



Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022

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WELCOME NOTE

Good Afternoon, Ladies & Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Stewards & Members of the Managing Committee of the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd., and on my own behalf, I cordially welcome you all – both the print and digital media reporters for the Press Conference convened to announce the commencement of the much awaited '**Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022**' from Saturday, 28th May, 2022 [originally scheduled on Saturday, 21st May, 2022, however, the first two race days had to be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions].

I have great pleasure in sharing the 'Press Release' highlighting the important features of the 'Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022'.

K. Uday Eswaran
Chairman, Bangalore Turf Club Ltd
May 25, 2022



PRESS RELEASE

HISTORY OF BANGALORE TURF CLUB LTD

Horse Racing as a tradition in Bangalore dates back over a century when the French and the British arrived in India in the 1800s, they all noted that Bangalore had a natural climate for raising finer horses due to Bangalore's year-round temperatures that average between 15 and 30 degrees Celsius at that time.

First it was at Agram Race Course in Domlur in the year 1842 and relocated to the existing premises in the year 1863 which was granted by the Maharaja of Mysuru for the purpose of horse racing as long as the Bangalore Turf Club wanted it – provided it was only used as a race course.

The Bangalore Turf Club and the racecourse was built in the year 1923.



The first ever Bangalore Summer Derby was run in 1962. Since its inception, it has seen a myriad of successful editions celebrating the best of horse racing and fashion in India.

Summer in India is often full of humid days that are not suited for horse racing. Hence, Bangalore stands out as a singular city during this season where Trainers from all over India meet, race, and stable their horses all summer long on the lush 70 acres of BTC [earlier it was 85 acres].

One of the main reasons that the Bangalore Derby and its racecourse rose to greatness is due to the unique U-shape of the track. At 1950 metres, there are four sharp curves and uphill gradients that make it challenging, and one of the most competitive races in India. Therefore, if you are determining the tenacity of a horse or jockey, passing the Bangalore Derby test is a must.



BANGALORE TURF CLUB LTD

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BANGALORE SUMMER MEETING 2022

PRIZE MONEY

We are pleased to inform that the aggregate total prize money earmarked for the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022 is **Rs 14.41 crores** and the category-wise prize money is as shown below:

Category	Prize Money-Rs
Horses Rated 80 & Above	7,00,000
3-year-olds	7,00,000
Horses Rated 60-85	5,20,000
Horses Rated 40-65	4,90,000
Horses Rated 20-45	4,00,000
Horses Rated 00-25	3,19,000
Total for Ordinary Races	7,19,44,000
Total for Classics / Sweepstakes Races	5,57,35,000



Total value of trophies is **Rs 19,80,000/-**.

An average 21% increase in prize money across all categories of races compared to Bangalore Winter Meeting 2021-2022.

Trophy value has been increased from Rs 50,000/- to Rs 60,000/- for the races of horses rated 80 & above and from Rs 25,000/- to Rs 35,000/- for all the other handicap races.

Trophy value has been enhanced from Rs 1,25,000/- to Rs 1,75,000/- for both Fillies' and Colts' Championship Stakes. Similarly, for St. Leger, it has been enhanced from Rs 80,000/- to Rs 1,35,000/-.



PRIZE MONEY - CLASSIC RACES

S#	Race Name	Added Money-Rs	Trophy Value-Rs	Guaranteed Money-Rs
1	The Fillies' Championship Stakes, Gr.1	25,00,000	1,75,000	50,00,000
2	The Colts' Championship Stakes, Gr.1	25,00,000	1,75,000	50,00,000
3	The Bangalore Summer Derby, Gr.1	1,00,00,000	3,00,000	2,00,00,000
4	The Bangalore St. Leger, Gr.2	12,50,000	1,35,000	15,00,000



