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Important Dates in the Breeders' Cup Program

April 23, 1982 | At the annual Kentucky Derby Festival "They're Off" awards luncheon in Louisville, Kentucky, John R. Gaines announces plans for multi-race, multimillion-dollar Breeders' Cup Series.

May 3, 1982 | Board of Directors named for Breeders' Cup Limited (BCL), the nonprofit administrative organization for the Breeders' Cup.

July 27, 1982 | Breeders' Cup stakes race program outlined as a one-day, seven-race series with purses totaling \$13 million. Series to be known as "Racing International's Championship Program."

September 2, 1982 | After reviewing proposals from eight different racing associations, Breeders' Cup Track Selection Committee chooses Southern California as locale for inaugural Breeders' Cup Championship in 1984.

February 24, 1983 | Hollywood Park in Inglewood, California, selected as site for inaugural Breeders' Cup - November 10, 1984.

April 15, 1983 | BCL announces the nomination of 1,083 stallions, representing more than \$10.9 million in fees.

June 8, 1983 | \$10 million Breeders' Cup Premium Awards Program announced, with allocations slated for 90 racing associations in 22 states and five Canadian provinces.

September 13, 1983 | NBC Sports and the BCL announce an exclusive, multiyear contract to broadcast all seven Breeders' Cup races live to a worldwide audience in a four-hour television special.

January 2, 1984 | The split divisions of the La Prevoyante Handicap at Calder Race Course in Florida become the first races to offer Breeders' Cup Premium Awards.

January 4, 1984 | A point system based on first-, second-, and third-place finishes in North American Graded Stakes to be used to determine starters in Breeders' Cup races if any of the races are oversubscribed.

January 17, 1984 | The graded stakes panel of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association announces their unprecedented decision to assign grade I status to all seven Breeders' Cup races.

February 4, 1984 | Ollie Cohen's Eillo, eventual winner of the inaugural Breeders' Cup Sprint, named first Breeders' Cup Horse of the Month.

March 6, 1984 | Frank E. (Jimmy) Kilroe is named chairman of the five-member Racing Directors/ Secretaries Panel, which will select starters for the Breeders' Cup races if fields are oversubscribed.

May 8, 1984 | BCL announces the official names for the seven Breeders' Cup races, now slated with a total purse and nominator awards value of \$10 million.

August 29, 1984 | Major corporate sponsorship is secured for three of the seven Breeders' Cup races. Sponsors are Mobil Oil Corporation, De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. and Chrysler Corporation (Chrysler-Plymouth Division). By Breeders' Cup day two additional sponsors had signed on: First Jersey Securities and Michelob (Anheuser-Busch, Inc.).

October 22, 1984 | Breeders' Cup unveils its permanent trophy, a 1,850-pound bronze and marble reproduction of the Torrie horse, an ecorche or flayed horse designed by the 16th-century sculptor Giambologna.

October 30, 1984 | Seventy-seven horses are pre-entered for the seven Breeders' Cup races.

November 5, 1984 | Aqueduct Racetrack in New York is named host track for the 1985 Breeders' Cup, with the event scheduled for November 2, 1985.

November 10, 1984 | The inaugural Breeders' Cup is run before 64,254 at Hollywood Park. Chief's Crown wins the first Breeders' Cup race, the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and longshot Wild Again wins the Breeders' Cup Classic in a thrilling stretch duel with Slew o' Gold and Gate Dancer.

February 8, 1985 | Breeders' Cup creator John R. Gaines receives the Eclipse Award of Merit and NBC Sports receives the Eclipse Award for National Television Achievement for its Breeders' Cup telecast. Seven of the 10 horses honored with Eclipse Awards for 1984 participated in Breeders' Cup Championship races.

October 1, 1985 | BCL approves Oak Tree Racing Association as host for 1986 Breeders' Cup races. Event scheduled for November 1, 1986, during the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California.

October 21, 1985 | One hundred and ten horses are pre-entered for the seven Breeders' Cup races.

November 2, 1985 | The second Breeders' Cup is run before 42,568 at Aqueduct Racetrack. Total wagering (on-track and simulcast) of over \$28 million establishes a single-day North American record.

December 9, 1985 | BCL Board of Directors votes to run the Breeders' Cup for two consecutive years (1986 and 1987) in Southern California.

December 13, 1985 | BCL announces the creation of 36 new added-money Special Stakes races to be run throughout the United States and Canada. Funding of \$3 million to be provided by the Breeders' Cup from Premium Award money that has gone unpaid during that program's first two years.

April 3, 1986 | Hollywood Park will host the Breeders' Cup in 1987.

May 1, 1986 | Anheuser-Busch, Inc., for its flagship Budweiser brand, has agreed to title sponsorship of the \$3 million Special Stakes Program, now to be known as the Breeders' Cup Budweiser Special Stakes Program.

June 10, 1986 | NBC Sports extends its contract for the exclusive television rights to Breeders' Cup through 1989.

July 31, 1986 | BCL and Fair Hill Race Course announce the creation of the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase, the world's richest steeplechase event. The race will be run November 1, 1986, at the Elkton, Maryland course and broadcast as a feature by NBC Sports during the seven-race Breeders' Cup program.

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November 1, 1986 | A Breeders' Cup record crowd of 69,155 attend the third running of Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Park and wager \$15,410,409 on the day's races (\$12,510,109 on Breeders' Cup races alone), establishing a North American single-day on-track handle record. Total wagering (on-track and simulcast of \$34,884,790) establishes a single-day North American record. Census wins the inaugural running of the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase at Fair Hill Race Course.

January 3, 1987 | Breeders' Cup Budweiser Special Stakes Program expands to 49 races throughout the United States and Canada, with total Breeders' Cup funding increased to \$4 million.

July 16, 1987 | Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, is named host track for the 1988 Breeders' Cup, to be run November 5, 1988.

August 31, 1987 | Order of the Breeders' Cup races changed for 1987: Sprint, Juvenile Fillies, Distaff, Mile, Juvenile, Turf and Classic.

October 31, 1987 | French-bred Gacko wins the second running of the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase at Fair Hill Race Course.

November 21, 1987 | A crowd of 57,734 watch as Ferdinand defeats Alysheba by a nose after a thrilling stretch duel in the fourth Breeders' Cup Classic at Hollywood Park, earning the colt Horse of the Year honors and champion older horse. Total 1987 Breeders' Cup wagering of \$36,014,720 sets an all-time North American single-day wagering mark.

January 1, 1988 | Breeders' Cup Budweiser Special Stakes Program allocated an additional

\$1 million in funds, making this national series of added-money races worth a total of \$5 million.

February 11, 1988 | The distance of the Breeders' Cup Distaff is shortened from 1¹/₄ miles to 1¹/₈ miles.

April 28, 1988 | James E. Bassett III is appointed as president of Breeders' Cup Ltd. Bassett, who succeeds C. Gibson Downing as president, is Chairman of the Board of the Keeneland Association.

May 4, 1988 | Fair Hill Race Course has once again been selected as host for the third running of the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase, to be run Saturday, October 29, 1988.

May 26, 1988 | Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Florida, is named host track for the 1989 Breeders' Cup.

October 29, 1988 | English-bred Jimmy Lorenzo wins the third running of the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase at Fair Hill Race Course.

November 3, 1988 | NBC Sports extends its contract for the exclusive television rights to Breeders' Cup through 1994.

