

Arlington's Greatest Moments

Arlington Park combines the elegance of its modern facility with the tradition and excitement of thoroughbred racing to serve as a showcase for the Sport of Kings.

The unsurpassed beauty of the magnificent six-story grandstand is only a small part of the Arlington Experience, however. Since re-opening on June 28, 1989, Arlington, under the innovative and determined leadership of Richard L. Duchossois, has been dedicated to the concept of family entertainment. Arlington is creating a new generation of thoroughbred racing fans with an aggressive marketing program highlighted by successful theme days—such as Family Day and Party in the Park—and an overriding emphasis on customer service and satisfaction.

Arlington has invested heavily in the future of racing, but the tradition associated with its glorious past will always be special.

Arlington Park opened on October 13, 1927, when Joe Bollero rode Luxembourg to victory in the first race. During the ensuing years, many of racing's biggest and brightest stars competed at Arlington Park, including Armed, Bewitch, Buckpasser, Busher, Candy Spots, Citation, Coaltown, Dr. Fager, Equipoise, John Henry, Nashua, Native Dancer, Round Table, Secretariat, Spectacular Bid, Swaps, Tom Rolfe, T. V. Lark and Twilight Tear.

Indeed, Arlington has been the site for many of racing's greatest moments.

- 1926 ♦ Curley Brown, a California native with 50 years of racing experience, and several Chicago investors form the American National Jockey Club.
- ♦ June 17—The American National Jockey Club purchases 1,001 acres of land in Arlington Heights.
- 1927 ♦ June 27—Ground is broken and construction begins on an 18,000-seat grandstand and clubhouse and two racing strips—a 1 1/8-mile main track and a one-mile inside track.
- ♦ October 13—Arlington Park officially opens. Joe Bollero rides Luxembourg to victory in the first race.
- 1928 ♦ First full season of operation. The Post & Paddock Club debuts with a limited membership of 250.
- 1929 ♦ January 5—Arlington Park is sold to 20 Chicago businessmen who incorporate as the Arlington Jockey Club. Charles McCulloch, head of worldwide operations for the Yellow Cab Company, is named chairman of the board and Otto Lehman is appointed president.
- ♦ Arlington introduces four stakes races: the Arlington Classic (won by Blue Larkspur), Arlington Handicap (won by Misstep), Stars & Stripes (won by Dowagiac) and Arlington Lassie (won by Capture).
- 1933 ♦ The first all-electric totalisator is installed, reducing down time between races and adding credibility to wagering reports. For the first time, fans can determine the volume of betting and the amount wagered on each horse.
- 1934 ♦ June 29—Illinois turf racing debuts at Arlington Park.
- 1936 ♦ Arlington installs Chicago's first photo finish camera. A high-speed motion picture camera, the "Eye in the Sky" all but eliminates decisions made by the placing judges. The first dead-heat for win is recorded on July 25.
- 1937 ♦ June 28—Daily Double wagering is introduced.



- 1940 ♦ April 16—Arlington Park is purchased by John D. Allen, vice president of Brinks & Co., and Benjamin F. Lindheimer, director of Washington Park, Chicago's south-side race track.
- ♦ Arlington Park and Washington Park combine racing schedules into a single coordinated meeting. Arlington races for 30 days and Washington Park races for 31 days.
- ♦ Chicago's first electric starting gate is installed at Arlington Park.
- 1941 ♦ July 4—A record crowd of 50,638 (still unbeaten) watches Steel Heels upset Equifox in the Stars & Stripes.
- 1942 ♦ Arlington becomes the first track to bank the turns on its turf course.
- 1943 ♦ Arlington Park closes and shifts its racing schedule to Washington Park due to the escalation of World War II.
- 1945 ♦ July 5—Illinois' first \$2 million handle is recorded during the Arlington-at-Washington Park meeting.
- 1946 ♦ Arlington Park re-opens with an expanded clubhouse restaurant and air conditioning.
- 1952 ♦ The Arlington Classic becomes the world's richest race for three-year-olds with a \$100,000-added purse.
- ♦ June 24—Eddie Arcaro becomes the first American rider to win 3,000 races with a victory at Arlington.
- 1953 ♦ Native Dancer wins the Arlington Classic for owner Alfred G. Vanderbilt.
- 1954 ♦ Seating capacity is increased to 30,000 and parking facilities expanded to accommodate 15,000 cars.
- 1956 ♦ Jockey Bill Hartack wins 75 races in 36 days.
- 1960 ♦ June 5—Owner Ben Lindheimer dies of a heart attack. His daughter, Marje Lindheimer Everett, assumes control of Arlington.
- ♦ Arlington unveils the Classic Club, an upscale, glass-enclosed restaurant extending across 60 percent of the grandstand's top floor. A new paddock is also created.
- 1961 ♦ Washington Park racing dates are shifted to Arlington Park for a schedule of 67 days.

