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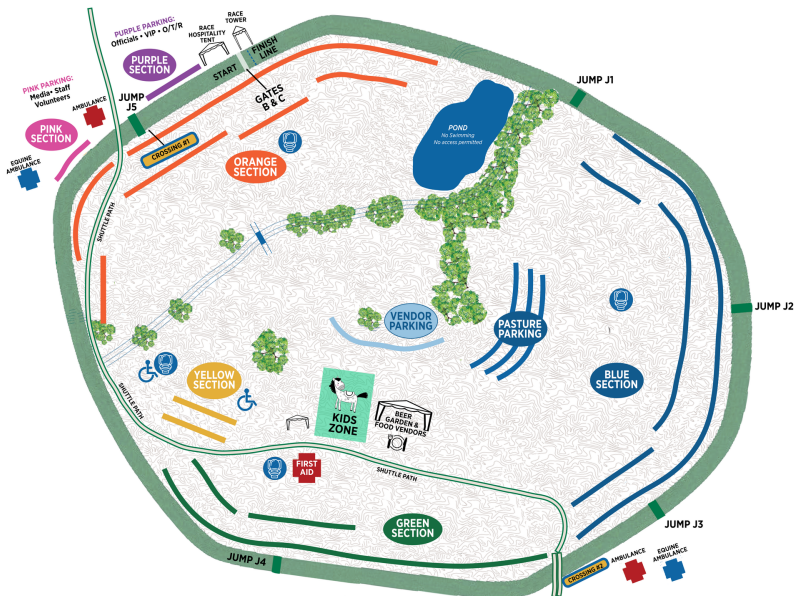
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Dear Guests,

On behalf of Tryon Equestrian Partners, welcome to the 74th Tryon Block House Races steeplechase! It is our honor to continue this historic steeplechase of Tryon Riding and Hunt Club and partner with them to bring you an exciting day of horse races.

We are grateful to our partners, Roger and Jennifer Smith, and their commitment to preserving this legacy for our area. In 2011, they embarked on a journey with a vision for this beautiful course we enjoy today - a brand new state-of-the-art steeplechase facility that affords the best race and viewing conditions.

We also want to express our deepest thanks to each of our generous sponsors, as well as the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club, who have made it possible for us to deliver an exceptional experience of elite equestrian sport and first-class entertainment to our guests and participants.

Now, let the races begin!

Sincerely,

Sharon Decker
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2022 TR&HC President's Letter for Blockhouse Steeplechase

On behalf of the Tryon Riding and Hunt Club I would like to welcome you to the 74th running of the historic Block House Steeplechase! We are thrilled to be back up and running on the state-of-the-art Green Creek Course.

This year especially, both partners of the Block House Steeplechase, TR&C and Tryon International Equestrian Center, have dug in hard to put on a memorable event. This year's race day will see a return of some old traditions as well as the addition of new. Be sure to visit the morning in-field activity area. (A tram is available to help you get around!) There will be fun and games for all including pony and carriage rides, magicians, face-painters, cartoonists, balloonists, vendors, a beer garden, as well as Tryon's greatest-ever Easter Egg Hunt!

While the Block House Steeplechase has changed venues now three times since its inception, the one thing that hasn't changed is that it remains Tryon's steeplechase. And that is something to be proud of, embrace, and support.

As I have counted, there are 27 National Steeplechase Association sanctioned tracks in the United States. We are lucky enough to have one of them in our own backyard.

For decades, it has been a mainstay on the Tryon spring social calendar. We're trying to rejuvenate its image and create a truly memorable fun experience for the entire family that everyone will forward to, not only next year, but throughout future generations. Our hope is that this new track will endure the test of time allowing this event to flourish and be passed down as a family tradition—something not to miss!

It is our community's own unique *crown jewel*. It is a treasure that needs nurturing and worth preserving.

Wishing you, your family and friends a fantastic day at the races!

Angie Millon
President TR&HC



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Club Mission & Vision

Mission

We celebrate and support equestrian-related activities for all to benefit the Tryon community, to honor our valued traditions, and are fun.

Vision

We will preserve and enhance the love of horses and Tryon's equestrian heritage while supporting Polk County's horse community.

