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Horseplayer and racing guide • March/April 2019



\$1,000,000 Charles Town Classic (Grade 2) To Be Held Saturday, April 20

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is proud to present the eleventh running of the \$1,000,000 CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC (G2) on Saturday, April 20. The annual event attracts some of the top older horses in the world and ranks among the country's richest races.

The CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC will highlight a 13-race card that features a total of eight stakes races including the \$100,000 Dance to Bristol, \$100,000 Robert Hilton Memorial, and \$75,000 Russell Road Stakes. In addition there are four \$50,000 stakes races for West Virginia accredited horses that complete the stakes lineup.

First race post time for the CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC card is scheduled for 12:30 PM ET. Nominations for the 2019 CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC close on Saturday, March 30, 2019.

The 11th Running of CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC



APRIL 20, 2019 • \$1,000,000 • GRADE 2

Plainridge Park Casino Opens 2019 Live Meet on April 8

Plainridge Park Casino begins their 2019 meet on Monday, April 8. The 108-day race meet will feature live racing every Monday, Thursday, and Friday through November 29, 2019. Sunday racing will be added September 29 through October 27.

First race post time is scheduled for 4:00 PM ET on all race days through August. Post time moves to 2:00 PM ET during September and October, and for the final month of racing in November first race post time will be 1:00 PM ET.

Plainridge offers exciting wagering opportunities including the \$.20 Jackpot Wicked Hi 5, which will now be offered twice daily in races 6 & 9.

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March and April Stakes Calendar

Saturday, March 16

Inside Information Stakes (Gr. 2) - GP
Rebel Stakes (Gr. 2) - OP
Azeri Stakes (Gr. 3) - OP
Beholder Stakes (Gr. 1) - SA
San Simeon Stakes (Gr. 3) - SA

Saturday, March 23

\$50k Bara Lass Stakes - Hou
\$50k Groovy Stakes - Hou
\$50k Richard King Turf Stakes - Hou
\$50k San Jacinto Turf Stakes - Hou
\$50k Spirit of Texas Stakes - Hou
\$50k Yellow Ribbon Stakes - Hou
\$75k Southern Park Stakes - MVR
Louisiana Derby (Gr. 2) - FG
Fair Grounds Oaks (Gr. 2) - FG
New Orleans Handicap (Gr. 2) - FG
Muniz Memorial Handicap (Gr. 2) - FG
Hutcheson Stakes (Gr. 3) - GP
San Luis Rey Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA

Sunday, March 24

Sunland Park Derby (Gr. 3) - Sun

Friday, March 29

Appleton Stakes (Gr. 3) - GP
Orchid Stakes (Gr. 3) - GP

Saturday, March 30

Dubai World Cup - Meydan
Florida Derby (Gr. 1) - GP
Gulfstream Park Mile (Gr. 2) - GP
Gulfstream Park Oaks (Gr. 2) - GP
Pan American Stakes (Gr. 2) - GP
Santa Ana Stakes (Gr. 3) - SA

Friday, April 5

Distaff Handicap (Gr. 3) - Aqu
Transylvania Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Saturday, April 6

Carter Handicap (Gr. 1) - Aqu
Wood Memorial (Gr. 2) - Aqu
Gazelle Stakes (Gr. 2) - Aqu
Bay Shore Stakes (Gr. 3) - Aqu
Excelsior Stakes (Gr. 3) - Aqu
Ashland Stakes (Gr. 1) - Kee
Madison Stakes (Gr. 1) - Kee
Blue Grass Stakes (Gr. 2) - Kee
Shakertown Stakes (Gr. 2) - Kee
Commonwealth Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee
Santa Anita Derby (Gr. 1) - SA
Santa Anita Oaks (Gr. 1) - SA
Royal Heroine Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA
Providencia Stakes (Gr. 3) - SA

Sunday, April 7

Appalachian Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee
Baumont Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Friday, April 12

Maker's Mark Mile (Gr. 1) - Kee
Fantasy Stakes (Gr. 3) - OP

Saturday, April 13

\$75k Austintown Filly Sprint - MVR
\$75k Howard B. Noonan Stakes - MVR
Arkansas Derby (Gr. 1) - OP
Oaklawn Handicap (Gr. 2) - OP
Count Fleet Sprint Handicap (Gr. 3) - OP
Jenny Wiley Stakes (Gr. 1) - Kee
Lexington Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee
Ben Ali Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Sunday, April 14

Apple Blossom Handicap (Gr. 1) - OP
Tokyo City Handicap (Gr. 3) - SA

Friday, April 19

Doubledogdare Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Saturday, April 20

\$1M Charles Town Classic (Gr. 2) - CT
\$100k Dance to Bristol Stakes - CT
\$100k Robert Hilton Memorial - CT
\$75k Russell Road Stakes - CT
\$50k Coin Collector Stakes - CT
\$50k Confucius Say Stakes - CT
\$50k It's Binn Too Long Stakes - CT
\$50k Original Gold Stakes - CT
Elkhorn Stakes (Gr. 2) - Kee
Californian Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA
Whimsical Stakes (Can-Gr. 3) - WO
\$200k George Levy Pacing Final - Yonkers
\$125k Blue Chip Matchmaker Final - Yonkers

Sunday, April 21

Kona Gold Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA

Friday, April 26

Bewitch Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Saturday, April 27

San Francisco Mile (Gr. 3) - GG
Santa Margarita Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA

Sunday, April 28

Steve Sexton Mile Stakes (Gr. 3) - LS

Race Meets Starting in March and April

- Remington Park (Quarter Horse) • March 8
- Century Downs (Harness) • March 10
- Hawthorne (Thoroughbred) • March 15
- Pocono Downs (Harness) • March 16
- Northville Downs (Harness) • March 22
- Will Rogers Downs (Thoroughbred) • March 25
- Harrah's Philadelphia (Harness) • March 29
- Hoosier Park (Harness) • March 29
- Scarborough Downs (Harness) • March 30
- Evangeline Downs (Thoroughbred) • April 3
- Keeneland • April 4
- PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO (Harness) • April 8
- SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK (Quarter Horse) • April 12
- Harrington (Harness) • April 15
- Fairmount Park • April 16
- Indiana Grand • April 16
- Lone Star Park (Thoroughbred) • April 18
- Delta Downs (Quarter Horse) • April 19
- Vernon Downs (Harness) • April 19
- Emerald Downs • April 20
- Woodbine (Thoroughbred) • April 20
- Hastings • April 21
- Belmont Park • April 26
- Belterra Park • April 26
- Churchill Downs • April 27
- Finger Lakes • April 27
- Century Mile (Thoroughbred) • April 28
- Mountaineer • April 28
- JACK Thistledown • April 30

*Some Tracks Not Available at all Penn National Gaming Locations

Dubai World Cup - Saturday, March 30

Mark your calendars for great international racing from Meydan Race Course on Saturday, March 30 when they host the Dubai World Cup.

Wagering on all races will be available on Hollywoodraces.com while walk-up wagering at Penn National Gaming locations will be determined by each facility.