April 7, 1989 | Far Hills Race Meeting Association in Far Hills, N.J., is selected as the site of the 1989 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase.

May 10, 1989 | New York's Belmont Park is chosen as the site of the 1990 Breeders' Cup.

September 20, 1989 | Churchill Downs is chosen as the site of the 1991 Breeders' Cup.

October 28, 1989 | Highland Bud wins the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase by 10 lengths at AT&T Moorland Farms in Far Hills, N.J.

November 2, 1989 | Officials of BCL and the European Breeders' Fund (EBF) announce a new, five-year agreement for renewal of cross-registration between the two programs.

March 1, 1990 | Officials of BCL change the name of racing's \$10 million day from Breeders' Cup Day to Breeders' Cup Championship.

April 16, 1990 | Belmont Park is selected as the site of the 1990 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase, with the race scheduled to be run on October 20, 1990.

June 14, 1990 | Fair Hill Race Course in Elkton, Maryland, is chosen as the site of the 1991 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase, with the race set to be run on October 19, 1991.

October 20, 1990 | Morley Street (Ire) wins the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase by 10 lengths at Belmont Park.

February 28, 1991 | Gulfstream Park in Hallandale, Florida, is selected as the site of the 1992 Breeders' Cup Championship, with the races scheduled to be run on October 31, 1992.

March 8, 1991 | BCL changes its purse distribution (paying to fifth-rather than sixth-place), points system and selection process for the Breeders' Cup Championship races.

May 7, 1991 | A National Pick-7 wager will be in place for the 1991 Breeders' Cup Championship races.

October 12, 1991 | Eclipse Award winner Morley Street (Ire) wins the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase for the second consecutive year.

February 26, 1992 | Oak Tree at Santa Anita is selected as the site of the 1993 Breeders' Cup Championship.

March 19, 1992 | BCL and NYRA announce the creation of the Belmont Breeders' Cup Special on October 10, 1992. Coverage of the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase and five NYRA races were televised by NBC Sports.

April 13, 1992 | Lady's Secret becomes the first Breeders' Cup champion to be elected to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

October 10, 1992 | The Belmont Breeders' Cup Preview attracts the country's top horses prepping for the \$10 million Breeders' Cup Championship three weeks later. A crowd of over 32,000 watch Highland Bud win his second Breeders' Cup Steeplechase.

February 26, 1993 | Sites for the 1994, 1995 and 1996 Breeders' Cup Championship are selected. Churchill Downs will host the event in 1994, Belmont Park in 1995 and Woodbine in 1996.

April 14, 1993 | The NBC Sports telecast of the Breeders' Cup Championship is named the Outstanding Live Sports Special of 1992 at the 14th Emmy Awards for Sports annual ceremony.

July 15, 1993 | BCL and NBC Sports announce new five-year contract televising the Breeders' Cup Championship through 1999.

September 30, 1993 | BCL announces that the seven Breeders' Cup races would be simulcast live to Europe and South Africa.

October 16, 1993 | The Belmont Breeders' Cup Preview attracts the top eastern-based horses prepping for the \$10 million Breeders' Cup Championship three weeks later. Televised live by NBC Sports, the Preview showcased defending Mile

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winner Lure, and juvenile standouts Dehere and Heavenly Prize. The \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase was won by Lonesome Glory.

November 6, 1993 | On the tenth anniversary running of the Breeders' Cup Championship, Lure cruises to his second consecutive Breeders' Cup Mile, while Arcangues stuns the racing world at 133-1 by winning the Classic.

March 4, 1994 | BCL announced that the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase has been discontinued.

April 27, 1994 | BCL, NYRA and NBC Sports announce a new six-year contract televising the Breeders' Cup Preview at Belmont Park through 1999.

October 24, 1994 | A record 126 horses, including 33 from Europe, are pre-entered for the seven Breeders' Cup Championship races.

February 1, 1995 | Beginning with foals of 1996 and thereafter, the supplemental fee for the Breeders' Cup Championship races will be reduced from 12 percent of the purse to nine percent.

July 13, 1995 | Officials of BCL and EBF announce an agreement that, for the first time, allows stallions standing in non-Breeders' Cup and EBF countries to nominate to both program's simultaneously.

February 28, 1996 | Hollywood Park will be the site of the 1997 Breeders' Cup Championship, with the races scheduled to be run on November 8.

March 7, 1996 | The purse for the Breeders' Cup Classic will be increased by \$1 million, making the race worth \$4 million. The increase makes the winner's share of the purse \$2,080,000.

September 20, 1996 | Breeders' Cup Ltd.'s Web site (www.breederscup.com) is unveiled. The 650-page site provides fans online access to biographical and statistical information, past Championship, and National Stakes program results, as well as information on the current Breeders' Cup Championships host track.

October 26, 1996 | For the first time ever, the Breeders' Cup Championship travels outside the United States to be run before 42,380 fans (a Canadian record) at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

December 4, 1996 | D.G. Van Clief, Jr. was elected president of Breeders' Cup Ltd., succeeding James E. Bassett III, who retired from the post on December 31.

February 4, 1997 | Seven of the 10 Eclipse Award winners participated in the 1996 Breeders' Cup Championship, including Horse of the Year Cigar. In addition, NBC Sports was awarded the 1996 Eclipse Award for National Television Achievement for their coverage of the 1996 Breeders' Cup Championship.

February 28, 1997 | The Advertising Club of Lexington presented Breeders' Cup Ltd. and Hammond Communications Group an ADDY award for the Breeders' Cup Web site, www.breederscup.com.

July 11, 1997 | BCL announced procedural changes for horses supplemented to the Breeders' Cup Championships; supplemental entry fees will be added to the purses of Breeders' Cup races. Additionally, a credit system has been established for horses supplemented into future Breeders' Cup races.

July 31, 1997 | It was announced that the Breeders' Cup Pick 7 will be replaced with a Breeders' Cup Pick 6.

September 5, 1997 | Churchill Downs was selected to host the 1998 Breeders' Cup Championship for a record fourth time.

November 14, 1997 | The Breeders' Cup Web site, www.breederscup.com, surpassed all previous user records with more than 1.25 million hits from around the world during the recent coverage of the Breeders' Cup Championship on the internet.

February 24, 1998 | A record crop of 12,743 foals were nominated to the Breeders' Cup program the previous year. The 1997 total tops the previous high of 12,183 nominated foals set in 1987. They also announced that 1,202 stallions were nominated to the Breeders' Cup for the 1998 breeding season, a 4.7 percent increase over 1997.

February 25, 1998 | The total purse of the Breeders' Cup Distaff increases to \$2 million. The increase becomes effective with the 1998 Breeders' Cup Championship at Churchill Downs. Total purses and awards for the Championship will now be \$12 million.

March 23, 1998 | Gulfstream Park is selected to host the 1999 Breeders' Cup Championships, to be held on Saturday, November 6, 1999, at the South Florida racetrack.

April 10, 1998 | BCL, on behalf of the Thoroughbred breeding industry, is contributing \$3.5 million to the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA).

July 2, 1998 | BCL and ESPN announced an expansion of the

"Racing to the Breeders' Cup" series. With NTRA as entitlement sponsor, the series expanded to 15 shows, highlighted by 15 grade I races.

July 16, 1998 | A motion was approved to incorporate the \$1 million Filly & Mare Turf into the Breeders' Cup Championship. The new race would be inaugurated at Gulfstream Park in 1999. Due to the configuration of the turf course at Gulfstream, the Filly & Mare Turf will be run at 1³/₈ miles; however, the 1¹/₄ mile distance will be used at future sites when possible.