PRIZE MONEY - SWEEPSTAKES RACES

S#	Race Name	Added Money-Rs	Trophy Value-Rs	Guaranteed Money-Rs
01	The Bangalore City Sprint Championship Gold Cup, Gr.3	10,00,000	75,000	12,00,000
02	The Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Cup, Gr.3	10,00,000	75,000	12,00,000
03	The Karnataka Juvenile Million, Gr.3	10,00,000	75,000	12,00,000
04	The R.R. Byramji Memorial Cup	10,00,000	50,000	12,00,000
05	The Chief Justice's Cup, Gr.3	10,00,000	75,000	12,00,000
06	The Maharaja's Gold Cup, Gr.2	15,00,000	1,00,000	50,00,000
07	The B.T.C. Anniversary Cup, Gr.2	12,00,000	1,00,000	15,00,000
08	The Mystical Million	10,00,000	50,000	12,00,000
09	The Governor's Cup, Gr.3	10,00,000	50,000	12,00,000
10	The Karnataka Mile Championship Cup, Gr.2	12,00,000	1,00,000	15,00,000
11	The Juvenile Sprinters' Million, Gr.3	10,00,000	75,000	12,00,000
12	The Chief Minister's Cup, Gr.3	10,00,000	75,000	12,00,000
13	The War Hammer Million	10,00,000	50,000	12,00,000
14	The Krishnaraja Wadiyar Cup	10,00,000	50,000	12,00,000
15	The Bangalore Summer Million Gr.3	10,00,000	50,000	12,00,000



RACING FIXTURES

The feature events of the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022 consists of 4 Classic Races and 15 Sweepstakes Races [including 11 Graded and 2 Millions] and the season will be commencing from Saturday, 28th May, 2022 [originally scheduled on Saturday, 21st May, 2022, however, the first two race days had to be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions] and will be culminating on Friday, 5th August, 2022:

S#	DAY	DATE	RACE NAME	DISTANCE	PRIZE MONEY-Rs*
01	SUN	29-May-22	War Hammer Million	1400 Mtrs	12 lakhs
02	SUN	29-May-22	Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Cup, Gr.3	1400 Mtrs	12 lakhs
03	SUN	05-Jun-22	D.T. Racing & Breeding LLP Juvenile Million, Gr.3	1400 Mtrs	12 lakhs
04	SUN	12-Jun-22	Krishnaraja Wadiyar Cup	1600 Mtrs	12 lakhs
05	SUN	19-Jun-22	Fillies' Championship Stakes, Gr.1	1600 Mtrs	50 lakhs
06	SAT	25-Jun-22	Chief Justice's Cup, Gr.3	1800 Mtrs	12 lakhs
07	SUN	26-Jun-22	Colts' Championship Stakes, Gr.1	1600 Mtrs	50 lakhs
08	SAT	02-Jul-22	Juvenile Sprinters' Million, Gr.3	1200 Mtrs	12 lakhs
09	SUN	03-Jul-22	Chief Minister's Cup, Gr.3	1200 Mtrs	12 lakhs
10	SUN	10-Jul-22	Maharaja's Gold Cup, Gr.2	2200 Mtrs	50 lakhs
11	SAT	16-Jul-22	R.R. Byramji Memorial Cup	1400 Mtrs	12 lakhs
12	SUN	17-Jul-22	Bangalore Summer Derby, Gr.1	2000 Mtrs	200 lakhs
13	SUN	17-Jul-22	B.T.C. Anniversary Cup, Gr.2	1400 Mtrs	15 lakhs
14	SUN	17-Jul-22	Mystical Million	1600 Mtrs	12 lakhs
15	SUN	24-Jul-22	Bangalore St. Leger, Gr.2	2800 Mtrs	15 lakhs
16	SAT	30-Jul-22	Bangalore City Sprint Championship Gold Cup, Gr.3	1200 Mtrs	12 lakhs
17	SUN	31-Jul-22	Karnataka Mile Championship Cup, Gr.2	1600 Mtrs	15 lakhs
18	THU	04-Aug-22	Bangalore Summer Million, Gr.3	1600 Mtrs	12 lakhs
19	FRI	05-Aug-22	Governor's Cup, Gr.3	2400 Mtrs	12 lakhs

*Approximate



SALIENT FEATURES

- 30% of the races are opened to outstation horses in the category of 40-65 and maiden races.
- As usual, outstation horses are eligible to participate in the categories of 60-85 and 80 & above besides Classics and Sweepstakes Races.
- Minimum number of acceptors are 4 with respect to races to be run over a distance of 1800 metres or more and 5 with respect to races for the category of 80 and above and 6 with respect to races for the category of 60-85.
- Maximum number of acceptors in respect of ordinary races will continue to be 12 except the classic race days where the maximum number of runners will be 14.