- ◆ Ground is broken on the southwest corner of the grounds for a golf course, driving range and restaurant/nightclub complex.
- ◆ Marje Everett purchases control of the Arlington and Washington Park Jockey Clubs and forms a new corporation, Chicago Thoroughbred Enterprises.
- 1962 ◆ Bill Shoemaker and Candy Spots win the richest race ever run—the \$357,250 Futurity.
- 1964 ◆ Arlington's racing schedule is expanded to 103 days after receiving all of Washington Park's thoroughbred racing dates. Washington Park is used exclusively for harness racing.
- 1965 ◆ Arlington sets state records for mutuel handle for a meet (54,307,198) and a day (\$2,851,490 on Labor Day), and attendance for a meeting (696,804).
- 1966 ◆ July 1—Jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. records his first U.S. victory, at Arlington.
- 1967 ◆ Arlington installs the sporting world's largest color, closed-circuit television network.
- ◆ October 8—Chicago Thoroughbred Enterprises merges with Gulf & Western Industries.
- 1968 ◆ August 24—Dr. Fager establishes a world record of 1:32 1/5 in the mile-long Washington Park Handicap while carrying 134 pounds—a feat that helps him earn Horse-of-The-Year honors. The record stood until 1998.
- 1969 ◆ August 29—Night racing is introduced on an experimental basis through September 8.
- 1970 ◆ John F. Loome, vice-president and general manager at Bowie Race Track in Maryland, replaces Marje Everett as Arlington's chief operating officer.
- 1971 ◆ Arlington hosts the industry's first commercially sponsored race—the \$100,000 Pontiac Grand Prix.
- ◆ Chicago Thoroughbred Enterprises is bought by Madison Square Garden.
- 1973 ◆ June 30—Triple Crown winner Secretariat captures the Arlington Invitational by nine lengths in his only Arlington appearance.



- 1976 ◆ July 4—The first Sunday racing program in Illinois history is held at Arlington.
- ◆ August 24—16-year-old riding phenom Steve "The Kid" Cauthen makes his Arlington debut. He wins 40 races in six weeks.
- 1980 ◆ July 19—Spectacular Bid wins the Washington Park Handicap as Arlington sets single-day and single-race betting records of \$3,517,129 and \$796,670, respectively.
- 1981 ◆ August 30—Arlington introduces the first million-dollar thoroughbred race with the inaugural running of the Arlington Million. John Henry, ridden by Bill Shoemaker, wins the race by a nose over The Bart.
- 1982 ◆ Three of Arlington's top jockeys set records/receive awards. Randy Romero sets an Arlington season record with 181 wins, Pat Day wins the national riding title and Earlie Fires wins his 3,000th career race and takes the Arlington money-won crown with \$1.76 million in earnings.
- ◆ August 29—Arlington Million Sunday sets three records: the largest single race straight mutuel pool (\$719,332), largest single Perfecta pool (\$245,028) and largest single-race mutuel pool (\$964,350).
- ◆ August 29—Perrault, ridden by Laffit Pincay, Jr., wins the Million in a record time of 1:58 4/5. The mark still stands.
- 1983 ◆ August 18—Arlington Park is purchased by former track president Joseph F. Joyce, Sheldon Robbins, Ralph Ross and Richard L. Duchossois.
- 1984 ◆ August 26—39,053 fans watch legendary John Henry win his second Arlington Million. Wagering of \$1,097,397 sets new state and track records.



- 1985 ◆ July 31—Arlington Park is destroyed by fire.
- ◆ Arlington's remaining racing dates are shifted to Hawthorne Race Course.
- ◆ August 25—More than 35,000 fans at Arlington Park watch the "Miracle Million" from temporary bleachers as Great Britain's Teleprompter defeats Greinton by less than a length.
- ◆ Arlington receives an Eclipse Award, the first ever awarded to a racetrack.
- 1986 ◆ August 19—Arlington introduces the International Festival of Racing. The 13-day session attracts horses from Canada and Europe.
- ◆ Duchossois buys out Joyce, Robbins and Ross, and assumes full control of Arlington.

