



NSA Official Notices

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Nominations

Nominations for all five stakes races at the Virginia Gold Cup are attached.

Virginia Gold Cup - Course Update

There was a section of the North Turn entering the stretch at last fall's International Gold Cup that was missed during the course rolling after the June 2021 Gold Cup. This chewed up and rutted ground has been very carefully and properly repaired for this spring's race meet. Two weeks ago, the course was fertilized with ammonium sulfates and potash. A clover weed kill is scheduled for this week. With expected rains, the course should be in excellent condition for the May 7th running at Great Meadow.

Virginia Gold Cup

The purse of the maiden hurdle (#49) has been reduced to \$30,000. The purse of the allowance hurdle (#51) has been reduced to \$40,000. Entry fees will be adjusted accordingly.

Winterthur - Course Report

The Winterthur race course was inspected on April 23, 2022 by Rob Plankinton and Jill Abbott.

Turf: The turf consists of a relatively thick, lush cover of native fescue and "Division One," a mixture of turf fescues, blues, and rye grass. The turf averages 6" in height and is consistent throughout. The course was fertilized in March 2022, aerated in October 2021, and rolled in spring 2022.

Smoothness: The ground is relatively smooth throughout.

Compaction: 95 (soft). Grass cover provides good cushion.

Moisture: 8.4 (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.

Iroquois Steeplechase

Please take note of the following changes to the Iroquois racecourse:

On the hurdle course, the second to last fence in the stretch has been eliminated. Therefore, there will be 12 jumps in the 2-1/4 mile races, 15 jumps in the 2-3/4 mile race and 16 jumps in the 3-mile Iroquois.

The timber course has been completely redesigned, featuring post and rail fences built to the same

specifications as those at the Virginia Gold Cup (see photo below). The 3-mile allowance timber race will include seven fences per circuit, for a total of 18 jumps.

Also, horsemen are encouraged to make hotel reservations early for Iroquois, as rooms are going quickly due to several events in the Nashville area that weekend.



Willowdale Steeplechase

The Liam Magee (#66) and the Marshall W. Jenny Memorial Foxhunter's Chase (#71) may be open to amateur riders if there is an insufficient number of entries with only apprentice riders.

Radnor Changes

The purse of the Radnor Hunt Cup (#73) has been reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000 and is no longer considered a stakes race. The purse of the maiden starter hurdle (#75) has been reduced from \$15,000 to \$10,000. The training flat (#76) has been canceled and will be replaced by a maiden claiming hurdle with a purse of \$10,000, claiming price \$15,000-\$10,000.

Fair Hill Races

The Fair Hill Races originally scheduled for Saturday, May 28 have been canceled.

NSA Shoe Policy

No toe grabs, caulks, stickers, turndowns, inserts, trailers, or heel extensions will be allowed on the front or hind shoes. Note: The insert on the toe of the Queen's Plate is considered a "wear plate," not a toe grab. Block heels on the hind shoes (not to exceed ¼ inch) are permissible. Outer rim shoes are allowable providing there is no toe grab.

Further Clarification: No protrusions below the ground surface of the shoe is the target of the rule. On outer rims, consider the rim itself to be the ground surface and grind the toe grabs down flush with it. On everything else the grab gets ground down to flush with the shoe's surface. There are a variety of Block Heels available from various manufacturers. As long as they're labeled Block Heels from the maker, they are permitted. Again, with the toes ground flush to the surrounding shoe surface.

150-Day Layoff Report Forms - Now Online!

Attention NSA Trainers: 150-Day **Layoff Report Forms can now be submitted online** at the following link: <http://tharacing.com/resources/layoffreportform/>

Online reports will be sent directly to Reynolds Cowles. If you choose to print and scan the form to complete the process, please email your form to Reynolds Cowles (rcowles41@icloud.com).

Entries for horses that have not raced for 150 days or more (excluding first-time starters) will not be accepted unless the trainer has completed and submitted a Layoff Report Form.

