Wagering. However, during our racing season, all seating is reserved. Tables may be purchased for the season or reserved on a daily basis. To reserve your seat or inquire about Turf Club seating, call 575-874-5200.

HOTEL

Our new boutique hotel is a unique reflection of the local community and offers upscale accommodations. Get ready for an exciting and memorable stay.



CASINO

Our casino is open every day at 10AM with the hottest slots in the Southwest. We offer free membership to our Players Club. Earn Fiesta Bonus Play and entries to promotions while using your player's card. Our weekday promotions will fill your pockets with extra cash.

ENTERTAINMENT

There's always something happening here. From car shows to concerts, the fun never ends! Catch live music in Franklin's Lounge every weekend and our concerts in the Signature Showroom, which features all the best acts from the past and present.

DINING

We offer four different dining options to satisfy your hunger. Ventanas Bar & Grill serves everything from the best burgers in the region to brick oven-baked pizza, all at an affordable price. Our snack bars include the Jackpot Grill and the Tecate Cantina. Open every race day and for special events, Riley's, a full-service restaurant, cooks up the best of everything from steaks and seafood to soups and salads.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Looking for the best Conference Rooms and Meeting Space in El Paso & Southern New Mexico? Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino has the ultimate place to host your Business Meeting, Conference, Wedding, Gala, Reception, Anniversary or Birthday Party. We can accommodate any size function from 30 guests to 500 guests. For appointments to view our Director's Room, Mt. Cristo Rey Room, Lakeview Room or Signature Showroom, contact Group Sales at 575-874-5200.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF SUNLAND PARK

- Built in 1959 for an original cost of \$4 million, Sunland Park Racetrack opened to great fanfare and large crowds. Located just 10 minutes west of Downtown El Paso, Texas, Sunland Park enjoyed positive early results. Within four years, the track was firmly in the black.
- For decades, Sunland Park Racetrack was a gateway to the East and West for top race horses. Stakes stars like Winsham Lad, Curribot, Prince Astro, Nevada Phil, Bold Liz, Easy Jet and Dash For Cash campaigned at Sunland Park.
- The 1980 Riley Allison Futurity winner Bold Ego finished a close second to Pleasant Colony in the 1981 Preakness Stakes. Racing greats Willie Shoemaker Jerry Bailey, Garrett Gomez, Pat Valenzuela, Mike Smith, D. Wayne Lukas and Bob Baffert have all competed at Sunland Park.
- In 1999, Sunland Park opened its casino and began a new era of unparalleled success. Powered by over 700 slot machines, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino offers a daily purse distribution of over \$200,000, a far cry from the \$35,000 average of the early 1990's.
- 2005 WinStar Derby winner Thor's Echo won the 2006 Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint and was named the Eclipse Award winner as Champion Sprinter.
- In 2009, former Sunland Park runner Mine That Bird shocked the world by winning the Kentucky Derby at 50-1 odds.
- On Sunday, March 22, 2015, an all-time record crowd of 19,081 fans roared as Firing Line won the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. Firing Line went on to finish second to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the 2015 Kentucky Derby. Over \$3.5 million was wagered on the 12-race Sunland Derby (Gr. III) card. The 2018 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) worth \$800,000 will be run on Sunday, March 25.

TRACK FACTS

- The track opened on October 9, 1959 and will begin its 59th season of racing on December 15, 2017.
- Sunland Park employs an average of 500 people during the live racing season (combined Track and Casino operations).
- Largest employer and property tax payer in Sunland Park, NM
- Annual payroll is in excess of \$13 million dollars.
- 26% of casino slot win (before expenses) is paid in taxes to the state of New Mexico.
- 20% of casino slot win (before expenses) goes directly into the purse account.
- Casino revenue has generated expenditures of \$250,000 annually to specifically aid responsible gaming awareness and problem gambler treatment.
- Purses have increased from \$30,000 per day in '98 - '99 to over \$250,000 per day this season.
- Handle has increased by over 314% from the '98 - '99 season (the first year of the casino).
- Our simulcast signal is carried by over 800 off-track sites around the world and is offered free-of-charge on our website during race days.
- Organizations who have received contributions generated from the facility are NMSU, El Paso Child Crisis Center, La Casa, New Mexico Alliance for Hispanic Education, UTEP, El Paso Community College, Valley Community Library, Westside YMCA (specifically the new Westside facility for the children of Southern New Mexico), and the United Blood Services.

RICK BAUGH

TAKING SUNLAND PARK RACETRACK AND CASINO TO NEW HEIGHTS AS GENERAL MANAGER

Less than five years ago, Rick Baugh was named the new general manager of Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. Baugh took over the helm at Sunland Park armed with a wealth of racing and gaming experience. Early in his racing career, Baugh worked at the fabled Phillips Ranch, the home of the great Dash For Cash. During an 11-year stint at the ranch, he fulfilled numerous duties including preparing young horses for the prestigious sales.

In 1991, Baugh left the Phillips Ranch to work for Ruidoso Downs. Five years later, the hard working Texan took over as general manager of the mountain oval. Baugh went on to help R.D. Hubbard build Zia Park and in 2006 and 2007 was in charge of the racing operations at both tracks. When Zia Park was purchased by Penn National for \$200 million, Baugh remained as a consultant and was named assistant general manager for Zia Park in 2007. In the years that followed, Zia Park experienced tremendous growth. Baugh continued in that capacity until accepting the position of general manager at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino in 2013. The well diversified property has excelled under his direction.

Baugh said, "I've been fortunate enough to work with B.F. Phillips, R.D. Hubbard, the largest pari-mutuel gaming company in the world Penn National, and now Stan Fulton."

Under his leadership, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino continues to thrive and develop. Mr. Baugh works at a frenetic pace to streamline and plot new avenues of success for Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. Proof positive is the Hotel at Sunland Park which opened last spring and is receiving rave reviews. The beautiful Hotel overlooks the home stretch of the track. Renovations of the Sunland Park Turf Club are certain to enhance the fan experience. Four aerial 16 ft. by 9 ft. HD Video Projector screens are in place and make a powerful impression.

Rick and his lovely wife Kim have made a new home in the upper valley just west of El Paso, Texas.



Rick Baugh
General Manager

SUNLAND DERBY (GR III) LEADS TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY

\$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) and \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks are key prep races for Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks

Entry into the 2018 Kentucky Derby and Oaks will be based on a points qualifying system. Candidates earn points by placing in a series of important prep races. Here is the schedule including the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) and the \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks to be run on Sunday, March 25, 2018.

The top four finishers of the Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park, the Louisiana Derby at Fair Grounds, the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, the Santa Anita Derby at Santa Anita, the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park, and the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland and the UAE Derby in Dubai will earn points on a 100-40-20-10 system

The \$800,000 SUNLAND DERBY (Gr. III) will be part of seven races where the top four finishers earn points on a 50-20-10-5 scale. The Sunland Derby (Gr. III) winner earns a coveted 50 points for entry to the 2018 Kentucky Derby. The other 50 point Derby preps include the Risen Star at Fair Grounds, the

Fountain of Youth at Gulfstream, the Gotham at Aqueduct, the Tampa Bay Derby at Tampa Bay Downs, the San Felipe at Santa Anita and the Rebel at Oaklawn. 2014 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) winner Chitu split the field in the Kentucky Derby (Gr. 1). Third place Sunland Derby (Gr. III) finisher Commissioner was a very close second in the 2014 Belmont Stakes (Gr. I). 2015 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) winner Firing Line ran second to Triple Crown winner American Pharoah in the 2015 Kentucky Derby.

The \$200,000 SUNLAND PARK OAKS rates a serious prep for the Kentucky Oaks with a 50-20-10-5 point scale. The Fair Grounds Oaks, Gulfstream Park Oaks, Santa Anita Oaks, Ashland Stakes, Comely Stakes and Fantasy Stakes will award a 100-40-20-10 point basis. 2011 Sunland Park Oaks winner Plum Pretty went on to win the 2011 Kentucky Oaks.



NTRA SAFETY AND INTEGRITY ALLIANCE

The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance is a standing organization whose purpose is to establish standards and practices to promote safety and integrity in horse racing and to secure their implementation. Corporate partners of the Alliance include Pfizer Animal Health and Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. Information on the Alliance, including the Alliance Code of Standards, can be found at www.NTRAalliance.com.

“Sunland Park has done an extraordinary job of working with the New Mexico Racing Commission to make the safety of horses and riders, and the integrity of the sport top priorities at its track in New Mexico,” said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA and acting head of the Alliance. “We commend Sunland for making great strides since their initial accreditation with the implementation of a number of best practices track-wide.”

Sunland Park received its initial Alliance accreditation in 2011 and is one of 23 racing facilities currently fully accredited by the Alliance. All accreditations and reaccreditations carry an effective period of two years. The accreditation was the culmination of a lengthy process that began with the track’s completion of a 48-page written application and continued as Sunland hosted several meetings

with Alliance officials. An on-site review included inspections of all facets of the racing facility. Interviews were also conducted with track executives, racetrack personnel, jockeys, owners, trainers, stewards and fans.

In areas intended to create a safer racing environment, best practices in use at Sunland Park include an on-site substance abuse and addiction treatment program; utilization of the Uniform National Trainers Test (adopted by the New Mexico State Racing Commission); and notification of House Rules in the Condition Book. In areas of equine drug testing and penalties, best practices identified include out-of-competition testing for blood and/or gene doping agents; frozen storage and retroactive “super-testing” of suspect plasma or urine samples; and use of an official testing laboratory that is fully-accredited by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC); and proper security assessment and training. Regarding the health and safety of jockeys, best practices recognized include adherence to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI) model rules pertaining to the scale of weights and jockey qualifications.



NTRA ACCREDITED MEMBERS MAP

2017 • 2018 STAKES SCHEDULE

JESS BURNER MEMORIAL HANDICAP RG I

Saturday, December 16
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(21ST Running)

400 Yards
3-year-olds & older

KLAQ HANDICAP

Saturday, December 16
\$65,000 Guaranteed

(28TH Running)

Five Furlongs
3-year-olds & older

JOHNIE L. JAMISON HANDICAP

Sunday, December 17
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(16TH Running)

Six & One-Half Furlongs
3-year-olds & older

NEW MEXICO STATE RACING COMMISSION HANDICAP

Sunday, December 17
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(18TH Running)

Six Furlongs
3-year-olds & older
Fillies & Mares

LA SEÑORA STAKES

Saturday, December 30
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(18TH Running)

Six Furlongs
2-year-old
Fillies

LOU WOOTEN – SYDNEY VALENTINI HCP RG II

Saturday, December 30
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(18TH Running)

400 Yards
3-year-olds & older
Fillies & Mares

THE CHAMPIONSHIP AT SUNLAND PARK RG 1

Sunday, December 31
\$350,000 Guaranteed

(17TH Running)

440 Yards
3-year-olds & older

SUNLAND PARK JUVENILE CHAMP.