GENERAL

- Jockeys will continue to be subjected to breathalysers on every race day for detecting the presence of alcohol.
- It was decided to test both Blood & Urine Samples in respect of the first three placed horses in the graded races.
- Urine or Blood Sample will be collected compulsorily from the winner of all races.



THE FILLIES' CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES, Gr.1

The first classic of the season, the Fillies' Championship Stakes, **Gr.1** [About 1600 metres race for 3-year-old Indian fillies] will be held on **Sunday, 19th June, 2022** and the guaranteed prize money advertised is Rs 50 lakhs and value of trophies is Rs 1.75 lakhs.

The probable top contenders would be:

KING'S RANSOM – ran 2nd in the Breeders' Juvenile Fillies' Championship, **Gr.3**, FAITH winner of two races from the yard of Trainer P. Shroff [RWITC]. QUEEN SPIRIT – ran 3rd in the Nilgiris 1000 Guineas, **Gr.3**, SHABELLE – ran 3rd in the Breeders' Produce Stakes, **Gr.3** from the yard of Trainer S.S. Attaollahi [BTC]. SPEAKING OF LOVE finished 3rd in the Alcock Arabian Million, **Gr.3** from the stables of Trainer L.D. Silva [HRC].



THE COLTS' CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES, Gr.1

The Colts' Championship Stakes, **Gr.1** [About 1600 metres race for 3-year-old Indian colts & geldings] will be held on **Sunday, 26th June, 2022** and the guaranteed prize money advertised is Rs 50 lakhs and value of trophies is Rs 1.75 lakhs.

The probable top contenders would be: DEXA winner of the Poonawalla Breeders' Multi-Million, **Gr.1** from the stables of Trainer Imtiaz A. Sait [RWITC], SUPERNATURAL winner of two races including Breeders' Produce Stakes, **Gr.3** from the yard of P. Shroff [RWITC], ARCANA winner of Alcock Arabian Million, **Gr.3** from the stables of Trainer L.V.R. Deshmukh [HRC], ONCE YOU GO BLACK winner of two races including Madras Gold Vase, **Gr.3** from the yard of James Mckeown [MRC], IMPERIAL POWER winner of Breeders' Juvenile Colts' Championship, **Gr.3** and STAR GLORY winner of two races from the yard of Trainer S. Narredu [BTC], LEONARDO – winner of Indian Champagne Stakes, **Gr.3** from the stables of Trainer Vijay Singh [RCTC], RAVISHING FORM winner of Bangalore Juvenile Million, **Gr.3** from the stables of Trainer Parvati Byramji [BTC], DISRUPTOR – ran 2nd in the Bangalore Winter Million, **Gr.3** from the stables of Trainer S.S. Attaollahi [BTC], LAST WISH – ran 2nd in the Breeders' Produce Stakes, **Gr.3** and winner of two races from the yard of Neil B. Devaney [BTC] and CYRENIUS winner of two races from the stables of Trainer S. Padmanabhan [BTC].



THE MAHARAJA'S GOLD CUP, Gr.2

The iconic Maharaja's Gold Cup, **Gr.2** [About 2200 metres race for Indian 4-year-olds & over] is scheduled on **Sunday, 10th July, 2022**. The advertised guaranteed prize money is Rs 50 lakhs. **Mr Zavaray S. Poonawalla** will be co-sponsoring 'The Maharaja's Gold Cup. **Gr.2**' by contributing a sum of Rs 15 lakhs towards the prize money and Rs 50,000/- towards the Trophy Value. At the stage of closure of first entries, 27 horses have been entered which includes:

ZUCCARELLI winner of multiple graded races including the Indian Derby, **Gr.1**, THEON winner of Indian St. Leger, **Gr.1** and Stayers Cup, **Gr.1**, MIRACLE winner of 8 races out of 9 outings including Indian Oaks, **Gr.1** and CHOPIN winner of Ruia Gold Cup, **Gr.3** from the stables of Trainer P. Shroff [RWITC].

