



NSA Official Notices Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Nominations

Nominations for the Iroquois Stakes and the Willowdale Stake are attached below.

Course Report – Iroquois

The Iroquois race course was inspected on May 1, 2017 by David Green, Ed Maywald and Jim Woods.

Turf: The turf grasses on the race courses have an underlying Bermuda grass base that is inter-seeded each fall with a turf type fescue and premier quality perennial rye grasses. The courses' height of cut will be between five to six inches.

Smoothness: The courses are very smooth. Each year, following the running of the Iroquois, all courses are core aerated multiple times, the soil cores are then dragged back into the track surface and Cambridge rolled. During the fall season, the race courses are aerified multiple times prior to the fall inter-seeding. In the early spring the courses receive a third core aeration and rolling. The track surface has a good feel underfoot.

Compaction: The penetrometer readings today were between 70 and 80 (Yielding) and the same expected on race day. The Going Stick reading this morning: Good to Soft.

Moisture: Reading today with the TDR-300 moisture meter is within the desired range and with normal rain and the irrigation system same expected on race day.

Notes: The year-round turf grass maintenance program along with our irrigation system has given us the tools to produce a quality track surface for a safest of running surfaces on race day.

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.

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](#)

High Hope Substitute Race (Maiden Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$15,000. Hurdle. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four-year-olds, 144 lbs.; older, 156 lbs. **Claiming Price \$20,000.** For each \$2,500 to \$15,000, allowed 3 lbs. Entry fee \$75; \$75 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$150 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Fair Hill Races

ATTENTION HORSEMEN: Original foal papers and current Coggins must be turned in to the Foal Clerk, located in the paddock office, prior to the race.

All owners, trainers and riders must be licensed with the Maryland Racing Commission. Trainers must carry workmen's compensation insurance.

All jockeys must have proper documentation for licensing. Foreign jockeys must have visa which grants permission to work in the United States.

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.



**The Marcellus Frost Champion Hurdle
\$100,000**

PURSE \$100,000 Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which have not won over hurdles prior to March 1, 2016 or which have never won three races, other than three-year-old. Four-year-olds, 138 lbs.; older, 150 lbs. Winners, other than maiden, claiming, starter or restricted three-year-old race: 3 lbs. extra for each race won.

TWO MILES AND ONE QUARTER (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

CURVE OF STONES	gr/ro.g.6	Sarah Rebecca Shepherd	David M. Bourke
ICE IT	gr/ro.g.5	DASH Stable	Jack Fisher
INVOCATION (FR)	dk b/.g.4	Straylight Racing, LLC	Leslie F. Young
LASER LIGHT (IRE)	b.g.6	Tantivy Racing LLC	Ted Thompson
LYONELL (GER)	b.g.6	Robert A. Kinsley	Elizabeth Voss
MACNICHOLSON (IRE)	b.g.8	James S. Carter	Jimmy Day
MERCOEUR (FR)	gr/ro.g.6	Michael A. Smith	Leslie F. Young
MIGUEL GRAU	b.g.7	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.	Richard L. Valentine
MOSCATO (GB)	gr/ro.g.6	Bruton Street-US	Jack Fisher
MY AFLEET	gr/ro.g.6	Jeffrey S. Amling and Merriebelle Stable LLC	Mark Beecher
OSMOZ	dk b/.g.5	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
PERSONAL START	dk b/.g.6	Magalen O. Bryant	Richard L. Valentine
ROYAL CAVIAR (IRE)	b.g.9	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
SHOW COURT (IRE)	b.g.8	Mark W. Buyck, Jr.	Archibald J. Kingsley, Jr.
SURPRISING SOUL	b.g.5	Wendy W. Hendriks	Ricky Hendriks
WITH RHYTHM	gr/ro.g.6	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.	Jack Fisher

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 16 NOMINATIONS*
*PENDING LATE MAIL

WILLIAM GALLO, JR
DIRECTOR OF RACING



The Mason Houghland Memorial \$50,000

PURSE \$50,000 Timber. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 155 lbs.; five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs. Non-winners of two races over timber, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race, 10 lbs. (Amateur apprentice timber races not considered).

THREE MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

CANYON ROAD	ch.g.8	Gordonsdale Farm	Christopher Kolb
CAREFUL SAILOR	b.g.13	Jeremy Gillam	Jeremy Gillam
CLASS CHEROKEE	dk b/.g.7	Mrs. George L. Ohrstrom, Jr.	Richard L. Valentine
CORNHUSKER (GB)	b.g.10	Armata Stable	Alicia S. Murphy
HENRY SAN (IRE)	ch.g.10	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
PULLER	dk b/.g.9	Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.	Todd J. Wyatt
SPOILER ALERT	b.g.6	Merriebelle Stable LLC	William Meister
SYROS	b.g.9	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.	Jack Fisher
TOP MAN MICHAEL (IRE)	b.g.8	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
TWO'S COMPANY (IRE)	b.g.8	Bruton Street-US	Jack Fisher
WORRIED MAN	b.g.10	Four Virginia Gents	Doug Fout

CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 11 NOMINATIONS*
*PENDING LATE MAIL

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The Calvin Houghland Iroquois
\$200,000
(Grade I)

PURSE \$200,000 Hurdle. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 142 lbs.; older, 158 lbs.

THREE MILES (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

ANDI'AMU (FR)	b.g.7	Ballybristol Farm LLC	Leslie F. Young
DAWALAN (FR)	gr/ro.g.7	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
HINTERLAND (FR)	b.g.9	Harold A. Via, Jr.	Jack Fisher
MARTINI BROTHER	dk b/.g.9	William L. Pape	Jonathan Sheppard
MR. HOT STUFF	dk b/.g.11	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.	Jack Fisher
NICHOLS CANYON (GB)	b.g.7	Andrea and Graham Wylie	William P. Mullins
SCORPIANCER (IRE)	b.g.8	Bruton Street-US	Jack Fisher
SHANESHILL (IRE)	b.g.8	Andrea and Graham Wylie	William P. Mullins
THREE KINGDOMS (IRE)	ch.g.8	R. Lambe	Dermot K. Weld

 CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017 WITH 9 NOMINATIONS*
 *PENDING LATE MAIL

WILLIAM GALLO, JR
 DIRECTOR OF RACING



The Willowdale Steeplechase \$35,000

PURSE \$35,000 Timber. For Five-Year-Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur riders. 165 lbs. Winners of two races over timber, 5 lbs. extra. Non-winners over timber, allowed 5 lbs.

THREE AND ONE HALF MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017

CLASS BRAHMS	b.g.9	Rosbrian Farm	Tara Elmore
CLASS CHEROKEE	dk b/.g.7	Mrs. George L. Ohrstrom, Jr.	Richard L. Valentine
CLASS INDIAN	gr/ro.g.10	Jeremy Batoff	William Dowling
GAS CAN EDDIE	ch.g.10	Mrs. William D. Class, Jr.	William Meister
GRAND MANAN	b.g.8	Donald R. Reuwer, Jr.	William Meister
JOSHUA G.	ch.g.11	Armata Stable	Katherine Neilson
LE CHEVALIER	gr/ro.g.8	Michael A. Smith	Julie Gomena
MONSTALEUR	ch.g.10	Black and Blue Stable	Forrest Kelly
SUPER SATURDAY	gr/ro.g.8	Irvin S. Naylor	Katherine Neilson
TRITON LIGHT	dk b/.g.11	Nicki Valvo	Nicki Valvo
WINGO STAR	dk b/.g.9	Holbrook Hollow Farm	William Meister

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