



"We are...first, last and always...horsemen."

NM Horsemen's Association's Weekly Update February 9, 2026

WEST TEXAS DERBY TRIALS

London Bridge
Faust
Regarding Jess
Litenin
KJ Flashing Candy
Traxion
Ring A Ling Ding
Achylles
Expenssive Boots
Texas Pharaoh

LONNIE & CANDY ELAM MEMORIAL

Mucho Zmoke

SHUE FLY STAKES

Jet Black Eagles

CHAMPIONSHIP AT SUNLAND

Toastin Heros



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

SB251 was dropped, currently in STBT Committee. This bill prohibits program training and program owning of race horses and gives NMRC the right to refuse, suspend or revoke license to persons engaging in such activity.



No Update.



No Update.



Steve Wood was hired by NMHA to come fix the track surface after the track was shut down for seven days. Steve will remain on standby to return as needed. Thank you, trainers, for all the testimonials of how nice the track was when he left! Racing resumed Friday and QH and TB Stakes were run.

NMRC Public Hearing was Friday. Both Penn Entertainment and San Juan County gave presentations after Western Gaming. Lawyers from both sides gave a few opinions. Public Comment was allowed by some. The biggest question after meeting was "Why the Rush"? Several Newspaper articles have been published. There is a final NMRC meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

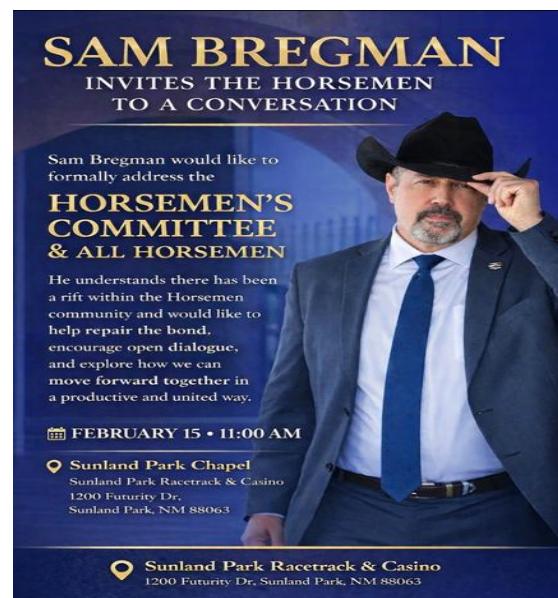


See update above.

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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 1st Race

Saturday March 7

7:30a – 8:30a Board Members Only - Breakfast
9:00a – 12:30p NHBPA/NHAC Full Board Meeting & NHBPA Foundation Meeting