- ◆ Duchossois is named only the third recipient of the American Jockey Club's Gold Medal.
- 1987 ◆ With a temporary grandstand, Arlington celebrates its 60th anniversary with a 91-day season—its first full meet since 1984.
- ◆ July 15—Jack Van Berg makes racing history at Arlington by becoming the first thoroughbred trainer to win 5,000 races with Art's Chandelle.
- ◆ September 6—Million Day wagering of \$4,590,350 sets a single-day Illinois pari-mutuel record.
- ◆ September 7—Fans join Governor James Thompson, Arlington Heights Mayor James Ryan, Richard L. Duchossois and Arlington President Ken Dunn for groundbreaking ceremonies in the winner's circle for construction of the new Arlington.
- 1988 ◆ Arlington closes to allow for uninterrupted construction.
- ◆ August 20—The Arlington Million is transferred to Toronto's Woodbine Race Course, marking the first time a major stakes race is moved to another country. Mill Native of France upsets a star-studded field including Eclipse winner Sunshine Forever and Breeders' Cup hero Great Communicator.
- ◆ Arlington wins the coveted Eclipse Award for the production of 10 television programs showcasing Thoroughbred racing.
- ◆ Duchossois is named only the fifth recipient of the Special Sovereign Award from the Canadian Jockey Club, for unique achievement in the racing industry. He was also the fifth recipient of the prestigious Lord Derby Award in London from the Horse Racing Writers and Reporters Association of Great Britain.
- 1989 ◆ June 28—Arlington re-opens with a new name—Arlington International Racecourse—and a new concept in thoroughbred racing. The six-story, 700,000-square-foot grandstand and clubhouse seats 12,000. Overall capacity is 35,000.
- ◆ August 3—Jorge Velasquez wins his 6,000th career race, becoming only the fifth jockey ever to do so.
- ◆ August 27—Velasquez becomes the fourth winningest jockey of all time as he wins his 6,033rd race.
- ◆ September 13—Pat Day sets a North American record by winning eight of his nine mounts at Arlington.
- 1990 ◆ Arlington wins a third special Eclipse Award to acknowledge the extraordinary investment in the future of racing that the new track represents.
- ◆ May 20—Triple dead-heat for the win in the day's ninth race between Marshua's Affair, Survival and All Worked Up.
- ◆ June 29—Bud Delp becomes the ninth trainer in history to collect 3,000 victories, following a first-race triumph with Tangier.
- ◆ August 19—Jockey Earlie Fires wins his 5,000th career race, riding Illinois Horse of the Year Tex's Zing.
- ◆ September 2—Golden Pheasant's score in the Arlington Million enables Charlie Whittingham to become the first trainer to win the event three times.
- 1991 ◆ Shane Sellers smashes the single-season mark for most victories by a jockey with 219 wins. Randy Romero set the old mark with 181 wins in 1982.
- ◆ Noel Hickey breaks the record for most victories by a train-
er in a single season with 62 wins and captures back-to-back training titles. Arnold Winick set the old mark of 60 wins in 1968. Hickey, the owner of Irish Acres Farm, also set a new standard for earnings as the farm collects purses totalling \$1,068,442, during the meet.
- 1992 ◆ May 10—The largest opening day crowd in history, 40,483 (plus an estimated 6,000 children), turns out for Mother's Day.
- ◆ A contingent of 17 foreign horses, including the first horse from Hong Kong, compete in the International Festival of Racing, making it the largest foreign presence in any American event other than the Breeders' Cup.
- ◆ September 6—ESPN televises Arlington Million XII, and the race garners the largest audience for a thoroughbred event in cable television history. A record one-day handle of \$6,286,188 was set.
- ◆ October 9—Veteran track announcer Phil Georgeff, a member of the Guinness Book of World Records and the Chicago Sports Hall of Fame, calls his final race at Arlington.
- 1993 ◆ A new, enlarged paddock, which provides greater safety for horses, horsemen, jockeys and fans, is unveiled. The new paddock is 60 percent larger than the original.
- ◆ A total of \$10,900,100 is wagered on Million Day, setting a new record.
- 1994 ◆ August 28—Pat Day, after nine unsuccessful attempts, wins his first Arlington Million, aboard Paradise Creek.
- 1995 ◆ August 26—Possibly Perfect wins the \$500,000 Grade I Beverly D., giving Hall-of-Fame trainer Bobby Frankel his first victory in five attempts. Possibly Perfect was later honored with an Eclipse Award as North America's top female turf horse, marking the third consecutive year that the Beverly D. champion has received that award.
- 1996 ◆ July 13—On a perfect summer day, more than 34,000 people jam Arlington to see two-time Horse of the Year Cigar tie the modern-day record by winning his 16th consecutive race in the Arlington Citation Challenge.