November 7, 1998 | A record crowd of 80,452 enjoy a great Championship day hosted by Churchill Downs. The Classic, with a total purse value of \$5.12 million, was the richest race ever run. Awesome Again came flying down the stretch to outfinish Silver Charm and Swain.

November 17, 1998 | The Breeders' Cup Web site, www.breederscup.com, registered 3.1 million hits this year, more than doubling last year's traffic. Usage peaked on Friday, November 6 to 56,882 users making over 400,000 hits.

February 24, 1999 | A record 14,062 foals were nominated to the Breeders' Cup program last year. The 1998 total tops the previous record year's 12,751 nominated foals.

April 12, 1999 | NBC Sports and BCL announce an agreement to telecast four new racing shows from Saratoga and Belmont Park leading up to the Breeders' Cup Championship. The expanded coverage will include 11 grade I races, with purses totaling \$4.3 million.

May 6, 1999 | A contract extension with NBC Sports will keep the Breeders' Cup

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Championships on NBC through 2001.

May 26, 1999 | Churchill Downs was decided as host of the 17th running of the Breeders' Cup Championship, to be run in 2000.

July 15, 1999 | Breeders' Cup officials announce ESPN's introduction of the "NTRA Racing to the Breeders' Cup" series, featuring 19 graded Breeders' Cup prep stakes totaling more than \$9 million.

November 6, 1999 | Wagering on the eight Breeders' Cup races sets a new record during Championship day, held before 45,124 fans at Gulfstream Park. Moreover, the Ultra Pick 6 produces the largest known single pari-mutuel payout in history, a single ticket worth over \$3 million.

November 22, 1999 | The Breeders' Cup Web site, www.breederscup.com, continues its impressive growth, nearly quadrupling traffic activity from the 1998 Championship. During the Championship coverage, the website records over 1.5 million page views and 155,000 user visits.

December 6, 1999 | BCL announces yet another foal nominations record, with 15,100 foals nominated for 1999.

December 10, 1999 | The Executive Committee for BCL and the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) unanimously approve a strategic alliance between the two organizations, including the combination of selected administrative and marketing functions.

March 3, 2000 | BCL passes a resolution requiring all horses entered to compete in the Breeders' Cup races must arrive at the host track grounds at least 24 hours prior to the post time of

the first race. The resolution was designed to ensure the safety of the horses and protect the integrity of the event.

March 29, 2000 | The Breeders' Cup Web site, www.breederscup.com, now features a comprehensive multimedia gallery. The gallery offers visitors photographs of winning horses and downloadable video stretch runs from all Breeders' Cup races.

July 19, 2000 | The Breeders' Cup Web site is further enhanced with an interactive foal nominations and eligibility system and internal search capability.

August 31, 2000 | BCL releases a commemorative book, titled "Breeders' Cup: Thoroughbred Racing's Championship Day." The photo-essay book, written by Jay Privman, celebrates the first 16 runnings of the Breeders' Cup.

October 25, 2000 | Led by Kentucky Derby winner Fusaichi Pegasus, a record 135 horses pre-enter for the 17th running of the Breeders' Cup. In addition, a record 18 horses supplement to this year's event, boosting the total of purses and awards for the eight races to more than \$15 million.

October 28, 2000 | All Gong wins the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase at the Far Hill Races in New Jersey. The 7-year-old owned by Calvin Houghland and trained by Bruce Miller went on to claim Eclipse honors as Champion Steeplechase Horse.

January 1, 2001 | The operational merger between BCL and NTRA becomes effective. The consolidation of the NTRA, racing's "league office" and the Breeders' Cup, the sport's championship event, will serve as an impetus for improved

economics with the industry and increased interest in the sponsorship marketplace.

January 10, 2001 | Foal nominations break a record for the eighth straight year. The 15,760 foals by Breeders' Cup, EBF and Common Fund nominated stallions represent a 3.7 percent increase over 1999 and a 49.5 percent increase since 1995.

June 22, 2001 | It is announced that this year's Breeders' Cup Steeplechase will take place on Saturday, October 20, and again be run at Far Hills, N.J.

June 26, 2001 | The NTRA and BCL launch a new brand - the World Thoroughbred Championships - to improve public awareness of the Breeders' Cup. The re-branding will include new logos and marks, and rankings and statistics for each of the racing divisions. Major races in each division leading up to the Breeders' Cup will become known as the "Road to the World Thoroughbred Championships."

June 26, 2001 | The NTRA and BCL announce an agreement in principle to create a strategic alliance between the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships (BCWTC) and the Emirates World Series Racing Championship, the intercontinental series that includes races in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Australia and North America. The alliance would afford sponsors and fans increased global exposure for Thoroughbred racing.

June 26, 2001 | Telecasts of the 2001 BCWTC and the Breeders' Cup Preview show (both airing on NBC) will be expanded by 30 minutes each, beginning this year. The new five-hour format

will allow for more time between each of the Championships races.

September 14, 2001 | In the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York, the NTRA, BCL and New York Racing Association announce that the 18th running of the BCWTC scheduled for Oct. 27 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., will be dedicated to the families of New York firefighters, police officers, emergency services personnel and other victims in the surrounding communities who lost their lives.

September 17, 2001 | Despite concerns about security and other risks, it is affirmed by BCL that plans would go forward to conduct this year's BCWTC as planned at Belmont Park.

October 20, 2001 | In Far Hills, N.J., Quel Senor wins the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase. Augustin Stable horses Lord Zada and Praise The Prince are second and third, respectively. Defending Breeders' Cup winner All Gong falls at the eighth fence, while co-favorite It's A Giggie finishes fifth after setting the pace. Quel Senor is trained by Tom Voss and ridden by Cyril Murphy.

October 23, 2001 | A four-year contract extension will keep the BCWTC on NBC through 2005. The Breeders' Cup has been televised on NBC since the event's inception in 1984. As part of the new agreement, NBC also will televise a preview show from Belmont Park three to four weeks prior to the BCWTC to be produced in partnership with NYRA along with additional advance promotion of the event.

November 2, 2001 | The NTRA, BCL and NYRA announces that the BCWTC raised approximately \$2.5 million for the NTRA Charities-New York Heroes

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Fund. In total, more than \$5 million has been raised from members of the international horse racing community for the Heroes Fund, created to aid the families of the victims of Sept. 11. Owners, trainers and jockeys in the BCWTC contributed to the total raised through pledges of purse earnings. In addition, racing organizations, racetracks and individual contributors have donated to the Heroes Fund or to other types of relief agencies and programs.

December 3, 2001 | It is announced that Arlington Park has been named the host site for the 2002 BCWTC. This will be the first time that Arlington Park, located in the suburban Chicago town of Arlington Heights, will host the event and the first time that the Championships will be held in the Midwest.

January 17, 2002 | The 15,020 foals nominated to the Breeders' Cup program in 2001 by Breeders' Cup, European Breeders' Fund and Common Fund nominated stallions represent a 4.84% decrease from 2000, the first decline in nominated foals since 1992. The decline is due in large part to Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, which swept through Kentucky farms the previous spring.

February 20, 2002 | NTRA unveils its new, fully redesigned Web site, NTRA.com. Featured is a newly organized BCWTC section, including charts, photographs and video from all 18 Breeders' Cup events.

