



NSA Official Notices Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Middleburg Stewards Ruling

Jockey Gus Dahl (PULLER) was fined \$500 for missing a beacon and going off course in the third race at Middleburg on Saturday, April 22nd.

Grand National Stewards Ruling

Jockey Keith Dalton (SPOLIER ALERT) was fined \$250 for remaining in the race after going off course in the third race at the Grand National on Saturday, April 22nd.

Course Report – Virginia Gold Cup

The Great Meadow race course was inspected on April 21, 2017 by Robert Hilton and Adel Marquez.

Turf: Bluegrass, clean cut and green, 6 inches in height

Smoothness: Very smooth throughout the course.

Compaction: 70-110 (Yielding to Good)

Moisture: 7-10 (Average Wet to Wet)

Virginia Gold Cup Nominations

See below for the Virginia Gold Cup nominations.

Course Report – Winterthur

The Winterthur race course was inspected on April 22, 2017 by Rob Plankinton.

Turf: The turf on this course consists of a relatively thick, lush cover of native fescue and "Division One", a mixture of turf fescues, blues, and rye grass that averaged 6" in height and is consistent. Turf was fertilized in the spring, aerated in the fall.

Smoothness: This course has been rolled two times (fall and spring) and the ground is relatively smooth throughout.

Compaction: 117 (Good). Grass cover provides good cushion.

Moisture: 6.8 (Average to Average Wet)

Notes: Eight traditional "stake and bound" timber fences with telephone pole ground base rails serve as the timber course. The 1st fence is five panels wide and the remaining seven fences are four panels wide. At least two of the fences offer only one option for "run around room". However, this concern has not caused any problems in the past.

VRC Licensing Requirements for Virginia Gold Cup Races

All owners, trainers, riders, and grooms participating in the Virginia Gold Cup races are required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC). The easiest way to obtain a license is by going to the Commission's website at www.vrc.virginia.gov and clicking on "Virginia Racing License" in the upper left hand side of the home page. You will then see a list of documents including the "Racing Application for Participants", "General Application Instructions", "Fee Schedule", and "Credit Card Verification Form". Simply print out the application and complete it by referring to the fee schedule and general instructions. Once the application is completed, signed, and dated you may either mail it along with the appropriate payment to 5707 Huntsman Road, Suite 201-B, Richmond, VA 23250 or scan the application along with Credit Card Verification Form and e-mail to VRCLicense@vrc.virginia.gov. If you would like your badge mailed to you before the races, your application and payment must be received by April 21st, otherwise badges will be distributed on the day of the races at the horsemen's check-in tent located in the stable area. The VRC will also be on site at the Spring House on Wednesday, May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Friday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for licensing or picking up badges. (Please note: All licensing must be completed by Friday, May 5th.) If you have any questions or require assistance with this process, please

contact Rhonda Davis at (804) 461-0740. Owners and trainers, etc. participating in the flat races only do not need to be credentialed by NSA. Grooms must have a VRC license unless they have a current license from another jurisdiction, in which case they may obtain a day pass on the day of the races at the horsemen's check-in tent located in the stable area.

A horsemen's check-in tent will be in the stable area to handout and sell wristbands (only needed for those without a license). Horsemen will receive 4 complimentary wristbands per participating owner, 1 per trainer and jockey; additional wristbands may be purchased at \$35 each. The 2017 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.

New NSA Policy- Microchips

By order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee, horses that have been microchipped per The Jockey Club standards, are eligible to run under NSA rules provided they can be properly scanned and identified.

Quick Official

The NSA has adopted a "quick official" policy which requires riders to claim foul immediately after pulling up following a race. There will be a designated NSA official, either on the ground or on horseback, identified with a distinctive vest, that the riders must lodge an objection with regarding an incident occurring during the running of a race. The stewards will be immediately informed of any such objection and if there are none, the race will be declared "official" before the horses return to be unsaddled.

Early Entries may be submitted on Sundays

Trainers who would like to enter early via email and/or text message, please do so in **writing** on Sundays to both Bill Gallo (billgallo@nationalsteeplechase.com-443-553-1882) and Courtney Reid (courtneyreid@nationalsteeplechase.com - 443-553-1881). Please make sure all complete and pertinent information for your entry is included and that you have received a confirmation of delivery for the entries you submit.

