

## **Nominations**

Nominations (8) for the My Lady's Manor timber stakes, to be run Saturday, April 13 are attached below.

## **Course Reports**

## My Lady's Manor

Date of Inspection: March 25, 2024

Date of Race Meeting: April 13, 2024

Turf: The average grass height is 4" to 6".

**Smoothness:** The course is run over fair hunt county and is fairly smooth throughout.

**Compaction:** Jumps on the lower portion of the course had an average reading 40-60. Jumps on the top half of the course had an average reading of 80-100.

**Moisture:** Jumps on the lower portion of the course had an average reading of 9. The jumps on the top half of the course had an average reading of 6.

**Notes:** The readings were taken less then 36 hours after the course received 2 inches of rain. There is an area of sparse grass in front of jump #4 (water jump) which is being addressed. Jump #14 has been rebuilt. The course was limed and fertilized and seeded with pasture mix on March 1 and aerated on March 17. The course will be drug, rolled and possibly mowed prior to race day.

## **Tryon Block House**

**Date of Inspection:** April 1, 2024 **Time of Inspection:** 1:00pm

Time Inspection complete: 3:00pm

**Course:** Green Creek Race Course (Location of the Tryon Block House Race Meet) Inspection:

Completed by Chris White and Micah Yarboro

Report: Completed by Chris White and Molly Oakman

Date of Race Meet (Tryon Block House Steeplechase): April 13, 2024

Race Operations: Molly Oakman Race Director: Toby Edwards Clerk of Course: Chris White Course Manager: Micah Yarboro

**Turf:** The course is in overall good condition for equestrian sport. We have an excellent course of fescue turf. The grasses prominently seen throughout the course are fescue's (fine and turf type tall fescue). We have continued to spray foliar fertilizer feeds on rotation, with a granular feed starting in February.

**Smoothness:** The mowing schedule has been modified and a regular top dressing program has been implemented to help maintain a dense turf profile as well as a smooth track surface.

**Compaction:** Compaction readings were taken throughout the course with a Penetrometer, with an average reading of 11 and a range of 10 to 12.5.

**Moisture:** Readings were taken with a moisture probe around the entire race course and marked on the map provided with the blue/water pin and letter "M". The average was 4.8% with a range from 1.6%-7%. These numbers are lower than normal due to the irrigation not being turned on today due to impending rain. At the time of the course inspection, very little rain had fallen with no accumulation recorded. Irrigation will be continued daily and adjusted according to the weather conditions. The lowest percentages between 1.6%- 3.6% were measured at the top of hill #1 as you approach Road Crossing #2 and on the finish line, straight away. Both sections will be adjusted for longer irrigation times, to provide a more consistent moisture level around the track.

**Additional Notes:** Our anticipated winter growth schedule was a huge success. Our fall overseeding resulted in about a 95-99% germination rate of our fescue grasses. This, along with our previously established turf, has set us up for our best track conditions yet leading up to race day. The irrigation schedule is managed daily and will continue to be leading up to the race meet. The germination process has eliminated 98 - 99% of any weeds. The forecast continues to be in our favor and we anticipate with the warmer temperatures expected over the next couple of weeks we will continue to see improvements in the density and thickness of the turf.





TIMBER FOR FIVE YEAR OLDS AND UPWARD To be ridden by amateur riders acceptable to the race committee. Five-year-olds, 160 lbs.; older, 165 lbs.

THREE MILES (TIMBER)

TO BE RUN SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

EHB Racing	William Dowling
Riverdee Stable	Todd J. Wyatt
Upland Partners	Todd McKenna
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Daniel R. Baker	Mark Beecher
Charles C. Fenwick, Jr.	Sanna Neilson
Irvin L. Crawford, II	Joseph G. Davies
Irvin S. Naylor	Katherine S. Neilson
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