

NSA Official Notices Tuesday, October 14, 2014

Genesee Valley – Stewards Action

2nd Race: Trainer Blythe Miller Davies was fined \$100 for failure to present her horse, SENIOR SENATOR, for the mandatory pre-race veterinary exam at the stabling area from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. as advertised on the overnight and required by the race veterinarian.

Stewards Advisory Committee – Policy Revision

The current NSA policy which prohibits a hurdle horse from competing beyond the age of 12 will remain in effect with the following amendment:

To be eligible to run beyond the age of 12 a horse must have established form as a 12 year old, having finished first, second or third in at least one of its last three starts. To remain eligible as a 13 year old, such horse must continue to maintain its form by finishing first, second or third in at least one of its first three starts. Additionally, an eligible 13 year old would be required to pass a thorough veterinary exam (by a veterinarian approved by the Stewards Advisory Committee) prior to its first start of that season.

As with all new policy issues, this proposal will be open for discussion and comment for a 45-day period beginning August 27, 2014. If approved, it would be in affect for the 2015 NSA spring season. Please direct any comments in writing (via email) to the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee Chairman Dwight Hall (dhall247@comcast.net).

NSA Medication Guidelines Update

When using Methocarbamol in conjunction with bute, it is possible the recommended withdrawal time of 48 hours for Methocarbamol is inaccurate. The latest research indicated a minimum of 72 hours should be used if using in conjunction with bute, please adjust your prerace treatments accordingly.

Aiken Fall – Course Inspection

The Aiken Fall race course was inspected on October 8, 2014 by Clerk of Course, Jill Thomas, and Howard Hickey.

Turf: Thick carpet of coastal grass with emerging drilled rye and over seeded rye grass.

Smoothness: The course is lush and smooth.

Compaction: 70 (Yielding)

Moisture: 6.5 (Average-Average Wet)

Notes: The footing is excellent. The course is in great shape.

Aiken Fall – Substitute Race

(Apprentice Rider Allowance Hurdle)

Purse \$10,000. Allowance Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have never won a novice or open hurdle stakes. To be ridden by apprentice riders. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners of a race in 2014, allowed 4 lbs.; since September 1, 2013, 8 lbs.; in 2013-2014, 12 lbs.; (Maiden and claiming races not considered). Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$100 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

International Gold Cup

Nominations (11) with weight and trainer for the \$50,000 David L. "Zeke" Ferguson Memorial (Gr. III) Hurdle Stakes (#146) are as follows: ABLE DEPUTY (140 - C. Murphy), ALL TOGETHER (148 – Fisher), BOB LE BEAU (140 – Voss), CASUAL CREEPER (140 – Day), FORGOTTEN MAN (140 – Fout), INTI (148 – C. Murphy), MEGANISI (140 – Dowling), PLEASANT WOODMAN (152 – Fout), POWEROFONE (140 – Sheppard), SPY IN THE SKY (144 – Weaver), WANTAN (140 – Hendriks)

Nominations (4) with weight and trainer for the \$60,000 International Gold Cup Timber Stakes (#150) are as follows: DAKOTA SLEW (160 – Valentine), GRINDING SPEED (160 – A. Murphy), HOT RIZE (165 – Haynes), STRAIGHT TO IT (160 – Fisher).

International Gold Cup – Course Inspection

The International Gold Cup race course was inspected on October 13, 2014 by Bob Hilton.

Turf: Lush stand of fescues and bluegrass 6-8 inches. Thick mat of root mass.

Smoothness: Smooth throughout.

Compaction: 110 (Good) Lang Penetrometer

Moisture: 8-9 (Average Wet) Lincoln Moisture Meter

Notes: Great summer season with good moisture. Rain is expected this week. Irrigation is not needed at this point.

International Gold Cup

Virginia bred in all races **except** the Zeke Ferguson Hurdle Stakes (#146), the International Gold Cup (#150) and the Virginia Bred or Sired Flat (#151) at the International Gold Cup are eligible for a 100% bonus (with a \$10,000 cap).

