

Starting Gate

Horseplayer and racing guide • March/April 2018



\$1,200,000 Charles Town Classic (Grade 2) To Be Held Saturday, April 21

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is proud to present the tenth running to the \$1,200,000 CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC (G2) on Saturday, April 21. The annual event attracts some of the top older horses in the world and ranks as one of the country's richest races outside the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup World Championship races.

The CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC will highlight a 13-race card that features six stakes races including the \$100,000 Dance to Bristol for fillies and mares at the track's two-turn seven furlong distance. Formerly known as the Sugar Maple, the Dance to Bristol is named for the Grade 1 winning filly campaigned by Charles Town based conditioner Ollie Figgins III who won the race in 2013. The two other unrestricted stakes on the day will be another pair of seven furlong tests in the \$85,000 Robert Hilton Memorial for three-year-olds and \$50,000 Russell Road. The Coin Collector and Its Binn Too Long – both for West Virginia accredited horses – will complete the stakes laden lineup.



First race post time for the CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC card is scheduled for 12:30 PM ET. Nominations for the 2018 CHARLES TOWN CLASSIC close on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

March and April Stakes Calendar

Saturday, March 17

\$65k Jim's Orbit Stakes - Hou
\$65k Two Altazano Stakes - Hou
Inside Information Stakes (Gr. 2) - GP
Azeri Stakes (Gr. 2) - OP
Rebel Stakes (Gr. 2) - OP
Santa Margarita Stakes (Gr. 1) - SA
Bourbonette Oaks (Gr. 3) - TP
Jeff Ruby Stakes (Gr. 3) - TP

Sunday, March 18

Santa Ana Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA

Saturday, March 24

\$75k Southern Park Stakes - MVR
Louisiana Derby (Gr. 2) - FG
Fair Grounds Oaks (Gr. 2) - FG
Muniz Memorial Handicap (Gr. 2) - FG
New Orleans Handicap (Gr. 2) - FG
Hutcheson Stakes (Gr. 3) - GP
San Luis Rey Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA
Santa Monica Stakes (Gr. 2) - SA

Sunday, March 25

Sunland Derby (Gr. 3) - Sun

Saturday, March 31

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
Honey Fox Stakes (Gr. 3) - GP
San Francisco Mile (Gr. 3) - GG

Friday, April 6

Distaff Handicap (Gr. 3) - Aqu

Saturday, April 7

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

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 8

Appalachian Stakes (Gr. 2) - Kee
Beaumont Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee
Tokyo City Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Friday, April 13

Maker's 46 Mile (Gr. 1) - Kee
Apple Blossom Handicap (Gr. 1) - OP
Fantasy Stakes (Gr. 3) - OP

Saturday, April 14

\$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

Friday, April 20

Doubledogdare Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Saturday, April 21

\$1.2M Charles Town Classic (Gr. 2) - CT
\$100k Dance to Bristol Stakes - CT
\$85k Robert Hilton Memorial - CT
\$50k Russell Road Stakes - CT
\$50k Coin Collector Stakes - CT
\$50k It's Binn Too Long Stakes - CT
BOA TX Challenge (QH-Gr. 2) - Hou
Elkhorn Stakes (Gr. 2) - Kee
\$200k George Levy Pacing Final - Yonkers
\$125k Blue Chip Matchmaker Final - Yonkers

Friday, April 27

Bewitch Stakes (Gr. 3) - Kee

Saturday, April 28

Sam Houston Futurity (QH-Gr. 2) - Hou
Sam Houston Derby (QH-Gr. 3) - Hou
Whimsical Stakes (Can-Gr. 3) - WO

Race Meets Starting in March and April

Northville Downs (Harness) • March 2
Remington Park (Quarter Horse) • March 9
Will Rogers Downs (Thoroughbred) • March 12
Pocono Downs (Harness) • March 17
Scarborough Downs (Harness) • March 24
Hawthorne (Thoroughbred) • March 30
Hoosier Park (Harness) • March 30

SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK (Quarter Horse) • March 30

Century Downs (Harness) • April 1
Evangeline Downs (Thoroughbred) • April 4
Keeneland • April 6

Harrah's Philadelphia (Harness) • April 6
Harrington (Harness) • April 9
Mohawk (Harness) • April 12

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO (Harness) • April 16

Indiana Grand • April 17
Lone Star Park (Thoroughbred) • April 19
Delta Downs (Quarter Horse) • April 20
Vernon Downs (Harness) • April 20
Finger Lakes • April 21
Hastings • April 21
SunRay Park • April 21
Woodbine (Thoroughbred) • April 21
Emerald Downs • April 22
Prairie Meadows (Thoroughbred) • April 26
Belmont Park • April 27
Belterra Park • April 27
Churchill Downs • April 28
JACK Thistledown • April 30

*Some Tracks Not Available at all Penn National Gaming Locations

Dubai World Cup - Saturday, March 31

Mark your calendars for great international racing from Meydan Race Course on Saturday, March 31 when they host the \$10M Dubai World Cup.

Scheduled to appear from North America are Pegasus World Cup runner-up West Coast and champion mare Forever Unbridled.

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.

Plainridge Park Casino Opens 2018 Live Meet on April 16

Plainridge Park Casino begins their 2018 Standardbred meet on Monday, April 16. The 110-day race meet will feature live racing every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through November 29, 2018. Friday racing will be added during the months of May, June, and July.

First race post time is scheduled for 4:00 PM ET on all race days through August 30. 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 will again offer exciting wagering opportunities including the \$.20 Jackpot Wicked Hi 5.

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