

NSA Official Notices Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Far Hills – Stewards Action

Second Race DYNAFORTWO, trained by Jack Fisher, was disruptive at the start and dwelt when the flag was dropped. He is therefore placed on the Steward's List and will not be allowed to start at any race meeting with pari-mutuel wagering until he has started without incident at a non pari-mutuel race meet.

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.

International Gold Cup

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) - off track grooms license accepted.

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

Nominations (11) with weight and trainer for the \$50,000 Aflac Supreme Sport of Kings Novice Hurdle Stakes (#154) are as follows: BOB LE BEAU (153 – Voss), DAHOUD (153 – Fisher), FOG ISLAND (153 – Valentine), LONG HOUSE SAINT (153 – Hendriks), ONE GIANT STEP (153 – Sheppard), POWEROFONE (153 – Sheppard), SAINT JEROME (150 – C. Murphy), SYROS (153 – Fisher), TEMPT ME ALEX (153 – Voss), TOP STRIKER (153 – Kingsley), UMBRAGGIO (150 – Valentine)

Nominations (6) with weight and trainer for the \$50,000 Crown Royal Sport of Kings Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes (#155) are as follows: BAU BAI GOLD (141 – Napravnik), BITTERSWEETHEART (155 – Young), CAT FEATHERS (151 – Dalton), GG GAL (147 – Washer), KISSER N RUN (155 – Valentine), LILLEHAMMER (147 – Dalton)

Callaway – Course Inspection

The Callaway Gardens race course was inspected on October 20, 2014 by Clerk of Course, Jeff Moore.

Turf: The turf is in good condition.

Smoothness: The smoothness is average.

Compaction: 100-120 (Good)

Moisture: 6-8 (Average-Average Wet)

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.

Montpelier

Nominations (8) with trainer for the \$45,000 Noel Laing Hurdle Handicap (#162) are as follows: BOB LE BEAU (Voss), DECOY DADDY (C. Murphy), FOG ISLAND (Valentine), INTI (C. Murphy), POWEROFONE (Sheppard), PRIVATE EQUITY (Valentine), SALUDA SAM (Meister). SPY IN THE SKY (Weaver)
Weights, Monday, October 28.

Montpelier – Course Inspection

The Montpelier Hunt Races course was inspected on October 21, 2014 by Clerk of Course William Bichell, and Martha Strawther.

Turf: Last year the weeds were treated and the grass has flourished. There are very few weeds and very few small patches of clover. The Length is about 8" and it will not be mowed before race day. Good aeration and care over the summer has resulted in a good growth of grass. Recent rains have been very helpful.

Smoothness: Medium to good. The course was rolled and aerated after the races last year. A few rough patches will be filled in next week.

Compaction: 9-11 (Good) averaged throughout the course, very consistent.

Moisture: 4-6 (Average Dry to Average) throughout the course. No wet places in the low spots - should maintain that level until the races with the long grass length and a few small rains forecast.

Notes: Overall, the course is in very good shape, maybe the best in several years.

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup

Nominations (8) with weight and trainer for the \$35,000 Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Timber Stakes (#166) are as follows: CORNHUSKER (165 – Voss), EMBARRASSED (165 – K. Neilson), HOT RIZE (165 - Haynes), JOSHUA G (160 – Cole), MAJOR MALIBU (165 – Dowling), REGAL HOUR (155 – Gillam), SNOW BLIZZARD (160 – Knox), SOVEREIGN FUND (155 – McKenna)

Pennsylvania Hunt Cup – Course Inspection

The Pennsylvania Hunt Cup race course was inspected on October 19, 2014 by Clerk of Course, John Hodges.

Turf: Mostly fescue, 6" to 8" in length.

Smoothness: Fairly smooth due to rolling and de-compaction this summer.

Compaction: 70-80 range (Yielding) on higher ground; 10-12 range (Soft) on lowest ground.

Moisture: 4-6 range (Average Dry-Average) on higher ground; 6-8 range (Average-Average Wet) on lower ground.

Notes: Due to adequate rainfall recently, the grass is very lush. Moderate rainfall is predicted for this week so the course should be in excellent shape by race day.

Awards Dinner and Jockeys' Ball

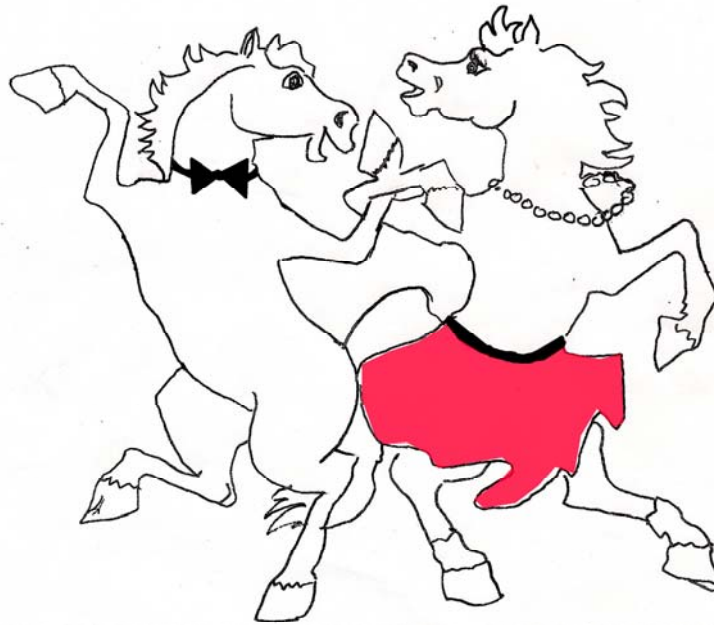
The annual Awards Dinner and Jockeys' Ball, presented by the NSA and SOTA, will be held on Saturday, November 15 at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, SC (see the attachment for details). Reservations are necessary by November 10 (phone 410-392-0700) or email nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com

ARCA Race

Thursday, November 6 – Laurel Park (entries Saturday, November 1)

Purse \$27,000. For Maidens, Three years Old and Upward. Three year olds 142 lbs., older 145 lbs. Claiming price \$25,000. For each \$2,500 to \$20,000 allowed 2 lbs.

Five and one-half furlongs on the turf.



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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