



Dear horsemen/trainers,

We are getting ready to kick off our 2024 race meet -

Dates: JULY 13, 14, 20,21, 27, 28

Location: Montana ExpoPark, Great Falls, MT

******Bottoms for this year's meet are \$6,000 excluding futurity trials**

Paying all places

We are excited to announce our partnership with Miles City and Gillette, WY in creating the Golden Triangle, which consists of 3 new races between the 3 tracks. One futurity and 2 stakes races. In keeping with the heritage of our city, we have chosen – The Charles M Russell Futurity, The Roe River Quarter Horse Stakes (shortest race – 300 yards – shortest river at Giant Springs), and The Falls Thoroughbred Stakes race.

- The Charles M Russell Futurity

- quarter horses only - 2 year olds
- purse \$20,000 added
- must win the Open Futurity in Miles City, Gillette and Great Falls to be eligible for a \$50,000 bonus to the horse that wins all three futurities

- The Roe River Quarter Horse Stakes

- quarter horses only
- purse \$7,000 added for 3 year olds and up
- \$200 due at time of entry
- horses that have started in Golden Triangle stakes in Miles City and Gillette preferred

- The Falls Thoroughbred Stakes Race

- thoroughbreds – 3 year olds and up
- purse \$8,000 added
- \$200 due at time of entry
- horses that have started in Golden Triangle stakes in Miles City and Gillette preferred

Please go online for conditions –

- Truform Racing – www.racewithtrs.com/conditions/gf-book-01.pdf
- Eqibase.com
- <https://greatfallsturclub.org>

PLEASE MAKE SURE ---

a. You have your stall app in by June 1, 2024. We are asking for you to do this so that We can accommodate your needs --- number of stalls you need in barn of your choice. If we DO NOT get your stall apps in time --- we can not guarantee you will get your choice. *** Thanks to those of you who do get your stall apps in early – we appreciate it as it makes things much easier for everyone. Please check with Sparky Kottke or Earl Fowler for barn and stall assignments. If you are in a barn you have not been assigned to – you will be asked to move. We will try to accommodate you in every way possible. Again,*******PLEASE make sure you have your stall app in when you turn in papers for horses.*******

b. ALL HORSES - race horses, pony horses will need to have a current negative Coggins test, a health certificate dated within 30 days of arrival and brand inspection from the state the owner lives in. Jeremy Wyrick, our brand inspector, will be checking papers and will be available for any questions.

c. ONLY RACE HORSES AND PONY HORSES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE BACKSIDE. Please DO NOT bring Shetland ponies or family pets. Make arrangements to have livestock taken care of at home. We will not allow stalls being used for horses that are not racing. Exception only – owners/out riders pony horses

d. please make sure all dogs are on a leash/under owner's control, or at the stewards discretion you will be fined.

e. please refrain from smoking in the barn area.

f. owners/trainers please remember that it is your responsibility to follow general rules and medications allowed.

g. **DO NOT LEAVE WATER RUNNING IN THE BARN AREA**

**** PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GIVE OUR BOOKKEEPERS YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS!!!** And also W9's. They cannot get your checks to you, in a timely manner, if you don't. You will be responsible for stop payment fees if checks need to be re-issued.

We are requiring \$20/stall to be paid upon arrival when papers are turned in. You will receive your **DESPOSIT only after stalls have been inspected AND signed off on.**

We are asking that you have your board of horse racing license with you when crossing the track on race days. We will have a security guard on the backside, at the crossing gate, and one on the frontside by the paddock. This is for safety of horses, personnel and you, so if you do not have a license you will need to go around to the frontside to get into the races.

Tim Doughty will again be our head steward along with Dennis Wertz and Roger Jensen as assistant stewards. Derek Doughty will serve as state security.

We look forward to your participation this summer and welcome any questions you may have. You may contact us on Sparky's e-mail – sparkykottke@yahoo.com or my email - dianekottke@yahoo.com.

You may also contact us at 406-727-4249, Sparky's cell - 406-781-6599, or my cell -- Diane - 406-750-0146. Please check above sites or numbers as we get closer to race dates for race office numbers for entries.

Thank you for your support and understanding concerning the above items.

Let's have a great year.

Thanks –

Diane