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Schedule

- 10:45 A.M.** Tailgate Contest Begins
- 11:00 A.M.** Easter Egg Hunt presented by WNCW on the Infield in the Kids Zone
- 11:00 A.M.** Kids Zone Opens: *Pony Rides, Carriage Rides, Face Painting, Hobby Horse Jumping, Magician & more!*
- 1:00 P.M.**
- 11:45 A.M.** Tryon Hounds on the Race Course
- 12:00 P.M.** Hats & Pants Contest at the Finish Line
- 1:30 P.M.** FIRST RACE: Cannon Harmon
- 2:05 P.M.** SECOND RACE: Tryon Riding & Hunt Club
- 2:40 P.M.** THIRD RACE: Carter P. Brown
- 3:15 P.M.** FOURTH RACE: The Block House

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11am: Easter Egg Hunt

12:30pm: Magic Show at Magician's Tent

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Steeplechase infield area

Block House Perpetual Trophies



Cannon Harmon Memorial Trophy

The Cannon Harmon Memorial Trophy is sponsored by Susan Petty and memorializes her accomplished and joyful son, Cannon Harmon, who shared his love of life with friends and family on steeplechase day.

The Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Mulberry Farm Cup

The Tryon Riding & Hunt Club Mulberry Farm Cup commemorates the Tryon farm built by George S. Brannon that welcomed the U.S. showjumping and three-day eventing Olympic team members who competed here in the official team selection trials in 1956 and 1957. The Mulberry Farm Trophy, named for the family farm, was established in 2017 by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Brannon as a tribute to four generations of active participation in and support for the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club and the local equestrian community.

Carter P. Brown Memorial Trophy

The Carter P. Brown Memorial Trophy is named for the founder of the Tryon Riding & Hunt Club who ran (and won) the first local 'chase in 1934 and is celebrated by the community for his essential role in establishing Tryon's rich equestrian heritage.

Roger & Jennifer Smith Cup

The Roger & Jennifer Smith Cup, given today to the winner of the Tryon Block House Race, celebrates the wonderful co-founders of the Tryon International Equestrian Center who led the vision of bringing the steeplechase to its exciting new venue, the Green Creek Race Course, in an effort to give competitors and spectators alike the best experience possible.

Dr. John S. Bradshaw Memorial Trophy

The Dr. John S. Bradshaw Memorial Trophy is dedicated to a beloved local surgeon whose leadership of the Block House steeplechase from 1966-1978 brought thousands more spectators to enjoy the community's big day.



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JOCKEY SPOTLIGHT: Graham Watters



We caught up with Graham Watters to learn more about his impressive career and get his thoughts on the 74th Tryon Block House Races. Continue reading to learn how he found his way into the sport, his thoughts on the Green Creek Race Course track, and more!

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How did you get into the sport?

I started riding in Ireland when I was eight or nine years old. I was just riding ponies at an equestrian center and learned how to ride there. The ponies weren't moving fast enough for me, so I moved onto horse racing.

What are you looking forward to about the 74th Tryon Block House Races?

They're offering some nice prize money again this year, so we'll be looking forward to some healthy competition!

Thoughts on the Green Creek Race Course?

Tryon's is a tricky track to ride. You're always turning, always going up or down. If you're not doing either of those, you're jumping. There are a few factors that you need to win around Tryon than anywhere else.

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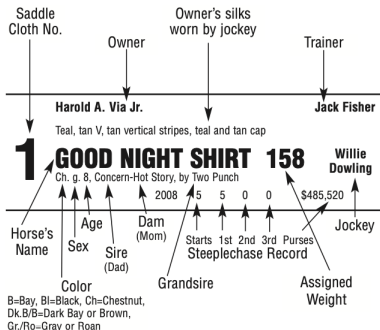
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Steeplechase Horses

- All steeplechasers are Thoroughbreds whose lineage must be proven with official Jockey Club registration papers. Horses can begin steeplechase careers at age 3.
- Most steeplechasers competed (or still compete) on the flat. The ideal steeplechaser has speed, stamina, smarts and enough athletic ability to run and jump at the same time. In general, steeplechase horses are larger than their flat counterparts, but size is not a rule. Big horses tend to have more stamina, which is important. Also, horses trained for steeplechasing develop larger muscles across their backs – to help with the jumping.
- The best jumpers clear the fences in one long stride – much like a human hurdler jumps in track and field events.
- Almost all steeplechase trainers are based on private farms, where horses enjoy the outdoors while exercising and working toward their next racing date.
- It is not unusual to see steeplechase horses compete until age 10 and beyond. At age 14, timber horse Young Dubliner won three races in 2003.
- Steeplechase horses typically run six to eight times in a year. The season features no racing in January and February, plus a light summer schedule – assuring horses of lengthy vacations. Most “down time” is spent outdoors in fields. A steeplechase horse in the off-season is often dirty, hairy – and happy.
- After their steeplechase careers end, horses often become foxhunters, show horses or simply pleasure rides for their owners or trainers. Hall of Famers Flatterer and Zaccio found “second lives” as a dressage horse and a fox-hunter, respectively.

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FIRST RACE

The Cannon Harmon

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Post Time: 1:30PM

Purse \$15,000. For Maidens, Four Years Old and Upward. Four Year Olds, 146 Lbs; Older, 154 Lbs Claiming Price \$15,000.

