November 2 – 5, 2011

#### LIVE RACING SCHEDULE

Delta Downs will conduct the third of 22 weeks of live Thoroughbred racing this Wednesday through Saturday. Post times each night during the 88-day season are at 5:45 p.m.

The track's 2011-2012 meeting will run through March 17. The only exception to the post time schedule will occur on Saturday, November 19, when a special afternoon program will take place during the ninth running of the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III). Post time on Jackpot Day will be at 1:15 p.m.



The richest and most important race of the year takes place in just two weeks on Saturday, November 19. It's the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III) for 2-year-olds seeking a huge paycheck and a possible starting spot in next year's Kentucky Derby.

This year's program will include eight stakes and nearly \$2.2 million in total purse money. There will be a special first post time of 1:15 p.m. on Jackpot Day.



Fans can win their very own official \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot t-shirt between now and November 18 on the track's simulcast show hosted by track announcer Don Stevens.

Each evening, Stevens will gather emails and enter them in a special drawing to determine one t-shirt winner per night. The winning name will be revealed on the simulcast program during the pre-race handicapping segment prior to race 10.

All t-shirt winners will then be entered into a grand prize drawing that will take place after the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot is run on November 19. The grand prize includes a Friday and Saturday night in Delta Downs luxurious hotel and free buffet meals during your visit!

#### \$100,000 JACKPOT DAY PICK 4 DRAWS NEAR

In addition to great racing on Delta Downs Jackpot Day, November 19, race fans can also take a shot at a big payoff with the \$100,000 guaranteed Pick 4 wagering pool. The bet will take place on races 4-7, which includes the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III) and the \$500,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III) along with two other added-money events.

Last year's Delta Downs Jackpot Pick 4 bet returned a whopping \$5,551.60 for a \$2 ticket with the winning combination of 8-6-8-1. The Delta Downs Jackpot Day Pick 4 record payoff came in 2006 when Birdbirdistheword anchored the bet when it paid a staggering \$22,225.80!!

# 252 HORSES ARE NOMINATED TO THE \$1,000,000 DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT (GR. III)

Nominations closed on Saturday, October 22 for this year's \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III). For the second year in a row, the 1-1/16 mile event for 2-year-olds attracted a record number of possible starts with 252. Last year the race had 238 nominations.

Prominent trainers who have nominated horses to this year's big race, which takes place on Saturday, November 19, include past winners Kenneth McPeek (Birdbirdistheword, 2006), William Mott (Z Humor, deat heat in 2007), Mark Casse (Turf War, deat heat in 2007), David Fawkes (Big Drama, 2008), and Todd Pletcher (Rule, 2009) among others.

Pre-entries for the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot will take place on Tuesday, Novemember 8. Final entries and post positions will be drawn in the Delta Downs racing office on Wednesday, November 16.

### IT'S BACK TO STAKES RACING ON SATURDAY!

Delta Downs will host a pair of \$100,000 races for Louisiana-breds on Saturday night. They include the Magnolia for older fillies and mares competing at one mile, and the Gold Cup, for 3-year-olds and up also traveling one mile.

Last year's Magnolia Stakes was won by Jac Mac Stables, LLC's Superior Storm, who set a stakes record. The Richard Jackson trainer covered the one-mile distance over a fast track in 1:39.60 with jockey John Jacinto in the saddle.



2010 Magnolia Stakes winner Superior Storm with John Jacinto.

The 2010 Gold Cup was won by Heiligbrodt Racing Stable's, Snug, with jockey Gerard Melancon in the saddle for trainer James Hudson.

The win by Snug was his second in the same race as he was also victorious in the 2008. Just like Superior Storm, Snug set a stakes record last year as he stopped the timer in 1:38.33.



Snug, winning last year's Gold Cup with Gerard Melancon up.

## THE \$1,000,000 DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE

Fans now have a way to keep up with all the fun and excitement of Delta Downs Jackpot Day on the internet. It's at <a href="https://www.deltadownsjackpot.com">www.deltadownsjackpot.com</a>.

The Delta Downs Jackpot website features up-to-date information on nominations, entries, past performances, past winners, handicapping tournaments and the \$100,000 Jackpot Day Pick 4 wager.

Fans can also relive past \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot races with video of all previous runnings going back to the inaugural race in 2002.



Delta Downs now has a special page on Facebook for fans to get information and interact with track announcer and simulcast host Don Stevens

Check us out, and be sure to click the 'Like Us' button. Simulcast fans from coast to coast are discovering the hottest new racing page on Facebook every day!

### **DON'T MISS THE BREEDERS' CUP**



Delta Downs fans can watch and wager on this year's 15 Breeders' Cup Championship races in

the track's OTB this week. The action takes place on Friday and Saturday. Post time on Friday from Churchill Downs is set for 1 p.m. The first race on Saturday gets underway at 11:05 a.m.

#### **MCMAHON RISES**



Apprentice jockey C. J. McMahon.

Young apprentice jockey C. J. McMahon is quickly becoming one of the top riders in Thoroughbred racing today. The 17-year-old son of longtime Delta Downs Quarter Horse rider Charles McMahon, C. J. burst onto the scene at Evangeline Downs this summer finishing fifth in the jockey standings with 65 wins from 505 mounts. His rides earned a total of \$997,751 during the meeting.

Through the first eight days of the current Delta Downs season, McMahon leads all jockeys with 14 wins and \$176,744 in mount earnings. His win total puts him five ahead of defending Delta Downs leading jockey Tracy Hebert, who has been to the winner's circle nine times thus far.

Following the top pair of riders as the third week of the season gets underway on Wednesday are Diego Saenz (8 wins), Gerard Melancon (7), Richard Eramia (6), Kevin Smith (5), Kerwin Clark (5), Don Siminton (4), Beverly Burress (3), and Jansen Melancon (3).

