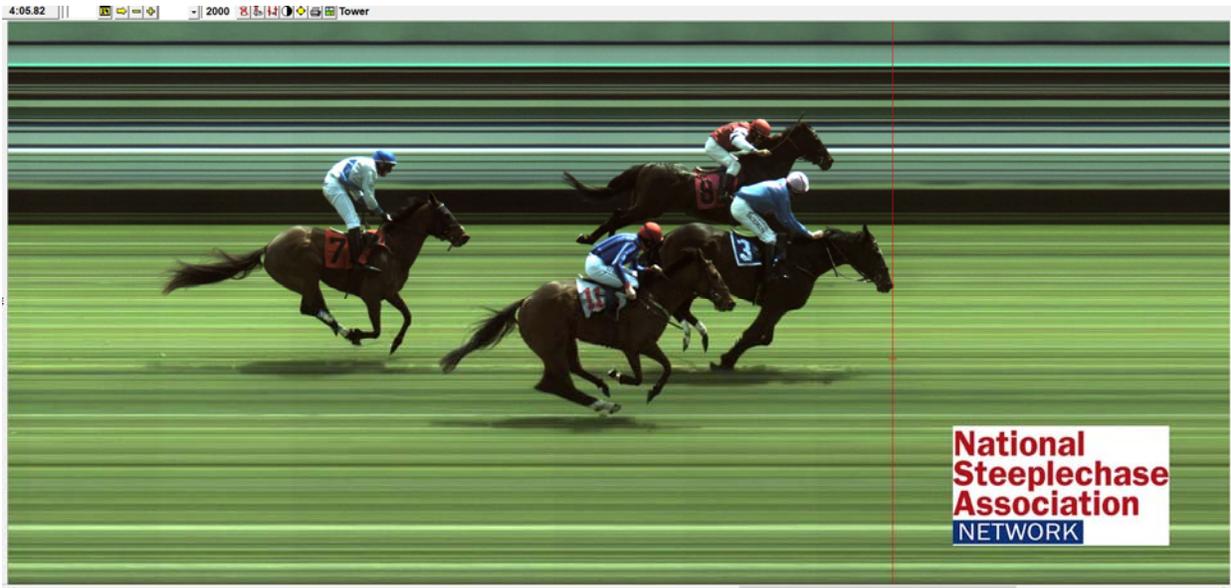




NSA Official Notices Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Second Race at The Cup Runneth Over

To clear up any confusion about the official order of finish in the second race at The Cup Runneth Over on Saturday, April 6, below is the Photo Finish print of Bon Nouvel Chasers' REPEAT REPEAT (#3) a head in front of JUMP SHIP (#8).



New NSA Vet's List Policy

A horse may be placed on the NSA Vet's List by the Stewards, based on a recommendation by the race meet veterinarian, due to pre-race veterinary examination findings or lameness or injury during a race or lameness or health conditions observed post race.

Any horse that is placed on the NSA Vet's List shall not be eligible for race entry for at least seven (7) days and said horse must be examined by an equine veterinarian at the resident stable. That exam must consist of a complete assessment of that horse with particular attention to the findings that placed the horse on the vet's list. The horse will be observed in hand and under tack at a walk, trot and canter. If examination findings indicate that the horse is racing sound, a drug screen shall be drawn and submitted to the testing laboratory designated by the NSA. If that screen is negative, the horse may be re-entered. The cost of the examination and the drug screen shall be the responsibility of the trainer or owner of the horse.

This examination of a horse on the NSA Vet's List differs from most flat racing jurisdictions in that there is no designated work required other than observation under tack. This difference is due to the widespread geographic distribution of horses involved in jump racing and the lack of supervising regulatory veterinarians in most areas.

By Order of the NSA Stewards Advisory Committee

Any horse that falls on the race course and does not immediately recover MUST be transported back to the stables via the horse ambulance unless the attending veterinarian at the scene deems such a transport to be unsafe. In addition, all horses who are visibly lame must be transported back to the stable via ambulance. If a horse is suffering from heat exhaustion it is unsafe to confine the horse in the equine ambulance until that horse is stabilized on the course and it is advisable to slowly walk those off the course. This decision must be made by the attending veterinarian.

