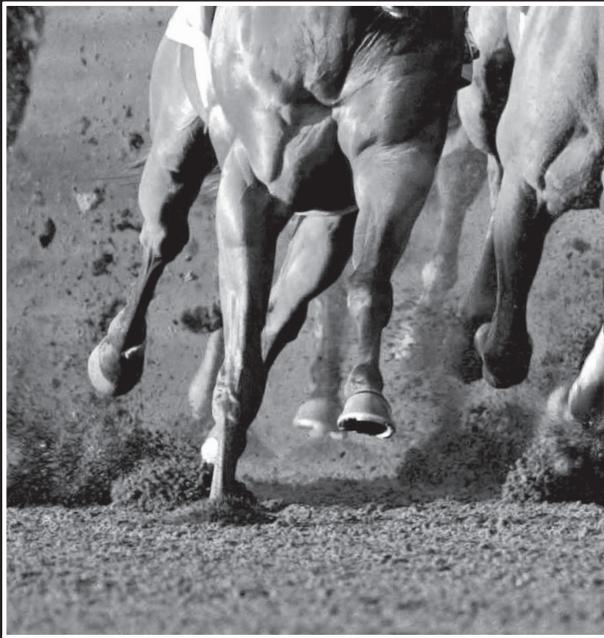




Fairplex Park

Real California Dirt For Real Racing Excitement!



Attention Handicappers:

\$5,000 is up for grabs to the most consistent handicapper who plays all three weekends beginning Sept. 6-7 in the **DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship Qualifiers at Fairplex Park**. Fifteen qualifying spots are up for grabs as well as up to an estimated \$10,000 in prize money each weekend. Contact Steve Rittenour at (909) 865-4630 to register. **Hurry, available spots are filling up fast!**

In 2006, the California Horse Racing Board mandated that all California tracks that run four or more weeks of continuous Thoroughbred racing must install a synthetic surface before January 1, 2008. Fairplex runs just over two weeks of racing each year, and therefore retains its widely-praised dirt surface.

HRTV host and handicapper Peter Lurie says, **"I think the dirt course at Fairplex Park is one of the best dirt courses I've ever seen."** Lurie will host Fairplex Park's in-house handicapping show for the 2008 meet. Joanne Jones, an HRTV colleague of Lurie's, feels **the track is "very safe, very good,"** and says that **"if you have a dirt horse, Fairplex is kind of your only bet out of the major racing meets in California."**

Trainer J. Eric Kruljac says that it had the reputation of being **the best dirt track in southern California when all of the tracks were still dirt.** Another trainer, Barry Abrams, suggests it is **the best dirt in the country.**

Jockeys get to feel the dirt in their face, and being the next closest to the track, after the horses, they surely have an opinion on it. Tyler Baze, second in the final 2007 jockey standings at Fairplex, says, **"It's enjoyable getting back on a dirt track. I'd rather ride on dirt than synthetics. I'm not saying one or the other is safer than the other, but I definitely always like the dirt track because you can watch the first couple of races and see how the track's going to play that day - if it's going to be speed favoring, or you won't be able to win on the lead."**

Fans can feel the rush as American Quarter Horses blow by them at 45 miles per hour, kicking up dirt clods in their sprint down the homestretch, and hear a field of Thoroughbreds thunder past as they head into the first turn. Speedy horses can hold onto the lead all the way to the finish, but closers can win just as well by sitting off a fast pace.

The return to dirt offers up not only nostalgia, but a handicapping challenge. There is plenty of support on each side of the argument as to how the surface change will affect different horses, and the money is there for those that can decipher the code.

Come and enjoy all of the excitement of live dirt racing at the Los Angeles County Fair, Wednesdays through Mondays, Sept. 5 - 22, 2008!

Live Racing Sept. 5-22 (Dark Tuesdays)

First race Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m., Friday, Saturday and Sunday at noon.

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