Sunday, December 31
\$200,000 Guaranteed

(3RD Running)

400 Yards
2-year-olds

BOLD EGO HANDICAP

Sunday, December 31
\$65,000 Guaranteed

(26TH Running)

Five & One-Half Furlongs
4-year-olds & older
Fillies & Mares

4 RIVERS/JOHN DEERE STAKES

Sunday, December 31
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(18TH Running)

Six Furlongs
3-year-olds

ALBERT DOMINGUEZ MEMORIAL HANDICAP

Sunday, January 7
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(14TH Running)

One Mile & One-Sixteenth
4-year-olds & older

THE SHUE FLY RG III

Sunday, January 14
\$95,000 Added
Registered New Mexico Bred

(46TH Running)

400 Yards
Foals of 2014

WINSHAM LAD HANDICAP

Sunday, January 14
\$65,000 Guaranteed

(42ND Running)

One Mile
4-year-olds & older

RED HEDEMAN MILE

Sunday, January 21
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(16TH Running)

One Mile
3-year-olds

THE ENCHANTRESS STAKES

Sunday, January 21
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(9TH Running)

One Mile
3-year-olds
Fillies

KOFX - RADIO HANDICAP GR III

Saturday, January 27
\$50,000 Guaranteed

(12TH Running)

350 Yards
3-year olds & older

DOÑA ANA COUNTY

Sunday, January 28
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(2ND Running)

440 Yards
4-year-olds & older

EL PASO TIMES STAKES

Sunday, January 28
\$65,000 Guaranteed

(21ST Running)

Six & One-Half Furlongs
3-year-olds
Fillies

RILEY ALLISON DERBY

Sunday, January 28
\$100,000 Added

(55TH Running)

One Mile
3-year-olds

MT. CRISTO REY HANDICAP

Saturday, February 3
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(14TH Running)

Four & One-Half Furlongs
3-year-olds & older

BUDWEISER HANDICAP

Saturday, February 10
\$75,000 Guaranteed

(14TH Running)

Six Furlongs
3-year-olds & older

EL DIARIO HANDICAP

Saturday, February 10
\$75,000 Guaranteed

(9TH Running)

Six & One-Half Furlongs
3-year-olds & older
Fillies & Mares

NMHBA QUARTER HORSE STAKES RG II

Sunday, February 18
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(26TH Running)

400 Yards
3-year-olds

THE PEPPERS PRIDE STAKES

Sunday, February 18
\$85,000 Guaranteed
Registered New Mexico Bred

(13TH Running)

One Mile
4-year-olds & older
Fillies & Mares

CURRIBOT HANDICAP

Sunday, February 25
\$75,000 Guaranteed

(18TH Running)

One Mile & One-Sixteenth
3-year-olds & older

THE ISLAND FASHION STAKES

Sunday, February 25
\$75,000 Guaranteed

(13TH Running)

One Mile
3-year-olds
Fillies

2017 • 2018 STAKES SCHEDULE

MINE THAT BIRD DERBY (18TH Running)
 Sunday, February 25 One Mile & One-Sixteenth
 \$100,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds

MESILLA VALLEY SPEED HANDICAP RG III (16TH Running)
 Saturday, March 3 350 Yards
 \$85,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds & older
 Registered New Mexico Bred

WEST TEXAS MATURITY GR III (31ST Running)
 Saturday, March 10 400 yards
 \$65,000 Added 3-year-olds & older

LA CONEJA STAKES (16TH Running)
 Saturday, March 17 Five & One-Half Furlongs
 \$85,000 Guaranteed 4-year-olds & older
 Registered New Mexico Bred Fillies & Mares

HARRY W. HENSON HANDICAP (26TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 One Mile
 \$100,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds & older
 Fillies & Mares

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY STAKES (17TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 One Mile & 70 Yards
 \$85,000 Guaranteed 4-year-olds & older
 Registered New Mexico Bred

SUNLAND PARK OAKS (17TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 One Mile & One-Sixteenth
 \$200,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds
 Fillies

SUNLAND DERBY GR III (15TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 One Mile & One-Eighth
 \$800,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds

BILL THOMAS MEMORIAL STAKES (29TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 Six & One-Half Furlongs
 \$100,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds & older

NEW MEXICO BREEDERS' OAKS (10TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 One Mile & One-Sixteenth
 \$100,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds
 Registered New Mexico Bred Fillies

NEW MEXICO BREEDERS' DERBY (15TH Running)
 Sunday, March 25 One Mile & One-Sixteenth
 \$100,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds
 Registered New Mexico Bred

WEST TEXAS DERBY GR III (55TH Running)
 Saturday, March 31 400 Yards
 \$65,000 Added 3-year-olds

SUNBURST STAKES (10TH Running)
 Saturday, March 31 350 Yards
 \$85,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds
 Registered New Mexico Bred Fillies

NEW MEXICAN SPRING FUTURITY RG II (24TH Running)
 Saturday, April 7 300 Yards
 \$140,000 Added 2-year-olds
 Registered New Mexico Bred

WEST TEXAS FUTURITY GR II (60TH Running)
 Saturday, April 14 300 Yards
 \$100,000 Added 2-year-olds

WEST TEXAS JUVENILE STAKES (16TH Running)
 Saturday, April 14 300 Yards
 \$50,000 Purse 2-year-olds

SUNLAND PARK HANDICAP (59TH Running)
 Sunday, April 15 One Mile & One-Eighth
 \$150,000 Guaranteed 3-year-olds & older

COPPER TOP FUTURITY (19TH Running)
 Sunday, April 15 Four & One-Half Furlongs
 \$110,000 Added 2-year-olds
 Registered New Mexico Bred

THOROUGHBRED TRACK RECORDS

DISTANCE	HORSE	TIME	DATE
2 Furlongs	Bekky's Star	:21.20	2/12/68
4 Furlongs	Tamran's Jet	:44.80	3/22/68
	Western Hand	:44.80	4/7/79
4 1/2 Furlongs	Key's Band	:49.43	3/21/09
5 Furlongs	Fearless Anthony	:55.86	3/4/08
5 1/2 Furlongs	Fearless Anthony	1:01.62	2/12/08
6 Furlongs	Ribald	1:07.60	1/3/12
6 1/2 Furlongs	Isn't He Clever	1:13.45	3/24/13
1 Mile	American Dubai	1:34.62	3/7/17
1 Mile 70 yards	Forest Mouse	1:39.01	1/6/13
1 1/16 Miles	Midnight Lucky	1:41.06	3/24/13
1 1/8 Miles	Govenor Charlie	1:47.54	3/24/13
1 3/16 Miles	Mickey J.	1:58.20	11/4/70
1 1/4 Miles	Curribot	2:01.40	5/6/84
1 1/2 Miles	Houston Blaze	2:33.20	5/3/64

QUARTER HORSE TRACK RECORDS

DISTANCE	HORSE	TIME	DATE
300 Yards	Valiant War Hero	14.594	4/17/11
330 Yards	Neversaynever	15.859	2/27/11
350 Yards	Strike It Quick	16.642	12/30/10
400 Yards	Double Down Special	18.613	4/3/10
440 Yards	First Moonflash	20.274	4/12/09

LEADING THOROUGHBRED TRAINERS

NAME	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN%	\$%	Purses
Justin R. Evans	207	57	43	23	28	59	\$1,061,808
Henry Dominguez	213	32	36	35	15	48	\$672,346
Todd W. Fincher	135	28	24	19	21	53	\$998,786
Bart G. Hone	124	27	19	28	22	60	\$556,103
Jon G. Arnett	86	23	12	15	27	58	\$250,146
Miguel L. Hernandez	132	21	15	16	16	39	\$746,150
Joel H. Marr	138	19	17	19	14	40	\$535,579
Dick Cappellucci	82	17	13	18	21	59	\$326,076
Jose R. Gonzalez, Jr.	76	14	7	4	18	33	\$270,120
Greg Green	92	12	16	11	13	42	\$341,671



JUSTIN EVANS One of America's leading trainers over the better part of a decade in America based on win percentage, Justin Evans captured his fifth consecutive Sunland Park Training title in 2017, winning a whopping 57 times from 207 starters. In addition to an impressive win ratio of 28 percent, Evans-trained starters earned more than \$1 million during this past season. Among his most impressive stakes performers in 2017 was Redneck Humor, who captured both the Budweiser Handicap and Bill Thomas Memorial Handicap this past season. The hard-hitting runner also won stakes races at SunRay Park, Albuquerque and Zia Park in 2017. Evans also took the training titles at Albuquerque and SunRay Park in 2017, while also saddling stakes winners Sky Rant in the Budweiser Handicap at SunRay Park for owners Bill Tomasic and Go-To-Toga Racing, as well as Citizen Geller, winner of the Casey Darnell Stakes at Albuquerque for UKUSA Stables. Currently, Evans is battling trainer Todd Fincher atop the standings at Zia Park. In 2016, Evans achieved stakes triumphs at Sunland Park in both the Riley Allison Stakes and Mine That Bird Stakes with Concord Fast. Evans also saddled Dirt Monster to victory in the Budweiser Stakes as well as Redneck Humor in the Bill Thomas Memorial Stakes. Evans won the training title in 2016 at the Downs at Albuquerque, saddling 21 winners from 91 starters. At Sunland Park in 2015, Evans dominated the scene as well, winning nearly 75 races from just under 300 starters, again hitting at more than 25 percent. In 2014, Evans set a racino record at Sunland Park with 93 wins from 324 starters. In 2016, Evans also captured training titles at SunRay Park, Albuquerque and Zia Park. Training since 1999, Evans has won more than 1,860 races from nearly 8,000 starters with total earnings amassing \$22.2 million. His horses earned over \$2 million every year since 2012. Justin owns a home in Santa Teresa, New Mexico and is joined on the racing circuit by wife Vanessa, son Austin and newborn twins Addison and Anderson.



