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Trainers, Owners, and Racing fans, alike, are anxiously awaiting the opening of Indiana Downs Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Race Track. How is that statement anymore true this year than in years past? The biggest change is all of the changes that have occurred to the track since the close of the 2013 Season. Since the enactment of the one track, one breed movement, the racing surfaces no longer need to be laid and removed each year. This, in turn, allowed Centaur and Indiana Downs, with the help of nationally recognized experts Butch Lear, and Dr. Michael "Mick" Peterson the ability to create a long term track with safety and design at its foundation. The knowledge and experience these experts bring, along with the investment made by Centaur Gaming and CEO, Rod Ratcliff, Indiana Downs will be able to provide a track surface that rivals some of the very best.

Speaking with Centaur Gaming CEO, Rod Ratcliff, I found that while the track is of the highest priority, it is but a piece of the total renovation project. He was delighted to run down the list of many improvements that will be seen at Indiana Downs. A New \$1M tote board and video screen will be center focus. The track side view will show off restructured landscaping while the inside of the club house will be lined with all new flat screen monitors for fans to keep an eye on the action.

Some track owners would stop with the improvements made where the public can enjoy them. However, Mr. Ratcliff has continued his company's investment to benefit those working along the backside of the track. At

the request of the horsemen, the receiving barn will receive \$100K worth of improvements, most of these to establish greater air flow. Additional lighting and ventilation improvements are being made to all of the existing barns. And, \$5.2M has been dedicated to the building of four new barns that add 304 more stalls to the count. Resident dorms will be improved as the current dorms undergo a \$200K renovation, and a \$2.1M new dorm structure will create 45 additional rooms. Rather than continuing to out-source its kitchen, Centaur will be running the track kitchen. This change has begun with a \$50-100K reformation.

The voice of the horsemen has contributed to more than what changes needed to be made along the back side of the track. Negotiating bodies have taken into account the horsemen's call for a more stable Indiana Program. Indiana has established a deal that dedicates to the program 12% of Centaur Gaming's AGR over a guaranteed 7 years.

Rod Ratcliff is a supporter of the Indiana Horseman and our Indiana Racing Program. He explains, "You want to know why I respect you so much? Racing is the way I got it." He has relied on the support of the horsemen and now, the horsemen's share will increase proportionally. There is a new level of cooperation and progress between the Track and the Horsemen's Associations never before seen. There are improvements being implemented and goals for more to come. Just as the program was designed to do, what is an exciting improvement to the Indiana Horse Racing Industry, is a positive impact to Indiana, as a whole.

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INDIANA INCENTIVE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Benefits to the Indiana Bred Owner

- Eligible to the lucrative Indiana-Bred Stakes Program including 12 stake races for Indiana-Bred horses contested at \$85,000 each.
- Eligible to the Indiana Signature Stakes for Indiana-Breds, \$150,000 purse.
- Eligible to the Overnight Program for Indiana-Bred Horses.
- Purses for Overnight races for Indiana-Bred Horses are contested at \$2,000 above the Open Overnight races
- 40% Purse Supplements available to any Indiana-Bred finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the following open races
- All Open Allowance, including
- Maiden Special Weights
- Starter Allowance (\$10,000 or higher)
- Optional Claiming (\$10,000 or higher)
- Maiden Optional Claiming (\$10,000 or higher)
- Open Stakes
- Open Claiming (claiming price \$10,000 or higher)

Additional Benefits to the Indiana-Bred/Indiana-Sired Owner

- Eligible to lucrative Indiana-Bred Stakes Program With 8 Stake Races exclusively for Indiana-Bred/Indiana-Sired, including 2 new Sired Stake Races of 2014
- Eligible to Indiana Signature Stakes, \$150,000 purse, for Indiana Bred horses.
With an added 25% purse supplement paid to the owner of an Indiana-Sired horse finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any Signature Event.
- Added opportunities with 33% of the Overnight Races in the Breed Development Program written exclusively for Indiana-Sired horses.

Benefits to the Indiana Breeder

- 20 % Breeder Awards to the Breeder of an Indiana-Bred Winner (\$10,000 Claiming or higher)
- Out of State Breeder Awards to the Breeder of an Indiana-Bred Horse winning outside the state (When Indiana racing is not in progress. July 1st for two year olds)

**For complete program details see <http://in.gov/hrc/tb.htm>
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GULFSTREAM FIRST TRACK TO USE OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING GRANT FUND

The Jockey Club and The Stronach Group jointly announced today that Gulfstream Park will become the first racetrack to use the "Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund," which was announced at the 2013 Round Table Conference on Matters Pertaining to Racing last August.