A STAR IS BORN winner of Indian 2000 Guineas, **Gr.1**, ran 2nd in Pune Derby 2021, **Gr.1** & Indian Derby, **Gr.1** and PRICELESS GOLD winner of Guindy Gold Cup, **Gr.3** from the stables of Rajesh Narredu [BTC].

EVALDO winner of South India Derby, **Gr.1** from the yard of Trainer Prasanna Kumar [BTC], FAITH OF SUCCESS winner of three races including Golconda Derby, **Gr.1** and Golconda Oaks, **Gr.2** from the stables of Trainer Aravind Ganapathy [BTC],

LAGARDE winner of multiple graded races including Bangalore Derby, **Gr.1** and FOREST FLAME winner of multiple graded races including Indian 1000 Guineas, **Gr.1** from the stables of Trainer S.S. Attaollahi [BTC].

JULIETTE won multiple graded races including the Indian Turf Invitation Cup, **Gr.1** from the yard of Karthik Ganapathy [RWITC].



THE BANGALORE SUMMER DERBY, Gr.1

The blue riband of the season Bangalore Summer Derby, **Gr.1** [About 2000 metres race for Indian 3-year-olds] is scheduled on **Sunday, 17th July, 2022**. The advertised guaranteed prize money is Rs 200 lakhs and value of trophies is Rs 3 lakhs.

We must place on record our deep sense of gratitude and special thanks to **Dr Vijay Mallya**, former Chairman of the UB Group who took the initiative and sponsored the Bangalore Summer Derby for the last 34 editions uninterruptedly and brought glitz and glamour to the sport because of which the Bangalore Summer Derby reached greater heights and became one of the most exciting events in the Indian Racing Calendar.

The top finishers of the Fillies' and Colts' Championships will be fighting out for the coveted post.



THE BANGALORE ST. LEGER, Gr.2

The last classic of the season, the Bangalore St. Leger, **Gr.2** [About 2800 metres race for Indian 4-year-olds & over] is scheduled on **Sunday, 24th July, 2022.**

The probable top contenders would be:

ALICIA, CHOPIN, PARISIAN and ZUCCARELLI from the stables of Trainer P. Shroff [RWITC], APSARA STAR from the stables of James Mckeown [MRC], MY OPINION of Trainer B. Suresh [MRC], FIRE POWER of Trainer L.V.R. Deshmukh [HRC], POINT TO PROVE of Trainer Arjun Mangalorkar [BTC] and SOUTHERN DYNASTY of Trainer S. Ganapathy [BTC].

CONCLUDING DAY

The Governor's Cup, **Gr.3** [a longer distance race of about 2400 metres for Indian 4-year-olds & over] is scheduled on the last day of the season i.e. **Friday, 5th August, 2022.** As per the convention, the Hon'ble Governor of the Karnataka State shall be witnessing the event and giving away the Trophies to the winning connections.



PROFESSIONALS

- 28 'A' licensed Trainers are expected to take part in the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022. Similarly, 14 'B' licensed Trainers from other centres are also expected to participate.
- 70 Jockeys including 12 Jockeys claiming allowance have been issued 'A' License and 30 Jockeys have been issued 'B' License. In all, about 112 Jockeys are expected to participate during the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022.

OUTSTATION CHAMPIONS

71 horses from the stables of 14 Trainers across the country have come down to BTC to participate in the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022 to vie for honours. Out of which, there are 46 3-year-olds and 9 each of 4 and 5-year-olds which is an indication that the field is going to be more competitive and exciting. To name a few, the champion outstation horses that have created a buzz by coming down to Bangalore are ZUCCARELLI, SPEAKING OF LOVE, ARCANA, DEXA, DISRUPTOR, LEONARDO, ONCE YOU GO BLACK, SUPERNATURAL, FAITH, KING'S RANSOM, CHOPIN, JULIETTE, MIRACLE, MY OPINION, THEON and TRAFALGAR.