Live Streaming of Race Meets

All NSA race meets will be available in high definition on the NSA Network, which was created by and is managed by TPH Productions. The live-streaming video will be available for mobile, laptop and desktop computers, and televisions equipped with internet browsers.

A permanent button is on the NSA website home page, www.nationalsteeplechase.com, underneath the Need to Know icon just below the main photo. Click on that button to go to the NSA Network page to access live streaming and archived videos of past races and other features

The web address of the NSA Network is: theplaidhorse.com/steeplechase.

Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation Flat Races Bonus

In an effort to give amateur/apprentice jockeys more experience, the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation will pay a \$500 bonus to the owner and trainer of any horse winning an NSA **flat** race that is ridden by an amateur/apprentice jockey, in addition to any bonus already advertised. The bonus does not apply to races restricted to amateur/apprentice jockeys.

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.

Revised NSA Race Day Barn Policies

- Only NSA third party veterinarians administer race day Salix (furosemide), which will be performed 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Please have an attendant with the horse during this period. Veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse.
- Salix is the only permitted injection a horse may receive on race day.
- No oral administration of any medication or substance (such as oral electrolytes or lubricants) is permitted on race day prior to a horse running. **(The use of a dose syringe, other than by the attending veterinarian, is prohibited)**. Horses may be treated post-race by the attending veterinarian. Also, horsemen may self-treat horses after the final race of the day.
- The following are prohibited on race day: electro-shock or shockwave therapy; Nebulizer or puffer treatment; Transdermal patches.
- On race day, blood samples for TCO₂ analysis will be collected randomly from horses selected between 45 minutes to 1 hour before post time.

Grand National Course Report

The Grand National race course was inspected on April 8, 2019 by Peter Fenwick.

Turf: The turf is in good condition throughout with the exception of the area around the Grand National 12th and Grand National 14th. These areas are thinner than usual, but should fill somewhat by race day. Some mowing will occur in the next couple of days. The entire course will be mowed three days prior to the races.

Smoothness: The entire course has been Cambridge rolled and harrowed and is the smoothness of "fair hunting country."

Compaction: The entire course was aerated in 2018 and is realizing the benefits. Compaction readings range from 70 – 120 (yielding to good).

Moisture: Readings range from 6 in the higher areas to solid 10 in the lower areas (average to wet).

Notes: There are two areas of noted concern following many months of extreme rainfall. The area several strides after the second fence of the Grand National has developed a spring. The area is being monitored and slowly drying, and some form of "go around" is considered. Similarly, after the Grand National 4th a spring has developed and modification is considered. The second last of the Western Run Plate is also affected by this latter spring and modification is considered. Final decisions regarding the above concerns to be made on the Grand National overnight.

Grand National Steeplechase

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 Grand National Steeplechase and the B.H. Murray Memorial equal to 10% of money earned in all places. These fees will be deducted from earnings and directed to the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation as a donation towards the promotion of amateur racing. An "opt out" provision is available to owners until scratch time.*

Nominations for the \$50,000 Grand National timber stakes are below.

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 \$2,500 each.

The purse for the Maiden Claiming Hurdle (#33) has been increased from \$15,000 to **\$20,000**, and with that the claiming price has been changed to **\$25,000-\$20,000**, with 3 lbs. allowed for each \$2,500. Four-year-olds, 148 lbs.; older, 156 lbs.

Nominations for the \$30,000 Middleburg Hunt Cup timber stakes are below.

Nominations for the \$75,000 Temple Gwathmey (Gr. 2) hurdle stakes are below.

Middleburg Spring Course Report

The Middleburg Spring race course was inspected on April 1, 2019 by Doug Fout.

Turf: The turf consists of tall fescue.

Smoothness: The course is smooth throughout. It was rolled and chain harrowed after the 2018 fall races, and aerated the middle of November.

