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RACING SEASON UNDERWAY AT INDIANA GRAND RACING & CASINO

The 12th season of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing is underway at Indiana Grand Racing & Casino. The 120-day meet kicked off Tuesday, May 6 and has been going strong ever since, drawing large weekend crowds that are enjoying many new changes and upgrades to the facility. One of the most notable additions at Indiana Grand is the new state of the art 10mm LED Video Display board which is the centerpiece of the new tote board. The "Jumbotron" provides a perfect seat in the house for all racing fans and brings all the racing action to life. Along with the "Jumbotron," all new flat screen televisions have been upgraded throughout the interior of the grandstand facility.

The apron includes a new winner's circle and three new food stations, including Derby Dawgs & Hoosier Burgers, Bears BBQ and Le Grande Taco stand. The Tiki Hut, a popular stop for patrons outdoors, has also been expanded to include patio style seating available during live racing. The \$85,000-added Sagamore Sired Stakes and the \$85,000-added Swifty Sired Fillies Stakes kicked off the stakes season in early June. In all, more than \$4 million will be offered during the season for Thoroughbred racing spread over 35 stakes races.

The \$200,000-added Centaur Stakes and the \$100,000-added J. Kenneth Self Shelby County Boys Club Stakes, both listed events, will kick off turf racing in early July. HRTV's On-Air Television Host Peter Lurie will be on track to showcase the day of racing Wednesday, July 2. Lurie will be joined by Indiana Grand's broadcast team that includes Rachel McLaughlin, Bill Downes and Nancy Ury-Holthus.

FastBet Mobile, a fully mobile race wagering technology that offers guests the ability to wager directly from a supplied mobile tablet or their own smartphone, iPad or Android device is now available. Hand held devices are available to use from the new Rewards Club, which has locations on both the first floor OTB level as well as the second floor Clubhouse.

While at the Rewards Club, guests may register for one of several new daily contests and promotions offered to the lineup in 2014. Friday evenings offer "Beat the Big Guy," which puts \$100 on the line for the top player that can out-handicap the selections made by the "Big Guy" in five races on the program. In addition, all players who "Beat the Big Guy" in the promotion are eligible to return each Saturday for a \$250 drawing. Friday evenings also offer "Friday Facebook Check-in" and "Five Grand," which showcases the top five jockeys at the track. Anytime one of the top five jockeys wins in races 1-8, a \$20 drawing is held. The new promotions join "Trifecta Tuesdays," "Sur-5-vor" and "Winsday Wagering Warriors" as weekly contests. The format of "Winsday Wagering Warriors" has also been expanded to include a \$2,000 final set for the last Wednesday of the meet Oct. 29. All contests are free with Rewards Club membership required to participate in all contests. Membership into the club is also free and offers members special promotions, points and privileges on all aspects of Indiana Grand, whether it be racing, gaming, dining or entertainment.

One of the biggest upgrades for horsemen in 2014 is the complete renovation of the racetrack. At the conclusion of the 2013 meet, Track Superintendent John Jamison went to work removing the old surface down to the base. The configuration of the track was realigned, bringing the grades down on both the turns and the straightaways, which is more conducive to Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing. Jamison also designed a new starting gate with state of the art options. The gate offers two different settings, operating on hydraulics to move closer to the ground during Quarter Horse racing.

Upgrades and changes have also been made on the backstretch at Indiana Grand. Two new barns opened for the 2014 race meet, bringing the number of stalls available to just under 1,000. Each of the new barns offer 76 stalls with 13 tack rooms and six wash bays. Eight new walking machines are now available and construction is underway on additional dormitories. The Backstretch Café has also had upgrades, now providing both American and Hispanic fare. The facility is open to the public and is a perfect place to catch morning workouts as it overlooks the racetrack and offers new patio seating.

Several special events have been set up during the 2014 meet. "International Festival" is slated for Saturday, Aug. 9, "Brews, Blues and BBQ" will be the focus Saturday, Sept. 13, and "Indiana Derby Night" will be the highlight of the season Saturday, Oct. 4. The event is the richest day in racing for the state of Indiana and includes more than \$1 million in purse money featuring the 20th running of the Grade II \$500,000-added Indiana Derby and the Grade II \$200,000-added Indiana Oaks. The final evening of racing in 2014 will be conducted Saturday, Nov. 1, which is also Breeders' Cup Day.



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2014 INDIANA BRED STAKES SCHEDULE

Date (2014)	Race	Distance	Purse	Age	Sex
June 4	The Swifty Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F
June 4	The Sagamore Sired Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
June 25	The Shelby County Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
June 25	The William Henry Harrison Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
July 9	The Ellen's Lucky Star Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	F/M
July 9	The Snack Stakes	1 Mile (T)	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
Aug 6	The Florence Henderson Stakes	1 Mile 1/16 (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Aug 6	The A.J. Foyt Stakes	1 Mile 1/16 (T)	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Aug 6	The Indiana First Lady Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds.	\$150,000 Guaranteed	3 year olds	F
Aug 6	The Governor's Stakes	1 Mile 70 Yds.	\$150,000 Guaranteed	3 year olds	
Aug 27	ITOBA Stallion Season Stake - Colts	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	C/G
Aug 27	ITOBA Stallion Season Stake – Fillies	1 Mile	\$75,000 added	3 year olds	F/M
Sept 10	The Merrillville Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F
Sept 10	The Brickyard Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 1	The Indiana Stallion Stakes (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Oct 1	The Crown Ambassador (*S)	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Oct 1	The Hillsdale Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Oct 1	The City Of Anderson	6 Furlongs	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F
Oct 4	The Richmond Stakes (*S)	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	F/M
Oct 4	The Gus Grissom Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 and up	
Oct 4	Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$85,000 added	3 year olds	
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Nov 1	The Frances Slocum Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 Guaranteed	3 and up	F/M
Nov 1	The Too Much Coffee Stakes	1 1/16 Mile	\$150,000 Guaranteed	3 and up	
Nov 1	The Indiana Futurity	1 mile 70 yds.	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	
Nov 1	The Miss Indiana Stales	1 mile 70 yds.	\$85,000 added	2 year olds	F

(*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.

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