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Indiana Grand Racing & Casino stakes schedule features more than \$4 million in 2014

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SHELBYVILLE, Ind.; –April 18, 2014 – Indiana Grand Racing & Casino is stepping into a new light in the horse racing industry. Beginning Tuesday, May 6, the facility located in Shelbyville, Ind. will race under a new name, logo and color scheme featuring shades of gold for the 120 day Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse meet. In those 120 days, more than \$4 million will be offered over 35 stakes with more than \$1.5 million available for Quarter Horse stakes.

The focus of the meet always falls on the first Saturday in October with the 20th running of the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby. The race, contested this year Saturday, Oct. 4, is Indiana's richest and is complimented by eight other stakes on the card, including the Grade II \$200,000-added Indiana Oaks. Other stakes for the day include the \$100,000-added Michael G. Schaefer Mile, the \$100,000-added Mari Hulman George, and the \$100,000-added Ta Wee. In all, a total of more than \$1.3 million will be offered in racing that day, making it the richest day of racing in Indiana history.

"We raised two stakes purses this season," said Kevin Greely, director of racing. "The Indiana Grand Stakes, set for Wednesday, July 23, was raised from \$125,000 to \$200,000 and the Ta Wee on Indiana Derby Night was raised from \$65,000 to \$100,000. With the exception of Indiana Derby Night and the final night of racing Saturday, Nov. 1, all of our stakes will be carded on Wednesday afternoons with a first post of 2:05 p.m."

Other stakes races that will capture attention from outside influences in the racing world will include the \$200,000-added Centaur Stakes and the \$100,000 J. Kenneth Self Shelby County Boys & Girls Club Stakes set for Wednesday, June 18. Both races are scheduled for the turf and are open, which will draw entries from outside the state of Indiana with three-year-olds featured in the Centaur Stakes and four-year-olds and up heading into the other event.

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino will offer two other days throughout the season that showcase stakes in excess of \$300,000, featuring the \$100,000-added Girls Inc. of Shelby County open to all older females on the turf and the \$200,000-added Indiana Grand open to three-yearold fillies on the turf set for Wednesday, July 23. The track will also host the \$150,000-added Governor's Stakes for Indiana bred three-yearolds and the \$150,000-added Indiana First Lady for Indiana bred three-yearold fillies Wednesday, Aug. 6.

The meet will conclude Saturday, Nov. 1 with \$470,000 in stakes monies for four events, the \$150,000-added Too Much Coffee, the \$150,000-added Frances Slocum, the \$85,000-added Miss Indiana and the \$85,000-added Indiana Futurity, all Indiana-bred stakes. The event will fall on the heels of the Breeders' Cup, which will begin earlier in the day from Santa Anita Park and will flow into live racing from Indiana Grand at 5:05 p.m.

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In Quarter Horse action, a total of 17 stakes will take place throughout the season with 6 days dedicated solely to the sprinters. Among those days, nine stakes will boast a purse of \$100,000 or higher with the featured events including the \$150,000 Gordon Mobley Futurity and the \$150,000 Miss Roxie Little Futurity set for Saturday, Oct. 25. Other major stakes include the \$100,000 Born Runner Classic Saturday, June 14, the \$100,000 Blue River Derby and the \$100,000 Jaguar Rocket Stakes set for Saturday, July 26, the \$100,000 QHRAI Stallion Service Auction Futurity set for Saturday, Sept. 13 and a trio of \$100,000 events set for Saturday, Oct. 25 with the Governor's Stakes, the QHRAI Derby and the Sterlie Bertram Memorial.

Days reserved for all Quarter Horse racing include Friday, May 30, Saturday, July 5, Saturday, July 26, Saturday, Aug. 30, Friday, Oct. 10 and Saturday, Oct. 26. All other Quarter Horse races are held at the conclusion of the Thoroughbred races on specified days.

Indiana Grand Racing & Casino will offer four days of racing May 6 through Nov. 1, 2014, adding Thursday racing July 17. Racing begins at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with a 5:05 p.m. post Friday and Saturday. For more information, please visit indianagrand. com and click on the racing tab at the top of the homepage.