In terms of mount earnings the jockeys stack up like this: C. J. McMahon (\$176,744), Diego Saenz (\$172,413), Gerard Melancon (\$155,762), Tracy Hebert (\$138,045), Richard Eramia (\$125,170), Elvis Trujillo (\$120,000), Luis Jurado (\$90,000), Kerwin Clark (\$84,419), Kevin Smith (\$81,661), and Don Simington (\$78,072).

#### <u>Delta Downs Jockey Standings By Wins</u> <u>October 19 – 29, 2011</u>

Name	Sts	1st
C. J. McMahon*	57	14
Tracy J. Hebert	39	9
Diego Saenz	40	8
Gerard Melancon	38	7
Richard E. Eramia	22	6
Kevin J. Smith	42	5
Kerwin D. Clark	30	3
Donald Edward Simington	35	3
Beverly Burress	32	3
Jansen Melancon	38	3
* Denotes Apprentice Rider.		

#### BOURGEOIS WORKING TOWARD MILESTONE



Trainer Keith Bourgeois needs just seven wins to reach 2,000 for his career.

Keith Bourgeois has had a wonderful career and much of his success has come at Delta Downs. The Lafayette, Louisiana resident and former champion bareback rodeo rider has won seven leading trainer titles in Vinton and now has his sights set on yet another milestone and it may come at one of his favorite racetracks.

Through the first eight days of the current Delta Downs season, Bourgeois has sent out two winners, but more importantly his career total for victories now stands at 1,993. With 20 of 22 weeks of racing still to come, Bourgeois is sure to reach the 2,000-win plateau and everyone here at the racetrack is ready to celebrate. Good luck Keith!

## TRAINERS ARE ALL BUNCHED UP AT THE TOP OF STANDINGS

If the competition for leading trainer through the first two weeks of the season is any indication of what will happen the rest of the meet, race fans are in for ride as they watch to top conditioners go at it through closing day.

Heading into week #3 there is a three-way tie for the top spot with four wins, and a five-way tie for the fourth position at three tallies a piece.

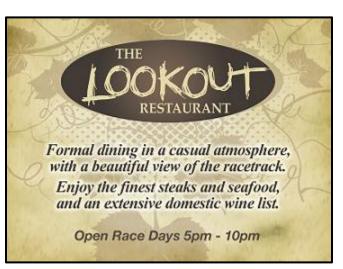
Locked up at the top are Tony Richey, Patrick Devereaux, Jr. and Brian House. Deadlocked for fourth are defending champion Sam Breaux, Preston Adams, Charles Hukill, Brett Brinkman and Terry Vance. Rounding out the top ten trainers are Keith Bourgeois and Shane Wilson, who have each saddled two winners thus far.

In terms of barn earnings we have separation between all 10 leading trainers.

By virtue of his win with My Adonis in the \$200,000 Jean Lafitte Stakes, Kelly Breen leads the pack with a total of \$120,000. Breen is followed by David Vivian (\$90,000), Patrick Devereaux, Jr. (\$88,792), W. Bret Calhoun (\$73,236), Brett Brinkman (\$72,876), Preston Adams (\$70,658), Tony Richey (\$66,849), Sam Breaux (\$65,306), Brian House (\$61,476), and Charles Hukill (\$60,635).

#### <u>Delta Downs Trainer Standings by Wins</u> <u>October 19 – 29, 2011</u>

Name	Sts	1st
Tony J. Richey	17	4
Patrick Devereux, Jr.	8	4
Brian S. House	8	4
Sam Breaux	25	3
Preston Adams	15	3
Charles P. Hukill	22	3
Brett A. Brinkman	6	3
Terry W. Vance	10	3
Keith G. Bourgeois	21	3 2
Shane Wilson	14	2



## CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE TRACK? WATCH THE RACES ONLINE



Delta Downs now offers free live streaming video of its nightly race programs on the Internet. You can view the action by visiting <a href="https://www.deltadowns.com">www.deltadowns.com</a>.

Free live streaming video is a great way to enjoy Delta Downs racing even when you can't make it to the track in person.



### GET FREE RACE REPLAYS AT HOME!

In addition to free live streaming video of Delta Downs races, the track also offers free replays of all the races run earlier this season on its website.

To view the replays as many times as you like free of charge, just click on 'Race' on the homepage and then click 'Race Replays/Live Racing'.





#### **2011-2012 STAKES RACES**

Date	Race Name	
Sat., Oct. 22, 2011	My Trusty Cat	
Sat., Oct. 22, 2011	Jean Lafitte	
Sat., Nov. 5, 2011	Magnolia	
Sat., Nov. 5, 2011	Gold Cup	
	DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT DAY	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	\$500,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III)	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	\$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III)	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	Delta Mile	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	Treasure Chest	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	Louisiana Legacy	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	Louisiana Jewel	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	Orleans*	
Sat., Nov. 19, 2011	Sam's Town*	
Sat., Dec. 31, 2011	B-Connected**	
Sat., Dec. 31, 2011	Lookout**	
Sat., Jan. 14, 2012	Triple Sec	
Sat., Jan. 14, 2012	Genesis	
	LOUISIANA PREMIER NIGHT	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Bon Temps Starter	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Ladies Starter	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Gentlemen Starter	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Matron	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Sprint	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Starlet	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Prince	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Distaff	
Sat., Feb. 4, 2012	La. Premier Night Championship	
Sat., Mar. 3, 2012	Azalea	
Sat., Mar. 3, 2012	Pelican	
Sat., Mar. 17, 2012	Au Revoir***	
Sat., Mar. 17, 2012	Bonne Chance***	



The inaugural \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot trophy, on display in the Lookout Steak House daily.