MIGUEL HERNANDEZ Miguel Hernandez has achieved success as both a jockey, and now as a trainer, coming off a dream season last year at Sunland Park. The 51-year-old Hernandez won 21 races at the Sunland Park meet, though none were bigger than Conquest Mo Money, who won the Riley Allison Derby and Mine That Bird Derby for Judge Lanier Racing. Conquest Mo Money's runner-up effort behind Hence in the Sunland Park Derby (Gr. III), combined with the second-place finish in the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby behind Classic Empire, catapulted the son of Uncle Mo into the Triple Crown picture, where he would finish seventh in the Grade 1 Preakness Stakes. Hernandez would team up again at Sunland Park with Judge Lanier Racing to send out stakes winner African Rose in the El Diario Handicap. Hernandez has won more than 110 races as a trainer since 2014 after a successful riding career that began in 1986 and has taken him from Mexico to various locations around the southwest, including Turf Paradise and southern California. Miguel's riding career came to an abrupt end in 2013 after he was injured in a spill at Ruidoso Downs. Hernandez finished last season as the sixth leading trainer at Sunland Park.



HENRY DOMINGUEZ 2017 was another banner year for the Henry Dominguez barn. Dominguez finished second in the overall trainer standings at Sunland Park last season, saddling 32 winners from 213 starters with total earnings topping \$677,000. He teamed up with the Solitaire Stables to send Forest Mouse to victories in both the Winsham Lad and Curriobot Handicaps last season. Dominguez also finished second in the standings at Albuquerque Downs and SunRay Park and Casino, winning stakes races at SunRay, again with Forest Mouse in the SunRay Park and Casino Handicap and with PJ's Gold in the Totah Stakes for owner Paul Jensen. At the Zia Park season, Dominguez has won nearly 20 races, including stakes with PJ's Gold in the New Mexico Classic Cup Juvenile Championship and with Fast Gator for owners J. Kirk and Judy Robison, taking the Lassie Championship. Overall in 2017, Dominguez won nearly 100 races with total earnings approaching \$1.7 million. A trainer since 1990, the El Paso native has become one of the leading trainers in the region, with more than 1,750 career wins and over \$34 million in purses won. Dominguez won the 2007 WinStar Derby with Song of Navarone. He won the 2013 and 2014 Sunland Park Handicaps with Forest Mouse and Isn't He Clever, respectively.



JOEL MARR In addition to being one of the finest trainers in the Southwest, Joel Marr developed the unbeaten 19-race winning legend Peppers Pride. The brilliant mare retired in dramatic fashion after an impressive win in the \$125,000 New Mexico State Racing Commission Handicap in 2008. Marr had a strong 2017 season at Sunland Park, winning 19 times from 138 starters, with earnings topping \$535,000. His stakes winners at Sunland Park last season included Weather Dodger, who took the Albert Dominguez Memorial Handicap for owner Lisa Rehburg. Marr also saddled Hute (named after his grandfather) to victory in the Red Hedeman Mile for owner Michael Stinson as well as the New Mexico Breeders' Oaks winner Pink Cadillac for owners J. Kirk and Judy Robison. Marr finished in the top five in the standings in 2017 at both Albuquerque Downs and Ruidoso Downs, and is currently in the top five in the standings at Zia Park. His starters have earned purse monies in 2017 approaching \$1.25 million. Marr has enjoyed a strong season at Zia Park meet, saddling Hute to victory in the Rocky Gulch New Mexico Classic Cup Championship as well as Kimbell, who won the Peppers Pride New Mexico Classic Championship. His 2016 statistics show Marr hitting with 56 winners from nearly 300 starters amassing earnings over \$1.4 million. In 2015, Marr unleashed New Mexico-bred phenom Proceed to three stakes victories. Unbeaten over Sunland Park soil, Proceed won the Albert Dominguez Memorial Stakes, the New Mexico State University Handicap and set a new track record in the Sunland Park Handicap against open runners. The son of Desert God also won the \$85,000 Red Hedeman Mile and the \$120,000 Mine That Bird Derby two seasons ago. In 2012-13, the Joel Marr front liners included \$85,000 Albert Dominguez Memorial winner On Down The Road, \$120,000 Mine That Bird Derby winner Dry Summer and \$85,000 NMSU Handicap champ Attitude E Racer. Joel has enjoyed remarkable success with the sons and daughters of Desert God, the great sire of Peppers Pride. In his career, Marr has won nearly 1,200 races with total earnings surpassing \$24.5 million. The soft spoken horseman is married to former jockey Teresa Briggs, and they have two daughters, Shacie and Shaeden.



TODD FINCHER Once again, Todd Fincher ran a highly productive operation this past season at Sunland, finishing third in the overall trainer standings, winning 28 times from more than 130 starters, compiling a 21 percent win ratio and earnings nearing \$1 million. Fincher teamed up with some of the region's top horsemen for stakes wins with Sippin, who won both the La Senora and Enchantress Stakes for owner R.D. Hubbard, who also owned Go For A Stroll, who was successful in the New Mexico Breeders Derby. Fincher also saddled Diabolical Dame to win the Bold Ego Handicap for Joe Dee Brooks, Scott Bryant and Derrol Hubbard. Fincher added to his stakes resume this past season in the New Mexico Racing Commission Handicap with Bryn's Fancy Pants for owners Dale Taylor, Carey Taylor and Jon Hogg. Fincher wrapped up the stakes-winning campaign last spring, again showing his dominance with 2-year-olds, saddling On The Low Down to a win in the Copper Top Futurity. Fincher took top honors for the second year in a row in the trainer standings at Ruidoso Downs, winning 20 races with earnings approaching \$400,000. Fincher also finished in the top five at Albuquerque Downs and SunRay Park and Casino, saddling stakes winners Kris Who for Sam and Sammy Stevens in the New Mexico State Fair TB Futurity and Comics Cashway in the CO Ken Kendrick Memorial Futurity at SunRay. At press time, Fincher was second at Zia Park in the standings, with New Mexico Classic Cup Sprint winner Forger among his top money earners, along with another stakes victory in the New Mexico Classic Cup Distaff Championship. In all, Fincher's runners earned more than \$2.4 million in 2017. Some of Fincher's past stakes stars include Smash Dancer, Enchanted Outlaw, Glory Be Mine, Chuchuluco and Queen Greeley. In his career, Fincher's starters are nearing \$22.3 million in earnings with nearly 890 wins from more than 3,750 starters.



JON ARNETT A career winner of nearly 1,900 races and 70 stakes titles, former Sunland Park training champion Jon Arnett once again is expected to have a strong say over the local course. The veteran horseman has won training titles across the region, and is coming off one of his strongest Sunland Park seasons last year, when he finished fifth in the standings, scoring at an alarming 27 percent clip with 23 winners from 86 starters. Arnett carried over his Sunland success to Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa, where he was sixth in the trainer standings with 26 winners from nearly 190 starters and earnings approaching \$580,000. The 55-year-old conditioner has saddled 50 or more winners every year since 2003. In the 2015-16 season, Arnett was winning at a 13 percent clip with nine winners from 71 starters. He finished a solid fourth in the Sunland Park trainer standings in 2012-13 with 18 wins from 111 starters. In 2009, Arnett was ranked as the 19th leading trainer in the country in terms of wins. He was also New Mexico's leading trainer for the second straight year with 139 wins. Under Jon's direction, Happy Humor won the 2009 KLAQ Handicap and was a leading sprinter. Arnett turned American Classic into a sprinting champ during the 2009-10 campaign. He also trained the fast Winter Camp to victory in the 2011 Bill Thomas Memorial Stakes. Veil of Courage was another one's of Jon's top stakes stars. The personable El Pasoan began training at Sunland Park in 1979 when he was 18. Arnett won the combined training title during the 1993-94 season and is a former Albuquerque training champ. He also holds training records at Arapahoe Park. His father, Bob, is an 11-time Sunland Park training champ. Jon completed another highly successful meet at Prairie Meadows last summer and finished eighth in the training standings with 21 wins. Jon is joined on the racing circuit by his wife Susan and share a beautiful home in El Paso.

LEADING THOROUGHBRED JOCKEYS

NAME	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN%	\$%	Purses
Ry Eikleberry	305	65	44	55	21	54	\$1,216,655
Alfredo J. Juarez, Jr.	281	54	43	48	19	52	\$1,536,063
Elvin Gonzalez	291	52	41	39	18	45	\$1,033,264
Tracy J. Hebert	255	49	43	24	19	45	\$1,224,592
Ken S. Tohill	245	34	35	37	14	43	\$903,140
Alejandro Medellin	210	30	12	25	14	32	\$435,002
Roimes Chirinos	106	25	18	18	24	58	\$474,306
Enrique Portillo Gomez	242	22	40	32	9	39	\$449,095
Miguel A. Perez	121	22	20	17	18	49	\$548,557
Ruby Gonzalez	157	19	16	17	12	33	\$284,462



RY EIKLEBERRY For the fifth consecutive season at Sunland Park, veteran rider Ry Eikleberry claimed the top spot among leading thoroughbred riders, dominating the season with 65 wins, nearly a dozen ahead of his nearest rival Alfredo Juarez, Jr. His mounts during the 2017 season earned an impressive \$1.2 million. Eikleberry claimed a pair of stakes wins this past season (Winsham Lad Handicap and Curribot Handicap) aboard Forest Mouse for the Solitaire Stables and trainer Henry Dominguez. Eikleberry also achieved stakes success last season aboard My Bikini Fell Off. Eikleberry comes into this season off another strong campaign at Zia Park, where he is currently in the top five among leading thoroughbred riders with nearly 25 wins and earnings approaching \$560,000. He has achieved stakes success at Zia Park aboard Fast Gator in the New Mexico Lassie Championship for owners Kirk & Judy Robison and trainer Henry Dominguez as well as guiding My Mirage to an upset score in the New Mexico Classic Cup Derby Championship for trainer Flaco Cappellucci. At Sunland Park In 2016, Eikleberry edged out Ken Tohill with 46 wins from 265 mounts, good for a 17 percent winning clip. In total, Eikleberry's mounts took back earnings over \$1.2 million. Eikleberry's 86 wins from 317 mounts led the 2014-15 meet with earnings topping \$1.5 million. In the last four seasons, Eikleberry has nearly 290 wins and earned nearly \$5.4 million in purse money. Shifting his tack from Arizona to Sunland Park over five years ago has proved a lucrative move for Eikleberry. Hailing from a racing family, the young gun finished fifth in his first full season at Sunland Park in 2012 and completed the meet with four prestigious stakes wins. Currently, Eikleberry has won nearly 1,800 races with purse earnings topping out over \$28.2 million. Eikleberry has also won titles at Turf Paradise, SunRay Park and Canterbury Park. Ry's wife Jilique is a constant support on the circuit, and they have two young daughters named Revy and Roan.