About Indiana Grand Racing & Casino: Indiana Grand Racing & Casino holds multiple awards from industry publications for customer service, entertainment, gaming and dining. Located in Shelbyville, Ind., Indiana Grand features 2,000 of the latest slots and electronic table games in addition to a one-mile oval race course offering live Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing each year. Simulcast wagering is also offered year-round at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino as well as an off-track betting facility located in Clarksville, Indiana. For more information, please visit www.IndianaGrand.com.

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2 Year Olds

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Sex
October 1, 2014	The Indiana Stallion Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F
October 1, 2014	The Crown Ambassador (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
October 1, 2014	The Hillsdale Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
October 1, 2014	The City Of Anderson	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F
November 1, 2014	The Indiana Futurity	1 mile 70 yds.	\$85,000 added	
November 1, 2014	The Miss Indiana Stales	1 mile 70 yds.	\$85,000 added	F

3 Year Olds

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Sex
June 4, 2014	The Swifty Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F
June 4, 2014	The Sagamore Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
July 9, 2014	The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	F
July 9, 2014	The Snack Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	
August 6, 2014	The Indiana First Lady Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds.	\$150,000 guaranteed	F
August 6, 2014	The Governor's Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds.	\$150,000 guaranteed	
October 4, 2014	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	
October 4, 2014	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	F

3 Year Olds & Up

Date	Race	Distance	Purse	Sex
June 25, 2014	The Shelby County Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F/M
June 25, 2014	The William Henry Harrison Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
Aug. 6, 2014	The Florence Henderson Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	F/M
Aug. 6, 2014	The A.J. Foyt Stakes	1 1/16 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	
Sep. 10, 2014	The Merrillville Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	F/M
Sep. 10, 2014	The Brickyard Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	
Oct. 4, 2014	The Richmond Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	F/M
Oct. 4, 2014	The Gus Grissom Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	
Nov. 1, 2014	The Frances Slocum Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	F/M
Nov. 1, 2014	The Too Much Coffee Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 guaranteed	

(*S) denotes this is for Sired Horses. (T) denotes this is a Turf Race. F denotes for fillies only. F/M denotes for Fillies and Mares.

INDIANA "OTTB" RACING INTO SECOND CAREER with a little help from Friends of Ferdinand

Meet Right to War, these days known as "Raplh." Right to War is a 2009 gelding bred by Polish Rose Stables (IN.) After three starts at the racetrack, Bill and Wendy Brown decided that racing was not going to be his "thing" and they contacted Friends of Ferdinand (FFI.)

We accepted Right to War into our re-training and adoption program in 2013, and he started his next chapter at Greenstone Stables, our retraining facility. The volunteers are Greenstone named him Ralph, and Lori Miller (FFI's head trainer) and Elle Welch (FFI's student intern) set out to discover what he wanted to do. Over the winter, Ralph was assigned to Elle to bring along and he learned to jump. In fact, he is quite good at it.

As soon as the weather broke, Elle loaded up Ralph, and off they went to Twin Towers to test him out on the Cross Country field. Ralph had a great time navigating the logs, ditches and water complex easily. It was decided: his ideal home was with an amateur eventer.

With his happy attitude that is eager to please, Ralph is suitable for an intermediate level rider that needs a level-headed, uncomplicated and athletic horse. We are pleased to let you know that currently, Ralph is out on trial with Megan, who is an adult Area VIII event rider looking for her next partner.





Congratulations to Bill and Wendy Brown for retiring Right to War and giving him the chance to shine in a second career.

About Friends of Ferdinand Inc.

Friends of Ferdinand, Inc. is an Indianapolis-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible racehorse retirement by providing racehorses with alternatives at the end of their careers. At this time, we are focusing on thorough-bred racehorses. Our programs include an internet track-listing assistance service for racehorse owners, a thoroughbred donation/ transition/ adoption program, a retraining program, and educational efforts targeting racehorse owners, breeders and trainers, as well as the horse community and the general public.

Friends of Ferdinand's programs and policies do more than most off-track transitioning programs. We invest in both the health and abilities of our horses so that they might find homes more quickly, and more appropriately.

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