

HOLLYWOOD *Casino*[®] AT CHARLES TOWN RACES

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Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races Presents the Fifth Annual Race for the Ribbon

(Charles Town, WV – June 26, 2013) - For the fifth consecutive year, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is proudly partnering with the West Virginia affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Foundation to present the Race for the Ribbon on Saturday, September 21 to benefit breast cancer research. The Race for the Ribbon along with a showcase of ten other races will total over \$1 million in stakes purses for the day. Proceeds from a special breast cancer walk on the race track and other festive events will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure—WV Affiliate and help to eradicate breast cancer.

On Saturday, September 21, each and every donation made will help fund education, screenings and treatment services across 55 counties in West Virginia. Each \$25 donation made by participants of the breast cancer walk around the track will come with a commemorative t-shirt. Additionally, a pink lemonade stand, silent auction, and pink hat contest will be held throughout the day. The patron judged to be wearing the finest pink hat will be awarded a cash prize of \$500; second place will receive \$250 and third place \$100 respectively.

“We look forward to once again partnering with Susan G. Komen’s West Virginia affiliate to raise both funds and awareness to fight a disease that’s impacted so many of us, our families and friends” said Al Britton, Charles Town’s General Manager. “Combining a great cause with a great schedule of events culminating with an exciting night of thoroughbred racing has made it a rewarding and fun experience for everyone involved over the last few years.”

The night of racing is enhanced from the previous Race for the Ribbon cards and now includes both the \$400,000 Charles Town Oaks and \$400,000 Researcher for three-year-olds. The Charles Town Oaks stands behind only the Grade 1 Test at Saratoga on the list of the richest sprints for three-year-old fillies in the country, while the Researcher checks in behind only the Grade 1 King’s Bishop in terms of the nation’s most lucrative sprints for three-year-old colts and geldings.

“With the calendar in June and July crowded for a race like the Researcher, we saw a chance to move it to this day in September and help make the Race for the Ribbon card just that much more visible,” explained Charles Town’s Vice President of Racing Operations Erich Zimny. “Four horses in last year’s Charles Town Oaks came out of the Test and with the King’s Bishop being run on the same day, we’re hoping it has the same effect as a feeder race for the Researcher.”

Last year's Charles Town Oaks was won by the second betting choice in the Test and eventual Grade I winner Book Review, while the Researcher (formerly the Red Legend) was captured by Sum of the Parts. Past winners of the Researcher include 2010 Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Big Drama and J P's Gusto. In addition to the two marquee races, the \$50,000 Pink Ribbon will once again bear the name of the day's theme and be run as one of the six stakes on the program.

All told, the festivities on Saturday, September 21 will include:

- 10:30am - Registration for the Breast Cancer walk around the track
- 12:00pm - Breast cancer walk around the track (weather permitting)
- 5:00pm - Start of silent auction on third floor of Skyline Terrace Ballroom
- 5:00pm - Post time for the 1st race
- 8:00pm - Judging for Pink Hat Contest, with \$500 prize to the winner
- 8:45pm - \$50,000 Pink Ribbon S.
- 9:55pm - \$400,000 Researcher S.
- 10:00pm - Silent auction ends
- 10:30pm - \$400,000 Charles Town Oaks

The full lineup of stakes races and special events at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races on Race for the Ribbon day is comprised of:

- Charles Town Oaks, \$400,000, Fillies 3YO, 7 furlongs
- Researcher S., \$400,000 3YO, 7 furlongs
- Wild & Wonderful S., \$85,000, 3&up, 7 furlongs
- The Pink Ribbon, \$50,000, Fillies & Mares 3&up, 7 furlongs
- Rachel's Turn Stakes, \$50,000, WV-bred Fillies 2YO, 4 ½ furlongs
- Henry Mercer Memorial, \$50,000, WV-bred 2YO, 4 ½ furlongs

A quartet of West Virginia-bred handicaps serving as prep races for West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVII on October 19 will be announced at a later date. The stakes portion of the Race for the Ribbon card will be televised by HRTV, who will provide in-studio coverage of the event.

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About Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is conveniently located about an hour from Baltimore and Washington DC. With more than 4 million visitors each year, it is one of the region's fastest growing gaming and entertainment destinations.

A Penn National Gaming property, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races is a world-class resort destination, offering visitors a truly Las Vegas-style gaming experience that includes 3,200 slot machines, more than 100 table games, a 50-table poker room, and both live and simulcast horse racing year round. A wide range of quality restaurants and bars are offered, including authentic Hong Kong cuisine and sushi at 9 Dragons, a 350-seat Epic Buffet, and Final Cut Steakhouse—proud recipient of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence. The casino also offers an exciting nightlife experience at Skybox Sports Bar and H Lounge, with live entertainment and famous headliners performing for free. Hotel accommodations can be found on property at the Inn at Charles Town, which features 153 comfortable guest rooms, spacious suites and a variety of venues to host business or social functions.

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