TRACY HEBERT Tracy Hebert made a strong impression last year in his first full season of racing at Sunland Park, finishing fourth in the overall win category with 49 victories from 255 mounts. He was second overall in purse earnings, with his mounts winning over \$1.22 million locally. Among his stakes winners last season, Hebert rode Not My Note to victories in both the Johnie Jamison Handicap as well as the Mt Cristo Rey Handicap for owner Mike Weatherly and trainer Simon Buechler. Hebert also scored stakes triumphs aboard Todd Fincher-trained Sippin in both the La Senora and Enchantress Stakes. Hebert earned one of his richest triumphs last season at Sunland in the Copper Top Futurity aboard the Fincher-trained On The Low Down. Hebert and Fincher teamed up for a pair of stakes wins at SunRay, with Comics Cashway in the C.O. Ken Kendrick Memorial, and aboard Go For A Stroll in the Dine Stakes. Hebert is currently among the leading riders at Zia Park, where he recently recorded a stakes win for trainer Joel Marr aboard Kimbell in the Peppers Pride New Mexico Classic Championship. Hebert just recently surpassed the 4,000 career win threshold while his mounts have earned more than \$54.4 million. In a career that dates back to 1979, Hebert's best year may have been 2012, when he entered the winners circle 162 times from 962 starts, with mounts earning more than \$3.2 million. Early in his career, Hebert had tremendous success in Louisiana, winning riding titles at Jefferson Downs and Delta Downs. Later, Hebert would move his tack to Thistledown, near Cleveland, where he was one of the top riders for several seasons in the 1990's before finding success in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, finishing third in the jockey standings during the 1997 season at Churchill Downs. He also won riding titles at Ellis Park and Turfway Park. After a hiatus in the early 2000's, Hebert returned as the leading rider in 2004 at Delta Downs before riding at Canterbury Park, Remington Park and Mountaineer Park. According to Equibase, Hebert ranks 76th all time for career victories and 31st among those still active. Hebert is the husband of active trainer Joy Marlin.



ALFREDO JUAREZ JR. 2017 will definitely go down as one of the best years in the illustrious career of Alfredo Juarez, Jr. Already one of the most consistent thoroughbred riders in the southwest, Juarez had another strong season at Sunland, winning the Grade 3 Sunland Derby with Hence for trainer Steve Asmussen and Calumet Farms. That career-best victory was among the 54 Juarez had this past season, good for second in the win category to go along with topping the earnings category with more than \$1.5 million in purse money. In addition, Juarez also won stakes races at Sunland last season aboard KLAQ Handicap winner Chief Cicatriz for owner Roy Gene Evans and trainer Shawn Davis, and also aboard Bryn's Fancy Pants, winner of the New Mexico State Racing Commission Handicap for owners Dale Taylor, Carey Taylor and Jon Hogg as well as trainer Todd Fincher. Juarez was the leading thoroughbred rider during the 2017 SunRay Park and Casino season, winning 26 times from 97 starts, as well as at the Downs at Albuquerque, where he won 51 times from 160 starts. Juarez enjoyed the most lucrative season of his career here in 2015, as his horses earned more money than any other rider. The gifted rider won 77 races and his mounts earned an impressive \$1,575,017. Alfredo's talents were on complete display as he rode eight stakes winners in a dream season. Juarez's career mounts have earned nearly \$49 million from nearly 2,750 wins. He has enjoyed successful ventures at Arlington Park, Lone Star Park and Turf Paradise. In Chicago, he rode eventual 2003 Kentucky Derby winner War Emblem to two victories. Alfredo was the leading rider at The Downs at Albuquerque and Zia Park in 2015 and is joined at Sunland Park by his wife Lisa and daughter Ashley.



KEN TOHILL For nearly 15 years, Ken Tohill has won the most races at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. Tohill is a six-time Sunland Park Thoroughbred riding champion and a winner of more than 3,600 races in his career with nearly \$59 million in earnings. Last season at Sunland, Tohill finished fifth in the thoroughbred jockey standings with 34 wins and more than \$900,000 in earnings. His stakes wins last season included a pair of wins for trainer Joel Marr, aboard Pink Cadillac in the New Mexico Breeders' Oaks and aboard Hute in the Red Hedeman Mile. Tohill made the most of his only mount last summer at the Downs at Albuquerque, winning for owner Richard Keith and trainer Rodney Richards aboard American Dubai in the \$200,000 Downs at Albuquerque Handicap. Tohill is also having a strong season at Zia Park in 2017, placing in the top 10 in their jockey standings. At Sunland Park during the 2015-16 season, Tohill finished second in the standings with 44 wins from 235 mounts and earnings of more than \$1 million. In 2015, the journeyman rider finished in the top 5 jockeys at Zia Park. Season. Tohill also has enjoyed success at Prairie Meadows, finishing in the top ten in the jockey standings each of the last four seasons, most recently finishing sixth last season with 35 wins and earnings topping \$860,000. The former Northern California jockey ranks as one of the all-time leading riders in Sunland Park history. In 2005, he rode four stakes winners in one program. The highly consistent jockey has ridden such stakes stars as Some Ghost and Red Lead. Tohill is joined on the racing circuit by his wife Robyn.



ROIMES CHIRINOS After making a solid career debut at Sunland Park in 2016, Roimes Chirinos returned with another strong campaign this past season, finishing in the top ten of the standings with 25 wins from 106 mounts and earnings topping \$474,000. He also enjoyed success in the stakes ranks at Sunland Park, winning aboard KP Wildcat in the Harry Henson Stakes for owner Karl Pergola and trainer Weston Martin. Chirinos comes into this season at Sunland Park off an extraordinary season at Zia Park, where he is among the leading riders, with nearly 30 wins and earnings topping \$675,000, including another stakes triumph aboard KP Wildcat in the Chavez County Handicap. Last summer, Chirinos teamed with trainer Todd Fincher aboard Diabolical Dame in the Carlos Salazar Stakes at Albuquerque. He was also the leading Thoroughbred rider at Ruidoso Downs with 39 wins. In 2016, Chirinos was impressive in his first season at Sunland, with 22 wins from 106 mounts. Also in 2016, Chirinos scored a pair of stakes wins during the season with Topsy Tea, scoring in the New Mexico Breeders' Oaks and the Enchantress Stakes. Chirinos also rode Gary Cross-trained GM Gage to victory in the New Mexico State University Handicap. A lifetime winner of more than 515 races with purse earnings amassing \$8.4 million, the 34-year-old Venezuelan native has been riding for more than 15 years and is a three-time winner of the Venezuelan Triple Crown. In 2006, Chirinos won six races in one day riding at Retama Park in Texas.



ELVIN GONZALEZ The 31-year-old Gonzalez has continued to make a big impression on racing fans in the region this past year with a tremendous Sunland Park season in which he finished third in the thoroughbred jockey standings with 52 winners from nearly 300 mounts. His mounts at Sunland Park earned just over \$1 million, with the bulk of his winnings coming in stakes races aboard Woodacouldadid in the La Coneja Stakes for owner Terrine Ransier and trainer Jose R. Gonzalez. Elvin Gonzalez also earned stakes success aboard Blake Rust-trained Shining Source in the New Mexico State University Handicap for the Barton Ranch Stables and Peggy Rust. Gonzalez continued his strong 2017 with multiple stakes wins at the Downs at Albuquerque, aboard Pink Cotton in the Duke City Stakes for the Teed Off Stables and trainer Bart Hone. Gonzalez finished second in the thoroughbred riding colony at Albuquerque with 42 winners and earnings topping \$550,000. At SunRay Park last spring, Gonzalez again achieved stakes success with Shining Source, winning the prestigious Jack Cole Handicap. Prior to 2017, Gonzalez had top ten rankings in the jockey standings at Zia Park in 2015 and 2016, as well as finishing second in the standings during the 2016 racing season at Albuquerque. Currently, Gonzalez is second in the jockey standings at Turf Paradise, where he is riding at nearly a 24 percent clip this season. Gonzalez won his first horse race in 2012 and had his best career year in 2014 when he won nearly 170 races, which included winning the jockey title at SunRay Park. Overall, Gonzalez has scored more than 460 times, with his mounts earnings approaching \$6.8 million.

SUNLAND PARK HANDICAP

59th running to be held Sunday, April 15, 2018

\$150,000 Guaranteed • One Mile & One-Eighth • 3-Year-Olds & Older (TB)



