

****Please see the attached and below photos of the Budweiser Clydesdales at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course on Friday night. Credit B & D Photography****



HOLLYWOOD
Casino
AT PENN NATIONAL RACE COURSE

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Budweiser Clydesdales Parade at Penn National on Friday and Delight Fans - Another Performance Scheduled for Saturday

Grantville, PA (Friday, June 28, 2013) – The world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales, the symbol of quality and tradition for Anheuser-Busch since 1933, paraded down the stretch Friday night at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course and then mingled with fans on the track apron.

Weather permitting, the eight-horse hitch will be harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon and parade down the Penn National stretch again on Saturday night at approximately 5 p.m., shortly before live racing begins at 6 p.m.

Additionally on Saturday, weather permitting, the Clydesdales will once again be situated on the apron area for photo opportunities with fans until approximately 7 p.m.

The Clydesdales' appearance at Penn National is one of hundreds made annually by the traveling hitches. Canadians of Scottish descent brought the first Clydesdales to America in the mid-1800's. Today, the giant draft horses are used primarily for breeding and show.

Horses chosen for the Budweiser Clydesdale hitch must be at least three years of age, stand approximately 18 hands – or six feet – at the shoulder, weigh an average of 2,000 pounds, must be bay in color, have four white legs, and a blaze of white on the face and black mane and tail. A gentle temperament is very important as hitch horses meet millions of people each year.

A single Clydesdale hitch horse will consume as much as 20-25 quarts of feed, 40-50 pounds of hay and 30 gallons of water per day.

Each hitch travels with a Dalmatian. In the early days of brewing, Dalmatians were bred and trained to protect the horses and guard the wagon when the driver went inside to make deliveries.

The Budweiser Clydesdales can be viewed at the Anheuser-Busch breweries in St. Louis, Mo.; Merrimack, N.H.; and Ft. Collins, Colo. They also may be viewed at Grant's Farm in St. Louis and at Warm Springs Ranch, the 300-plus acre Clydesdale breeding farm located near Boonville, Mo.

Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course is a Penn National Gaming property that offers guests the most exciting and unique entertainment experience in Central Pennsylvania. The venue features more than 2,463 slot machines, 53 banked gaming tables, and a 16-table Poker room. Live thoroughbred and simulcast horse racing is offered year-round. An array of dining options are available including the award-winning Final Cut Steakhouse, winner of three consecutive Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence; Mountainview Dining, a 500-seat restaurant overlooking the one-mile racetrack; SkyBox Sports Bar, and the popular 350-seat Epic Buffet.

Penn National Race Course, located minutes from Hershey and Harrisburg, PA., opened on August 30, 1972, and has presented top-class live thoroughbred racing for more than 40 years. The original track was taken down in 2006 and the new Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, a fully-integrated gaming and racing facility, opened on February 12, 2008.

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