

Welcome to Canterbury Park for our 2014 Racing Season

Canterbury Park is truly a unique summer racing destination. From the strong cooperative relationship between our staff and horsemen, to the ground breaking agreement with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, the upcoming season holds a lot of promise. We invite you to join us this summer and see what makes racing in Minnesota such a great experience. If you're like me and many others, you'll enjoy your time at Canterbury Park so much that you'll want to take part every year.

As you are likely aware, in June of 2012, Canterbury Park signed a ten-year, \$75 million cooperative purse enhancement and marketing agreement with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community – the owners of Mystic Lake Casino Hotel. This agreement has reinvigorated Canterbury Park's horsemen and helps us to offer a nationally competitive purse structure. When you consider the moderate climate of a Minnesota summer and add to that the fact that our dirt track and turf course are considered some of the safest in the country, it's no wonder that interest in being a part of our racing program has never been higher.

The staff and management of Canterbury Park aren't the only ones who are excited about the upcoming meet. Over the years we have developed an on-track racing and entertainment product that is second-to-none. Additionally, our attendance figures have increased nearly every season over the past two decades. In 2013 our daily average attendance of 6,595 fans contributed to substantial increases in handle and has led to Canterbury Park's simulcast signal being shown prominently in more and more out-of-state locations. We're working hard to continue the expansion of our signal through television and internet distribution and we expect an even better meet in 2014.

As you will see our condition book is structured to offer a wide selection of races for open horses as well as Minnesota-breds. The Canterbury turf course has a reputation as one of the best in the nation and provides opportunities not found at every track. Additionally, the stakes schedule will feature 37 races worth more than \$2 million in purse money. The highlight of the stakes schedule will take place on closing day when we contest the 3rd running of the \$200,000 Mystic Lake Derby for three-year-olds on the turf course.

Things are going in the right direction with racing in Minnesota. Purses are up, more horses are being bred in the state, attendance and handle are increasing and the Canterbury Park product is in high demand. Please consider a summer of racing in Minnesota. We're certain you'll want to be back every year.

Sincerely,



Eric Halstrom
Vice President of Racing Operations
Canterbury Park