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BetAmerica to Crown Two National Champions

Plano, TX – After another thrilling [BetAmerica](#) Daytona 550 in which fans witnessed Need My MoneyNow pass Husker Magic at the wire, BetAmerica was determined to bring another exciting element in 2017. Not only will the greyhound industry crown the nation’s best racer on January 21, 2017, but the nation’s best greyhound handicapper will be crowned as well. BetAmerica will debut the \$25,000 Greyhound Handicapping Championship. Players will be able to qualify for the Final either through [BetAmerica.com](#) or participation at their local track satellite event. Patrons are encouraged to speak to their track representatives about hosting an on-site event. The Final will take place at [Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room](#) where 20 finalists will compete on-site for huge cash prizes. There are no cash buy-ins available to the Final; the only way to qualify is through approved qualifiers.

“BetAmerica.com is excited to build on the success of the BetAmerica Daytona 550 championship event by introducing the largest Handicapping Contest in the history of Greyhound racing,” said Merv Huber-Calvo, Tournament Director at BetAmerica.com. “We look forward to hosting qualifying events online at BetAmerica.com throughout the rest of the year, as players compete for a chance to be crowned the country’s top Greyhound handicapper. We’re also excited that bestbet Jacksonville has signed on to host an approved qualifying event at their track in support of the new contest.”

Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room will once again host the nation’s top 8 greyhounds as the race around the oval. Throughout the year, [United Greyhound Racing](#) will release their Top 25 poll recognizing the greyhound industry’s top racers throughout the country. “It is extremely exciting to think that in just 2 years the BetAmerica Daytona 550 has become our sport's premier event. A big thanks to BetAmerica and the Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room for giving the greyhound community this “all eyes on” national championship race,” states United Greyhound Racing Board of Director, Michael Frino.

The UGR Top 25 Poll utilizes two score components plus bonus points/adjustments in three other categories to give each greyhound a final point total or score. All points earned are weighted according to the Track Power Rating (TPR) designated by UGR. Past winners of the BetAmerica Daytona 550 include Derby Lane’s Husker Magic and Gulf Greyhound Park’s Need My MoneyNow.

“From concept to reality, the BetAmerica Daytona 550 has become the signature event of the greyhound industry. We are excited to see it grow by adding the \$25,000 Greyhound Handicapping element,” said Fred Guzman, General Manager Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room. “We are proud of what this dedicated team of greyhound enthusiast have accomplished and we look forward to a bright future.”

In addition to the BetAmerica Daytona 550, [Southland Park Gaming & Racing](#) will host the Kings vs. Queens Classic on October 8, 2016. The Kings vs. Queens Classic will consist of the top 4 finishers from the \$150,000 Darby Henry Female and Male Championships one week prior. A consensus pick between United Greyhound Racing and Southland Park Gaming & Racing will choose a ninth entry. The winner of this race will receive an automatic bid to the BetAmerica Daytona 550.

“We look forward to hosting the Kings vs. Queens race once again at again at Southland Park Gaming & Racing. This event has grown since its inception and sends the best of our best to the National Championship each year,” explains Shane Bolender, Director of Racing at Southland Park Gaming & Racing. “We look forward to competing with the top greyhounds from around the country each year at the BetAmerica Daytona 550 National Championship.”

About United Greyhound Racing

United Greyhound Racing is a 501(c) 4 non-profit organization who seeks to re-energize the sport of greyhound racing by leveraging technology, promoting safety and adoption awareness and organize all facets of the industry to support our livelihood while preserving the greyhound breed, the greyhound industry and to further its growth in the United States through its membership. You can learn more about United Greyhound Racing at www.unitedgreyhoundracing.com.

About BetAmerica

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About Daytona Beach Kennel Club and Poker Room

Pairing world-class facilities built in 2008 with a wide variety of high stakes poker games and “live” Greyhound racing action, Daytona Beach Kennel Club & Poker Room is your odds-on-favorite for an exhilarating gambling and entertainment experience. Centrally located in beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida at the intersection of I-4 and I-95, our modern, award-winning complex features a luxurious 55-table card room, electrifying Greyhound races, private betting carrels, and over 300 HD TVs displaying simulcast Thoroughbred racing, Harness racing, Greyhound racing and Jai-Alai, from premier tracks across the country. More information is available at www.daytonagreyhound.com.

About Southland Park Gaming & Racing

Southland Park Gaming & Racing has been a major racing venue for more than 50 years and now also over 1,300 electronic games of skill, including video poker and blackjack, as well as an upscale buffet restaurant, Shine Blounge, and a multi-purpose event center. Southland Park has long been a pivotal fixture of the West Memphis community, strongly supporting the community with jobs, business stability, and economic contributions. It has consistently won awards for its outstanding community service, including millions of dollars donated to neighborhood charities and educational institutions. Southland Park is owned and operated by Delaware North Companies Gaming & Entertainment www.southlandpark.com