



NSA Official Notices

Friday, March 1, 2019

Ratings

Please see the current ratings list of 2019 below. If your horse is not listed and you submitted your Horses in Training, please let Bill Gallo know. If you did not submit spring Horses in Training list, please do so and your ratings horses will be added.

Revised NSA Waiver Claimer Policy

At the time of entry into any NSA steeplechase claiming race, the trainer may declare a horse ineligible to be claimed provided:

- 1.The horse has not started for a minimum of **180** calendar days since its last race; **and**
- 2.The horse is entered for a claiming price equal to or greater than the price at which it last started over jumps.

Aiken

Please note that it is the intention of the Aiken Steeplechase Association to “split” the Training Flat race (#1) on opening day, Saturday, March 23, 2019. If there are a sufficient number of entries the race will be split with maidens in one division and winners in the second division.

Tryon Block House Races

Please see the important notification regarding the Green Creek Race Course (attached).

My Lady’s Manor

Please be reminded of the new Amateur Rider Fee Deduction policy in place for 2019 as follows:

There will be a rider fee applied to owners in the My Lady’s Manor and the John Rush Streett Memorial equal to 10% of money earned in all places. These fee’s will be deducted from earnings and directed to the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation as a donation towards the promotion of amateur racing.

Middleburg Spring Races

The Training Flat race (#28) will be sponsored by DBM Wealth Management and will now award the winning owner and trainer with a \$2,500 award to each.

Maryland Hunt Cup

Reminder that Early Nominations for the Maryland Hunt Cup (#40) close on Monday, March 11 with the NSA office.

Queen’s Cup Steeplechase

The correct weight for the Steeplethon (#44) is 160 lbs.

Fair Hill Spring Races

There will be a Friday Twilight card of four races (two flat and two timber) added to the Fair Hill Spring Races, in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the event. Complete details will be announced shortly.



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Scorpiancer.....	150	All For Us.....	119	Ocean Ready.....	114
Modem.....	142	Bobabout.....	119	Winter House.....	114
Days of Heaven.....	138	Swellegent.....	119	Aydoun.....	113
Sempre Medici.....	138	Aardwolf.....	118	Castle Hill.....	113
All the Way Jose.....	137	L'Aigle Royal.....	118	Giza.....	113
Winner Massagot.....	137	Dapper Dan.....	117	Jarir.....	113
Moscato.....	136	Help From Heaven.....	117	Mutin.....	113
Clarcam.....	135	Laser Light.....	117	Get Ready Set Goes.....	112
Jaleo.....	135	Sixty Five.....	117	Paddy's Crown.....	112
The Game Changer.....	135	Unsinkable.....	117	Red Hammer.....	112
Gibralfaro.....	130	Al.....	116	Sail Ahoy.....	112
Hinterland.....	130	Caldbeck.....	116	Stormy Alex.....	112
Ice It.....	130	Canadian Gold.....	116	Barhanpour.....	111
Invocation.....	130	Cite.....	116	Down Royal.....	111
Show Court.....	130	Diplodocus.....	116	Mathayus.....	110
Surprising Soul.....	130	Kensington Court.....	116	Menacing Dennis.....	110
Taper Tantrum.....	130	Oskar Denarius.....	116	Motivational.....	110
City Dreamer.....	129	Renown.....	116	First Friday.....	109
Special Skills.....	129	Sarah Joyce.....	116	Holiday Mouse.....	109
Swansea Mile.....	129	Special Relation.....	116	Ack Feisty.....	107
Portrade.....	128	Storm Team.....	116	Our Frosty.....	107
Belisarius.....	127	Undisclosed.....	116	Expecting.....	106
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Mutasaawy.....	127	Wild Dynaformer.....	116	Ebullience.....	105
Contented.....	126	Zeppelin Ride.....	116	Moss Code.....	105
Lord Justice.....	126	Bite the Bit.....	115	Shamsaan.....	105
Indian Hawk.....	125	Flash Jackson.....	115	Wigwam Baby.....	105
Personal Start.....	125	Notjudginjustsayin.....	115	Balistes.....	102
Veneer of Charm.....	125	Orchestra Leader.....	115	Bullet Star.....	102
No Wunder.....	123	Pik Em.....	115	Devil's Wrangler.....	101
Barnacle Bill.....	122	Warp Factor.....	115	Show King.....	99
Elucidation.....	121	Able Archer.....	114	Change of View.....	98
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February 25, 2019

NSA Board:

In October 2018, the management team at Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) made the executive decision in to renovate the Green Creek Race Course.

During the inaugural 2017 and 2018 spring races, we heard feedback that the course was too firm, due to the natural surface of our region. We considered the feedback from the NSA board members, NSA Safety Officials, Owners, Riders, and Trainers. The TIEC team is dedicated to a successful future with the NSA and puts horse and rider safety as our top priority.

Under the guidance of TIEC Agronomist and Director of Turf Management Daniel Fradley, we made the decision to undergo significant improvements to the course surface and prepare the facility for an irrigation system.

The following changes have been made to the course since October 2018:

- 2,500 tons of sand has been added to the track and tilled in with the existing natural red clay soils of the Foothills. This has influenced the top 4 inches of soil structure and will help benefit positive improvements related to performance and maintenance.
- Chemically and naturally cleared the original track grass and weeds to incorporate a solid grass type for the whole track, Turf Type Tall Fescue has been used. This will also add to a more uniform track from start to finish.
- Increased the size of the infield pond to approximately 1 acre to support a full track irrigation and drainage system, scheduled to be installed in the fall of 2019.

Continued work over the next month, prior to the Tryon Block House Races:

- Continued topdressing to create a sand cap for an optimal track surface for equestrian racing, plus growing conditions for Fescue in the Transition Zone (Central East USA).
- Cultural programs in place to continue breaking down the clay soils, allowing air, water and organic material movement to create a great soil structure.
- Sod the low-lying area that experienced drainage damaged due to excessive rainfall.

The following are the results we anticipate from the turf plan listed above:

- Increase the tracks running ability (create a more reactive surface and substructure for horse movement).
- Increase the amount of pore space for air exchange, which is necessary for root growth and microbial activity. It also increases the amount and rate that water can infiltrate into the soil and percolate down through the soil profile. In turn adds to healthier plants and increased density and turf sward population, creating a more even running field.
- Reduced mechanical and natural compaction leading to excessive firmness, the additional air and pore spaces creates a mattress feel, meaning it keeps a solid structure, but has the cushioning to receive a forceful impact.

Daniel Fradley will begin testing the course with equipment used in equestrian turf fields and sending a weekly update to the NSA Board for public distribution. We are extremely encouraged by the significant growth and improvements to the course despite Mother Nature's lack of consideration over the winter months to support our efforts. We are available for any questions or comments about the track improvements and look forward to showcasing our track improvements during the 73rd running of the Tryon Block House Races in 2019.

We appreciate your continued support,

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