- 1997 ◆ August 24—Honor Glide becomes the first horse since 1966 to sweep Arlington's Mid-America Triple and the only horse to do so in its current all-turf configuration when he captures the \$400,000 Secretariat Stakes.
- ◆ August 24—Marlin becomes the second horse to capture the Million after having previously won the Secretariat Stakes and is the first to do so in consecutive years.
- 2000 ◆ May 14—Arlington reopens after a two-year absence.
- ◆ August 19—Jerry Bailey becomes the first jockey to win

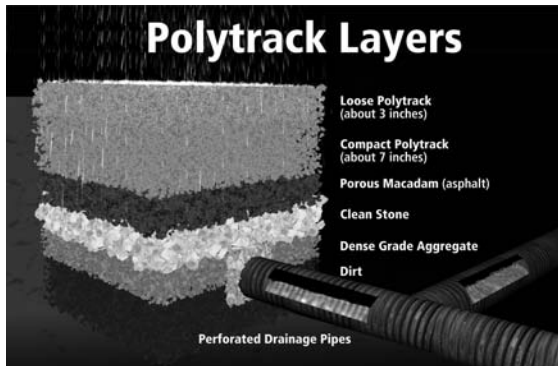
both the Beverly D. and the Million in the same year.

- ◆ September 8—Merger with Churchill Downs, Inc. is completed.
 - ◆ October 23—Track name reverts to Arlington Park.
- 2001
- ◆ Arlington constructs three new barns in the backstretch prior to the start of the meet. The project, which cost more than \$3 million, increased the number of available stalls by 164 to a maximum capacity of 2,140.
 - ◆ Arlington's five OTB facilities are renamed "Trackside" as part of an overall re-branding program within Churchill Downs Incorporated.
 - ◆ June 17—The Father's Day attendance of 26,153 at Arlington Park is the highest attendance at any racetrack in the country.
 - ◆ August 18—Silvano becomes the first German-bred horse to start in and win the Grade I Arlington Million.
 - ◆ December 3—Arlington Park is named host track for the 2002 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships.
- 2002
- ◆ June 16—For the second straight year, Arlington Park leads the nation in on-track attendance on Father's Day when 24,695 fans pass through the gates.
 - ◆ August 17—Juddmonte Farms and Bobby Frankel become the first owner-trainer combination win both the Arlington Million and Secretariat Stakes in the same year when Beat Hollow captures the Million and Chiselling takes the Secretariat. The \$15,851,625 wagered on the 12-race card is the highest non-Breeders' Cup handle in the history of the track and in the State of Illinois on Illinois races.
 - ◆ October 26—Arlington Park hosts a sellout crowd of 46,118 for the 2002 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships. A Breeders' Cup record of \$116,059,574 is bet on the 11-race card.



- 2003
- ◆ June 16—Arlington again has the highest attendance at any racetrack in the nation on Father's Day with a crowd of 26,101 on hand.
 - ◆ August 16—Godolphin Racing Inc.'s Sulamani, trained by Saeed bin Suroor with David Flores aboard, was declared the winner of an unusual finish to the running of Arlington Million XXI. Storming Home, who crossed the wire first but caused interference to multiple horses in the stretch and threw his rider Gary Stevens to the turf just past the finish, is disqualified and placed fourth.
- 2004
- ◆ January 7—The NTRA announces that Arlington Park chairman Richard L. Duchossois will receive the Eclipse Award of Merit, given annually in recognition of an individual's lifetime achievements in Thoroughbred racing.

- ◆ June 12—Following the final race of the day, Arlington Park's tote board, located in the infield, catches fire. All of the horses from the last race were off the racetrack and most of the patrons had left the building when the fire was detected at 5:45 p.m. For the next three weeks, the track's JumboTron was used to display odds and other wagering information.
 - ◆ June 18—Arlington Park announces that the track will build two new dormitories for backstretch workers at the track. The project, which will be completed in two phases at an estimated cost of \$4 million, adds 96 new units in two separate buildings.
 - ◆ June 20—For the fourth consecutive year, Arlington Park has the highest attendance, 28,233, at any racetrack in the country on Father's Day. At the time, it is the third largest non-Breeders' Cup Day attendance since the track re-opened in 2000.
 - ◆ August 14—International Festival of Racing Day brings out a crowd of 30,414, the largest Million Day attendance since 1991. Total handle of the 12-race card is a record \$17,912,506 including \$3,169,851 on-track. The Grade I Arlington Million is again decided in the stewards' stand with Powerscourt disqualified from first to fourth for stretch interference and the victory being awarded to Brushwood Stable's Kicken Kris.
- 2005
- ◆ July 23—New York-based jockey Cornelio Velasquez sweeps Arlington Park's Million Preview Day stakes, winning the Grade II \$250,000 American Derby, presented by Jack Daniel's, aboard Brant Laue's Gun Salute for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott; the Grade III \$200,000 Arlington Handicap astride David E. Garner's Cool Conductor for former Mott assistant Ralph Nicks; and the Grade III \$150,000 Modesty Handicap with Noisette, who is owned by Haras Santa Maria de Aras S. A. and is trained by Mott.
 - ◆ Aug. 13—International Festival of Racing Day brings out a season-best crowd of 28,312 who wagered \$3,169,791 on-track. Total wagering on the 12-race card is an Illinois non-Breeders' Cup Day wagering record of \$20,630,186 in the commingled pool, which includes Canada for the first time.
- 2006
- ◆ Aug. 12—International Festival of Racing Day brings out a season's best crowd of 29,979 who wager \$3,187,911 on the 12-race card. Wagering from all sources totals \$18,687,975.
 - ◆ Dec. 7—Arlington Park announces that it will begin construction to replace its conventional dirt track with a new state-of-the-art, synthetic racing surface.
- 2007
- ◆ Feb. 6—Arlington Park announces that it has selected Polytrack as the new state-of-the-art, synthetic racing surface.
 - ◆ March 29—The final phase of Arlington Park's \$11 million project to replace the track's traditional dirt surface with a state-of-the-art synthetic surface begins with the first installment of the Polytrack surface being placed on Arlington's mile and an eighth main track.
 - ◆ Apr. 25—Arlington Park officially enters the synthetic-track era at 5:30 a.m. when Fifteen Rounds and Yanquee Reign, both trained by Christine Janks, are the first two Thoroughbreds to take a spin over the track's \$11-million state-of-the-art Polytrack surface.



