



## NSA Official Notices Tuesday, April 5, 2022

### **My Lady's Manor - Nominations**

Nominations (10) for the My Lady's Manor timber stakes (#15), to be run Saturday, April 16, are attached here.

### **Tryon Block House - Course Report**

The Green Creek Race Course was inspected on April 4, 2022 by Dan Fradley and Micah Yarboro.

**Turf:** There is a solid stand of grass, with a small percentage of weeds, which were sprayed on March 21. Due to the high percentage of grass this year, the spray will not leave bare spots. Grasses prominently seen throughout the course are fescues (fine and turf type tallfescue), with a small amount of Poa Annuua. Foliar fertilizer feeds have been sprayed on a 10-14 day rotation, with a granular feed starting in February of 10-20-20 every 30-35 days (as needed). The course was sprayed for disease on March 31, and will not need anything more until after the race meet.

**Smoothness:** The course is being mowed every three to four days to help create a dense turf profile. The turf started at 2.5 inches and has now raised its height to 4 inches. The track will be mowed one last time on Monday, April 11 to achieve the desired height of 6 inches plus for race day. This will only change if instructed by the Race Meet Director.

**Compaction:** Readings of 115 - 140 throughout the course (good - firm). The reading is high due to the irrigation program set for the freshly germinated overseed from February, as watering is frequent to encourage rooting and growth from the seedlings. This means the course was wetter than usual and pore space was filled to capacity. The course will be aggravated this week at a depth of 6 inches to reduce this compaction number, and possibly again the week of race in consulting the Race Meet Director and obtaining feedback.

**Moisture:** Readings were high (30% plus on average), due to the irrigation program running and applying 0.75 inches of water evenly throughout the course over a 24 hour period. This program runs every day, but will start reducing towards the end of this week.

**Notes:** Course is in good shape and should be in great condition for the race on April 16.

### **Live Streaming**

Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, NSA trainers may select up to two grooms to be "gifted" a ticket to the live stream shows for the remainder of the spring season. To be eligible, trainers must submit the names and email addresses of those two attendants to the NSA office.

### **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.

### **Foxfield Spring Races**

The Foxfield Spring race card will be limited to seven (7) races on Saturday, April 30, which may prohibit the split of the maiden claiming hurdle (#35).

### **Queen's Cup Steeplechase**

Please take note of the following changes to the Queen's Cup conditions. The Queen's Cup, to be run Saturday, April 30, will offer an all hurdle, five-race card. The allowance timber (#47) as well as the training flat (#48) have been canceled, and the Queen's Cup is committed to splitting the maiden hurdle (#44), if there are sufficient number of entries, with a \$30,000 purse in each division. Purses for the meet will now total \$155,000.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Fair Hill Races**

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

### **Maryland Bred Bonuses**

Breeders and Owners of registered Maryland bred horses competing over fences at National Steeplechase Association sanctioned Maryland meets will now receive a 30% bonus on top of the normal purse amount for 1-2-3 placings. These bonuses are not considered part of purse earnings and will be paid directly from the Maryland Horse Breeders Association. This new program incentive applies to NSA meets at My Lady's Manor, Grand National, Maryland Hunt Cup, and Shawan Downs. For any inquiries please call Cricket Goodall (410-252-2100, extension 111).

### **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.





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The Mean Queen.....	160	Down Royal.....	118	Drewscourt.....	114
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Moscato.....	154	Mighty Mark.....	118	Hepcat.....	112
Winston C.....	146	Perfect Tapatino.....	118	Gostisbehere.....	111
Rashaan.....	145	Boss Man.....	117	Don't Shout.....	110
Belfast Banter.....	144	Decisive Triumph.....	117	Ghostlighter.....	110
Iranistan.....	137	Knockholt.....	117	High Mounte.....	110
Historic Heart.....	135	Zoom Zoom Zoe.....	117	Mr. Bridger.....	110
Druid's Altar.....	134	Bee Major.....	116	Senor Seville.....	110
Redicean.....	132	Frontline Citizen.....	116	Twenty Years On.....	110
Chief Justice.....	130	Glencorrib Sky.....	116	Fightinirishtabit.....	109
Amschel.....	130	Global Freedom.....	116	Hooroo.....	109
Razoul.....	130	Howya Tuppence.....	116	Island Nation.....	109
Bodes Well.....	126	Keri's Find.....	116	Jump Ship.....	108
Galway Kid.....	126	Mr. Alec.....	116	Screen Image.....	108
Grey Falcon.....	126	Princeville.....	116	Bella Coola.....	107
Ritzly A.P. ....	124	Queens Empire.....	116	Cup of Aiken.....	107
French Light.....	123	Scorpion's Revenge.....	116	He'll Do.....	106
Presence of Mind.....	123	State of Affair.....	116	Criticize.....	105
Brainbakescookies.....	122	Tease and Seize.....	116	Speed Alert.....	105
West Newton.....	121	Fearsome.....	115	Tricked Up.....	105
Booby Trap.....	120	Bassmatchi.....	115	Eve's City.....	104
Sempre Medici.....	120	Eryx.....	115	Three O One.....	104
The Happy Giant.....	120	Step to the Bar.....	115	Shaka.....	103
Animal Kingston.....	119	Yankee Doodle Boy.....	115	Soramond.....	101
Boulette.....	119	Adjutant.....	114	Be Somebody.....	100
Recent Revelations.....	119	Bet the Pot.....	114	Embrace the Grind.....	100
Court Ruler.....	118	Chetzeron.....	114	Peat Moss.....	98