April 19, 2002 | An agreement was reached to hold the 2003 BCWTC at Santa Anita Park in So. California on October 25.

April 24, 2002 | NTRA announces a schedule for future bet wagering on the eight

championship races. Future bets on certain races would take place during four weekends during the summer.

June 18, 2002 | A new international rankings system for horses being pointed to the eight Breeders' Cup races was unveiled. An international panel of racing officials will produce weekly rankings for the world's top 10 runners in each division. Rankings will be determined by an analysis of horses' performances around the world and will be used during NTRA-produced television programming, in publicity, print advertising and marketing programs.

June 18, 2002 | Plans for a new wager – Head2Head – were announced. The wager, expected to debut at the BCWTC, matches two designated horses against each other and challenges fans to predict which horse will finish in front of the other in a given race. The Head2Head bet is to be offered on each of the eight races.

October 19, 2002 | Flat Top captures the \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase by 6¹/₄ lengths over Tres Touche. The 9-year-old gelding went the (about) 2³/₄-mile distance of the Steeplechase in 5:25.20. Flat Top is owned by Mrs. Henry Gerry and trained by Janet Elliot.

October 26, 2002 | In the Breeders' Cup Classic, Volponi shocked almost everyone with his \$89 upset win over War Emblem, Medaglia d'Oro and Came Home, among others. The result touched off a pick-six wagering scandal that had repercussions far into the following year. Other winners in the 19th edition of the BCWTC were Azeri (Distaff), Storm Flag Flying (Juvenile Fillies), Orientate (Sprint), Domedriver (Mile),

Vindication (Juvenile) and High Chaparral (Turf).

February 11, 2003 | A total of 13,846 foals were nominated to the Breeders' Cup program in 2002. The total represents an 8.3% decrease in nominated foals from 2001. The decline is due to Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, which affected most Kentucky farms in the spring of 2001.

April 2, 2003 | Officials of BCL, NTRA, Lone Star Park and Magna Entertainment Corporation completed negotiations to hold the 2004 BCWTC at Lone Star Park, in Grand Prairie, Texas. Located in the suburbs of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, this is the first time that the Championships will be held in the Southwest.

June 23, 2003 | An agreement was reached to hold the 22nd running of the BCWTC at Belmont Park in 2005. It was also announced that the purse for the Juvenile and the Mile were augmented to \$1.5 million each, increasing the total purses and awards for the eight Breeders' Cup races to \$14 million.

October 18, 2003 | McDynamo, a 6-year-old son of Dynaformer captured the \$175,000 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase in Far Hills, N.J. Owned by Michael Moran, trained by Sanna Hendriks and ridden by Craig Thornton, the winner covered the 2⁵/₈ miles and 14 fences in 5:24.3 over a course labeled as good.

October 21, 2003 | In memory of legendary jockey Bill Shoemaker, the outstanding performance by a jockey on Breeders' Cup Championships day will be honored with the Shoemaker Award. The winner, to be selected by the media, will be announced and presented with a trophy at Sunday's media brunch at the host track.

October 25, 2003 | Pleasantly Perfect capped off a record day for trainer Richard Mandella by winning the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic – Powered by Dodge. In addition to Pleasantly Perfect, Mandella also won the Juvenile Fillies with Halfbridled, the Juvenile with Action This Day, and in the Turf, his Johar won in a dead-heat with defending champ High Chaparral. Others victors on an unseasonably warm day at Santa Anita Park were Cajun Beat (Sprint), Adoration (Distaff) and European-based Six Perfections (Mile) and Islington (Filly & Mare Turf).

October 26, 2003 | The inaugural winner of the Shoemaker Award was Alex Solis. Solis rode Johar to a dead-heat victory in the Turf and after waiting out a 13-minute photo finish decision, came back to defeat the Classic field aboard Pleasantly Perfect.

November 4, 2003 | A record for total handle was established for the 12-race program held on BCWTC day. The 2003 handle totaled \$120,631,437; \$16,346,688 was bet by Santa Anita's on-track crowd of 51,648. Handle figures were slightly diminished due to a 13-minute photo finish delay after the running of the Turf, which greatly reduced available wagering time on the Classic.

January 16, 2004 | It was announced that 14,927 foals were nominated to the Breeders' Cup program in 2003. The total represents a 7.3% increase in nominated foals from 2002. The increase is indicative of a recovery from Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome, which affected most Kentucky farms in the spring of 2001.

March 17, 2004 | The 2004 Breeders' Cup Stakes program, now in its ninth year, will feature

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113 races and distribute \$7.2 million in Breeders' Cup Funds – an increase of \$800,000 over last year. The program is cooperatively funded by BCL and 40 participating racetracks in the U.S. and Canada.

March 27, 2004 | Pleasantly Perfect, winner of the 2003 Breeders' Cup Classic – Powered by Dodge, won the Dubai World Cup, becoming the second Classic winner to win both prestigious races; the first was Cigar, who won the inaugural Dubai World Cup in 1996.

July 27, 2004 | NTRA Commissioner since 1998, Tim Smith announced that he would conclude his term on Sept. 1. Breeders' Cup Ltd. President D.G. Van Clief, Jr. was named Acting Commissioner and CEO; he was subsequently named Commissioner and CEO.

August 8, 2004 | Officials of BCL and NTRA reached an understanding with New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority for Monmouth Park in Oceanport, N.J., to be the host site for the 2007 BCWTC. It will be the first time the event will be held in the Mid-Atlantic region.

October 23, 2004 | In Far Hills, New Jersey, defending champion McDynamo became just the second horse in history to win back-to-back runnings of the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase. The 2004 Champion steeplechaser covered the 2⁵/₈ miles and 14 fences in 5:06⁴/₅ while earning \$96,250.

October 30, 2004 | In front of an audience of 53,717 fans at Lone Star Park in Texas, Ghostzapper took his field wire-to-wire with a dazzling performance in the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic– Powered by Dodge. Other winners in the 21st running of the BCWTC were Ashado

(Distaff), Sweet Catomine (Juvenile Fillies), Singletary (Mile), Speightstown (Sprint), Ouija Board (Filly & Mare Turf), Wilko (Juvenile), and Better Talk Now (Turf).

October 31, 2004 | The second presentation of the Bill Shoemaker Award for outstanding performance by a jockey on Breeders' Cup Championships day went to John Velazquez. The New York-based jockey booted home two winners the previous day — Ashado in the Distaff and Speightstown in the Sprint.

January 13, 2005 | A record 15,850 foals were nominated to the Breeders' Cup program in 2004. This tops the old mark of 15,786 foals nominated in 2000 and a 5.7% increase in nominated foals from 2003. Total foal nomination revenue generated by the 2004 foal crop was \$8,016,000, the highest revenue total since the nomination process began in 1982.

February 3, 2005 | The 2005 Breeders' Cup Stakes program will feature 125 races and distribute \$7.305 million in Breeders' Cup Funds – an increase of \$205,000 over last year – to existing stakes races across the United States and Canada. Combined with racetrack and racing association allocations, total purses for the 2005 series will be in excess of \$22.5 million.

February 11, 2005 | Legendary horseman and Breeders' Cup founding father John R. Gaines dies in Lexington, Ky. at the age of 76.

April 19, 2005 | Breeders' Cup President D.G. Van Clief, Jr. was named the NTRA's Commissioner and chief executive officer. Van Clief

had been serving as interim Commissioner and CEO pending the completion of a national search since September 2004 when former Commissioner Tim Smith stepped down.