Ratings

Please see the attached current ratings list.

All hurdle/chase winners ages 4 and up planning to run over hurdles in the U.S. this spring must appear on the weekly ratings list. Trainers are responsible for checking the list for their in-training horses. If your horse does not appear on the list – and you are planning to run this spring – please notify the racing office via email (harper@nationalsteeplechase.com). Horses not on the list will be least preferred at entry time and may be excluded. Also, if a horse appears on the list, and is taken out of training for the spring, trainers must notify the office.

A horse with an official rating in another country will race on its most recent mark, however, the Committee does have the discretion to adjust if they deem necessary.

Three-year-old winners will not receive a rating until running one time as a four-year-old.

**The Steeplethon
(Steeplethon Stakes)
\$30,000 Guaranteed**

PURSE \$30,000 Timber. For Five Year Olds and Upward. 160 lbs.

THREE MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

A SILENT PLAYER (IRE)	b.g.7	Irvin S. Naylor	Keri Brion
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ARKADAG	ch.g.7	Lisa Nelms	David M. Bourke
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BODES WELL (IRE)	b.g.7	Silverton Hill LLC	Leslie F. Young
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DREWSCOURT (IRE)	b.g.7	Leipers Fork Steeplechase	Leslie F. Young
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CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 WITH 4 NOMINATIONS

BILL GALLO
DIRECTOR OF RACING

The David Semmes Memorial (Grade II)
(Sport of Kings Hurdle Stakes)
\$75,000 Guaranteed

PURSE \$75,000 Handicap Hurdle. For Four Year Olds and Upward.

TWO MILES AND ONE EIGHTH (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

BELFAST BANTER (IRE)	b.g.7	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
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CITY DREAMER (IRE)	ch.g.8	Riverdee Stable	Jack Fisher
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GOING COUNTRY (IRE)	b.g.6	The International Venture, Blue Streak Racing, LLC and Metahorse Racing	Keri Brion
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RAZOUL (IRE)	b.g.7	Del Rio Racing LLC	Kate Dalton
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REDICEAN (GB)	b.g.8	Sharon E. Sheppard	Leslie F. Young
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CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 WITH 5 NOMINATIONS

BILL GALLO
DIRECTOR OF RACING

The Virginia Gold Cup
(Timber Stakes)
\$100,000 Guaranteed

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

FOUR MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

ANDI'AMU (FR)	b.g.12	Ballybristol Farm LLC	Leslie F. Young
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FLAMING SWORD (IRE)	b.g.8	Fat Chance Farm	Richard L. Valentine
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RENEGADE RIVER	dk b/.g.9	Kiplin Hall	William Dowling
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ROYAL RUSE	dk b/.g.8	Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.	Sanna Neilson
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SCHOODIC	b.g.12	Mrs. John R.S. Fisher	Jack Fisher
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SHOOTIST	dk b/.g.8	Upland Partners	Todd McKenna
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STORM TEAM	ch.g.8	Northwoods Stable and Sheila J. Williams	Jack Fisher
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TOMGARROW (IRE)	ch.g.8	Leipers Fork Steeplechase	Leslie F. Young
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CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 WITH 8 NOMINATIONS

BILL GALLO
DIRECTOR OF RACING

Sport of Kings Four-Year-Old Hurdle Stakes
\$50,000 Guaranteed

PURSE \$50,000 Hurdle. For Four Year Olds. 148 lbs. Winners, other than claiming, 3 lbs. extra for each race won.

TWO MILES AND ONE EIGHTH (HURDLE)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

BOULETTE (IRE) b.g.4 Willis, Molly and Willis, Paul Keri Brion

CIRCUS dk b/.g.4 The Fields Stable Elizabeth Voss

PACIFIST dk b/.g.4 Del Rio Racing LLC Kate Dalton

CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 WITH 3 NOMINATIONS

BILL GALLO
DIRECTOR OF RACING

Flat Stakes

\$50,000 Guaranteed

PURSE \$50,000

For Three Year olds and Upward. Three-year-olds, 150 lbs.; older 155 lbs. Non-winners of a stakes race, allowed 4 lbs.; of a race other than maiden or claiming, 8 lbs.

