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NSA's Promotion Task Force sponsors owner conference and horse auction

The National Steeplechase Association's Promotion and Growth Task Force will stage its first annual Owner Symposium and Marketplace Auction at Shawan Downs in Hunt Valley, Md., on April 11 and 12.

"We are very excited about the Symposium and Marketplace Auction as well as the many benefits that it will provide to current owners and those who may want to become a jump-racing horse owner," said Task Force Chair Bill Price. "This unique event is at the core of the Task Force's mission to maintain our ownership base and to encourage new owners to become part of an exciting sport."

Price said he expected wide participation from the sport's owners. A recent Promotion and Growth survey of current owners found more than 80% support for some combination of the Symposium and Marketplace Auction. He encouraged all owners to bring along a potential owner as a guest.

Charles C. Fenwick Jr., a task force member and Shawan's race chairman, heads the committee putting together the Symposium and Marketplace Auction.

The symposium portion of the event will fill the morning of Sunday, April 12. "We welcome the opportunity to help our current owners and future owners to hone their skills," Fenwick said. "We have boundless resources in the jump-racing community to help all owners, and we will call upon them to help their fellow owners and prospective owners through the symposium sessions."

Topics will include the many attractions of jump racing, what owners should expect from their trainers, and in turn what trainers should provide to their owners.

The marketplace auction, to be held after a catered lunch, will be a unique feature of the event. The sale of 15 to 25 horses is anticipated, and all will be approved by a panel of three experts. Many of the horses will be ready to run, and prospective buyers will have the



Marketplace Auction horses will have an opportunity to school over Shawan Downs' timber fences, and schooling also will be available for hurdle-racing prospects.

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opportunity to watch the sale horses school over either hurdles or timber fences.

The auction brings together buyer and seller, and the transactions will be between them, without an intermediary sales company. No entry fees will be charged, but a 5% donation to the National Steeplechase Foundation will be deducted from the seller's proceeds.

Increases in store for spring hurdle races

Purses will be increasing this spring for Sport of Kings maiden hurdle races and maiden claiming hurdles.

The minimum purse for the Sport of Kings maiden races will increase to \$30,000 from \$25,000 beginning with the spring season, and maiden claiming hurdles will rise to \$15,000 from \$10,000.

Bill Gallo Jr., the National Steeplechase

A detailed sales catalog will be developed, and it will be available both in print and online. The information will include a pedigree, race record, and detailed biographies of both the horses and many licensed NSA trainers.

Details of the Symposium and Marketplace Auction will be announced as they become available.

Association's director of racing, noted that two spring race meets, the Virginia Gold Cup and the Iroquois Steeplechase, have boosted their Sport of Kings maiden purses to \$40,000.

The full schedule for the spring meets was to be approved at an NSA Board of Directors and Race Chairmen's meeting on Friday, Jan. 23, at the National Sporting Library and Museum in Middleburg, Va.



Demonstrative tops NSA Theoretical

Jacqueline Ohrstrom's Demonstrative, a three-time Grade 1 winner in 2014, heads the 23rd annual National Steeplechase Association Theoretical Handicap with a rating of 162 pounds. Close behind the 2014 Lonesome Glory Champions Award winner is Bill Pape's Divine Fortune, a two-time Grade 1 winner in 2014 who was assigned 160 pounds.

NSA Director of Racing Bill Gallo Jr., who created the Theoretical in 1992, evaluated all 36 horses who placed in NSA open and novice stakes races in 2014.

Trained by Richard Valentine and ridden in all his races by Robbie Walsh, Demonstrative went on a tear beginning with the Saratoga Race Course meet. He dominated Saratoga's New York Turf Writers Cup (Gr. 1), Belmont Park's Lonesome Glory Handicap (Gr. 1), and the Grand National (Gr. 1) at Far Hills, N.J.

Divine Fortune, who headed the 2013 Theoretical with a 156-pound rating, bookended his season with Grade 1 victories in the Calvin Houghland Iroquois and the Marion duPont Scott Colonial Cup.



Jacqueline Ohrstrom's Demonstrative and Robbie Walsh jumped the last fence of the Lonesome Glory Handicap, the second of the champion's three consecutive Grade 1 victories.

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2014 NSA Theoretical Handicap

Horse	Weight	Horse	Weight	Horse	Weight
Demonstrative.....	162	Awesome Pearl.....	140	Tempt Me Alex.....	136
Divine Fortune.....	160	Bluegrass Summer.....	140	Bob Le Beau.....	134
Able Deputy.....	152	For Non Stop.....	140	Dr. Skip.....	134
Decoy Daddy.....	150	Parker's Project.....	140	Kingdom.....	134
Gustavian.....	148	Pleasant Woodman.....	140	One Giant Step.....	134
Italian Wedding.....	146	Schoodic.....	140	Sporty.....	134
Makari.....	146	Staying On.....	140	Dugan.....	132
Address Unknown.....	144	Inti.....	138	Easy Reach.....	132
All The Way Jose.....	144	Spy In The Sky.....	138	Fog Island.....	132
Barnstorming.....	142	Cat Feathers.....	137	Sharp Numbers.....	132
Top Striker.....	142	Rudyard K.....	136	Street Fight.....	132
All Together.....	140	Syros.....	136	Casual Creeper.....	130

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