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## **Wine Country Horse Racing Offers Special Events and After Fair Fun**

*Program includes Racing Seminars, Derby Dog Dash, Hat Day and more—plus a Bonus Week!*

SANTA ROSA, CA – July 18, 2017 – There’s nothing like the thrill of live horse racing at The Sonoma County Fair. Tickets are on sale now for Wine Country Racing held Thursdays through Sundays (August 3 - 6 and August 10 - 13) during the Fair. Fans can also look forward to a Bonus Week of racing action after the Fair on Friday, August 18 through Sunday, August 20. First post time is 1:15 pm on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, and 2:15 pm on Fridays.

The Wine Country Racing turf track brings some of the nation’s best trainers, jockeys and horses to Santa Rosa. Admission to ground-level viewing of the horse races is free with Fair admission. Affordable grandstand and box seating is also available and can be purchased ahead of time at the Fair Box Office or online, as well as on race day.

For those who would like to increase their odds of winning – or just learn more about racing and betting, enjoy a **free** Racing Seminar every race day in **Shade Park** (11:30 am on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays; 12:30 pm on Fridays). Guest speakers – Dennis Miller and Michael Patricks - will share their betting secrets and give their top picks for each race.

The **Derby Dog Dash** offers all the competition and pageantry of horse racing – but on a much smaller scale. If you have a little dog who’s fleet of foot, you could win some cash. (Visit [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com) for entry information.) Several exciting “heats” lead to a nail-biting run for Grand Champion status and a \$100 cash prize. The canine competition takes place on three consecutive Sundays—**August 6, August 13, and August 20.**

To immerse yourself in the full, true spirit of the track, be at the Grandstands on **Thursday, August 3 at 12:30 pm** for the Seventh Annual **Wine Country Hat Day at the Races**. Proceeds benefit the Sonoma County Fair Foundation. Your \$65 ticket includes admission to the Fair, a seat to the races, and a wonderful event in the VIP tent featuring a live auction, hat competition, wine, lunch and a no-host bar.



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Enjoy the thrill of live horse racing at its finest on the turf and dirt tracks at the Sonoma County Fair.

**Trackside Dining** includes table service and elegant buffet meal for four. (Drinks & required Fair admission sold separately.) Tickets can be purchased online or at the Fair Box Office.

Enjoy three more exhilarating days at the track after the Fair closes for a Bonus Week of special deals. The additional races are scheduled for Friday, August 18, Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20.

Grandstand seating (unreserved), gate admission, & parking are all free. But wait, the deals keep getting better. The Fair has lined up some special offers for you during Bonus Week:

- **On Friday, August 18**, get a FREE Wine Country Racing T-shirt (first 500 guests).
- **On Saturday, August 19**, bring your valid College or Military ID for **\$5 beers!**
- **Sunday, August 20**, we've got the **Derby Dog Dash, \$1 hotdogs and \$1 beers** (*until the start of the 3rd race*).
- **PLUS**, those who attend Bonus week can get a FREE ticket to attend the races at Del Mar (Del Mar racing dates are July 19 – September 4 and November 1 – November 26).

For more information on Wine Country Racing and the 2017 Sonoma County Fair, please visit [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com) or call (707) 545-4200.

Every day is a holiday during "Holidaze at the Sonoma County Fair!" Get ready to celebrate from August 3 – August 13. You won't want to miss this year's FREE Community Concert Series, the thrill of live horse racing, excitement of an ALL NEW giant carnival, nostalgia of "Holidays in Bloom" themed flower show, live entertainment, incredible food, fun contests, new games and more. For details, visit [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com) or call (707) 545-4200. Like us on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter to keep up with the fun. See you at the Fair!

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