- ◆ May 4—Peter Stamas and Crown's Way Farm's Do the Wave goes into the record books as the first winner on Arlington Park's state-of-the-art Polytrack surface. Eusebio Razo Jr. rode the Greg Geier-trained son of Dance Brightly who went the mile distance in 1:40.96.
- ◆ May 11—Arlington Park debuts its alternate finish line used for mile and one-sixteenth races on the main track. The alternate finish line is located at the sixteenth pole which is covered on three sides to resemble the regular finish line and is additionally denoted by a red stop-like sign in place on races when in use.
- ◆ Sept. 3—Arlington Park presents its first ever Turf Showcase program with eight of the day's nine races run over the turf, which was split into two separate courses with the help of an additional portable rail on loan from Fair Grounds Race Course in New Orleans.
- ◆ Sept. 16—Jockey Randall Meier becomes the 53rd rider to win 4,000 races when he guides Rat Pack's Officer Frank to a nine-length victory in the second race.
- 2008 ◆ Apr. 22—Cashless wagering becomes available using either an existing Twin Spires Club card or anonymous cash cards.
- ◆ May 11 - Apprentice jockey Brandon Meier, son of long-time Arlington Park jockey Randy Meier, accepts and wins with his first mount - Frank Calabrese's Houseboat for trainer Wayne Catalano.
- ◆ Aug. 9 - European-based runners sweep the top three spots in Arlington Million XXVI with Kamel Chehboub's Spirit One reporting home first for trainer Philippe Demercastel under Ioritz Mendizabal; European-based runners grab the top two placings in the Grade I Secretariat with Mr. & Mrs. Bertram Firestone's Winchester posting a dominating 7 1/4-length victory for trainer Dermot Weld and jockey Rene Douglas; Robert Scarborough's Muralakana, trained by Christophe Clement and ridden by Kent Desormeaux, wins the Grade I Beverly D. Stakes. A crowd of 31,463 is on hand.
- ◆ Sept. 21 - Hall of Fame jockey Earlie Fires hangs up his tack after guiding Frank C. Calabrese's Manchu Prince to a fifth-place in the fifth race. He ends his career as the track's all-time leading rider with 2,886 victories.
- 2009 ◆ March 17 - Arlington Park officials announce that the top three finishers in each of the three graded stakes races on Million Preview Day, Saturday, July 11, will have their entry and starting fees waived for the corresponding International Festival of Racing event on Saturday, Aug. 8.
- ◆ May 22 - It is announced the winner of the 27th edition of the Grade I Arlington Million on Aug. 8 will receive an automatic invitation to participate in the Group I \$5.6 million Japan Cup to be contested Nov. 29, 2009, at Tokyo Racecourse. The Arlington Million is the only North American race to be selected for its winner to receive an

automatic berth to the prestigious event.