AMERICAN DUBAI 2017 WINNER

Winning for the fourth straight time this season in his most dominant career victory, Richard Keith's American Dubai overcame a tardy start to win the 58th running of the \$150,000 Sunland Park Handicap in near track-record time under Ken Tohill. The Virginia-bred son of E Dubai was forced to rush up for a share of the early lead after a slow start. Rating just to the outside of Overland Park, American Dubai easily assumed command, opening up an insurmountable advantage heading into the far turn. American Dubai, already the track record holder at one mile, flirted with the course record at 1 1/8 miles, drawing off in the stretch before winning by 4 lengths in a final time of 1 minute, 47.44 seconds, just 7-100ths of a second off the course record set by Proceed in 2015. American Dubai holds the one mile track record at Sunland Park in 1:34.50. Trained by Rodney Richards, American Dubai was nearly flawless at Sunland Park winning four of five races.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	American Dubai	Richard Keith	Rodney Richards	Ken Tohill	1 1/8m	1:47.44	\$150,000
2016	Mobile Bay	Tigertail Ranch	Victor Arceneaux	Edgar S. Prado	1 1/8m	1:48.35	\$150,000
2015	Proceed	Michael Stinson	Joel Marr	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	1 1/8m	1:47.37	\$75,000
2014	Isn't He Clever	Kirk & Judy Robinson	Henry Dominguez	Enrique Gomez	1 1/8m	1:47.95	\$75,000
2013	Forest Mouse	Parnell Thomas	Henry Dominguez	Ry Eikleberry	1 1.8 m	1:49.09	\$75,000
2012	Fog Alert	Art & Robin Olivier & David Wolochuk	David Wolochuk	Ken Tohill	1 1/8m	1:49.78	\$100,000
2011	Black Hills	Class Racing Stable	Bart Hone	Miguel Hernandez	1 1/8m	1:48.59	\$100,000
2010	Red Lead	Frontier Stables, LLC	Chris Hartman	Martin Bourdieu	1 1/8m	1:48.85	\$114,400
2009	Song of Navarone	George Coleman	Henry Dominguez	Antonio Castanon	1 1/8m	1:48.78	\$100,000
2008	One Lucky Buck	Adam & Paul Lewis	Chris A. Hartman	Ken Tohill	1 1/8m	1:48.94	\$100,000
2007	Don't Strike Out	Richard R. Kasuda	Raymond Carlisle Jr.	Mark Villa	1 1/8m	1:50.50	\$100,000
2006	Mr. Trieste	Richard W. Lueck	Gary W. Cross	Ken Tohill	1 1/8m	1:48.58	\$100,000
2005	Fin Entertainment	Rafael T. Garcia	Gerald E. Marr	Joe Martinez	1 1/8m	1:50.44	\$105,900
2004	A To The Z	Susan Ray	Gerald E. Marr	Quyvet Bui	1 1/8m	1:53.41	\$105,450
2003	Night Patrol	Everest Stables	Nick Canani	Ignacio Puglisi	1 1/8m	1:48.60	\$105,300
2002	Accomodator	Ramon Gonzalez	Ramon Gonzalez	Daryl Montoya	1 1/16m	1:42.52	\$78,200
2001	Brew	Crew of Brew	Johnie L. Jamison	Miguel Fuentes	1 1/16m	1:42.0	\$72,900
2000	Brew	Brew Crew	Johnie L. Jamison	Miguel Fuentes	1 1/16m	1:44.3	\$52,050
1999	Preferred Million	Jaime Herrera	Ramon Gonzalez	Chris Montano	1 1/8m	1:51.3	\$11,275
1998	Always My Place	Jerry & Gerald Case Rogers	Timothy Guidry	Chris Zamora	1 1/8m	1:49.0	\$12,025
1997	Tiffany Go Home	Nelda Segotta	J. Doyal Roberts	Nancy Summers	1 1/8m	1:51.0	\$12,250
1996	Two Wise	Gerald Rubin & Robert W. Brown	Ted Levy	Miguel Fuentes	1 1/8m	1:50.4	\$11,575
1995	Tri Max	Heraldo Tienario & Jimmy Wager	Ramon Gonzalez	Rick Houghton	1 1/8m	1:49.3	\$12,325
1994	Lt. Roberts	Jerry Givens	J. Doyal Roberts	Billy Peterson	1 1/8m	1:50.1	\$11,350
1993	Dart	James Furgason	Clifford Lambert	Oscar Ceballos	1 1/8m	1:52.3	\$11,575
1992	Fouled Up	Therese Flores	Therese Flores	Isaac Flores	1 1/8m	1:50.1	\$12,250
1991	Half Halo	Jerry Givens	J. Doyal Roberts	Jimmy Coates	1 1/8m	1:51.0	\$11,800
1990	Grey Bed	J. M. & Pat McMillan	J. Mickey McMillan	Louie Gomez	1 1/8m	1:52.3	\$17,700
1989	Ruffetta	Joanne Woodward	J. Doyal Roberts	Richard Bickel	1 1/8m	1:51.3	\$17,700
1988	Curribot	Juliana Winters	J. Doyal Roberts	Glen Murphy	1 1/8m	1:52.0	\$19,700

HARRY W. HENSON HANDICAP

26th running to be held Sunday, March 25, 2018

\$100,000 Guaranteed • One Mile • Fillies & Mares • 3-Year-Olds & Older (TB)



K P WILDCAT 2017 WINNER

K P Wildcat generated a huge late run under jockey Roimes Chirinos to win the 25th running of the \$100,000 Harry Henson Handicap by a half-length over Catsadiva. Weston Martin's talented four-year-old Include filly showed her mettle in deep stretch closing with interest under a rail skimming ride. Karl Pergola, the winning owner, took home the \$60,000 winner's prize. The 3-time Harry Henson Handicap winner African Rose finished a close third, beaten only one-length. K P Wildcat paid \$7 to win and covered the one mile distance in 1:36.50.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	K P Wildcat	Karl Pergola	Weston Martin	Roimes Chirinos	1 mile	1:36.50	\$100,000
2016	Caviar Kitty	Dream Walkin Farms, Inc.	Paul Smith	Francisco Duran	1 mile	1:38.19	\$100,000
2015	African Rose	Judge Lanier Racing	Justin R. Evans	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	1 mile	1:36.22	\$100,000
2014	African Rose	Judge Lanier Racing	Justin R. Evans	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	1 mile	1:36.77	\$75,000
2013	African Rose	Judge Lanier Racing	Justin R. Evans	Miguel Hernandez	1 mile	1:36.97	\$75,000
2012	Twelve Twenty Two	Kirk & Judy Robison & Solitaire Stable	Henry Dominguez	Luis Contreras	1 mile	1:35.72	\$100,000
2011	Twelve Twenty Two	Robison & Dominguez	Henry Dominguez	Julien Leparoux	1 mile	1:36.49	\$100,000
2010	Freedom Star	George Krikorian	Bob Baffert	Martin Garcia	1 mile	1:35.95	\$103,500
2009	Prairie Charm	Richard Lueck	Gary Cross	Ken Tohill	1 mile	1:36.80	\$152,450
2008	Tough Tiz's Sis	Watson or Weitman Perf., LLC	Bob Baffert	Aaron T. Gryder	1 mile	1:37.14	\$112,950

COPPER TOP FUTURITY

19th running to be held Sunday, April 15, 2018

\$110,000 Guaranteed • Four & One-Half Furlongs • 2-Year-Olds (TB)



ON THE LOW DOWN 2017 WINNER

Under jockey Tracy Hebert, On The Low Down wore down stablemate Red Raider inside the final furlong to win the 18th running of the \$147,196 Copper Top Futurity at four and one-half furlongs. Trainer Todd Fincher saddled the top two finishers. Sent off at 7-1 odds, On The Low Down battled on the lead just to the outside of his heavily favored stablemate through a fast opening quarter mile of 21.84 seconds. The two raced as a pair to just inside the final furlong when On The Low Down began to inch away for the win, completing the distance in 51.17 seconds while winning by 1 and 1/4 lengths. On The Low Down earned \$75,500 for owners Dale Taylor, Bobby McQueen and Suzanne Kirby.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	On The Low Down	Dale Taylor, Bobby McQueen and Suzanne Kirby	Todd Fincher	Tracy Hebert	4 1/2 f	:51.17	\$147,196
2016	Ignored	Steve and Bessie Prather	Todd Fincher	Ruby Gonzalez	4 1/2 f	:51.12	\$125,584
2015	Naevussquall	W.T. Stradley & Tom Williams	Fred Danley	Ry Eikleberry	4 1/2 f	:51.58	\$74,447
2015	Rapping Mary (f)	Benny Vanecek and Solitaire Stable	Henry Dominguez	Enrique Gomez	4 1/2 f	:51.72	\$68,001
2014	Raider Red	Brad King & Dale Taylor	Todd Fincher	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	4 1/2 f	:52.75	\$77,052
2014	Miss B R H (f)	Tom Williams & W.T. Stradley	Fred Danley	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	4 1/2 f	:51.56	\$77,953
2013	Dandy Don Who	Sam E. & Sammy L. Stevens	JTodd Fincher	Aldo Arboleda	4 1/2 f	:52.21	\$92,125
2013	Lady Genius (f)	W.D. Carson Sr., M.H. Carson & Leach Racing LLC	Dallas Barton	Carlos Madeira	4 1/2 f	:51.70	\$88,389
2012	Kiss My Hennessy	Joe Dee Brooks & Scott Bryant	Todd Fincher	Miguel Hernandez	4 1/2 f	:52.75	\$120,989
2012	Hennessy Road (f)	W. Davis & Lisa Moore	Todd Fincher	Casey Lambert	4 1/2 f	:52.35	\$100,958

SUNLAND DERBY (GR III)

15th running to be held Sunday, March 25, 2018

\$800,000 Guaranteed • One Mile & One-Eighth • 3-Year-Olds (TB)

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	Hence	Calumet Farm	Steve Asmussen	Alfredo Juarez, Jr.	1 1/8 miles	1:47.37	\$800,000
2016	Collected	Speedway Stable, Inc.	Bob Baffert	Martin Garcia	1 1/8 miles	1:48.90	\$415,000
2015	Firing Line	Arnold Zetcher	Simon Callaghan	Gary Stevens	1 1/8 miles	1:47.39	\$800,000
2014	Chitu	Tanma Corporation	Bob Baffert	Martin Garcia	1 1/8 miles	1:47.88	\$800,000
2013	Governor Charlie	Mike Pegram	Bob Baffert	Martin Garcia	1 1/8 miles	1:47.54	\$800,000
2012	Daddy Nose Best	Cathy & Bob Zollars	Steve Asmussen	Julien Leparoux	1 1/8 miles	1:48.59	\$800,000
2011	Twice The Appeal	Edward Brown Jr., Victor Flores & Henry Hernandez	Jeff Bonde	Christian Santiago Reyes	1 1/8 miles	1:50.91	\$800,000
2010	Endorsement	WinStar Farm LLC, Bill Casner et al.	Shannon Ritter	Robby Albarado	1 1/8 miles	1:48.46	\$800,000
2009	Kelly Leak	Blahut Racing, Dennis Avila & Dave Johnson	Michael Machowsky	Mike Smith	1 1/8 miles	1:50.02	\$900,000
2008	Liberty Bull	Kenneth Maier	Thomas M. Amoss	Gerard Melancon	1 1/8 miles	1:49.82	\$600,000
2007	Song Of Navarone	George E. Coleman	Henry Dominguez	Victor Espinoza	1 1/8 miles	1:49.53	\$600,000
2006	Wanna Runner	Mike Pegram	Bob Baffert	Victor Espinoza	1 1/8 miles	1:48.88	\$600,000
2005	Thor's Echo	Suarez Racing, Inc. & Royce S. Jaime Racing, Inc.	Doug O'Neill	Corey Nakatani	1 1/8 miles	1:49.59	\$500,000
2004	Hi Teck Man	Hassel R. & Bonnie V. Spraberry	Johnnie L. Nall	Ricardo Jaime	1 1/16 miles	1:43.20	\$500,000
2003	Excessivepleasure	Ty & Leroy Leatherman	Doug O'Neill	Pat Day	1 1/16 miles	1:42.84	\$500,000

Hence closed with a great flourish to stamp his ticket for the Kentucky Derby after winning the 14th running of the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III) by an expansive three and three-quarter lengths. The rapidly improving Street Boss colt trained by Steve Asmussen earned 50 qualifying points to the Kentucky Derby in front of robust crowd of 16,039 enthusiastic fans.

Under a brilliant ride from local jockey Alfredo Juarez, Jr., Hence took advantage of a hot pace and unleashed a wicked attack in the final quarter mile of the Kentucky Derby prep race at one and one-eighth miles. The rapidly improving colt launched his bid from 10th place at the half mile marker while Hedge Fund set a hot pace on the lead in 45.72 seconds. Hence went on the offensive by the second turn and was inhaling opponents.