2017 Licenses Applications

Please submit your 2017 license applications [owner/trainer](#) or [jockey](#) via email, fax or regular mail. You can now make your payment online. Click [here](#) to pay for your license after you have submitted your application.

Reminder - New Jockey License Applicants

License applications for new jockeys must be submitted a minimum of ten (10) days in advance of the race meet for approval by the Stewards Advisory Committee. There will be no exceptions. All new jockey licenses must be accompanied by a copy of a medical insurance card and appropriate written endorsements from NSA-licensed trainers, as indicated on the license application. All jockeys must complete the ImPACT (concussion) test. Submit license application to nancydougherty@nationalsteeplechase.com or fax 410-392-0706

Apprentice Rider Policy

The NSA Stewards Advisory Committee has determined that the NSA Apprentice Rider License Policy for 2017 will be as follows:

A rider who has been granted a conditional license may apply to the Stewards Advisory Committee for an unrestricted license after he or she has completed 10 rides to the satisfaction of the Committee. These 10 rides may be at point-to-point or at sanctioned race meets and can have been over timber or hurdles. This license is granted at the discretion of the SAC and may be deferred if the Committee decides the applicant needs more experience before being granted an unrestricted license.

100,000 Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Challenge

Any horse who wins both the Willowdale Steeplechase Amateur Timber Stakes and wins the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Open Timber Stakes will receive a \$100,000 bonus. Please click the following link for more information: [Willowdale/PA Hunt Cup Bonus](#)

Fair Hill Race Change (#92)
The Iris Ann Coggins Memorial Race
(Filly & Mare Hurdle Stakes)
Nominations Close Monday, May 15th

Purse \$50,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Fillies and Mares, Four Years Old and Upward. The highest rated horse will be assigned 155 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on current ratings. Nomination fee \$100; \$200 additional to enter; \$200 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations, at a cost of \$500, may be made at the time of entry.
Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences.

Fair Hill Contact Information

The correct contact numbers for Nancy Simperts at the Fair Hill races are 410-398-2578 Fax 410-398-2527.



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Sara Cavanagh
Editor

The Steeplethon Stakes \$40,000

PURSE \$40,000 Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 165 lbs. Winners of two races over timber, 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners over timber, allowed 5 lbs.

THREE MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

COGNASHENE dk b/.g.10 PathFinder Racing Neil R. Morris

DYE FORE dk b/.g.6 Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr. Jack Fisher

GUSTO AT DAWN dk b/.g.9 Benjamin C. Swope Benjamin C. Swope

ON THE CORNER b.g.11 Ivy Hill Stable LLC Alicia S. Murphy

PRESELI ROCK (IRE) ch.g.7 Bruton Street-US Jack Fisher

SALUDA SAM ch.g.12 Irvin S. Naylor William Meister

TAKEPOINTSANDRUN ch.g.7 Irvin S. Naylor William Meister

TRITON LIGHT dk b/.g.11 Nicki Valvo Nicki Valvo

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 8 NOMINATIONS*
*PENDING LATE MAIL

WILLIAM GALLO, JR.
DIRECTOR OF RACING

**The David Semmes Memorial
\$75,000
(Grade II)**

PURSE \$75,000 Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 146 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. Non-winners of \$45,000 twice in 2016-2017, allowed 4 lbs.; of \$45,000 once in 2016-2017, 8 lbs.; of \$30,000 once in 2016-2017, 12 lbs. (Novice, allowance and claiming races not considered in estimating allowances).