- ◆ May 30 - Longtime Chicago-based jockey Chris Emigh notches the 3,000th victory of his career when he guided John Reinhart's Thanks Lord for trainer Frank Kirby to a 1 3/4-length win in the fourth race.
- ◆ July 3 - Arlington Park's new Independence Day weekend event on July 3 - a continuous event consisting of racing, music and fireworks - is warmly greeted by a crowd of 34,704 on a beautiful summer afternoon-evening.
- ◆ July 17 - Longtime Chicago-based jockey E. T. Baird notches the 2,000th victory of his career when he guided John Karakourtis's Bond Street for trainer Hugh Robertson to a 2 1/2-length win in the second race.
- ◆ Aug. 21 - Longtime Chicago-based jockey Carlos Silva, third on Arlington's list of all-time leading riders, notches the 3,500th North American victory of his career when he guided Ben Barnow's Iris Germanica for trainer Richard Hazelton to a 1 3/4-length win in the third race.
- ◆ Dec. 4 - Longtime racing official Christian Polzin is named Director of Racing and Racing Secretary.
- 2010 ◆ March 8 - Arlington Park officials announce the "Festival Free Pass" program that will waive entry and starting fees in the International Festival of Racing for the winners of selected Group races overseas, one North American race and the 1-2-3 finishers from prep races at Arlington on Million Preview Day.
- ◆ March 14 - Arlington Park is featured on the hit CBS-TV series "Undercover Boss" as the show follows CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen as he works undercover in numerous capacities at Arlington and at Calder Race Course in Miami.
- ◆ April 15 - Effective with the start of its 2010 race meet, Arlington Park announces that it would join Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky in requiring participating jockey's to enroll in an electronic medical records database. All jockeys riding at Arlington Park in 2010 will have to enroll in the Jockey Health Information System. Additional safety regulations are announced at the same time.
- ◆ April 29 - Meghan Samantha Rice Memorial Race is held in honor of the daughter of longtime Arlington Park valet Kenny Rice. The entire Rice family as well as friends and co-workers gather in the winner's circle following the race as CDI CEO Bill Carstanjen makes a donation in Meghan's name to two charities.



- ◆ May 14 - A throng of 41,369 is on hand at Arlington Park to witness an emotional homecoming performance by American Idol finalist Lee DeWyze. Under near perfect weather conditions, the local Idol standout performs while fans young and old alike showed their support for the area resident who went on to be named Season 9 "American Idol" champion two weeks later.
- ◆ July 29 - As part of Arlington Park's second annual Blackhawks Legends Day, the track holds an on-track

parade honoring the 2010 Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks that features Blackhawks head coach Joel Quenneville, hall of fame goaltender Tony Esposito and hall of fame center Denis Savard. Quenneville brings the Stanley Cup into the winner's circle and a group photo with the Hawks legends, Arlington management and the jockeys and valets is taken.



- ◆ August 20 - Five retired jockey greats return to the saddle for one race and square off against five of the top riders in the Arlington Park standings in a "Young Guns" vs. "Cagey Veterans" turf race with pari-mutuel wagering. In addition to regular win, place, show, exacta, trifecta and superfecta betting available on the race, Arlington Park offers a wager pitting the "young guns" vs. "cagey veterans" in a Head-to-Head format based on a point structure. Inez Karlsson wins the race and the "Young Guns" team scores more points in to make that group the winner of the Head-to-Head wager.
- ◆ August 21 - HRH Princess Haya of Jordan's Debussy, trained by John Gosden and ridden by William Buick, takes the Grade I Arlington Million in front of a crowd of 30,304. The win was the first in the Million for all of Debussy's connections. Donegal Racing's Paddy O'Prado solidifies his status as the nation's top 3-year-old turf horse with his 1¼-length victory in the Grade I \$400,000 Secretariat Stakes. The Dale Romans-trained son of El Prado gives jockey Kent Desormeaux his second straight victory in the Secretariat and his third overall in the mile and a quarter turf race. However, the most emotional moment of the International Festival of Racing comes in the Grade I \$750,000 Beverly D. Stakes when Arlington Park chairman Richard L. Duchossois' Éclair de Lune wins the race that is named in memory of his late wife. Hall-of-Fame trainer Ron McAnally saddled the daughter of Marchand de Sable who was ridden to victory by Junior Alvarado.
- ◆ September 24 - An enthusiastic throng of 20,339 is on hand to greet season 9 "American Idol" winner Lee DeWyze as he performs his first solo concert since being crowned Idol champion.
- ◆ September 26 - Trainer Wayne Catalano betters his own single-season training record of 74 victories set in 2007 when he saddles his 75th winner of the meet when Greg Besinger's Summer Upcountry captured the fourth race on the card.



