

# 2009 Del Mar Thoroughbred Club Horsemen's Guide



To Our Horsemen—

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club looks forward to hosting you for our 70th season of racing. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the sport of Thoroughbred racing and appreciate the vital role you play in making Del Mar one of the most successful race meets in the country.

This summer, Del Mar is offering a stakes schedule with 31 major stake races worth nearly \$7 million. This year we will feature the Pacific Classic Racing Festival, which includes 11 Stakes races in four days. The highlight of the festival is the 19th running of the track's signature event, the \$1-million Pacific Classic will be run Sunday, September 6. The Pacific Classic, is also our most lucrative race of the Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" program. The seven other races included in this program are the \$300,000 Del Mar Mile, the \$300,000 Pat O'Brien Handicap the \$200,000 Ranch Bernardo Handicap the \$150,000 Cougar II \$350,000 John C. Mabee, the \$250,000 San Diego Handicap and the \$250,000 Del Mar Handicap. The winner of these Stakes races automatically get a starting spot in their corresponding race at this year's Breeder's Cup Championship.

The Del Mar Debutante has been re-named the Darley Debutante honoring a liaison between the track and the world-wide racing and breeding giant. The pairing will provide significant extras to the juvenile filly championship such as a purse raise from \$250,000 to \$300,000 and the lucky owner and breeder of winner of the race also receives a no guarantee season to their selected studs.

New this year is DelMarBets.com. Open an account today and you'll be able to wager at hundreds of race-tracks. Del Mar will also match your \$100 wager with a \$100 wagering credit to your account.

Be sure to sign up for My Del Mar, an easy way for horsemen to get their racing information. Horsemen also may nominate for any of the listed stakes races by e-mailing to [nominations@dmtc.com](mailto:nominations@dmtc.com) or downloading printable forms to mail or fax from Del Mar's web site at [www.delmarracing.com/horsemen](http://www.delmarracing.com/horsemen).

We have plenty of activities to keep you busy during the summer in Del Mar. We will start our twilight racing off early with Three O'Clock Fridays, featuring a nine race card and concerts following the races. Family Sundays will be held every Sunday and on Labor Day in the Infield. The Profession Bull Riding is returning for two nights in the Del Mar Arena The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club wishes you good luck "where the turf meets the surf."

—Del Mar Thoroughbred Club