

NSA Official Notices Tuesday, October 28, 2014

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.

Charleston – Course Inspection

The Charleston Cup race course was inspected on October 24, 2014 by Reg Christopher, P.E.

Turf: Turf consists of predominately Bermuda grass, a little Bahia and some other native grasses and weeds. Average height of grass is 4-5".

Smoothness: The course has been aerated twice since summer and is relatively smooth throughout.

Compaction: At four locations, the readings were Yielding to Good.

Moisture: At four locations, the readings were Average Wet to Wet.

Charleston – Substitute Race (Conditioned Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$10,000. Hurdle. For Three-Year-Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Three-year-olds, 138 lbs., four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming price \$15,000.** For each \$2,500 to **\$10,000**, allowed 4 lbs. Non-winners in 2014, 4 lbs.; since September 1, 2013, 8 lbs.; in 2013-2014, 12 lbs. Entry \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$100 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Awards Dinner and Jockeys' Ball

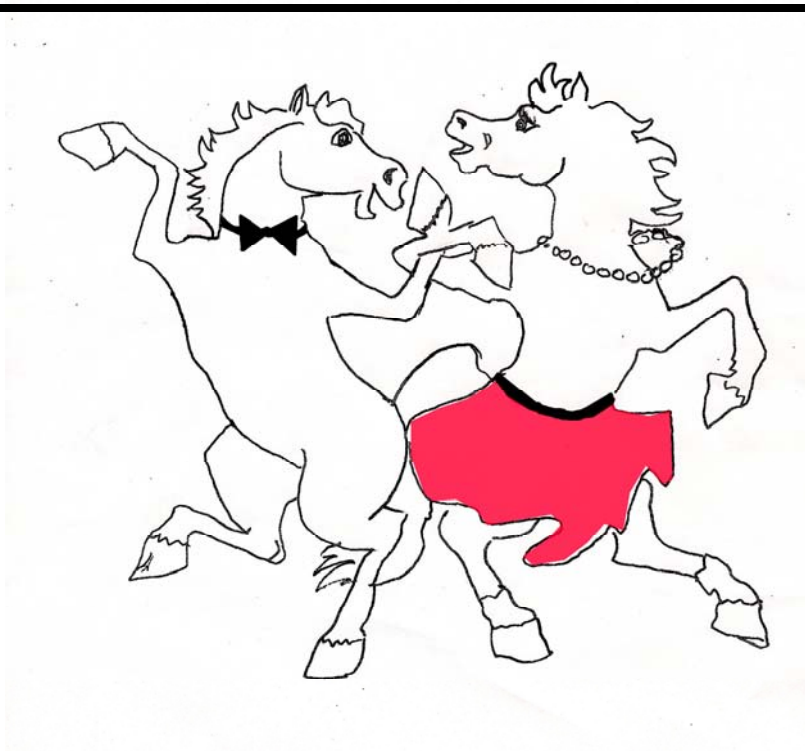
The annual Awards Dinner and Jockeys' Ball, presented by the NSA and SOTA, will be held on Saturday, November 15 at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden, SC (see the attachment for details). Reservations are necessary by November 10 (phone 410-392-0700) or email nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com

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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