The winner loomed large with a 5-wide move alongside Conquest Mo Money on the far turn. The duo swept on past the embattled Hedge Fund and the Sunland Derby (Gr. III) became a two-horse race heading into the stretch. Hence put a neck in front and gradually pulled away from the Mine That Bird Derby winner. In deep stretch, the battle was won and Hence stopped the clock in a fast 1:48.10, just missing the track record of 1:47.37 held by Proceed since 2015.

Juarez, Jr. said, "I knew there was a lot of speed in the race, so I was patient early. I swung him around horses to get a momentum point. After some left handed encouragement, he really started running big. This is by far my biggest win. I want to thank Steve Asmussen for using me."

Hence collected a huge payday of \$400,000 from his second career win for the legendary Calumet Farm of Lexington, Kentucky. His lifetime bankroll stands at \$462,601. Racing at over 10-1 odds, Hence returned a healthy \$23.60 to win.

Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen last won the Sunland Derby (Gr. III) in 2012 with Daddy Nose Best.

Local hero Conquest Mo Money ran a tremendous race in second place for Judge Lanier Racing and trainer Miguel Hernandez. The Riley Allison Stakes and Mine That Bird Derby winner suffered his first

defeat in four starts but ran very courageously. Responding boldly to jockey Jorge Carreno, Conquest Mo Money contended for the lead heading into the stretch and fought grudgingly throughout the final stages. The runner-up finished four and one-half lengths in front of third place finisher Hedge Fund. Conquest Mo Money and earned 20 qualifying points for the Kentucky Derby.

Hedge Fund earned 10 qualifying points to the Kentucky



GHALIA
WINS SUNLAND PARK OAKS



HENCE

WINS THE SUNLAND DERBY (GR III)

Derby following his third place finish. He is owned by WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International and SF Racing. Todd Pletcher is his trainer. Irap finished fourth and received 5 qualifying points to the Kentucky Derby for Reddam Racing, Inc.

Ghalia raged with run in deep stretch to win the 16th running of \$200,000 Sunland Park Oaks by a neck over a game Kell Paso. Under jockey Jose Ortiz, Ghalia overcame a slow start and gradually picked up steam to

overwhelm her rivals in the stretch. Todd Pletcher's unbeaten filly by Medaglia d'Oro produced the winning move in her first attempt around two turns. She stopped the clock for the 1 and 1/16 miles in 1:44.24. The victory was worth \$120,000 for winning owners, the Sumaya U.S. Stable. Ghalia earned 50 qualifying points for the Kentucky Oaks. She paid \$6.00 to win as the 2-1 third choice. Island Fashion Stakes runner-up Kell Paso ran another terrific race and fell just short. Greg Green's star filly finished nearly 6 lengths in front of What What What.

SUNLAND PARK OAKS

17th running to be held Sunday, March 25, 2018

\$200,000 Guaranteed • One Mile & One-Sixteenth • Fillies • 3-Year-Olds

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	<i>Ghalia</i>	<i>Sumaya U.S. Stable</i>	<i>Todd Pletcher</i>	<i>Jose Ortiz</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:44.24</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2016*	<i>Thrilled</i>	<i>Michael Tabor</i>	<i>Todd Pletcher</i>	<i>Javier Castellano</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:43.35</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2015	<i>Maybellene</i>	<i>Natalie J. Baffert</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Victor Espinoza</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:42.90</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2014	<i>Awesome Baby</i>	<i>Kaleem Shah, Inc.</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Mike E. Smith</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:43.80</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2013	<i>Midnight Lucky</i>	<i>Watson, Pegram & Weitman</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Rafael Bejarano</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:41.06</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2012	<i>Princess Arabella</i>	<i>Peachtree Stable</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Martin Garcia</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:43.52</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2011	<i>Plum Pretty</i>	<i>Peachtree Stable</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Martin Garcia</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:43.18</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2010	<i>Harissa</i>	<i>Gem, Inc.</i>	<i>David Hofmans</i>	<i>Tyler Baze</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:42.90</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2009	<i>Gabby's Golden Gal</i>	<i>Arnold Zetcher</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Victor Espinoza</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:43.31</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2008	<i>Sky Mom</i>	<i>Heather Stark</i>	<i>Steven Asmussen</i>	<i>Garrett K. Gomez</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:44.50</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2007	<i>Tough Tiz's Sis</i>	<i>Watson or Weitman Performances, LLC</i>	<i>Bob Baffert</i>	<i>Victor Espinoza</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:45.18</i>	<i>\$200,000</i>
2006	<i>Sweet Fourty</i>	<i>Michael House</i>	<i>Jeff Mullins</i>	<i>Victor Espinoza</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:43.73</i>	<i>\$250,000</i>
2005	<i>Cee's Irish</i>	<i>Merv Griffin Ranch Co.</i>	<i>Doug O' Neill</i>	<i>Corey Nakatani</i>	<i>1 1/16 miles</i>	<i>1:44.66</i>	<i>\$259,000</i>
2003	<i>Island Fashion</i>	<i>Everest Stable, Inc</i>	<i>Nick Canani</i>	<i>Ignacio Puglisi</i>	<i>1 mile</i>	<i>1:36.29</i>	<i>\$256,450</i>

SUNLAND PARK'S LEADING OWNER

JUDGE LANIER RACING



The team of Tom and Sandy McKenna, longtime breeders in the state of New Mexico, have also achieved tremendous success as owners, particularly in the last several years. Judge Lanier Racing has dominated the scene the past few seasons at Sunland Park, where last year they topped the standings with 24 winners from nearly 175 starters, amassing earnings of over \$811,000. Judge Lanier Racing's highlight horse of the Sunland season was Conquest Mo Money, winner of both the Riley Allison and Mine That Bird Derbies. The son of Uncle Mo ran second in the Grade 3 Sunland Derby as well as the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park before finishing seventh in the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico.

Judge Lanier Racing also presented a stakes winner at Sunland when African Rose and Hernandez took the El Diario Handicap. In 2017, Judge Lanier Racing has won nearly 40 races with earnings of more than \$1.35 million. African Rose also won the Harry Henson Handicap three straight times from 2013-2015. Judge Lanier Racing has been at or near the top of the owners standings at nearly all five tracks in the Land of Enchantment, winning season ending titles at Zia Park, Sunray Park and Casino as well as the Downs at Albuquerque. Judge Lanier Racing has had tremendous stakes success in recent years with McKenna's Justice, winning the Zia Park Distance Championship in 2011. Since the year 2000, Judge Lanier Racing has won more than 300 races with purse earnings topping \$5.8 million.

The McKennas own the 1,200 acre McKenna Thoroughbreds ranch near Taiban in the eastern section of New Mexico. Tom McKenna grew up in El Paso, Texas and was exposed to racing at the age of 12. His grandfather was a prominent corporate judge in El Paso and had owned both Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses. The McKennas honor the memory of the judge with the moniker Judge Lanier Racing. Dominique's Cat, K.O. Punch and McKenna's Justice stand at stud at McKenna Thoroughbreds.

EL DIARIO HANDICAP

9th running to be held Saturday, February 10, 2018

\$75,000 Guarantee • Six & One-Half Furlongs • 3-Year-Olds & Older



AFRICAN ROSE 2017 WINNER

Eight-year-old distaff sensation African Rose put on a bravura performance to win the \$75,000 El Diario Handicap going 6 and one-half furlongs. The Bwana Charlie mare continued to show her affection for Sunland Park as she won for the 18th time in 42 starts. Red hot jockey Miguel Perez won both stakes races on the card as African Rose pulled well clear in the final furlong to win by one and one-half lengths. The multiple stakes winner pounced on the pace setters on the far turn and grabbed the lead at the half mile marker. From then on, Perez kept his mount rolling, and she was untouchable.

The winner caught the distance in a fast 1:14.99 through some very windy conditions. African Rose earned \$45,000 for the Judge Lanier Racing Stable. Miguel Hernandez is the winning trainer. African Rose is a 3-time winner of the Harry Henson Handicap and won the 2016 Bold Ego Handicap. The 2-1 second favorite paid \$6.20 to win. Her career bankroll grew to nearly \$574,000. 6-5 favorite K P Wildcat found her best strides too late and finished a fast closing second.

RILEY ALLISON DERBY (Formerly the Riley Allison Futurity)

55th running to be held Sunday, January 28, 2018
 \$100,000 Guaranteed • One Mile • 3-Year-Olds (TB)



CONQUEST MO MONEY 2017 WINNER

Conquest Mo Money looked terrific powering away an 11-length winner in the 54th running of the \$106,000 Riley Allison Derby. Racing for leading owners Judge Lanier Racing, Conquest Mo Money stamped himself as an early contender for the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III). Heading into the stretch run, Conquest Mo Money and put his rivals to sleep and opened up a sizeable advantage. He and jockey Jorge Carreno sailed through the stretch to win by double digits and stopped the clock for the one mile distance in a fast 1:36.42. The winner returned a generous \$29,800.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	Conquest Mo Money	Judge Lanier Racing	Miguel Hernandez	Jorge Carreno	1 mile	1:36.42	\$106,000
2016	Concord Fast	Teed Off Stable, LLC	Justin R. Evans	Ry Eikleberry	1 mile	1:35.47	\$100,000
2015	Cinco Charlie	William and Corinne Heiligbrodt	Steve Asmussen	Casey Lambert	1 mile	1:38.18	\$104,800
2013	Rebranded	Tony Pennington	Justin Evans	Ry Eikleberry	1 mile	1:38.73	\$104,800
2012	Show Some Magic	Kirk & Judy Robison	Henry Dominguez	Miguel Hernandez	1 mile	1:38.19	\$106,000
2011	Isn't He Clever	Kirk & Judy Robison	Henry Dominguez	Alejandro Medellin	6 1/2 f	1:15.10	\$104,200
2010	City Cool	Mike McCarty	Steven M. Asmussen	Ken Tohill	6 1/2 f	1:15.53	\$107,200
2009	Grand Slam Andre	J. Kirk Robison	Steven M. Asmussen	Luis Contreras	6 1/2 f	1:18.59	\$107,000
2008	Retap	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC	Steven M. Asmussen	Luis Contreras	6 1/2 f	1:16.67	\$106,650
2007	Rapper S S	Lathrop G. Hoffman	Henry Dominguez	Joe A. Martinez	6 1/2 f	1:15.81	\$105,950
2006	Sir Five Star	H. Gus King	Scott Blasi	Glen Murphy	6 1/2 f	1:17.72	\$136,499
2005	Disappearing Trick	George E. Coleman	Henry Dominguez	Ken Tohill	6 1/2 f	1:18.55	\$166,934

