



NSA Official Notices Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Nominations

Nominations for the Queen's Cup Novice Stakes (#44) to be run Saturday, April 28th are listed below.

Foxfield Spring - Course Report

The Foxfield race course was inspected on April 16, 2018 by Thomas Shifflett.

Turf: The turf is about 4 inches in length and fairly consistent.

Smoothness: The course is smooth throughout.

Compaction: 100-120 (Good), aerated and seeded after the fall races.

Notes: We just received about 2 inches of rain and if we get some warm weather the course should be in really good shape.

Foxfield Spring Substitute Race

Saturday, April 28, 2018

(Ratings Handicap Hurdle)

Purse \$20,000. Hurdle Handicap. For Four-Year-Olds and Upward which are rated 110 or lower. The highest rated horse will be assigned 158 lbs. with all other weights adjusted accordingly based on the current ratings. Minimum weight 140 lbs. (not including apprentice allowances). **Apprentice allowances may be claimed in this race.** Entry fee \$100; \$100 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday with \$200 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences.

Maryland Hunt Cup - Course Report

The Maryland Hunt Cup race course was inspected by S. Gillet, Jr. on April 12, 2018.

The race is run over Fair Hunting Country.

Turf: The turf is very good on most of the course. The rest of the course should improve with good weather.

Smoothness: Most of the course is in good to very good shape.

Compaction: Ranges 60-100 (Yielding to Good) depending on elevation over 4 miles.

Moisture: Rating 6-10 (Average to Wet) depending on elevation.

Notes: Overall, the course is in good shape and will improve. A bucket of flags will be available race week at the first road crossing for course walkers to mark any issues.

Queen's Cup - Course Report

The Queen's Cup race course was inspected by Bill Price on April 16, 2018.

Turf: Green and lush of fine turf fescue, very thick in most areas. Turf is at a height of 3¾ inches. The course was fertilized by Race Sponsor, TruGreen ON March 8 with high levels of nitrogen to promote top growth and fast green-up. Fertilizer will be applied again Tuesday, April 17. Turf will be allowed to grow-out to a race day height of 5+ inches. Thin areas of note:

- New turf is coming in nicely on backside mixed with poa annua which is quickly dying off. This area is on the approach to hurdle #2 as well as in the center of the course between hurdle # 5 and timber fence #5 on the finishing stretch.
- The bottom wall on Member's Hill was replaced with a concrete segmental wall system. Construction occurred last fall affecting the outer areas of the racecourse below Member's Hill. The grass is thin along this area but is not in the running areas of the racecourse.
- None of the aforementioned characteristics should be cause for concern as they are cosmetic in nature or are not part of the running area of the racecourse.

Smoothness: Very smooth throughout; a good feel underfoot.

Compaction: 90-115 (Good). The racecourse was tine aerated using the “Aerway” March 4 and again April 14. Racecourse will be aerated as needed in areas of compaction concerns leading up to the day.

Moisture: 10 (Wet). The course received over 1 inch of rain this evening before this report was taken. The course will continue to be regularly irrigated leading up to the day with the expectation of maintaining a moisture reading of 9-10 (Wet).

Notes: Zeagler’s “Horse Carpet” mulch was replaced in March at vehicle crossing at the bottom of the Hill at the head of the stretch.

In the timber race only, we will be taking out timber fence #1 (near the big lake) and replacing it with an EasyFix chase fence, the same height and general look of a National Fence and the water hurdle will be replaced from a sunken National Fence with an Easyfix modified hurdle that has the same dimensions, look and feel of the water hurdle we’ve used for the last three races. The “Queen’s Coop” on the backside will be a traditional timber fence as used around the remainder of the racecourse. There are no other changes.

Virginia Gold Cup Licensing Requirements

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 with the appropriate payment to 5707 Huntsman Road, Suite 201-B, Richmond, VA 23250 or scan the application and e-mail it 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 23rd, otherwise badges will be distributed at the horsemen’s check-in tent located in the stable area. The VRC will also be on site at the Spring House on Thursday, May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and on Friday, May 4th from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. for licensing. (Please note: All licensing needs to be completed by Friday, May 4th.) 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 licensed by NSA. Grooms must have a VRC license unless they have a current license from another jurisdiction with them, in which case they may obtain a day pass at no charge.

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 for each horse entered to race, 1 per trainer and jockey; additional wristbands may be purchased at \$35 each. The 2018 NSA mirror-hung car pass will admit the vehicle to Gate 2. The NSA pin will allow entrance to Members Hill only and does not allow entrance to VRC restricted areas. Anyone with questions can contact the VGCA office at (540) 347-2612.



The Queen's Cup MPC 'Chase

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TWO MILES AND THREE EIGHTHS (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

HORSE	Weight	Trainer
ICE IT	156	Jack Fisher
LACHARES (IRE)	156	Richard L. Valentine
NEW MEMBER (IRE)	156	Jack Fisher
LASER LIGHT (IRE)	153	Ted Thompson
MUTASAAWY	153	Neil R. Morris
NO WUNDER (GB)	153	Elizabeth Voss
TAPER TANTRUM (IRE)	153	Jonathan Sheppard
OFFICER'S OATH	150	Jimmy Day

CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 WITH 8 NOMINATIONS

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