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## 2018 WINE COUNTRY RACING

Racing Seminars, Derby Dog Dash, Hat Day and more!

SANTA ROSA, CA – July 18, 2018– “And they’re off!” Wine Country Racing returns August 2-5, and 9-12, for 8 thrilling days of live horse racing! Races will be held Thursday through Sunday (August 2-5 and August 9-12) during the Fair, which runs August 2 – August 12. Both weeks, post time is 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, and 2:15 p.m. on Fridays.

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. Regular grandstand seats are \$3.00, plus preferred grandstand seats and box seats are \$5.00.

Want a front row seat to a photo finish? New **Finish Line Seating** is available for \$10. Finish Line Seating can be purchased online at [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com) or at the Fair Box Office.

**Trackside Seating and Paddock View Dining** – For a more exclusive racing experience, consider one of these reserved seating options. Trackside Seating tables seat four people for \$60. (Drinks, food & required Fair admission sold separately.) Trackside Seating tables can be purchased online or at the Fair Box Office. The exclusive Paddock View Dining area holds up to 26 people, and the \$600 cost includes Fair Admission and official racing programs for the entire group. (Food and drink are sold separately. Catering options are available for additional fee.) Paddock View Dining must be purchased at the Fair Box Office.

Here’s your chance to win at the track without placing a bet! Look for the information table as you enter the grandstands to enter the **Win/Place/Show Contest**, fill out a slip, and put it in the numbered box that matches the horse you think will win that day’s 6th race. You might end up in the Winner’s Circle to claim \$100, \$50 or \$25! Winners must be present to collect their prize.

Puzzled about picking the ponies? Don’t know a quinella from a trifecta? For those who would like to increase their odds of winning—or just learn more about racing and betting—free **Racing Seminars**, sponsored by Sonoma County Airport Express, are offered each race day in Shade Park. Get picks and tips

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from "Morning Line" Michael Patricks and Dennis Miller. Catch an impressive line-up of celebrity guest speakers, PLUS you might win something from one of the FREE drawings and giveaways at the seminars! Racing Seminars start at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and at 12:30 p.m. on Friday in Shade Park.

The **Derby Dog Dash** is held Sunday, August 5 and Sunday, August 12. This beloved event offers all the competition and pageantry of horse racing on a much smaller scale. Canines under 25 pounds are eligible to compete. Get entry details and rules at [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com).

No need to travel to Kentucky, we've got Derby Style right here at home. An event not to be missed, **Wine Country Hat Day at the Races** features a grandstand full of beautiful people wearing big, bold and beautiful hats all for a worthy cause. Join us for lunch with Sonoma County's finest wines, and betting on your favorite ponies. Tickets are \$65 and includes Fair admission, a seat to the races, hat competition, wine, lunch and a no-host bar. Reserved tables for 8 are available for \$600. Proceeds benefit the Sonoma County Fair Scholarships. Tables of 8 can only be purchased at the Fair Box Office. Individual tickets can be purchased online at [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com).

Take a break from the hustle and bustle but don't miss any of the action in **Sliders Sports Bar** near the Wine Country Racing grandstands. Enjoy local craft beers, indoor and outdoor seating areas, large screen TVs and live sporting action and wagering. Also, enjoy food from Smoky Mutts BBQ!

Join in a "Salute to Heroes" at this summer's Sonoma County Fair from August 2 to August 12! In addition to tributes to the many heroes of Sonoma County, visitors to the Fair will find all the makings for a fun-filled family outing. A floral tribute to the beauty of Sonoma County, free entertainment and tasty fair foods are just the beginning. From the exhibit buildings filled with your neighbors' works of art to the livestock in the barns; from the cheering horse race fans to the screams of excitement in the carnival, the Fair has something for everyone. 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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