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- ◆ October 13 - Churchill Downs Incorporated announces that Tony Petrillo, Vice President, Facilities & Operations with 17 years of service at Arlington Park, has been promoted to General Manager of Arlington Park.
- ◆ May 14 - A throng of 29,772 braved unseasonably chilly weather and damp conditions at to witness an emotional homecoming performance by season 10 American Idol finalist Haley Reinhart, from Wheeling, who had advanced to the Final Three on "American Idol" earlier in the week.
- ◆ June 4 - Former jockey Carlos Silva, who retired from the tack less than two years earlier as Arlington's third all-time leading reinsman, officially embarks on a second career as a trainer by saddling Asiel Stable's Dazzlin Day to finish sixth in the eighth race.
- ◆ June 4 - The first-ever Northwestern University Day at the track brings out coaches and athletes from many of the Big 10 school's teams as well as alumni and students to cheer them on.
- ◆ June 5 - An Arlington Park's record daily double of \$3,835 established on July 5, 1939 fell by the wayside a daily double of \$7,857 lit up the tote board after the fifth race. One ticket, sold through a simulcast outlet in Canada, took down the entire pool.
- ◆ July 2 - "Racing, Music and Fireworks" celebration draws 36,749.
- ◆ July 23 - Military Appreciation Day brings out more than 30 Medal of Honor recipients in what is believed to be one of the largest gatherings of MOH recipients.
- ◆ Aug. 12 - The release of the Horse Racing Equity ("HRE") Trust Fund money to the Arlington Park purse account leads to a purse increase (approximately 21%) for the race-track.
- ◆ Aug. 12 - The third annual Dining with the Dynasty is held to raise funds to benefit the PDJF and the RTCA. Ticketholders spend the afternoon in Mr. D.'s Sports Bar with legendary and Hall of Fame jockeys such as Walter Blum, Bill Boland, P. J. Cooksey, Angel Cordero, Jean Cruguet, Pat Day, David Erb, Earlie Fires, Jackie Fires, Mark Guidry, Sandy Hawley, Chris McCarron, Laffit Pincay Jr., Randy Romero, John Rotz, Ray Sibille, Ron Turcotte and Bobby Ussery. The jockeys share stories, reminisce about racing experiences and will autograph your racing memorabilia.
Five of the retired jockeys, P. J. Cooksey, Earlie Fires, Mark Guidry, Zoe Cadman (pinch-hitting for Jean Cruguet) and Chris McCarron ride in a jockey challenge race against five of Arlington Park's top riders as of entry time - Jozbin Santana, James Graham, Eduardo Perez, E. T. Baird and Junior Alvarado, who wins the race to give the Arlington jockeys the victory in points.
- ◆ Aug. 13 - Irish-bred Cape Blanco, owned by Mrs. Fitriani Hay, Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier and Michael Tabor, defeated Castleton Lyons' 2009 Arlington Million champion Gio Ponti in Arlington Million XXIX on Saturday, August 13 before a crowd of 31,069. The son of Irish champion Galileo is trained by Aidan O'Brien and was ridden by Jamie Spencer.
Two races before the Million, O'Brien scored with Derrick Smith, Mrs. John Magnier and Michael Tabor's Treasure Beach in the Grade I Secretariat Stakes. Colm O'Donoghue rode the son of Galileo who earlier this year won the Irish Derby just as Cape Blanco had done the previous year.

Owner Martin Schwartz earned his third Beverly D. title when his neon orange silks were carried to victory by Stacelita in the 2011 edition of the Grade I race, with trainer Chad Brown and jockey Ramon Dominguez each winning the race for the first time.

