

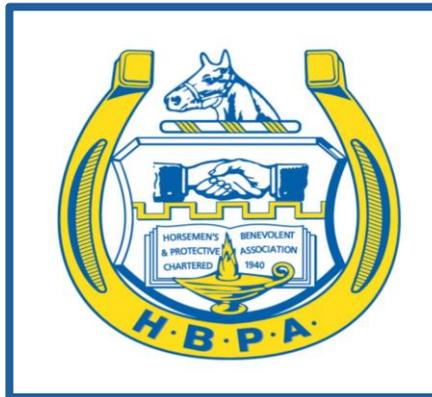


NM Horsemen's Association's Weekly Update March 9, 2026

Stakes Winners

**Albert and Henry
Dominquez Memorial**

"Marking Canyon"



*NMHA Sunland Park
Committee
Paul Jenson, President
Marci Cross
Delinda Green
Danna Buechler
Bart Hone
Dick Cappellucci
Casey Lambert
Tim Gleason*

Sunray Park Update

- Stall applications were due 3/2/2026
- Barn area opens 4/4/2026
- Track opens 4/6/2026

Ruidoso / Albuquerque Update

- Stall applications are due 3/18/2026
- Barn area opens 4/22/2026
- Track opens 4/28/2026

Wyoming, Kansas horsemen join National HBPA



For immediate release Saturday, March 7, 2026

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(Video) National HBPA: This is who we are. This is what we stand for.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (Saturday, March 7, 2026) — Wyoming and Kansas thoroughbred horsemen are now part of the National HBPA, giving America's largest racehorse owners' and trainers' organization its 30th and 31st affiliates.

The Wyoming HBPA and Kansas HBPA were unanimously approved for full membership at Saturday's board meeting of the National Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association, which concluded the annual conference at Oaklawn Park. Of the 31 HBPA affiliates, 26 are in the United States along with five in the Canadian provinces.

West Texas Maturity Qualifiers

"Rc Corona King"
"Bigg Picture"
"Paradise Pete"
"A Dream Fulfilled"
"Naughty Politics"
"Hott Favorite"
"Boot Scoots"
"KJ Born to Be Wild"
"Walk it Back"
"Paramounte Streakin"



DAA will ask approval from the NMRC of their 2026 Stakes Schedule, purse structure, condition book #1 and condition book official. Stall applications need to be returned by 3/18/2026. There will be a 50-stall limit on trainers. Exact dates of DAA meet will be available soon along with the above items once they are approved.



Ruidoso Meet will be run at Albuquerque this summer. Ruidoso will ask approval from the NMRC of their 2026 Stakes Schedule, purse structure, condition book #1 and condition book official. TBs will run, several of the past Stakes have been added. Exact dates of Ruidoso meet will be available soon.



Special post time of 11 am on March 13th & 14th. We have 14 West Texas Futurity Trials on March 13th & 13 NM Spring Futurity Trials on March 14th. Sunland expanded their daily race schedule to a minimum of 10 races per day. Purses increased (see page 3).



Stall applications were due 3/2/26. We will share the stall list with you as soon as it is published.



No update.

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152 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY OAKS LEADERBOARD		POINTS
1	EXPLORA	95
2	BELLA BALLERINA	60
3	LABWAH	50
4	SHE BE SMOOTH	50
5	LUV YOUR NEIGHBOR	40
6	PARADISE	37.50
7	ON TIME GIRL	35
8	SUPER CORREDORA	34
9	TAKEN BY THE WIND	30
10	SEARCH PARTY	30
11	ZANY	30
12	MEANING	26
13	COUNTING STARS	25
14	MY MISS MO	25

152 ROAD TO THE KENTUCKY DERBY LEADERBOARD		POINTS
1	PALADIN	60
2	SILENT TACTIC	50
3	CLASS PRESIDENT	50
4	COMMANDMENT	50
5	IRON HONOR	50
6	CHIP HONCHO	39
7	GOLDEN TEMPO	35
8	LITMUS TEST	34
9	RENEGADE	25
10	CHIEF WALLABEE	25
11	INTREPIDO	23
12	UNIVERSE	23
13	PAVLOVIAN	20
14	EXPRESS KID	20
15	NEARLY	20
16	TALK TO ME JIMMY	20
17	GREAT WHITE	20
18	BRAVARO	20
19	SOLDIER N DIPLOMAT	18
20	NAPOLEON SOLO	15

Below is the press release that Eric sent out this morning with the purse increases on the stakes.

Monday, March 2, 2026

Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino

Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino announces purse increases and expanded race schedule

Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino officials announced today a significant boost to its remaining racing season, including a \$310,000 increase in stakes purses and an expanded daily race schedule beginning Friday, March 6.

Driven by stronger-than-predicted casino performance and available purse funds, the track will now card a minimum of 10 races per day through the conclusion of the current meet.

The purse increases impact several of the meet's most prestigious events. Both the New Mexico Breeders' Oaks and the New Mexico Breeders' Derby will see jumps from \$130,000 to \$175,000. Additionally, the Casa Ford Sunland Stakes—a key fixture on the local calendar—has been raised to \$250,000.

The schedule of increases includes:

Casa Ford Sunland Stakes: Increased to \$250,000 (from \$200,000)

Mine That Bird Derby: Increased to \$175,000 (from \$125,000)

NM Breeders' Oaks & Derby: Increased to \$175,000 (from \$130,000)

NM State University Stakes: Increased to \$100,000 (from \$80,000)

NM Spring Fling & West Texas Juvenile (Consolations): Increased to \$100,000 (from \$50,000)

The expanded 10-race minimum schedule ensures more opportunities for owners and trainers to compete for the enriched prize money during the final month of the season.

For more information on the upcoming stakes schedule or to view daily entries, visit the Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino website.