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ROCKINGHAM OPENS FOR LIVE RACING ON SATURDAY; 102ND SEASON IN TRACK'S HISTORY

SALEM, NH-- With stables arriving from all over the country and some of the top horsemen in the country eager to compete for purse money and honors, the stage is set for Rockingham Park's live harness racing meet to open on Saturday.

The meet, which will run through Labor Day, is the 102nd in the venerable history of the Salem landmark. With the quality and quantity of horses shipping in, this year's edition promises to be exciting as well as competitive for horses in all classes.

On opening weekend, with racing on Saturday, Sunday, and Memorial Day on Monday, every paid admission 18 and older will receive a free season pass and the promotion will be in effect until June 1st. On Monday, May 26th, everyone attending the races will be given a free flag pin to commemorate Memorial Day.

The highlight of Rockingham's harness meeting is the \$50,000 New Hampshire Sweepstakes for pacers on Saturday, June 14, with eliminations for that event being held the previous Saturday. The meet's top trotting race, the \$50,000 Joseph Carney Memorial Trot, will be on Sunday, August 31st and the eliminations will be on Sunday, August 24th. Other significant races include the \$20,000 Mountain Skipper final on June 7th, the \$20,000 Belle Acton final on June 29th, and the \$20,000 Yankee Bambino Final on July 27th.

In addition to great racing, the track will present another season of fine family entertainment and the Pepsi Family Fun Day scheduled for Sunday, July 13th is the center of the summer promotional schedule. The Pepsi Family Fun Day features free pony rides and all sorts of complimentary children's entertainment including clowns, face painters, magicians, caricature artists, amusements, and much more. Everyone attending has the chance to win free tickets to Red Sox, Lowell Spinners, New Hampshire Fisher Cats, and Manchester Wolves games plus hundreds more fabulous free prizes.

There will also be opportunities for adults to win desirable prizes at the track throughout the summer and those include \$100 gas cards from Klemm's Mobile on the Run in Windham, restaurant gift certificates, and merchandise from Budweiser and Coors Light.

In keeping with tradition at the track, Coors Light will once again sponsor two popular handicapping contests, one for harness racing fans beginning on July 12th and another for Thoroughbred racing aficionados starting on August 9th. There is no cost to enter either contest and each offers \$1,000 in prize money.

In addition to live harness racing, Rockingham presents full card Thoroughbred, greyhound, and harness simulating plus Texas Hold 'Em poker and Bingo games to benefit local charities seven days per week. On Saturday, June 7th, Rockingham will offer full card simulcasting of the Belmont Stakes from Belmont Park in New York and horse racing fans are invited to be on hand to witness Big Brown's odds-on attempt to become the first Triple Crown winner in 30 years.

For more information about racing, simulcasting, and the summer promotional schedule, click on www.rockinghampark.com or call 603-898-2311. For rules, schedules, tournaments, and other information regarding poker at the track, please visit www.granitestatepoker.com.