- 2012
- ◆ Jan. 3 - All 11 Trackside locations as well as Mr. D.'s Sports Bar in the Arlington Park grandstand unveiled state of the art wagering terminals which provide customers the very latest in wagering technology from United Tote.
 - ◆ May 4 - "Chicagoland's Largest Kentucky Derby Party" draws a crowd of 23,085 - 23% more than the 18,779 who attended in 2011 and the largest Derby Day crowd since Arlington Park became Illinois' host track for the race.
 - ◆ May 13 - Mother's Day draws 32,137 people which is 18% better than the 2011 crowd of 27,426.
 - ◆ May 20 - Jockey Rosemary Homeister Jr. notched the 2,500th victory of her career when she guided Center Hill Farm's Eastern Precipice to a 3/4-length win in the day's 7th race. Homeister was joined in the winner's circle by her daughter Victoria Rose, Arlington officials and her fellow riders as a video played saluting the milestone score as well as highlights of her career.
 - ◆ May 23 - Arlington's 10-cent Win Pick 9 pays \$71,334 to a single winner.
 - ◆ May 25 - "Behind the Silks with Tim Thornton", a season-long series of videos chronicling the professional and personal side of jockey Tim Thornton, has its debut episode arlingtonpark.com. Each video, designed to appeal not only the racing fan, but also to people who may not be that versed in racing to see what goes on behind the scenes through the eyes of a jockey, is told in first person Thornton. Later in the series, Thornton begins to wear a "helmet cam" to capture race video from his perspective atop the horse.
 - ◆ June 10 - After going unclaimed for the first 23 racing days of the 2012 Arlington Park meeting, the JackPOT High-5 was finally solved when one lucky bettor had the lone winning ticket worth \$1,115,184.20, an all-time Arlington Park payout on a single wager. Entering the June 10 card, the carryover pool had swelled to more than \$939,000 and an additional \$206,254 was bet into the pool.
 - ◆ June 28 - After more than 20 years in its original location, Trackside Chicago moves across the street and into a newly constructed area as part of Joe's on Weed Street.
 - ◆ July 4 - Arlington Park's Independence Day "Racing, Music and Fireworks" celebration was warmly greeted by a crowd of 37,809 despite record-high heat that saw temperatures soar to triple digits.
 - ◆ July 14 - The total handle on Arlington Park's 12-race Million Preview Day card of \$7,616,325 is the highest Million Preview Day handle since the event was launched in 2001. In addition, the 2012 figure was more than 48% higher than \$5,141,447 wagered on the 2011 Million Preview Day program of 11 races. The 2012 per-race average handle of \$634,694 was nearly 36% higher than the 2011 per-race average of \$467,404.
 - ◆ Aug. 17 - The "Arlington Fab Five" beat the "Legends Team" in the third annual special Jockey Challenge Race on Friday at Arlington Park. Led by James Graham, who won the race aboard Jake Wil Gallop, the Fab Five outscored the Legends by a count of 23-16 based on a 12-10-7-6-4 point system.
 - ◆ Aug. 18 - The 2012 Arlington Million/International Festival of Racing Day crowd of 34,022 not only represented a 10% increase from the 31,069 that attended the 2011 International Festival of Racing, it also was the largest Million Day crowd since the current facility opened in 1989 and the fourth highest in the 30-year history of the Arlington Million. In addition, the all-sources commingled handle of \$14,785,748 was 14% higher than the \$13,017,554 wagered on the 2011 Million Day card. On track, the \$2,891,660 bet was 13% higher than the \$2,562,613 handled the previous year.
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- ◆ Arlington International Racecourse becomes the only race-track in the United States to offer four wagers on its menu featuring a low takeout rate of 15%: the 50-cent Pick 5, the \$1 Jackpot High 5, the \$1 Pick 6 and the 10-cent Jackpot Pick 9.
 - ◆ May 4 - Chicagoland's Largest Kentucky Derby Party lives up to its name at Arlington International Racecourse as the on-track attendance of 23,186 was the highest attendance since Arlington became host of live racing plus the Derby simulcast in 2006. Total all-source wagering on Arlington's 12-race card is \$4,557,305 up 138% over 2012.
 - ◆ May 24 -Arlington International Racecourse unveils "Arlington University," a one-stop location where fans new and old alike can ask questions and receive individual and small group interaction from the track's group of experts - the university "professors."
 - ◆ July 4 - Under picture-perfect weather conditions, Arlington International Racecourse's annual Independence Day "Racing, Music and Fireworks" celebration is enthusiastically greeted by a record fireworks crowd of 38,357 which represents a new attendance record for the Independence Day celebration from the 2012 record-setting attendance of 37,809.
 - ◆ Aug. 17 - International Festival of Racing proves memorable when Ken and Sarah Ramsey's Real Solution is adjudged the winner of the Grade I Arlington Million following the disqualification of The Apache for interference in deep stretch. In other Festival races, the Ramseys scored with Admiral Kitten in the Grade I \$500,000 Secretariat Stakes while James Wigan's Dank captures the Grade I \$750,000 Beverly D. Dandino gives owner Darren Dance consecutive wins in the \$400,000 American St. Leger Stakes. In addition to the Ramsey owner-double, jockey Ryan Moore scores a riding double by guiding both Dank and Dandino to their respective victories.
 - ◆ Aug. 24 - A horse by the name of Toews in honor of Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews debuts. Later in the meet on Sept. 14, Toews and stablemate Kaner, named in honor of Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane, face-off in the same race.
 - ◆ Aug. 29 - Jockey Heidi Rose scores her first victory when the Ida Spagnola-owned and -trained Silver Prince wins the opening race by a nose. However, after the race the horse and rider part ways when the son of Nobiz Like Showbiz tosses the jockey and ran off the track at the mile gap. Neither horse nor jockey is injured and Rose made her way to the winner's circle sans her equine partner.
 - ◆ Sept. 29 - the 10-cent JackPOT Pick 9 has a mandatory distribution on closing day for the track's 2013 season. With a jackpot pool of \$759,941 already in the coffers, another \$700,000 is bet into the pool. Fourteen winning tickets on closing day each were worth in excess of \$75,000.