April 22, 2005 | A new formula was approved for stallion nominations that would increase purses for the 2008 BCWTC. Beginning with the 2006 breeding season, for stallions with less than 50 live foals, the nomination fee will remain one time the advertised stud fee, with a minimum of \$1,000. For stallions represented by 50-99 live foals the nomination fee will be 1.5 times the advertised stud fee and for stallions siring 100 or more live foals, the nomination fee will be twice the advertised fee.

April 29, 2005 | The BCWTC will be televised on ESPN beginning in 2006 under an eight-year contract between the two parties. Officials said the "revenue-sharing" package would help racing capitalize on multimedia and technology, and also be a lure for current and potential sponsors.

June 13, 2005 | Long-standing Breeders' Cup Partner Alberto Culver secured the title sponsorship of the Juvenile Fillies and the Juvenile Fillies Division. With the Alberto Culver agreement in place, all eight Breeders' Cup races will have name-in-title sponsorship.

July 21, 2005 | In an effort to provide its fans with most attractive wagering program, it was decided that complete race order for the 22nd BCWTC will be announced Wednesday, October 19, when the Pre-Entered fields for all eight races are released.

September 29, 2005 | NTRA, BCL and Bethesda Softworks®

introduced Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships (Breeders' Cup), a horse racing video game for the PlayStation®2 and Xbox® game systems. The game simulates all aspects of thoroughbred horse racing, including breeding, training and racing at a variety of tracks.

October 20, 2005 | SIRIUS Satellite Radio, leading provider of sports radio programming will be the exclusive radio broadcaster for the 2005 BCWTC, featuring eight hours live coverage.

October 22, 2005 | In Far Hills, New Jersey, history was made as McDynamo won his third consecutive running of the Breeders' Cup Steeplechase. The 2005 Champion steeplechaser is owned by Michael Moran and trained by Sanna Hendriks. The formidable 8-year-old earned \$110,000 while carrying rider Jody Petty over 14 fences on a rain-soaked course.

October 25, 2005 | For the first time, the official Breeders' Cup simulcast show – the live video sent to racetracks and simulcasting facilities from the Breeders' Cup site – will be available on the internet via pay-per-view to non-U.S. residents. Offered at \$8.99, the pay-per-view option increases the global awareness and stature of the BCWTC.

October 30, 2005 | At the Sunday press breakfast at Belmont Park, the Bill Shoemaker Award for outstanding Breeders' Cup Jockey of 2005 went to Garrett Gomez.

The Southern California-based jockey piloted two winners the previous day – Stevie Wonderboy in the Juvenile and Artie Schiller in the Mile.

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November 4, 2005 | New wagering records were established at the BCWTC, including total handle, which was \$123,978,241. A record total of \$116,434,571 was wagered on the eight Breeders' Cup races at Belmont Park and at simulcast outlets around the world. A new record was also recognized for total simulcast handle, as \$109,235,720 was wagered on the full 12-race card.

December 28, 2005 | SIRIUS Satellite Radio wins the Media Eclipse award in the Audio and Multi-Media Internet category for its live coverage of the 2005 BCWTC.

January 8, 2006 | Breeders' Cup Ltd. adopted a new set of by-laws and elected a stream-lined 14-member Board of Directors, down from the 48 directors it had previously.

February 2, 2006 | Breeders' Cup foal nominations reached an all-time high with a record 16,183 foals nominated to the program in 2005. This tops the old mark of 15,947 foals nominated in 2004. Total foal nomination revenue generated by the 2005 foal crop was \$8,214,000, the highest revenue total since the nomination process began in 1982.

February 16, 2006 | The 2006 Breeders' Cup Stakes program will feature 135 races and distribute \$8 million in Breeders' Cup Funds – an increase of \$695,000 over last year – to existing stakes races across the United States and Canada. Combined with racetrack and racing association allocations, total purses for the 2005 series will be in excess of \$26 million.

April 21, 2006 | Under the Breeders' Cup revised nomination program, owners of a non-nominated horse, sired by a

Breeders' Cup, EBF or Common Fund stallion nominated in the year of conception, may pay a one-time \$150,000 late nomination fee to place that horse into the Breeders' Cup program for its entire racing career.

April 26, 2006 | D.G. Van Clief, Jr. announced that he will retire as Commissioner and CEO of the NTRA and as President of BCL effective by the end of the year.

May 2, 2006 | Total purses for the Breeders' Cup World Championships (BCWC) have been raised to \$20 million, an increase of \$6 million from 2005. Each race will have a purse value of \$2 million, with the exception of the Turf at \$3 million and the Classic, which was raised to \$5 million.

July 1, 2006 | Greg Avioli assumed the duties of interim CEO of NTRA and BCL, succeeding the retiring D.G. Van Clief, Jr. Avioli previously served as COO and interim CFO of the two organizations, and prior to that he was senior vice president of legislative and corporate planning.

September 6, 2006 | Race caller Trevor Denman has joined the ESPN announcer team for coverage of the 2006 BCWC. He succeeds Tom Durkin, who has called every Breeders' Cup since its inception.

October 28, 2006 | McDynamo won his fourth straight \$250,000 Breeders' Cup Grand National Steeplechase in a 22-length romp in Far Hills, N.J. The 9-year-old son of Dynaformer is trained by Sanna Hendriks, owned by Michael Moran and ridden by Jody Petty.

October 30, 2006 | BCL and six of the nation's premier racetracks will launch a set of

officially sanctioned Breeders' Cup qualifying races in 2007. The new "Breeders' Cup Challenge" will be highlighted by its "Win and You're In" provision, with the winner of each of the 24 Challenge races automatically qualifying for the corresponding divisional race in the BCWC.

November 9, 2006 | New wagering records were established at the 23rd BCWC held Nov. 4 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. Three major wagering records were set, including total handle (\$140,332,198), Breeders' Cup-only handle (\$134,357,846) and simulcast handle (\$122,072,227). Total all-sources handle for the 10-race card was a 13.1% increase over the previous record, set last year.

January 8, 2007 | The BCWC will move to an expanded two-day event that will inaugurate three \$1-million stakes designed to accommodate owners and breeders. The new races are the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile for 3-year-olds and up, the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint for fillies and mares, 3-year-olds and up, and the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, a one-mile event open to 2-year-old males and females. At Monmouth, the Dirt Mile will be run at a mile and 70 yards and the Filly & Mare Sprint at six furlongs. In future years, the distances will be one mile and seven furlongs, respectively.

January 15, 2007 | Alex Waldrop, former president of Churchill Downs, was appointed president and CEO of the NTRA. In addition, Turfway Park President Robert Elliston was appointed executive chairman of the NTRA. Waldrop replaces current NTRA interim CEO Greg Avioli, who will continue as interim CEO of BCL.

January 23, 2007 | The Eclipse Award winners were announced in California and for the first time in history, each of the eleven equine winners were participants in the BCWC. Invasor was a dual winner as Older Male and Horse of the Year.

February 23, 2007 | Hong Kong Jockey Club Champions Mile will be the first international qualifying race for the BCWC. There also was an agreement made that would enable racing fans in Hong Kong to wager on this year's BCWC races.