COMBINED TOTE OPERATIONS / COMMINGLING

In line with '**One Nation, One Tax**', the Turf Authorities of India is striving hard to commence the Combined Tote Operations / Commingling amongst all the Turf Clubs in India as 'One Nation, One Tote', so as to maximize the tote revenue and enable the racing patrons to earn higher dividends. Commingling is a new trend and it has helped Turf Clubs / Jockey Clubs across the globe to multiply their revenue. When the Combined Tote Operations kick-start on 1st of July, 2022 with the help and cooperation of all the Turf Authorities, it will be a historical day in Indian racing as it would extensively benefit all the stakeholders of the sport.

Commingling is a process where one totalizator combines its wagering pool with another to create one common dividend and brings the entire racing patrons fraternity together for better experience and better dividends with identical pools and identical commission on all pools. The Turf Authorities would be well equipped to compete with Bookmakers. Not to mention, the commingling would improve transparency and accountability of betting operations.



Hong Kong has around 61 commingling partners from approximately 27 jurisdictions.

➤ **World Pool**

- Hong Kong Jockey Club, Ascot and UK tote join hands to form World Pool
 - 2019 – Inaugural edition – overall turnover in HK – 1B HKD
 - 2019 – Overall turnover in Royal Ascot grew by 400%
 - Dividends SP [Starting Price] increased by 32%
 - 2020 edition – overall turnover in HK – 1.4B HKD

➤ **Global Commingling : US\$ 15-17 Billion**

➤ **Commingling as a Platform :**

- Betting, Settlements, Media Exchange, Social Media, Security, Scale.

THE SALIENT FEATURES OF THE COMBINED OPERATIONS / COMMINGLING

- One Common Tote pan India
- Identical Pools for the Tote Betting.
- Identical Commission on all Pools.
- Host / guest sharing model based on a Weighted Average Method.
- The way forward and the mantra is '**One Nation, One Tote**' which would benefit all the stakeholders and eventually help racing to thrive.



LIVE STREAMING

The Bangalore races will be live streamed on Club's website www.bangaloreraces.com

ASSOCIATE PARTNER

Chivas is the 'Beverage Partner' for the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022.

COVID-19 – BOOSTER DOSE

We are happy to state that all the Members of the Managing Committee, officials, staff and the entire workforce [both permanent and contractual] of the Club including the tote operators, syces and other stable staff have been administered COVID-19 booster dose. In this regard, the Members of the Managing Committee of the Club profusely thank Mr Zavaray S. Poonawalla of M/s Serum Institute of India for providing Covishield vaccinations free of charge which shows his care and passion to the sport of horse racing.



THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP 2023 & THE INDIAN TURF INVITATION CUP INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2023

As the next year's Indian Turf Invitation Cup races are being hosted by the BTC during the first weekend of March 2023, till such time, BTC will be the Turf Authorities of India.

The Turf Authorities of India for the first time ever hosted the Golf Invitation Cup Tournament 2022 under the Chairmanship of Dr M.A.M.R. Muthiah at Chennai during the 1st week of March 2022.

The International Golf Tournament comprising four members of Turf Authorities, Trainers, Jockeys and Breeders will be hosted by the BTC at the Bangalore Golf Club on 03/03/2023 during the forthcoming Indian Turf Invitation Cup 2023 scheduled at BTC. BTC proposes to extend an invitation to Japan Racing Association, Korea Racing Authority, Hong Kong Jockey Club, Malayan Racing Association and Dubai Racing Club etc., apart from all the other Turf Clubs in India to depute four of their golfers. The BTC along with other Turf Clubs are going to make this event truly an international tournament going forward.

I was told recently that the BTC is a polished diamond in the rough but I assure you that you will see it shine in all its glory in the summer.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Stewards and Members of the Managing Committee of the Club and on my own behalf, I thank the Government of Karnataka, Owners, Breeders, Trainers, Jockeys, Sponsors, Racing Patrons, Officials & the entire staff of BTC and all connected people immensely for all the help and cooperation extended to the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd., in the past and also during the tough time of COVID-19 pandemic.

I request your support and cooperation in providing wide coverage for Bangalore Races in the media for the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2022.

I wish you all and the racing patrons a very happy and exciting racing season.

Thank you for making it convenient to visit us and for your time.

Thanks again and see you at the races.

We wish you all to Stay Safe & Stay Blessed.