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Arizona Racing Commission approves temporary permit for Rillito Park in Tucson

Nov. 6, 2014—The Arizona Racing Commission gave temporary approval for a permit to conduct a 20-day live racing meet at historic Rillito Park in Tucson beginning in February of 2015.

The decision by the Commission during a special telephonic meeting held Oct. 21, allows for management of Rillito Racing Inc. to begin preparations for live racing at the Tucson facility, while its Commercial racetrack application is under Substantive review. The temporary permit remains in effect until such time as the permit review process is complete and the Commission has made its final decision.

In July of 2014, the Pima County Board of Supervisors awarded a lease of the racetrack facility to the Rillito Racing, Inc., a subsidiary of the non-profit Rillito Park Racing Foundation. The group won the competitive bid against the Pima County Horsemen's Association, which conducted the race meet for more than 25 years.

The proposed 20-day meet calls for racing on Saturdays and Sundays from Feb. 7 through April 11. In addition, two special Friday cards are planned for March 27 and April 10. On Easter Sunday no racing will be conducted.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Feb. 7-Live Racing Day 1
Feb. 8-Live Racing Day 2
Feb. 14-Live Racing Day 3
Feb. 15-Live Racing Day 4
Feb. 21-Live Racing Day 5
Feb. 22-Live Racing Day 6
Feb. 28-Live Racing Day 7
March 1-Live Racing Day 8

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March 7-Live Racing Day 9

March 8-Live Racing Day 10

March 14-Live Racing Day 11

March 15-Live Racing Day 12

March 21-Live Racing Day 13

March 22-Live Racing Day 14

Friday, March 27—Day 15

March 28--Day 16

March 29-Day 17

Sat., April 4—Day 18

CLOSED EASTER

Friday, April 10-Day 19

Sat., April 11-Day 20

The Arizona Racing Commission is a five-member board that prepares and adopts rules to govern racing meetings as may be required to protect and promote the safety and welfare of the animals participating in racing meetings; protect and to promote public health, safety and the proper conduct of racing and pari-mutuel wagering.

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