ONE MILE AND ONE HALF (TURF)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

ARTISTIC ENDEAVOR	ch.g.4	Buttonwood Farms LLC	Edward L. Graham
BEAT LE BON (FR)	b.g.6	Merriebelle Stable LLC	Jack Fisher
CARLOUN (IRE)	b.g.3	Willis, Molly and Willis, Paul	Keri Brion
CLINT MAROON (GB)	gr/ro.g.6	S. Rebecca Shepherd	Liam Bourke
EAGERLY	b.g.5	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr.	Elizabeth Voss
FEARSOME (GB)	b.g.8	Irvin S. Naylor	Cyril Murphy
HARD STRIKE	ch.g.4	Keystone Thoroughbreds	Todd McKenna
MOKHEEF	b.g.8	Mint Meadows Farm, LLC	Suzanne Stettinius
PLEASECALLMEBACK	dk b/.g.5	Upland Flats Racing	Keri Brion
ROBERT'S LUXURY	dk b/.g.4	South Branch Equine LLC	Sean McDermott
SA'AD (FR)	b.c.4	Buttonwood Farms LLC	Keri Brion
SAKETUMI	dk b/.h.5	Blake P. Curry	William Dowling
SARANAC (FR)	b.g.4	Riverdee Stable	Danielle Hodsdon
SHOOTIN THE BREEZE	ch.g.6	Irvin S. Naylor	Katherine S. Neilson
TAPWOOD	b.g.4	Northwoods Stable and Sheila J. Williams	Jack Fisher
THE HAPPY GIANT	ch.g.6	Allison B. Fulmer	Allison B. Fulmer
TOM	b.g.6	Spry Family Farm	Lilith Boucher
WASPIRANT	ch.g.4	S. Rebecca Shepherd	David M. Bourke

CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 WITH 18 NOMINATIONS

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DIRECTOR OF RACING

PREFERENCE IN ORDER OF CONDITION ELIGIBILITY



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The Mean Queen.....160	The Happy Giant.....118	Senor Seville.....111
Snap Decision.....157	Boss Man.....117	Ghostlighter.....110
Moscato.....150	Decisive Triumph.....117	High Mounte.....110
Belfast Banter.....144	Knockholt.....117	Mr. Bridger.....110
Iranistan.....144	Bee Major.....116	Twenty Years On.....110
City Dreamer.....137	Glencorrib Sky.....116	Who's Counting.....110
Historic Heart.....135	Global Freedom.....116	Don't Shout.....109
Amschel.....130	Mighty Mark.....116	Island Nation.....109
Chief Justice.....130	Mr. Alec.....116	Bella Coola.....107
Razoul.....130	Recent Revelations.....116	Cup of Aiken.....107
Redicean.....130	Scorpion's Revenge.....116	Kicking Myself.....107
Boulette.....129	State of Affair.....116	Fightinirishtabit.....106
Bodes Well.....126	Take Profit.....116	Criticize.....105
French Light.....123	Fearsome.....115	Make a Stand.....105
Presence of Mind.....123	Queens Empire.....115	Eve's City.....104
Brainbakescookies.....122	Step to the Bar.....115	Three O One.....102
West Newton.....121	Bassmatchi.....114	Shaka.....101
Booby Trap.....120	Bet the Pot.....114	Soramond.....101
Going Country.....120	Chetzeron.....114	Embrace the Grind.....100
Sempre Medici.....120	Drewscourt.....114	Bullet Star.....98
Animal Kingston.....119	Eryx.....114	
Court Ruler.....118	Gaye Breeze.....114	
Down Royal.....118	Jump Ship.....114	
Family Tree.....118	Fast Vision.....111	
Perfect Tapatino.....118	Gostisbehere.....111	