Compaction: 80 (yielding to good)

Moisture: 8 (average wet)

Notes: It has been a very wet winter and spring. The course will be mowed 10 days prior to the races. There is plenty of thick turf throughout the race course.

Foxfield Substitute Race
(Open Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. **Claiming price \$25,000.** For each \$2,500 to **\$20,000**, allowed 3 lbs. Non-winners in 2019 allowed 3 lbs.; in 2018-2019, 6 lbs.

Two Miles and One Furlong over National Fences

Maryland Hunt Cup

Maryland Hunt Cup (#40) early nominations closed on Monday, March 11 with 24 nominations. Please see the attached list of nominees.

Maryland Hunt Cup Press Release

Founded in 1894, the Maryland Hunt Cup Association commemorates the 2019 renewal of the world's toughest timber race with the publication of The Maryland Hunt Cup, Celebrating 125 Years, by Margaret Worrall.

In this volume, a limited edition of 400, Worrall picks up where she left off in her previous Hunt Cup history, 100 Runnings of the Maryland Hunt Cup, published in 1996.

Readers will find the story of each race from 1997-2018, including personal accounts by owners, trainers, and riders, plus complete charts, and extensive photographs by two-time Eclipse Award winner Douglas Lees. The appendix contains all horses, riders, trainers, and owners as well as the founders and members of the Maryland Hunt Cup Association, the recipients of the S. Bryce Wing award, and the horses honored with the George Brown Bowl.

An original painting of the Maryland Hunt Cup paddock by artist Sam Robinson graces the cover of this hardback edition.

On April 1, 2019, the book may be purchased for \$125, free shipping, at www.marylandhuntcup.com

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Queen's Cup Steeplechase

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

Virginia Gold Cup

Please see the attached notice regarding licensing procedures with the Virginia Racing Commission for both the Virginia Gold Cup and Colonial Downs.

Please note the Eighth Race (#53) is Restricted to Virginia bred or Virginia sired horses unless there are less than eight entries, in which case the race will be also open to Virginia certified horses.

Willowdale Steeplechase

In an effort to move to safer timber fences, existing timber fences at Willowdale will be replaced with all new post and rail (four rail) fences. All fences will be the same height or lower than the current fences. The safety premise is that now the top one/two rails will be breakable, unlike the existing ones.

Radnor Substitute Race
(Open Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$30,000. Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward. Four-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. **Claiming price \$30,000.** For each \$2,500 to **\$25,000**, allowed 3 lbs. Non-winners in 2019 allowed 3 lbs.; in 2018-2019, 6 lbs.

Two Miles and Three Furlongs over National Fences

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.

The Friday Twilight card is as follows:

Training Flat (#78) for **Amateur Riders**. One Mile and One Quarter on the Turf

Training Flat (#79). One Mile and Seven Furlongs on the Turf

(Amateur Apprentice Timber)

Purse \$10,000. Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. To be ridden by amateur apprentice riders. 170 lbs. Non-winners of a timber stakes, allowed 5 lbs.; of a race over timber, 10 lbs. **Riders who have never won a race, allowed 5 lbs. No other rider allowances.** Entry fee \$50; \$50 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$100 additional to start.

Three Miles over Timber.

\$5,000 of this purse, and an engraved goblet to the rider, have been donated by the Temple Gwathmey Steeplechase Foundation for the promotion of amateur racing.

Novice Timber (#85)

The Saturday seven-race card will include one Training Flat (#77) and five hurdle races in the Condition Book (#80, 81, 82, 83, 84) as well the following additional hurdle race:

(Conditioned Claiming Hurdle)

Purse \$25,000 Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward which have never won two races. Four Year Olds, 150 lbs.; older, 158 lbs. **Claiming price \$25,000.** For each \$5,000 to **\$15,000**, allowed 4 lbs. Entry fee \$125; \$125 additional if not scratched on time Wednesday; with \$250 additional to start.

Two Miles and One Quarter over National Fences

Summer Steeplechase Racing Schedule

The 2019 summer steeplechase program at the major tracks is listed below.