MINE THAT BIRD DERBY (Formerly the Borderland Derby)

18th running to be held Sunday, February 25, 2018
 \$100,000 Guaranteed • One Mile & One-Sixteenth • 3-Year-Olds (TB)



CONQUEST MO MONEY 2017 WINNER

Conquest Mo Money defiantly turned back Irap in mid-stretch to win the 17th running of the \$100,000 Mine That Bird Derby. In the process, the locally based talent established himself as a major player for the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (Gr. III). Under jockey Jorge Carreno, Conquest Mo Money attended a swift pace and set the tempo for the 1 and 1/16 mile feature. The Riley Allison Derby winner took the lead for good at the half mile marker. The determined son of Uncle Mo was challenged sternly by Irap at the top of the stretch but would not be denied. The 2-length winner clocked the distance in a fast 1:43.12

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	Conquest Mo Money	Judge Lanier Racing	Miguel Hernandez	Jorge Carreno	1 1/16 m	1:43.12	\$100,000
2016	Concord Fast	Teed Off Stable, LLC	Justin R. Evans	Ry Eikleberry	1 mile	1:37.75	\$100,000
2015	Where's the Moon	J. Kirk and Judy Robison	Henry Dominguez	Enrique Gomez	1 1/16 m	1:42.80	\$120,000
2014	Proceed	Michael Stinson	Joel Marr	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	1 1/16 m	1:41.09	\$120,000
2013	Dry Summer	Sam Britt & Michael House	Joel Marr	Carlos Madeira	1 1/16 m	1:45.32	\$120,000
2012	Isn't He Clever	Kirk & Judy Robison	Henry Dominguez	Alejandro Medellin	1 1/16 m	1:43	\$150,000
2011	Fusa Code	Cathy & Bob Zollars	Steven M. Asmussen	Justin Shepherd	1 1/16 m	1:45.06	\$100,000
2010	Storming Saint	Lathrop Hoffman	Henry Dominguez	Luis Contreras	1 1/16 m	1:45.27	\$100,000
2009	Scorewithcater	Robert Master	Doug O'Neill	Michael Baze	1 1/16 m	1:43.96	\$100,000
2008	Poni Colada	Bob Zollars & Mark Wagner	Steven M. Asmussen	Alfredo Juarez Jr.	1 1/16 m	1:47.19	\$100,000

QUARTER HORSE TRAINERS

LEADING QUARTER HORSE TRAINERS

NAME	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN%	\$%	Purses
Jose Luis Muela	38	9	3	7	24	50	\$195,928
Adam A. Tapia	41	8	9	1	20	44	\$222,207
Wesley T. Giles	62	8	8	7	13	37	\$303,606
Cynthia G. Gonzalez	43	8	5	5	19	42	\$348,516
Raul V. Vega	24	7	4	2	29	54	\$99,461
Justin W. Joiner	51	6	9	8	12	45	\$156,740
Miguel M. Castillo	29	5	6	4	17	52	\$136,572
Shae L. Cox	27	5	3	6	19	52	\$236,313
Paul C. Jones	26	5	3	5	19	50	\$169,903
Juan M. Gonzalez	28	5	3	4	18	43	\$255,369



WES GILES Five-time Sunland Park Quarter Horse training champion Wes Giles returns for another successful campaign. In 2015, Giles was the number one trainer with 25 wins from 106 starters for a powerful 24% winning clip. His horses finished in the money nearly 50% of the time and earned over \$595,000. Herekittykittykitty was a major star for the Giles barn three seasons ago winning both the \$85,000 Jess Burner and \$85,000 Mesilla Valley Speed Handicaps. Wes won the \$85,000 NMHBA Quarter Horse Stakes with Too Flash For You who went on to win the 2014 All American Derby. His career resume glitters with two victories in the Grade 1 West Texas Futurity with Wild Six in 2007 and Fast Prize Zoom in 2008. Giles also trained 870 yard multiple stakes champion Gone to the Mountain who still holds the world record for the distance in 43.02 seconds, a mark which may never be broken. The native of Utah won Sunland Park training titles in 2005-06, 2007-08, 2011-12 and 2013-14. Giles saddled 44-1 long shot Trendi to a victory in the 2014 Rainbow Futurity. Giles won the 2016 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity with Apolltical Chad. In 2017, Giles saddled Uptown Dynasty to win the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity and directed Bigg Daddy to a second place finish in the \$3 million All American Futurity. Wife Jill Giles works extremely hard helping to manage the large operation throughout New Mexico.



MICHAEL JOINER Long regarded as one of the nation's top Quarter Horse trainers, Mike Joiner holds three Sunland training titles in 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2012-13. In 2014, Joiner finished fifth in the standings and was particularly successful in stakes races. His stable earned nearly \$500,000 during the meet sparked by two lucrative wins. Bye Bye Eagle Eye won the \$140,583 Sunland Winter Quarter Horse Futurity and Woodys Allstar sped to victory in the \$290,656 Shue Fly Stakes. Joiner's overall success at Sunland Park has been lengthy. He managed Kendall Jackson to wins in the 2002 and 2003 New Mexico Challenge Championships. Michael saddled the top two finishers in the 2003 Championship at Sunland Park (Gr. I) with Gone Celebrating and Chicks Goes Steppin. In 2007, Joiner won the West Texas Derby with Mr. Perry Dash. In 2012, the Joiner stable struck gold with Carters Cookie and won the Grade 1 \$700,000 Rainbow Futurity. Joiner won the 2016 Rainbow Futurity at Ruidoso Downs with A Revenant. Sons Cody and Justin Joiner have also built successful training careers. Justin enjoyed great success in 2014 winning the Challenger Six Handicap with An Absolut Diamond and the Sunland Park Winter Quarter Horse Derby with Bye Bye Eagle Eye. In 2015, Justin won the West Texas Futurity with Nucky and the West Texas Derby with Tempting Destiny.



JUAN M. GONZALEZ Juan M. Gonzalez was the leading Quarter Horse trainer at Sunland Park in 2016 winning 14 races from 80 starters. The New Mexico-based horseman won Quarter Horse racing's richest race in 2003. Gonzalez saddled By By JJ to an upset win in the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, and he has won just about every major Quarter Horse stakes in New Mexico numerous times. In fact, Gonzalez came back to win the 2013 All American Futurity for a second time with Handsome Jack Flash. Juan won the 2014 West Texas Derby worth \$159,760 with I Azoomed You Knew. During the 2012-13 season, Slew By You earned Gonzalez another title in the \$252,796 Shue Fly Stakes. Juan's second richest win of the meet came with the Moonifisant. The fast New Mexico-bred was the top qualifier and winner of the \$231,438 New Mexico Spring Futurity. You N How Many More came within a nose of giving Gonzalez a victory in the 2013 Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity. In 2010, Gonzalez finished 1-2-3 in the Zia Quarter Horse Futurity. Juan's lovely wife, Patricia remains his biggest fan. Son Juan C. Gonzalez is also proving to be a highly effective trainer.

LEADING QUARTER HORSE JOCKEYS

NAME	STARTS	1ST	2ND	3RD	WIN%	¥%	Purses
Esgar Ramirez	126	26	18	12	21	44	\$649,868
Mauro Salcedo*	114	24	15	11	21	44	\$651,556
Adrian A. Ramos	132	18	11	13	14	32	\$512,426
Jose Luis Enriquez	118	15	16	12	11	28	\$417,735
Raul Herrera	113	12	8	12	11	29	\$305,567
Jaime Parga Leos	97	9	10	17	9	37	\$246,044
Oscar Cordova	88	9	10	6	10	28	\$185,242
Alejandro Medellin	56	8	5	6	14	34	\$195,746
L. Salvador Martinez	76	7	12	11	9	39	\$306,463
Jose Enrique Ortiz	74	7	9	5	9	28	\$155,416



ESGAR RAMIREZ The masterful Esgar Ramirez is a record 9-time Sunland Park Quarter Horse jockey champion and rates as one of the world's best. Esgar earned his 9th Sunland Park riding title last season with 26 wins. His horses earned nearly \$650,000. In 2015, Ramirez won 43 races from 214 mounts and was 16 wins in front of his nearest rival. During the 2012-13 meet, he won the \$203,148 West Texas Derby, the \$126,512 Sunland Park Winter Quarter Derby and the \$107,370 Bank of America New Challenge Championship. Esgar won 7 stakes races in 2011-12 including the \$251,358 New Mexican Spring Futurity with Pj Chick In Black. Esgar also won the West Texas Derby and Sunland Winter Quarter Horse Derby. Ramirez won the 2010 All American Futurity and has been the leading rider at both Ruidoso Downs and Zia Park. Esgar and his wife, Veronica Alcaez Ramirez, have two sons - Esgar, Jr. and Eli. Esgar's book is handled expertly by jockey agent Kathy Murphy. In 2016, Ramirez hit a career high at Ruidoso Downs last summer winning both \$2.4 million All American Derby with EC Jet One and the \$3 million All American Futurity with Imperial Eagle. Esgar led the nation in Quarter Horse earnings topping \$4.1 million in 2016 including a clutch score in the \$200,000 Sunland Park Juvenile Championship aboard Imperial Eagle. Last April, Esgar gained a win in the \$162,609 West Texas Derby with Wild Mares Milk.



ADRIAN A. RAMOS Adrian A. Ramos garnered the title of leading Quarter Horse Jockey at Sunland Park in 2016, winning 22 races from 142 mounts. His mounts earned over \$1.7 million over the last three seasons as Ramos excelled in big money stakes races. Among his prestigious wins came aboard Wagon Full of Gold in the 2016 Bank of American New Mexico Challenge. Ramos rode the upset winner for trainer Wes Giles in a terrific performance. Ramos enjoyed another lucrative score aboard Jess Cruzin on By in the \$229,860 New Mexican Spring Futurity. Ramos rode Major Moonflash to victory in the 2016 New Mexico Classic Derby worth \$199,621 at Zia Park. Adrian was among the top ten riders at Zia Park. Ramos rode Apolltical Chad to victory in the Ruidoso Quarter Horse Futurity in 2016. In 2017, horses ridden by Adrian Ramos had generated over \$1 million. He rode Running Dragon to three straight stakes wins last season including the Shue Fly.



