## **News Release**



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## CHURCHILL DOWNS TO HOST ARLINGTON MILLION DAY ON SATURDAY, AUG. 13

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Aug. 4, 2022) – Plans for the special one-day Arlington Million Day program at Churchill Downs Racetrack on Saturday, Aug. 13 remain on course. The stand-alone 11-race program at the Louisville racetrack will now feature nine races on dirt and two centerpiece events on turf: the Arlington Million and Beverly D.

The previously announced \$300,000 Secretariat (Grade II) for 3-year-olds at one mile on turf and \$200,000 Pucker Up (GIII) for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on turf have been placed on hiatus.

"While our new Bermuda-hybrid turf course continues to mature to its ultimate potential, we are being appropriately conservative by limiting the number of races in the best interest of long term preservation of the surface and growing root system," said Churchill Downs Racetrack President Mike Anderson. "The course is healthy and vibrant and we are extremely optimistic about its performance now and in the future. However, we don't want any setbacks to its progression, especially right now during its critical growth season. Our plan is to take advantage of the width and versatility of the new course and run the two marquee races - the Arlington Million and Beverly D. - in two separate running lanes to provide fresh ground for each important race."

The 32<sup>nd</sup> running of the \$500,000 Beverly D. (GI) for fillies and mares at 1 1/8 miles on turf - a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" event for the Filly & Mare Turf division - will be staged early in the 11-race card and be run in Lane 3, 24 feet off the inside rail with up to 12 runners.

The featured 39th running of the \$1 million Arlington Million (GI) for 3-year-olds and up at 1 1/8 miles on turf will be run late in the program from Lane 1 with a maximum of 14 entrants.

In addition to the Arlington Million and Beverly D., there will be two other stakes races on dirt: the \$200,000 Fort Larned for 3-year-olds at 1 3/16 miles and the \$200,000 Lady Tak for fillies and mares at six furlongs.

Entries for the Aug. 13 card will be taken Tuesday.

Thanks to cooperation from Ellis Park, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and Kentucky horsemen, Churchill Downs Racetrack is hosting the Arlington Million and Beverly D. for the first time. They were previously run at Arlington Park until the racetrack closed in 2021.



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Gates at Churchill Downs on Aug. 13 will open at 11:30 a.m. (all times Eastern) and the first of 11 races will be 12:45 p.m. The final race is scheduled for 6:25 p.m.

All races will be televised live as part of NYRA and FOX Sports' *Saratoga Live* programming on FS1 from 12:30-3 p.m., FS2 from 3-6 p.m. and FS1 from 6-7 p.m.

Tickets for general admission and first floor seating are \$14. Reserved seating starts at \$17 and reserved dining starts at \$82. To purchase tickets, visit <u>www.churchilldowns.com/tickets</u>.

On-track special events include a one-day, live money handicapping contest that will award horseplayers prize money and coveted berths to the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge; between-race musical performances from the Kentucky Derby Winner's Circle presentation stand by Louisville's renowned rhythm and blues and jazz artist Robbie Bartlett; and special Chicago-inspired concessions, including Chicago Dog, Italian Beef Sandwich, Polish Sausage and Shaved Italian Ice. For more information, go to www.churchilldowns.com/calendar/2022-08-13.

## ARLINGTON MILLION DAY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS ON SATURDAY, AUG. 13

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Saturday, Aug. 13	39 <sup>th</sup>	Ι	\$1,000,000	Arlington Million	3&up	$1 \ 1/8 \ M$	Turf
Saturday, Aug. 13	32nd	Ι	\$500,000	Beverly D.	3&up, f&m	$1 \ 1/8 \ M$	Turf
Saturday, Aug. 13	1 <sup>st</sup>		\$200,000	Fort Larned	3уо	1 3/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, Aug. 13	1 <sup>st</sup>		\$200,000	Lady Tak	3&up, f&m	6 F	Dirt

## ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. <u>www.ChurchillDowns.com</u>.

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