February 23, 2007 | A record 16,272 foals were nominated to the Breeders' Cup program in 2006. The 16,272 foals by Breeders' Cup, EBF and Common Fund nominated stallions tops the old mark of 16,263 nominated foals set in 2005. This record total is expected to increase when the results of the Southern Hemisphere foals, which have an April 15 nomination deadline, are released. In addition, the Breeders' Cup sired foals represent a record high of 52% of the eligible foal crop for North America.

April 19, 2007 | The board approved the appointment of Greg Avioli as president and CEO of BCL, as well as approving the Oak Tree meet at Santa Anita as the site for the 2008 BCWC. It will be the first time that the Breeders' Cup will be run over a synthetic racing surface.

March 31, 2007 | Invasor, winner of the 2006 Breeders' Cup Classic – Powered by Dodge, won the Dubai World Cup, becoming the third horse to win both prestigious races. The first was Cigar, who won the inaugural running in 1996, and the second was Pleasantly Perfect, who won in 2004.

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October 18, 2007 | Simulcast wagering will be available to more than 10,000 outlets worldwide for the 2007 BCWC. The outlets include all major U.S. racetracks, off-track betting locations, casinos and all major Account Deposit Wagering platforms, as well as many locations outside the country: Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Monaco, South Africa, Kenya, Panama, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, Venezuela, Uruguay, Brazil, and Peru. For the first time, the Hong Kong Jockey Club will offer the opportunity to watch and wager on the NetJets Breeders' Cup Mile on the turf.

October 20, 2007 | McDynamo captured his fifth consecutive Breeders' Cup win in the Grade 1, \$300,000 BC Grand National in Far Hills, New Jersey. Now 10 years old, the steeplechase superstar will retire after one more race. The son of Dynaformer is trained by Sanna Hendriks for owner Michael Moran, and ridden by Jody Petty.

October 26, 2007 | Under rainy skies and over wet conditions at Monmouth Park, the inaugural runnings of the three new Breeders' Cup races took place: the Filly & Mare Sprint was won by Maryfield, the Juvenile Turf was taken by Nownownow and Corinthian was the victor in the Dirt Mile.

December 10, 2007 | Three new BCWC races will be established in 2008, increasing the event to 14 races and raising total purses to \$25.5 million. The new races are the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (\$1 million) for 3-year-olds and up, 6 1/2 furlongs; the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (\$1 million), a one-mile event for 2-year-old fillies; and the Breeders' Cup Dirt Marathon

(\$500,000) for 3-year-olds and up, 1 1/2 miles.

February 7, 2008 | For the first time in its history, the BCWC will be held at the same site for two consecutive years. Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif., host of the event's 25th anniversary to take place Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25, has also been selected to host the 2009 Breeders' Cup.

February 14, 2008 | The Breeders' Cup Challenge, a series of automatic qualifying races for the BCWC, will be expanded from 24 races to a minimum of 49 races at 12 of North America's premier racing venues in 2008. The expanded Challenge will now include six races at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada. Other new tracks for the Challenge include Emerald Downs in Auburn, Wash.; Suffolk Downs in Boston; Delaware Park in Wilmington, Del.; Calder Race Course near Miami; and Monmouth Park in Oceanport, N.J.

February 27, 2008 | The 2008 BCWC will card all five of its races for female horses together on the first day of the two-day event, Friday, Oct. 24. It marks the first time a major Thoroughbred event in North America has focused an entire day on female championship racing. The Breeders' Cup Distaff has renamed the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic and will be the premier race on the program, which will now feature purses totaling \$8 million, more than doubling last year's Breeders' Cup Friday purses.

April 16, 2008 | The Breeders' Cup Challenge will for the first time be expanded to Europe, with three "Win and You're In" races scheduled at Ascot Racecourse in England on

September 27 and televised on the BBC and TVG networks. The additions bring the total 2008 Breeders' Cup Challenge series races to 53 from 24 races in 2007.

June 2, 2008 | The Breeders' Cup and ESPN announces that the 2008 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita Park will receive an unprecedented nine hours of live coverage including, for the first time, 2.5 hours of live coverage on ABC. The 25th running of the Breeders' Cup will feature 14 races over two days with record purses of \$25.5 million and air on ABC, ESPN and ESPN2 beginning on Friday, October 24 on ESPN2. The ABC and ESPN combination marks the first ever network and cable telecast of the Championships.

August 1, 2008 | Breeders' Cup announces new ban on Steroids for World Championships. Trainers of horses that test positive for anabolic steroids at the 2008 Breeders' Cup will face a one-year suspension from the event; and trainers who violate steroid regulations three times will face a lifetime ban.

August 22, 2008 | The Breeders' Cup announces that, for the first time, also eligible horses will be designated following the close of entries for all oversubscribed races at the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Oct. 24-25 at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, Calif. An oversubscribed race is one in which there are more than 14 horses (or 12 in three instances) entered to participate. There will be a maximum of two also-eligible horses for each Breeders' Cup World Championships race that is oversubscribed.

October 8, 2008 | The Breeders' Cup and Churchill Downs, Inc.

("CDI") joins state and local officials to announce that the 2010 Breeders' Cup World Championships will be held at historic Churchill Downs for a record seventh time. The 27th Breeders' Cup will be run on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6, 2010.

October 24, 2008 | Zenyatta climaxes spectacular Championship Friday with commanding win in Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic culminating first all female major stakes racing card in North America. A record-breaking \$47 million is wagered on the races, the most ever for a Friday program.

October 25, 2008 | Raven's Pass defeats Curlin in the Breeders' Cup Classic capping a huge Championship for the Europeans, as overseas horses win five races, including Conduit (IRE) in the Turf and the brilliant filly Goldikova (IRE) beating males in the Mile. Midnight Lute wins the Sprint for the second consecutive year. Garrett Gomez rides a record four Breeders' Cup races over the two days and earns his third Bill Shoemaker Award for Outstanding Jockey.

March 20, 2009 | Breeders' Cup announces that the distance of the \$500,000 Breeders' Cup Marathon has been lengthened from 1 1/2 miles to 1 3/4 miles for the World Championships.

June 22, 2009 | Breeders' Cup Challenge qualifying series expands to a record 62 races taking place in seven countries, including England, France, Ireland, Australia and Hong Kong.

August 10, 2009 | The Breeders' Cup announce an expansion to its steroid ban policy to include all Class 1 and Class 2 drugs, as established by The Association of Racing Commissioners

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International (RCI) Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances, for this year's Breeders' Cup World Championships. Trainers of horses that test positive for these drugs at this year's event will face a one-year suspension from the 2010 event; and trainers who violate the policy three times will face a lifetime ban.

October 22, 2009 | Breeders' Cup Limited announces landmark simulcasting and licensing agreements with Betfair Group Limited which will permit common-pool wagering on the 2009 Breeders' Cup World Championships. It marks the first time that Betfair will commingle into the Breeders' Cup pools.

November 6, 2009 | Life is Sweet climaxes record-breaking first day of 26th Breeders' Cup with a dominating victory in Ladies' Classic. More than \$51 million is wagered worldwide and on-track attendance increases by 20% over 2008 as 37,651 attend at Santa Anita Park.

November 7, 2009 | The 5-year-old mare Zenyatta becomes the first female horse to win the Breeders' Cup Classic, rocketing down the stretch in front 55,351 roaring fans at Santa Anita Park. Zenyatta also became the first horse to win two different Breeders' Cup races, having captured the Ladies' Classic in 2008. Goldikova (IRE) in the Mile and Conduit in the Turf were also repeat winners from 2008. Garrett Gomez rode four winners over the two days of the Championships to earn his third Bill Shoemaker Award as outstanding Breeders' Cup jockey.