The fund provides for financial assistance from The Jockey Club to help defray qualifying expenses associated with out-of-competition testing programs. In both 2014 and 2015, The Jockey Club is making available up to \$250,000 in funding.

"We owe it to our horsemen and our fans to provide fair competition," said Tim Ritvo, president, COO and general manager of Gulfstream Park Racing and Casino, a property of The Stronach Group. "Out-of-competition testing is a way for Gulfstream Park to achieve that and the Florida Derby will be the first race in our program."

"The Jockey Club strongly believes that out-of-competition testing promotes the integrity of Thoroughbred racing and over time will better the breed," said James L. Gagliano, the president and COO of The Jockey Club. "We are extremely pleased that Gulfstream Park has stepped forward to become the first to participate in this program and we look forward to working with other interested tracks that wish to take advantage of it."

A Thoroughbred racetrack's participation in the Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund is voluntary. Thoroughbred racetracks that elect to participate in the fund may receive reimbursement to defray some of the costs associated with out-of-competition testing subject to certain criteria.

Racetracks interested in participating in the Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund and obtaining the eligibility criteria should contact The Jockey Club for more information.

The Graded Stakes Out-of-Competition Testing Grant Fund is also available to state regulatory authorities seeking to enhance their existing testing programs by applying directly to the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) for funds.

The Stronach Group racetracks include Santa Anita Park, Gulfstream Park & Casino, Golden Gate Fields, Portland Meadows, Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, home of the world-famous Preakness. The company owns and operates the Palm Meadows Training Center in Florida, and is one of North America's top racehorse breeders through its award-winning Adena Springs operation. The Stronach Group is one of the world's largest suppliers of pari-mutuel wagering systems, technologies and services. Its companies include AmTote, a global leader in wagering technology; Xpressbet, an Internet and telephone account wagering service; and Monarch Content Management, which acts as a simulcast purchase and sales agent of horse racing content for numerous North American racetracks and wagering outlets. The Stronach Group is also a major producer of televised horseracing programming through its HRTV cable and satellite network and is North America's premier supplier of virtual online horseracing games, as well as a leading producer of social media content for the horse racing industry.

The Jockey Club, founded in 1894 and dedicated to the improvement of



Thoroughbred breeding and racing, is the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds. In fulfillment of its mission, The Jockey Club, directly or through subsidiaries, provides support and leadership on a wide range of important industry initiatives, and it serves the information and technology needs of owners, breeders, media, fans and farms. It is the sole funding source for America's Best Racing, the broad-based fan development initiative for Thoroughbred racing. You can follow America's Best Racing at americasbestracing.net. Additional information is available at jockeyclub.com.

The RMTC consists of 23 racing industry stakeholders and organizations that represent Thoroughbred, Standardbred, American Quarter Horse and

Arabian racing. The organization works to develop and promote uniform rules, policies and testing standards at the national level; coordinate research and educational programs that seek to ensure the integrity of racing and the health and welfare of racehorses and participants; and protect the interests of the racing public. For additional information, visit the RMTC website at rmtcnet.com or call (859) 224-2848.

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INDIANA RACING OVERVIEW

Statistics prepared by the Jockey Club- Find more interesting Indiana Thoroughbred Statistics at www.jockeyclub.com/factbook/StateBook/Indiana.pdf

Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
1995	378	3,039,844	1,243	2,849	42	7.5	8,042
1996	530	5,951,914	1,725	4,344	52	8.2	11,230
1997	594	8,670,840	1,897	5,042	57	8.5	14,597
1998	605	11,355,005	2,152	5,434	58	9.0	18,769
1999	693	12,513,976	2,266	6,301	65	9.1	18,058
2000	693	10,895,350	2,120	6,242	65	9.0	15,722
2001	737	11,570,730	2,279	6,560	70	8.9	15,700
2002	741	11,746,855	2,550	6,719	69	9.1	15,853
2003	1,001	11,286,042	2,807	9,054	100	9.0	11,275
2004	1,076	12,298,600	2,788	9,217	107	8.6	11,430
2005	1,074	13,198,400	2,894	9,686	106	9.0	12,289
2006	1,105	13,488,700	2,811	9,995	110	9.0	12,207
2007	1,020	12,668,410	2,684	9,232	109	9.1	12,420
2008	1,028	13,972,300	2,585	9,178	117	8.9	13,592
2009	1,150	20,840,490	2,854	9,828	125	8.5	18,122
2010	1,128	27,208,855	3,249	9,887	123	8.8	24,121
2011	1,065	28,453,713	2,837	8,986	120	8.4	26,717
2012	1,045	26,565,825	2,553	8,788	120	8.4	25,422
2013	1,088	26,933,179	2,969	9,355	114	8.6	24,755