SALVADOR MARTINEZ Not only is Salvador Martinez one of the leading Quarter Horse jockeys at Sunland Park, but he has become a premier riding powerhouse nationally. Salvador was ranked 14th in the nation with earnings nearing \$1.7 million in 2015. He won two major stakes that year including the prestigious \$198,924 West Texas Futurity (Gr. II) with Nucky. Sunland Park's third leading Quarter Horse rider won 28 races from 135 mounts resulting in a strong 21 percent winning clip. His mounts generated over \$616,000 in earnings. In 2012, Martinez piloted Little Bit Southern to a driving win in the \$85,000 Lou Wooten-Sydney Valentini Handicap and came back two weeks later to win the \$126,512 Sunland Park Winter Quarter Horse Derby with Our First Corona. Martinez was the perfect teammate for AQHA Distance Champion All About Larry in 2013. The pair rocketed to a 4-length victory in the Red Cell New Mexico Challenge. Salvador's versatile riding skills make him an attractive choice for New Mexico trainers. Martinez frequently rides for such top outfits as Mike Joiner and Paul Jones. At press time, Salvador had over 44 wins in 2017, and his mounts were approaching \$1 million in earnings.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP AT SUNLAND PARK (GR I)

17th running to be held Sunday, December 31, 2017

\$350,000 Guaranteed • 400 Yards • 3-Year-Olds & Older (QH)



JESSIES FIRST DOWN 2017 WINNER

Jessies First Down cemented 2016 World Champion running Quarter Horse honors after defeating Zooming Effortlessly by a nose in a thrilling 16th running of the \$350,000 Championship at Sunland Park (Grade 1). With Rodrigo Vallejo in the saddle, Jessies First Down rocketed to the front at the start of the 440 yard classic. The 3-1 second choice poured on the speed and led by half a side through the stretch. Jessies First Down held off defending champion Zooming Effortlessly to win by a nose. Only four one-thousands of a second separated the top two finishers. The winner clocked the quarter mile in a fast 21.232 seconds. Jessies First Down completed a stellar year with 8 wins from 11 starts, winning races over 6 different tracks. Ted Abrams is the proud owner.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2016	Jessies First Down	Ted Abrams	Judd Kearl	Rodrigo Vallejo	440 yd	: 21.232	\$350,0000
2015	Zoomin Effortlessly	Perrett Telesforo	Edelmiro Carrizales	Santos Carrizales	400 yd	:19.349	\$350,0000
2014	Rcj Major Storm	Alfredo Sanchez	Alfredo Sanchez	Jesse Lee Levario	400 yd	:19.14	\$350,000
2013	Feature Mr. Bojangles	R.D. Hubbard & Heysol Howlet	Paul Jones	Cody Jensen	400 yd	:19.612	\$350,000
2012	Prospect to the Top	Joel Tavarez	Brandon Muniz	Oscar Rincon	400 yd	:19.033	\$350,000
2011	Cold Cash 123	T. Bill Stables, Inc.	C. Dwayne Gilbreath	Roy Baldillez	400 yd	:18.73	\$350,000
2010	Noconi	R.D. Hubbard & John T.L. Jones, Jr. Interests, Ltd.	Paul Jones	Jacky Martin	400 yd	:19.13	\$350,000
2009	First Moonflash	Amestoy & Gonzalez	Andres Gonzalez	Alejandro Medellin	400 yd	:19.057	\$350,000
2008	First Moonflash	Amestoy & Gonzalez	Edgar Maldonado	Alejandro Medellin	400 yd	:18.73	\$400,000

THE SHUE FLY STAKES (RG III)

46th running to be held Sunday, January 14, 2018

\$95,000 Added • 400 Yards • Foals of 2014 (QH)



RUNNING DRAGON 2017 WINNER

In a flawless performance, Running Dragon sped away to a convincing win in the 45th running of the \$205,973 Shue Fly Stakes. With Adrian A. Ramos at the helm, Running Dragon broke well and confronted top qualifier Magnifico Dragon early on in the 400 yard stakes for New Mexico-bred foals of 2014. Running Dragon powered past her rival in mid-stretch to win by a half-length. The 8-time winner caught the 400 yards in 19.416 seconds over a muddy track. The second favorite paid \$6.80 to win. The 2016 New Mexican Spring Futurity winner is owned by the By By JJ LLC and trained by Juan M. Gonzalez.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	Running Dragon	By By JJ LLC	Juan M. Gonzalez	Adrian A. Ramos	400 yd	:19.146	\$205,973
2016	Carson City Girl	David E. & Sandra K. Barrett	Fred I. Danley	Larry Gamez	400 yd	:19.27	\$190,119
2015	Moonstruck Love	Jose Luis Ozona	Paul Jones	Joe Badilla, Jr.	400 yd	:19.155	\$201,609
2014	Woodys Allstar	Brooks, Rushing and Lewis	Mike Joiner	Salvador Martinez	400 yd	:19.067	\$290,656
2013	Slew By You	Valle Guadiana Corp.	Juan M. Gonzalez	Ramon Sanchez	400 yd	:19.345	\$252,796
2012	First Blazin Love	Johnson, Saumell & Martinez	Paul Jones	G.R. Carter	400 yd	:19.15	\$286,364
2011	Quatro Menudos	William McCarty, W.P. Wood & SW Paving & Grading, Inc.	Hermenegildo Aldavaz	Salvador Martinez	400 yd	:18.97	\$313,502
2010	Mr Regard	KH Logax, Inc.	Juan M. Gonzalez	Tony Guymon	400 yd	:19.319	\$338,638
2009	Lethal Delight	P.K. Thomas	Blane Wood	Ricky Ramirez	400 yd	:19.02	\$334,257
2008	DPI Good Boy	Desirable Properties, Inc.	Carlos Sedillo	Joe A. Martinez	400 yd	:19.05	\$342,469

WEST TEXAS FUTURITY (GR II)

60th running to be held Saturday, April 14, 2018

\$100,000 Added • 300 Yards • 2-Year-Olds (QH)



SUENOS DINEROS 2017 WINNER

Under constant pressure throughout the 300-yard feature, jockey Jose Luis Enriquez and Suenos Dineros prevailed in a tight photo to take top honors in the 59th edition of the \$230,132 West Texas Futurity (Gr. II). Trained by Shae Cox for owner Victor Lozano of Denver City, Texas, Suenos Dineros broke alertly from his near-outside post position, battled for the lead immediately from the gate. Enriquez hustled the son of Bodacious Dash to the finish line a neck in front of Mountain Holme, completing the race in 15.29 seconds. Suenos Dineros was the fastest qualifier and took home the \$108,163 winner's share of the West Texas Futurity.

YEAR	WINNER	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	DIST.	TIME	VALUE
2017	Suenos Dineros	Victor Lozano	Shae Cox	Jose Luis Enriquez	300 yd	:15.29	\$230,131
2016	Eyema Blue Wagon	Regal Racing Stables, LLC	Albert Franco	Sergio Becerra Jr.	300 yd	:15.18	\$217,904
2015	Nucky	Julie and Denis Schoenhofer	Justin Joiner	Salvador Martinez	300 yd	:15.052	\$198,924
2014	Boi George	Miguel & Mauricio Gallegos	Gene Burden	Adrian A. Ramos	300 yd	:14.873	\$267,651
2013	Wr Golden Eagle	Rose Webb	Roy Marcom Jr.	Freddie Martinez	300 yd	:14.862	\$284,461
2012	El Duero	R/T Stables	Toby Keeton	Agustin Silva	300 yd	:14.68	\$217,146
2011	Valiant War Hero	Texas Broads	Trey Wood	Oscar Rincon	300 yd	:14.59	\$253,004
2010	No Dice Special	Vwp, Jr. Inc.	John Stinebaugh	Salvador Martinez	300 yd	:14.95	\$302,339
2009	Varsity Girl	Enrique Hernandez	Ralph Muniz	Ricky Ramirez	300 yd	:15.18	\$252,625
2008	Fast Prize Zoom	Weetona Stanley & William E. Smith	Wesley T. Giles	G.R. Carter Jr.	300 yd	:14.67	\$300,958
2007	Wild Six	Herman K. Mineer & Lee A. Sherwood Partnership	Wesley T. Giles	Tony Guymon	300 yd	:14.95	\$266,771
2006	Jess Destined	J&L Stables (J McBride et al) & Fredda Draper	Carl W. Draper	Oscar Hernandez	300 yd	:15.24	\$230,855
2005	Leading Spirit	Barry B. Thompson	G. Blane Wood	James Gonzales II	300 yd	:14:92	\$269,778
2004	A Stone Runaway	Terry K. Wood	Sam H. Howard	Alvin Brossette	300 yd	:15:18	\$316,906
2003	Quik Jolla	Jose & Victor Diaz	Lorenzo Vega	Jerry Yoakum	300 yd	:15:06	\$306,378
2002	Eye Opening Episode	Sandra L. Erwin	James Lackey	Freddie Martinez	300 yd	:14:93	\$277,008
2001	Illusioneiress	Miguel Caro	Jose R. Gonzalez Sr.	Jacky Martin	300 yd	:15.02	\$265,302
2000	Stoli	Jackie Spencer	Clair Greenwood	Joe Martinez	300 yd	:15.36	\$180,649
1999	JP Streak	Ivan Tafoya	Jose R. Gonzalez Sr.	David Mitchell	330 yd	:17.06	\$151,270
1998	Rabbits Rainbow	James T. Lewter	Timothy Cross	Jerry Rodriguez	330 yd	:16.60	\$127,102
1997	Honor Ease	R. Craig Iverson	Jonna D. Rosa	Nancy Summers	330 yd	:16:72	\$129,045
1996	Haulin Pass	Doyle Norris	G. Blane Wood	Darrell Blevins	330 yd	:16.70	\$147,410
1995	Run Em Up	Susan Alwan, Nelda Segotta & Margaret Musso	Timothy Guidry	Kenneth Hart	330 yd	:16.52	\$147,020
1994	Andrews EZ Effort	Frank & Mary Richardson	Fred Danley	Billy Peterson	330 yd	:16.64	\$74,765
1993	Six Kix	James T. Armer	Jack Brooks	Kenneth Hart	330 yd	:17.03	\$114,642
1992	Mr Eye Opener	Dale J. Smith	Jack Brooks	Kenneth Hart	330 yd	:16.45	\$154,115
1991	Special Task	Ronald Shalz & E. Cersovsky	Jack Brooks	Jacky Martin	330 yd	:16.72	\$172,746
1990	Dashing Lion	C. G. Porter	Jim Brock	Joe Martinez	330 yd	:16.63	\$192,267
1989	Johnnys Night	Suzann Marney	Alfred Fontenot	Mike Lidberg	330 yd	:16:61	\$168,699
1988	Merganser	Ron Shalz/Jerry Wells	Jack Brooks	Jacky Martin	330 yd	:16:66	\$141,744

