

# TRACK TALK

  
**LONE STAR PARK**  
*at Grand Prairie®*

## BIG CHANGES AFOOT AT LONE STAR PARK



Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie recently announced that the main racetrack is being completely renovated along with major grandstand improvements to be in place in time for the upcoming 13-week, 2013 Spring Thoroughbred Season beginning Thursday, April 11.

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### SPECIAL DATES

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| • Stall Apps Due                                 | Feb. 27  |
| • Barn Area Opens As Training Center             | March 11 |
| • First Day Of Training                          | March 13 |
| • First Day Of Official Workouts                 | March 18 |
| • Barn Area Opens For Regular Race Meet Stabling | March 25 |
| • First Day Of Gate Schooling                    | March 26 |
| • Zero Date For Foal Papers                      | April 3  |
| • 2YO In Training Sale                           | April 3  |
| • Under Tack Show                                | April 1  |
| • Summer Training Begins                         | July 14  |

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## LETTER FROM DREW SHUBECK



Dear Horsemen,

We are pleased to announce that we have recently begun a complete renovation of our main racetrack and major grandstand renovations will be completed prior to the opening of our 2013 Spring Thoroughbred Season on Thursday, April 11.

The track reconditioning is currently underway and will feature a new cushion mixture to ensure track safety and consistency. During the course of our Fall Meeting of Champions for American Quarter Horses, we noticed inconsistencies in the main dirt track that caused some bias during races. A complete investigation by independent, top track and soil experts, found that remnants of the previously used cushion material remained in broad areas of the track. This material caused difficulties grooming the track each day in order to achieve a uniform distribution of cushion from the inner rail to the outside of the racetrack. Our first and foremost objective is to have a safe and consistent racetrack surface and we believe these renovations will do just that for our horsemen.

The changes to the main racetrack are not the only improvements being made at Lone Star Park. A new Daktronics infield board was installed in September and the main grandstand façade and apron received a new facelift, as well. Returning customers will notice a significant change on the fourth floor of the 280,000 square foot, glass-enclosed, climate controlled grandstand. The main 1,200 seat Silks Dining Terraces are undergoing a dramatic renovation including new tables and chairs and a completely redesigned television presentation. Additionally, a new menu will be launched just in time for the Spring Thoroughbred Season beginning Thursday, April 11 featuring many of the traditional favorites with an influx of exciting new flavors and a wide variety of offerings for the discriminating horse lovers' ever changing palate.

For the horsemen, stable area improvements will include central air conditioning in the dorm rooms, new hot walkers and new siding on the barns.

As always, we appreciate your partnership and look forward to seeing you again on Thursday, April 11 as we begin our 17th Spring Thoroughbred Season.

Regards,

Drew Shubeck  
President & General Manager



3" Groomed

5" Semi-compacted

2" Semi-compacted

Limestone base

### LONE STAR PARK RACETRACK RENOVATION PROJECT

- 1) *Removal of all cushion material in order to fully inspect the limestone base.*
- 2) *Reapplication of the cushion, allowing sub-cushion material to blend with saved cushion material.*
- 3) *Washed sand, clay and organics will be blended to achieve optimum blend of cushion materials.*



## CLUBHOUSE DINING TERRACES TO BE RENOVATED

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## NEW EXCLUSION POLICY ANNOUNCED

Lone Star Park also recently announced a new exclusion policy which is consistent with regulations adopted by other racetracks and a written position issued by the Jockey Club last month: "Lone Star Park is committed to ensuring that the racing programs we conduct reflect the highest standards of safety and integrity. Lone Star Park reserves the right not to allocate stalls or accept entries from any horsemen on the suspended list from either the American Quarter Horse Association or The Jockey Club."

## NEW TRACK SUPERINTENDENT

Lone Star Park is pleased to announce the promotion of long-time track maintenance employee, Aaron "Pee Wee" Pelt to Track Superintendent. Pelt has been with Lone Star Park for 16 years and was most recently the Assistant Track Superintendent to longtime track man George McDermott who retired in November. "My life-long goal was to become a "track man", said Pelt. "Safety is my first priority and I am confident that the track renovation will be to horsemen's standards and is something the horsemen will be happy with."



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## 2013 SPRING THOROUGHBRED SEASON

Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie offers a 50-day 2013 Spring Thoroughbred Season which opens Thursday, April 11 and concludes on Saturday, July 6, featuring 11 stakes races totaling over \$1.1 million. The schedule is highlighted by the \$300,000 Lone Star Park Handicap (Grade III) for three year olds and up at 1-1/16 miles on Monday, May 27 and the \$200,000 Texas Mile (Grade III) for three year olds and up at one mile on Saturday, April 27. Live racing will be held four days a week, Thursday and Friday at 6:35 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 1:35 p.m. (except Thursday, May 30 and Saturday and Sunday, June 23 & June 30 when there will be no live racing. Special holiday fireworks racing programs on Wednesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 4 will feature 5 p.m. first race post times.)

### 2013 STAKES SCHEDULE

Thurs., April 11th	<b>PREMIERE STAKES</b> Texas-Bred, Three Year Olds & Up Six & One-Half Furlongs	\$50,000 Guaranteed
Sat., April 13th	<b>JEH STALLION STATION STAKES</b> Texas-Bred, Fillies & Mares, Three Year Olds & Up Six & One-Half Furlongs	\$50,000 Guaranteed
Sat., April 27th	<b>TEXAS MILE - GRADE III</b> Three Year Olds & Up One Mile	\$200,000 Guaranteed
Sat., May 11th	<b>TEXAS STALLION STAKES - GOT KOKO DIVISION</b> Fillies, Three Year Olds One Mile	\$75,000 Guaranteed
Sat., May 11th	<b>TEXAS STALLION STAKES - STYMIE DIVISION</b> Colts & Geldings, Three Year Olds One Mile	\$75,000 Guaranteed
Sat., May 11th	<b>LANE'S END STALLION SCHOLARSHIP STAKES</b> Texas-Bred, Fillies & Mares, Three Year Olds & Up Seven & One-Half Furlongs (Turf)	\$50,000 Guaranteed
Mon., May 27th	<b>LONE STAR PARK HANDICAP - GRADE III</b> Three Year Olds & Up One Mile & One-Sixteenth	\$300,000 Guaranteed
Sat., July 6th	<b>TTA SALES FUTURITY - FILLY DIVISION</b> Fillies, Two Year Olds Five Furlongs	\$100,000 Estimated, \$50,000 Added
Sat., July 6th	<b>TTA SALES FUTURITY - COLT/GELDING DIVISION</b> Colts & Geldings, Two Year Olds Five Furlongs	\$100,000 Estimated, \$50,000 Added
Sat., July 6th	<b>ASSAULT STAKES</b> Texas-Bred, Three Year Olds & Up One Mile	\$50,000 Guaranteed
Sat., July 6th	<b>VALOR FARM STAKES</b> Texas-Bred, Fillies & Mares, Three Year Olds & Up Six Furlongs	\$50,000 Guaranteed