June 11, 2010 | For the first time in its history the Breeders'

Cup World Championships will be held at Churchill Downs, Inc. ("CDI") in consecutive years as officials from Breeders' Cup Ltd., Churchill Downs and Commonwealth of Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear made the announcement that the Louisville track will host the 2011 Breeders' Cup on Nov. 4-5.

November 5, 2010 – Unrivaled Belle wins the Ladies' Classic to finish the first day of the World Championships before a record Breeders' Cup Friday crowd of 41,614 at Churchill Downs. A total of \$54,889,388 was wagered on the full card, an 8% increase over Championship Friday in 2009. This was the first Breeders' Cup program to finish under the lights.

November 6, 2010 - Another record-setting day concludes with a breathtaking finish in the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic as the 4-year-old Blame holds off the previously undefeated 6-year-old mare Zenyatta by a head before 72,739 fans. The day was also highlighted by an unprecedented third consecutive win in the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile by the 5-year-old mare Goldikova (IRE). A new two-day mark of 114,353 was set for total Breeders' Cup attendance. A worldwide total handle of \$173,857,697 was wagered on the two-day event, and a 13% increase over 2009. A Breeders' Cup record of 163 horses started in the Championships.

April 14, 2011 - Tom Ludt, President of Vinery, is elected new Breeders' Cup Chairman of the Board replacing William S. Farish, Jr., who had served a maximum of five consecutive years.

April 20, 2011 – Breeders' Cup announces expansion of Breeders' Cup Challenge qualifying series to 68 races,

including first time races in Japan and Argentina. Also new to series, Breeders' Cup will now provide winning stables of Challenge races free entry fees and travel expenses to compete in the World Championships.

June 14, 2011 – The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint is announced as the 15th race of the Breeders' Cup World Championships. New race will be run on main track at 6 furlongs for 2-year-old colts, geldings and fillies.

June 17, 2011 – Craig Fravel is named President and Chief Executive Officer of Breeders' Cup Limited. Fravel, 54, of San Diego, comes to Breeders' Cup following 21 years at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, where he was President and General Manager at the time of his departure. Fravel succeeds Greg Avioli.

July 14, 2011 – Breeders' Cup Board passes new rules outlawing race day medication for 2-year-old races at Breeders' Cup World Championships in 2012 and for all Breeders' Cup races beginning in 2013.

November 5, 2011 – Drosselmeyer wins Breeders' Cup Classic at nearly 15-1, passing Game on Dude at the wire. Bill Mott trains both the Classic and Ladies' Classic winner, Royal Delta. Goldikova (IRE) finishes third in the Mile, failing in her bid to win four straight Breeders' Cup races. A record 173 horses start in the 15 Breeders' Cup races, including 26 from overseas. Total wagering of \$161,512,867 over the two days is second highest Breeders' Cup handle of all time. Total two day attendance of 105,820 is also second highest ever.

January 23, 2012 – Breeders' Cup and NBC Sports Group announce a multi-year

agreement for the Breeders' Cup World Championships to be shown live on the NBC Sports Network and NBC through 2015. The Breeders' Cup Classic on NBC will become the first-ever network horse race broadcast live in primetime.

August 9, 2012 – Santa Anita Park is named host site for the 2013 Breeders' Cup World Championships, November 1-2.

November 2, 2012 – Mike Smith caps off the first day of the 29th Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Park by riding Royal Delta to victory in the Breeders' Cup Ladies' Classic, and he becomes the all-time leading Breeders' Cup jockey with 16 wins, passing Hall of Famer Jerry Bailey. Calidoscopio (ARG) captures the Marathon, the first-ever horse from Argentina to win a Breeders' Cup race. Trainer D. Wayne Lukas wins his 19th Breeders' Cup race when Hightail captures the Juvenile Sprint.

November 3, 2012 – Janis Whitham's 4-year-old Fort Larned holds of Mucho Macho Man to win the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic under jockey Brian Hernandez on the rider's 27th birthday. Mike Smith takes his 17th Breeders' Cup race aboard Mizdirection in the Turf Sprint and wins Bill Shoemaker Award as Most Outstanding Breeders' Cup Jockey. Wise Dan dominates international field in the Mile and is later named 2012 Horse of the Year.

March 1, 2013 – The Breeders' Cup Board votes to retain its no race-day medication policy for the four Juvenile races in the 2013 event, similar to 2012, and deferred a decision on extending the policy to all its Championships races, a move which would have eliminated the use of the diuretic Salix

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(furosemide), also known as Lasix. Also votes to discontinue the Juvenile Sprint, contested in 2011 and 2012. 2013 event will consist of 14 races.

June 7, 2013 – Santa Anita Park is announced as host of the 30th Breeders' Cup in 2014, making the Southern California track the first ever venue to hold the event for three consecutive years.

August 7, 2013 – Breeders' Cup Board of Directors votes William S. (Bill) Farish, Jr., of Lane's End Farm, as Board Chairman. Farish succeeds Tom Ludt, who has served as Chairman for two years. Farish, who was Breeders' Cup Chairman from 2006 through April 2011, will serve a two year-term. Antony Beck, of Gainesway Farm, is elected Vice Chairman.

August 8, 2013 – Breeders' Cup announces that the Ladies' Classic race, for fillies and mares 3-years-old and older, will be returned to its original race name, the Breeders' Cup Distaff, which was its name from 1984 through 2007.

November 1, 2013 – All-time leading Breeders' Cup jockey Mike Smith added to his total by winning the first two races of the 30th Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita Park on London Bridge (Marathon) and on Outstrip (GB) in the Juvenile Turf. Beholder was the star of the day with a commanding victory in the Distaff to nail down the 3-year-old filly title.

November 2, 2013 – Groupie Doll (Filly & Mare Sprint), Mizdirection (Turf Sprint) and Wise Dan (Mile) all repeated as Breeders' Cup Champions. Magician from Ireland catches The Fugue from England at the wire in the Turf. Mucho Macho Man hangs on by a nose over Will Take Charge to win the

Classic. Mike Smith won his second Bill Shoemaker Award as the Most Outstanding Jockey of the Breeders' Cup. All-sources wagering on Saturday's 12-race card was \$109,183,731, up 13 percent from the 2012 handle. A crowd of 58,995 was on hand Saturday for the second day of the Breeders' Cup, bringing the two-day total attendance to 94,628, more than five percent more than the 2012 two-day attendance of 89,742.

April 21, 2014 - NBC and NBCSN will present the "Breeders' Cup Challenge Series: Win and You're In"™, consisting of 11 telecasts featuring the 18 "Win And You're In" races. Winners of these races, which offer more than \$13 million in purses and awards, automatically qualify for a spot in the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita Park (Oct. 31, Nov. 1).

April 25, 2014 – Breeders' Cup eliminates the 1 ¾ Marathon race from the World Championships program after six runnings. 2014 event will consist of 13 races and \$26 million in purses and awards.

June 24, 2014 – Breeders' Cup announces Keeneland (2015), Santa Anita (2016) and Del Mar (2017) as host sites for future World Championships events. Keeneland and Del Mar will be first time hosts.

October 28, 2014 – Zayat Stable's 2-1 morning line favorite American Pharoah is scratched from the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile due to a foot bruise in his left front foot four days prior to the race. His trainer, Bob Baffert says dejectedly, "We're hopeful he's all right, and that you'll see him in the spring." The following year, American Pharoah would become racing's 12th Triple Crown winner.

