

NM Horsemen's Association's Weekly Update November 3, 2025





CLAIMING CROWN NOV. 15 at CHURCHILL DOWNS 2025 National HBPA Fall Executive Committee Meeting

The National HBPA 2025 Fall Executive Committee Meeting November 14-15, Louisville, KY: <u>Derby City Gaming</u> <u>Hotel</u>

Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2025 Claiming Crown at Churchill Downs

Meetings will be held in the Winner's Circle Room at the Derby City Gaming Hotel.

Friday November 14th at 5:00pm EST and reconvene the morning of November 15th, at 8:30am EST

Sunland Park
Stall
Applications
are Due!!

San Juan County
Commission Meeting
on Monday,
November 10, 2025
in Aztec at 4:00 PM



NMHA ZIA PARK COMMITTEE

Susie Prather, VP
Larry Strain, BOD
Denny Crozier
Helen Nave
Todd Fincher
Joel Marr
Donna McArthur
Sherry Armstrong



DAA will remain open for training until Sunland Park opens. Thank you for that!



Ruidoso Downs will be closed Monday thru Wednesday beginning today, November 3rd.



Stall Apps need to be sent in. Stakes Book and Condition Book #1 are available online at Equibase.com. Shue Fly Payments are due Friday, November 7, 2025.



Public comments by residents and industry stake holders must be submitted within 45 days (December 4). Once the comment period ends, the NMRC will issue a final ruling on whether to approve the license transfer. (See Attached Letter)



Zia Park opened their meet with two days of straight QH races. Handles of 430K and 534K. Today and tomorrow are straight TB races.



This is the proposed Grandstand for the Clovis Racetrack.

Zia Park 2025 Racing Calendar



Nov	emb	er				
						2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Training Live Days 6 - 8 am Break: 8 am - 830 am Training 830 to 10 am	Training Non-Live Days 6-8 am Break - 8-830 am Training 830 to 1030 am					FIRST DAY OF LIVE RACING QH
Q Н	3 TB	ТВ 4	5	6 DARK	7	QН
QH	10 TB	ТВ	12	13 DARK		
QH	ТВ	ТВ	19	DARK	21	QH 2
QH NM QUARTER HORSE CLASSIC STAKES	TB NM THOROUGHBRED CLASSIC STAKES	TB LAND OF ENCHANTMENT STAKES DAY		DARK	20.00	QH 2:
30 QH						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturda
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QH 7	8 ТВ	тв	9	10	DARK	12 QH	он ¹
14 QH	15 TB	TB LAST DAY OF RACING & TRAINING	16	17	18	19	2
21	22		23	24	25	26	2
28	29	BARN AREA CLOSED	30	31			



State of New Mexico House of Representatives

State Capitol Santa Fé

October 23, 2025

Via: email

New Mexico Racing Commission 4900 Alameda Blvd. NE, Suite A Albuquerque, NM 87113

RE: SunRay Park's Request to Move Racino License to Clovis

Dear Members of the New Mexico Racing Commission:

We write as the House members representing the Four Corners region to express our strong opposition to the proposed transfer of SunRay Park & Casino's racing and gaming license from Farmington to Clovis. While we recognize SunRay's desire to invest in eastern New Mexico, transferring this existing license would be devastating to the Four Corners economy and undermine years of local and state investment in economic diversification. It would further render one of Farmington's greatest assets – the racetrack –inoperable and unable to generate the economic activity, jobs, and public revenue it was designed to support.

The Farmington racino is one of only five racino licenses in New Mexico and has long served as an economic anchor for San Juan County. The facility supports roughly 120 families through direct employment, contributes approximately \$1.2 million annually in county revenue, and provides critical support for local small businesses and tourism. Losing this license would not only eliminate stable jobs and revenue but would also set back economic recovery efforts in a region that has already suffered from the decline of traditional energy industries.

The Four Corners region, centered around Farmington, has worked diligently to rebuild its economy following the loss of coal and natural gas production jobs. Local governments have invested in new infrastructure, broadband expansion, and industrial park development to attract manufacturing, technology, and outdoor recreation businesses. Farmington serves as the commercial and retail hub for more than 300,000 people across northwest New Mexico and the surrounding Four Corners area, making every major employer and revenue source essential to its long-term stability. Removing the racino license from Farmington would undo these hard-won gains.

We are also concerned that the Commission plans to act on Western Gaming, LLC's transfer request at today's meeting. It appears the casino owners and the Racing Commission have been working on this project while intentionally keeping San Juan County uninformed, which raises serious concerns about transparency and public trust. Western Gaming LLC became the new owner of SunRay in March 2025. Prior to that transfer, SunRay was locally owned and operated by San

Juan County residents who were deeply invested in their community. The current owners are outof-area investors with significant political ties who are not connected to San Juan County. We are deeply concerned that these political relationships – particularly with current commissioners and the Governor—could lead to a favorable decision for the license transfer that would harm the Four Corners community and contradict the public interest the Commission is charged with protecting.

While we understand Clovis's long-standing interest in pursuing a racino, the appropriate solution is not to transfer an existing license away from another community. Since at least 2018, there have been multiple efforts to establish a racino on the east side of the state. In 2018, the Commission carefully considered issuing a sixth racing license and ultimately chose not to do so. The current proposal appears to be a workaround – an attempt to move an existing license rather than conduct a fair and open evaluation of whether a new license is appropriate today. This approach undermines the Commission's prior judgment and unfairly disadvantages the Farmington community, which stands to lose one of its most important economic assets.