Licensing: All owners and trainers participating in the flat races at International Gold Cup (#147, #149 and #151) are not required to be licensed by the National Steeplechase Association (NSA). They are, however, required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission. Additionally, NSA entry fees for those three flat races will be waived for the 2014 International Gold Cup races on a one-time basis to encourage participation at this pari-mutuel meet. In all other races owners and trainers must have a 2014 Virginia Racing Commission license, which can be downloaded on the VRC website, and a NSA license. Grooms and jockeys must have a VRC license. If you had a license for the spring race you can use the same one for the fall race. **Note:** Licensed grooms are for hire by contacting T.C. Williams (703-843-6385).

Credentials Needed: A horsemen's check-in tent will be located in the stable area to handout and sell armbands (only needed for those without a license). Horsemen will receive 4 complimentary armbands per participating owner, trainer and jockey; additional armbands may be purchased at \$35 each. The 2014 NSA mirror-hung car pass will admit the vehicle to Gate 2. The NSA pin will allow entrance to Members Hill only. Anyone with questions can contact the VGCA office at 540-347-2612.

Access Only Passes: these passes are for family and partnerships and can allow access to the stable area accompanied by a VRC licensed person. This pass does not allow access to the hospitality tent. VRC will be set up on Friday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., and Saturday October 25 at the Command Post inside Gate 1 at 8:00 a.m., to license last-minute owners, trainers and riders. However it is suggested that you get your 2014 license in advance. Horsemen who have not received vehicle passes prior to race day must go to Will Call at the Country Store across from Gate 1 on Route 245.

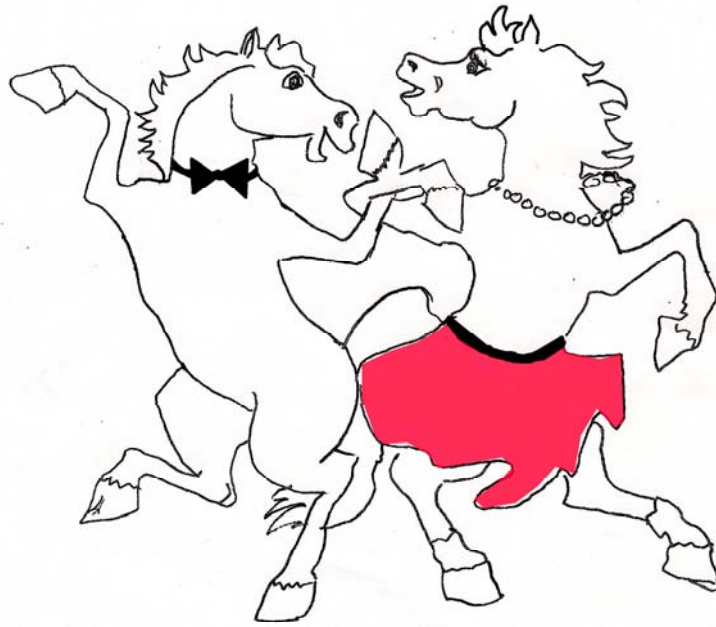
Callaway – Substitute Race **(Filly & Mare Maiden Hurdle)**

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Maiden Fillies and Mares, Three-Years-Old and Upward. Three-year-olds, 137 lbs.; four-year-olds, 149 lbs., older, 155 lbs. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Awards Dinner and Jockey's Ball

The annual Awards Dinner and Jockeys' Ball, presented by the NSA and SOTA, will be held on Saturday, November 15 at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, SC (see the attachment for details). Reservations are necessary by November 10 (phone 410-392-0700) or email nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com



The NSA and SOTA invite you to the

2014 AWARDS DINNER AND JOCKEYS' BALL

Saturday, November 15th

Cocktails 6:30 p.m. ~ Dinner and Awards 7:30 p.m.

Dancing

at the National Steeplechase Museum

200 Knights Hill Road ~ Camden, SC

\$100/person ~ Business Attire

Reservations only by November 10 through the NSA

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