October 30, 2014 – NBC Sports Group and Breeders' Cup Ltd., announce a 10-year agreement that will keep the World Championships on NBC through 2015.

October 31, 2014 – On the day that Santa Anita becomes the first track to host the Breeders' Cup for three consecutive years, Goldencents wins the Dirt Mile for the second straight year. The 3-year-old filly Untapable comes from off the pace to win the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff by 1 ¼ lengths. In the winner's circle, her jockey, Rosie Napravnik, announces to her mother, and to a national television audience, that she is expecting a child and will go into retirement.

November 1, 2014 – The Breeders' Cup races open with a bang when front-running, 61-1 Take Charge Brandi wins the Juvenile Fillies. Chad Brown collars two training wins with Dayathespa in the Filly & Mare Turf and Bobby's Kitten in the Turf Sprint. The 5-year-old mare Judy the Beauty repeats as the winner of the Filly & Mare Sprint. Her Jockey, Mike Smith, increases his all-time Breeders' Cup victory total to 21. Texas Red romps in the Juvenile by 6 ½ lengths for the brother combination of trainer Keith, and jockey Kent Desormeaux. 30-1 Karakontie (JPN) scores in the Mile and gives the Niarchos Family its second win of the day following a half-length triumph by the 5-year-old Main Sequence in the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf. The afternoon finishes with one of the most controversial runnings of the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic when Kaleem Shah's 3-year-old Bayern wins it going wire-to-wire and then survives a stewards' inquiry for an aggressive move towards

the rail at the start of the race.

March 4, 2015 – Tickets for the first-ever Breeders' Cup World Championships at Keeneland in Lexington go on sale and the public responds with great enthusiasm by purchasing a record 60,000 tickets in just five hours for the two-day event on Oct 30-31.

June 1, 2015 – Breeders' Cup announces safety and security initiatives for the Breeders' Cup Challenge series of qualifying racings in North America, developed in consultation with participating tracks, which include extending the Breeders' Cup out-of-competition testing program throughout the Series.

August 13, 2015 – John Nerud, one of the founders of the Breeders' Cup, dies at 102. Breeders' Cup President Craig Fravel pays tribute to one of racing's most influential individuals: "Mr. Nerud made an enormous contribution to the formation of the Breeders' Cup. Working closely with John Gaines and the initial founders, Mr. Nerud combined acute judgement, incredible boldness and powers of persuasion to help create a unique international championship event for horse racing. His interest and participation as a Member of the Breeders' Cup continued to the end. Mr. Nerud leaves a remarkable legacy, and all of us who love racing mourn his passing."

October 30, 2015 – A record crowd of 44,947 arrive for the first ever Breeders' Cup at Keeneland Race Course, and the event kicks off with a bang as Hit it a Bomb win the Juvenile Turf, followed by outstanding performances by Liam's Map winning the Dirt Mile in record time and Stopchargingmaria

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holding off Stellar Wind by a neck to win the Longines Distaff.

October 31, 2015 – A history making day as the brilliant 3-year-old American Pharoah becomes the first horse to capture Thoroughbred racing's Grand Slam by winning the Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup Classic in the same year. American Pharoah closed out his stellar career winning the Classic by 6 ½ lengths in track record time of 2:00.07. A total of 55,155 witness enormous displays of talent in Songbird winning the 14 Hands Winery Juvenile Fillies; the 4-year-old filly Tepin defeats males in the Breeders' Cup Mile; Nyquist holding off Swipe to win the Sentient Jet Juvenile and Irish filly Found defeating Arc de Triomphe winner Golden Horn in the Longines Turf. NBC television ratings for the Classic were the highest in 20 years. English jockey Ryan Moore wins the Bill Shoemaker Award as the most outstanding jockey of the Breeders' Cup.

December 14, 2015 – Breeders' Cup and NBC Sports Group announce a three-year renewal of the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series the two groups introduced in 2014 televising 16 of the best Breeders' Cup Challenge Series races from top race tracks in the U.S through 2018.

April 25, 2016 - Churchill Downs in Louisville is named host site of the 2018 Breeders' Cup World

Championships, marking the ninth time that the

Championships will be held under the Twin Spires.

June 13, 2016 - Purses for the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf and the Breeders' Cup Classic are each raised by \$1 million. Turf was increased to \$4 million and the Classic to \$6 million for the 2016 event. In addition to purse increases, Breeders' Cup modified the payout structure to pay down to the 8th finish position on every Championship race, increasing the number of horses who receive purse distributions from 40% of starters to 65%.

November 4, 2016 – A crowd of 45,673, the largest for a Breeders' Cup Friday, was on hand to witness a race for the ages when the 6-year-old mare Beholder defeated the previously undefeated 3-year-old filly Songbird by a nose in the \$2 million Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff on the first day of the 33rd Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita Park, which marked a record ninth time that the Great Race Place hosted the event. In her final career race, Beholder, with Mike Smith aboard, tied Goldikova (IRE) for most Breeders' Cup wins, garnering her third trophy. Trainer Bryan Lynch and jockey Jose Ortiz teamed up for their first Breeders' Cup victories when

Oscar Performance captured the Juvenile Turf. Chad Brown won his third Juvenile Fillies Turf with New Money Honey, and Tamarkuz upset the Las Vegas Mile with a rousing victory at 12-1. Total handle for Friday's 10-race card was \$50,935,934, a 13% increase over the 2015 non-separate pool handle figure of \$44,949,165. Total handle for the four Breeders' Cup races was \$30,267,692.

November 5, 2016 - A crowd of 72,811, the highest single-day attendance for a Breeders' Cup since the event switched to a two-day format, witnessed record-breaking performances during the nine races on the second day of the World Championships. Champagne Room (\$69.20) was the highest priced winner, taking the 14 Hands Winery Juvenile Fillies. Queen's Trust (GB) won the Filly & Mare Turf in a record 1/1/4-mile time of 1:57.75, and gave trainer Sir Michael Stoute his seventh Breeders' Cup triumph. The 8-year-old gelding Obviously won the Turf Sprint in this fifth Breeders' Cup start. Tourist won the Mile over defending champion Classic Empire captured the Sentient Jet Juvenile in the 300th race in Breeders' Cup history. Tepin, establishing a new Breeders' Cup and Santa Anita course record of 1:31.71. Highland Reel (IRE) won the Turf wire-to-wire over Flintshire

(GB) with defending champion Found (IRE) finishing third. The \$6 million Classic lived up to its billing as California Chrome turned for home with a comfortable lead only to be caught in the final yards by 3-year-old Arrogate. It was jockey Mike Smith's 25th Breeders' Cup win and an unprecedented third straight Breeders' Cup Classic for trainer Bob Baffert. The two-day attendance for 2016 was 118,484, the highest in Breeders' Cup history. Common-pool wagering on Saturday's 12-race Breeders' Cup card was \$109,055,897, a 3.2% increase over the \$105,625,491 wagered in 2015. Common-pool wagering for the two days was \$159,991,803 an increase of 6.25% over the \$150,574,656 total in 2015.

January 24, 2017 - In London, the Breeders' Cup Classic is named the Longines World's Best Horse Race of 2016 by the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities, and Classic winner Arrogate, with a 134 rating, edges out Classic runner-up California Chrome (133) for the title of World's Best Race Horse of 2016.