If the Commission believes that a racino in Clovis would serve the public interest, we respectfully urge you to consider issuing a new, sixth license rather than stripping the license from Farmington. This approach would allow new investment and job creation in Clovis while preserving the economic foundation and opportunities that SunRay provides in the Four Corners. The Four Corners region is not asking for special treatment – only fairness. Our communities are working tirelessly to diversify and grow. A license transfer would reverse progress, deepen economic hardship, and send the wrong signal about the state's commitment to regional equity.

We urge the Commission to deny SunRay's request to transfer its license and instead support a path forward that allows both Farmington and Clovis to thrive. Without this consideration, one of Farmington's great assets will be rendered inoperable and entirely unable to generate the economic activity, jobs, and public revenue it was designed to support.

Thank you for your consideration and for your ongoing work to protect the integrity and future of New Mexico's horse racing and gaming industries.

Sincerely,

Mark Duncan

District 2

William A. Hall

District 3

Rod Montoya District 1

ec: SunRay Park and Western Gaming, LLC

Ismael Trejo, Executive Director, NM Racing Commission

ZIA PARK

STAKES SCHEDULE Sunday, November 23, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DERBY - Grade II Trials: Sunday, November 2, 2025 For Three Year Olds 400 Yards Sunday, November 23, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC FUTURITY - Grade II Trials: Saturday, November 01, 2025
For Two Year Olds
350 Yards Sunday, December 14, 2025 SOUTHWEST JUVENILE INVITATIONAL - Grade II For Two Year Olds 400 Yards HOBBS AMERICA DERBY INVITATIONAL Sunday, November 23, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC QUARTER HORSE JUVENILE STAKES For Two Year Olds 350 Yards Sunday, November 23, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC QUARTER HORSE SOPHOMORE For Three Year Olds 400 Yards Saturday, November 1, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC FUTURITY TRIALS Sunday, November 2, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DERBY TRIALS For Three Year Olds 400 Yards

ZIA PARK STAKES SCHEDULE

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC JUVENILE - Grade BT For Colts And Geldings Two Year Olds Six Furlongs Closing Tuesday, November 11, 2025

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DISTAFF For Filies And Mares Three Year Olds and Upward Six Furlongs Closing Tuesday, November 11, 2025

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NEW MEXICO CLASSIC LASSIC - Grade BT
For Fillies Two Year Olds
Six Furlongs
Closing Tuesday, November 11, 2025

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC DERBY

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC OAKS

For Fillies Three Year Olds Six And One Half Furlongs Saturday, November 15, 202

ZIA PARK DERBY - Listed

For Three Year Olds One Mile And One Sixtee

ZIA PARK CHAMPIONSHIP - Grade BT

Zia Park Stakes Schedule for 2025



ZIA PARK STAKES SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 14, 2025 \$100,000 Guaranteed

LOVINGTON STAKES - Grade II For Three Year Olds and Upward 400 Yards Closing Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025 \$100,000 Guaranteed

ZIA PARK QUARTER HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP INVITATIONAL - Grade I For Three Year Olds and Upward 440 Yards Closing Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Sunday, December 14, 2025 NEW MEXICO CLASSIC QUARTER HORSE DISTAFF

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STAKES
For Fillies And Mares Three Year Olds and Upward
350 Yards
Closing Saturday, December 6, 2025

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

HOBBS FALL CLASSIC For Two Year Olds Six And One Half Furlong

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 \$100,000 Guaranteed

LEA COUNTY STAKES For Fillies Two Year Olds Six And One Half Furlongs

ZIA PARK STAKES SCHEDULE

Closing Monday, November 10, 2025

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC 870 CHAMPIONSHIP - Grade III For Three Year Olds and Upward 870 Yards

Closing Monday, November 10, 2025

Sunday, November 23, 2025 \$200,000 Guaranteed NEW MEXICO CLASSIC QUARTER HORSE FILLY AND

MARE CHAMPIONSHIP - Grade I

For Fillies And Mares Three Year Olds and Upward 400 Yards

Closing Monday, November 10, 2025

Sunday, November 23, 2025

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For Three Year Olds and Upward

440 Yards Closing Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Monday, November 24, 2025

PEPPERS PRIDE NEW MEXICO CLASSIC

For Fillies And Mares Three Year Olds and Upward One Mile

\$200,000 Guaranteed Monday, November 24, 2025

ROCKY GULCH NEW MEXICO CLASSIC

For Three Year Olds and Upward One Mile And One Sixteenth

NEW MEXICO CLASSIC SPRINT For Three Year Olds and Upward

STAKES SCHEDULE

ZIA PARK OAKS - Grade BT

For Fillies Three Year Olds One Mile And One Sixteent

ZIA PARK JUVENILE - Grade BT

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ZIA PARK SPRINT

For Three Year Olds and Upward

Six Furlongs

Closing Saturday, November 15, 2025

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ZIA PARK PRINCESS - Grade BT

For Fillies Two Year Olds

Six Furlongs

Closing Tuesday, December 2, 2025

JAMES ISAAC HOBBS STAKES - Grade II For Three Year Olds and Upward 350 Yards Closing Tuesday, December 2, 2025

KING RICK RACK STAKES - Grade II
For Three Year Olds and Upward
870 Yards