TWO MILES AND ONE EIGHTH (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

ALAJMAL	b.g.9	Gregory D. Hawkins	Janet E. Elliot
ALL THE WAY JOSE	b.g.7	Buttonwood Farm	Jonathan Sheppard
BALANCE THE BUDGET	ch.g.8	Stonelea Stable LLC	Julie Gomena
CHARMINSTER (IRE)	b.g.11	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
CHORAL SOCIETY	gr/ro.g.8	Petticoats Loose Farm	Jack Fisher
DIPLOMAT	b.g.8	Flying Elvis Stable	Kate Dalton
DR. SKIP	ch.g.9	Clorevia Farm	Edward L. Graham
HARDROCK ELEVEN	gr/ro.g.7	Virginia Lazenby Racing Stable LLC	Doug Fout
POLSTAR (FR)	b.g.8	Amy Taylor Rowe and Apple Equipment LLC	Leslie F. Young
PORTRADE (IRE)	b.g.8	The Fields Stable	Elizabeth Voss
SCHOODIC	b.g.7	Edith R. Dixon	Jack Fisher
SPECIAL SKILLS	dk b/g.7	Northwoods Stable & Sheila J. Williams	Jack Fisher

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 12 NOMINATIONS*
*PENDING LATE MAIL

WILLIAM GALLO, JR.
DIRECTOR OF RACING

**The Virginia Gold Cup
\$100,000**

PURSE \$100,000 Timber. For Five-Year-Olds and Upward. 165 lbs.

FOUR MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

CANYON ROAD	ch.g.8	Gordonsdale Farm	Christopher Kolb
EBANOUR (IRE)	ch.g.10	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
GRAND MANAN	b.g.8	Donald R. Reuwer, Jr.	William Meister
HOT RIZE	dk b/.g.13	Holston Hall	Russell Haynes
LE CHEVALIER	gr/ro.g.8	Michael A. Smith	Julie Gomena
LEMONY BAY (GB)	b.g.8	Bruton Street-US	Jack Fisher
PULLER	dk b/.g.9	Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.	Todd J. Wyatt
RAVEN'S CHOICE	dk b/.g.10	Ann Jackson	Todd J. Wyatt
SENIOR SENATOR	b.g.7	Irvin L. Crawford, II	Joseph G. Davies
TWO'S COMPANY (IRE)	b.g.8	Bruton Street-US	Jack Fisher

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 10 NOMINATIONS*
*PENDING LATE MAIL

WILLIAM GALLO, JR.
DIRECTOR OF RACING

The Secretariat Stakes \$50,000

PURSE \$50,000 For Four-Year-Olds and Upward. 155 lbs. Non-winners of a stakes race allowed 4 lbs.; of a race other than maiden or claiming, 8 lbs. (Horses which have run for a claiming price are least preferred.) Jump riders are eligible for applicable jump apprentice allowances.

ONE MILE AND ONE HALF (TURF)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

BISHOP'S CASTLE	dk b/.g.8	Bruton Street-US	Todd J. Wyatt
COMPLETE ST.	dk b/.m.7	Harlan Crossman	Lilith Boucher
CROWN THY GOOD	dk b/.g.7	Michael A. Smith	Leslie F. Young
DOMO ARTIEGATO	b.g.6	Monica Bauman	Fenneka T. Bentley
GOTTA GET AWAY	dk b/.c.4	Lana Wright	Neil R. Morris
GRANDIFLORA	dk b/.g.6	Richard F. Blue, Jr.	Ann W. Merryman
HOPPALA (IRE)	b.g.4	Gregory S. Bentley	Eva D. Smithwick
MR SINGH (GB)	b.g.5	Merriebelle Stable LLC	Elizabeth Voss
MUTASAAWY	b.g.7	PathFinder Racing	Neil R. Morris
NEXRAD	dk b/.h.5	Matthew Schera	James L. Lawrence, II
OCEAN READY	b.g.4	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
PETAK MOUNTAIN	dk b/.g.8	In Memory Of My Father Stable	Archibald J. Kingsley, Jr.
POSTULATION	b.g.5	Runnymede Racing LLC	Edward L. Graham
RENOWN (GB)	ch.g.6	Merriebelle Stable LLC	Elizabeth Voss
RIVER RUSH	b.g.8	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
RUM TUM TUGGER	b.g.8	Lake Lonely Racing	Jonathan Sheppard
SIMENON (IRE)	b.g.10	Rosbrian Farm	Ricky Hendriks

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 17 NOMINATIONS*
*PENDING LATE MAIL

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