

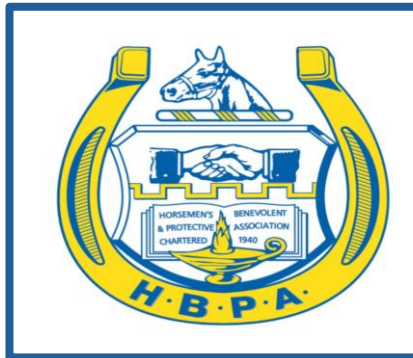


## NM Horsemen's Association's Weekly Update February 2, 2026

### UPDATE

NMHA Sunland Park Committee has worked diligently with Management and finally received permission to bring Steve Wood, track consultant in today to fix the track. Training will continue every morning, with a bigger and safer Track to train on. Steve assures us racing will begin on Friday. He will work from the minute training stops until dark.

Thank you to all the backside trainers and Horsemen who voted to get this work approved.  
**Horsemen Helping Horsemen!**



National HBPA Conference panels  
March 4-6 to include  
AI, prediction markets, horsemen as  
racetrack owners



(A race at Horsemen's Park, the Omaha track owned by the Nebraska horsemen. Photo courtesy Horsemen's Park)

LEXINGTON, Ky. (Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026) — Artificial intelligence on the track and the emerging threats of prediction markets and wagering are among the salient topics to be discussed at the National HBPA Conference March 3-7 in Hot Springs, Ark., at Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort.

### NMHA Sunland Park Committee

*Paul Jenson, President*  
*Marci Cross*  
*Delinda Green*  
*Danna Buechler*  
*Bart Hone*  
*Dick Cappallucci*

### New Mexico Legislative Update

Our Lobbyist has met with the Breeders Lobbyist and all five Racetrack Lobbyists regarding SB 336 and we are covered for the sunset.

We will get ready in November to proceed in the next session.

There have not been any bills dropped pertaining to racing as of Friday.



*DAA requested ratification of approval for a change in their post time scheduling for October 19, 2025, approval was granted.*



*Ruidoso will not run their meet in Ruidoso. They are still negotiating with Albuquerque, and we will give you an update when we have one.*



*Sunland Park received approval on their ratification on racing officials and approval to run 10 races on January 10, 2026. Fred Heinrick gave the final go ahead to bring Steve Wood in to fix the track, and we really appreciate his help. Together we can make great things happen between Sunland Park and the Horsemen. Thanks again Fred!*



*Sunray received approval for the 2026 purse distribution and condition book #1. Possible transfer of their license to Clovis will be discussed at a Special Public Hearing on February 6, 2026, at the Central NM Community College main Campus at 9:00 AM. All Horsemen are encouraged to attend.*



*Zia Park received approval for Ratifications of post times, number of races, personnel, scheduling. Zia Park will make a presentation at the public hearing February 6, 2026.*

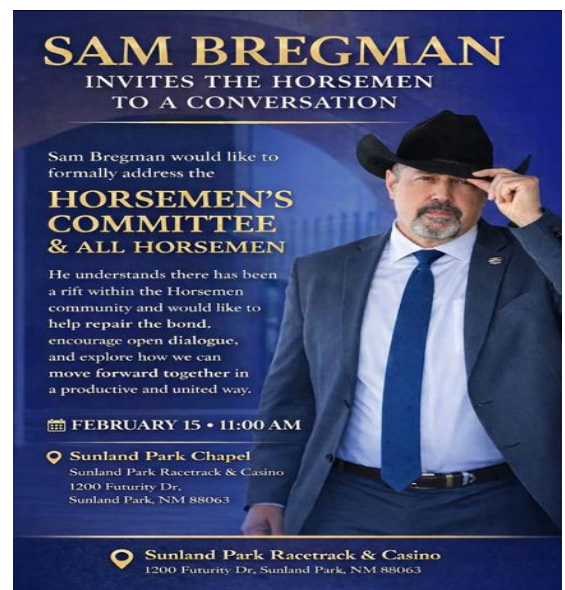
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# AGENDA FOR 2026 NHBPA CONFERENCE



## **Tuesday March 3**

2:00p – 6:00p Registration – Oaklawn

5:00p – 7:00p Welcome Reception

## **Wednesday March 4**

7:30a – 8:30a Breakfast

8:30a – 5:00p Registration

9:00a – 9:20a Opening Remarks

9:25a – 10:45a Presentation: HISA: Law, Litigation, and the View from the Inside Rail

10:50a – 11:50a Presentation: owner/trainer Q and A, hosted by Tom Law

Noon – 2:30p Conference RSVP Lunch and Awards Presentation (RSVP only)

12:45p – 1:15p Recognition NHBPA 2025 Claiming Horse of the Year

1:20p – 1:50p Recognition and Resolution Presentations

1:55p – 2:05p Introduction for Keynote Speaker: Everett Dobson from Nancy Holthus

2:10p – 2:50p Keynote Address

2:55p – 4:00p Presentation: Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the Track: Smart Tech for Racing's Next Frontier

4:05p – 5:00p Presentation: Reimagining Racetrack Ownership: A Future Led by Horsemen and Participants

## **Thursday March 5**

7:00a – 8:30a Benefit Providers Breakout

7:30a – 8:30a Breakfast

8:30a – Noon Registration

9:00a – 9:05a Return and Welcome Remarks

9:10a – 10:20a Presentation: Prediction Markets and Wagering: An Emerging Threat to Horse Racing and Interstate Horseracing Act Revenue

10:25 – 11:30a Presentation: Strengthening Integrity Through Education, Support, and Collaboration: ROAP & ORI

11:35a – Noon Presentation: Beyond the Finish Line: Building Pathways to Second Careers for Thoroughbreds



12:10p – 1:30p        Benefits Provider Luncheon

12:15p – 12:35p Matt Delehanty of Sterling Thompson Equine

12:35p – 12:50p Katie LaMonica of Godolphin, Thoroughbred Industry Employee Awards

12:55p – 1:25p Living Legend Recognition

2:00pm – 5:00pm        NHBPA Executive Committee Meeting – BOARD MEMBERS ONLY

### **Friday March 6**

7:30a – 8:30a        Breakfast

9:00a – 9:05a        Return and Welcome Remarks

9:10a – 9:25a        Gunner laCour, who will discuss the value and operational benefits affiliates receive through National HBPA Sponsor CHRIMS

9:30a – 11:45a        Presentation: Kent Stirling Memorial Medication Panel

11:50a        Conference Wrap Up and Thank You by CEO Eric Hamelback

1:00p – 5:00pm        Day at The Races – Carousel Room

1:00p        Post Time for 1<sup>st</sup> Race

### **Saturday March 7**

7:30a – 8:30a        Board Members Only - Breakfast

9:00a – 12:30p        NHBPA/NHAC Full Board Meeting & NHBPA Foundation Meeting