Two Miles. (Hurdle)			
	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Katherine S. Neilson Hot pink, black hoop, black cap Big City Dreams [L]	Owner 146	Barry Foley
Red	Dk B/ Br.g.4 Temple City - Amelia Island by Hook and Ladder (KY)		\$15,000
2	Carrington Holdings LLC Navy blue and hot pink diagonal stripes, hot pink sleeves, hot pink cap Cainudothetwist [L]	Arch Kingsley, Jr. 147	Gerard Galligan
White	B.m.5 Americain - Bourbon Twist by Langfuhr (NY)		\$15,000
3	Taking The Lead Stable and Dark Horse Racing LLC Orange, purple chevrons, purple sleeves, purple cap Seville Barber [L]	Keri Brion 149⁵	Parker Hendriks
Blue	B.g.6 Seville (GER) - Be My Love by With Distinction (MD)		\$15,000
4	Shamrock and Thistle Navy, green sleeves, white cap Make a Stand [L]	Graham Watters 154	Graham Watters
Yellow	B.g.5 Union Rags - Graser (IRE) by Motivator (GB) (MD)		\$15,000
5	Turks Head Turf Royal blue, orange collar, green river, royal blue sleeves, orange hoops, royal blue cap Always Cool [L]	Lilith Boucher 154	Richard Boucher
Green	Dk B/ Br.g.7 Arch - Fennica by Empire Maker (KY)		\$15,000

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Two Miles. (Hurdle)			
	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Michael A. Smith Black, pink diamond, black sleeves, pink chevrons, black cap Project Two (IRE) [L]	Leslie F. Young 146	Harrison Beswick
Red	Dk B/ Br.g.4 Belardo (IRE) - Mixora by Mizzen Mast (IRE)		
2	The International Venture, Blue Streak Racing, LLC and Metahorse Racing White, red cross, blue sleeves, white stars, orange and green cap Going Country (IRE)	Keri Brion 149⁵	Parker Hendriks
White	B.g.6 Yeats (IRE) - Frankly Native (IRE) by Be My Native (IRE)		
3	Spry Family Farm Silver, red heart frame, red chevrons on sleeves Tom [L]	Lilith Boucher 154	Richard Boucher
Blue	B.g.6 Maclean's Music - Quick Temper by A.P. Indy (KY)		
4	Mrs. S. K. Johnston, Jr. Orange, brown "J", brown sleeves, orange and brown cap Bickley [L]	Jack Fisher 154	Graham Watters
Yellow	Gr/ro.g.6 Flashback - Karma Lina (FR) by King's Best (KY)		
5	Nancy A. Reed and Jack S. Griswold Green, blue diamonds, green and blue cap Bright Eyed Eagle (IRE) [L]	Katherine S. Neilson 154	Barry Foley
Green	Ch.g.5 Gieneagles (IRE) - Euphrasia (IRE) by Windsor Knot (IRE) (IRE)		

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Two Miles. (Hurdle)			
	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Potter Group USA, LLC White, red braces, white sleeves with emerald green check, white cap with red star	Leslie F. Young	
Red	Don't Shout (IRE) [L] B.g.8 Oscar (IRE) - Asta Belle (FR) by Astarabad (IRE)	158	Thomas Garner
2	Jeffrey Morris Turquoise, purple yoke, purple stripes on sleeves, purple cap	Kate Dalton	
White	Shaka [L] Ch.g.5 Curlin - Leh She Run by Pulpit (KY)	151	Bernard Dalton
3	Brownland Farm LLC Light blue, brown diamond check, brown sleeves, brown cap	Ted Thompson	
Blue	Jump Ship Dk B/ Br.g.10 Jump Start - Britannia by Sea Hero (VA)	149⁷	Mell Boucher
4	Mason Hardaway Lampton Blue, black cross sashes, black and blue halved sleeves, blue cap	Lilith Boucher	
Yellow	Three O One Ch.g.5 Lea - Dynaverse by Dynaformer (KY)	152	Richard Boucher
5	Riverdee Stable Dark blue, light blue hoops, light blue hoops on sleeves, red cap	Jack Fisher	
Green	Twenty Years On (GB) [L] B.g.6 Rip Van Winkle (IRE) - Distinctive (GB) by Tobougg (IRE) (GB)	158	Graham Watters
6	Daniel M. Denebrio Purple, neon green four-leaf clovers, purple and green cap	Ricky Hendriks	
Black	Fightinirishtabit [L] B.g.7 Tiznow - Sweet Damsel by Turkoman (KY)	157	Harrison Beswick
7	NRQ Racing Hunter green, red sash, black sleeves	Neil R. Morris	
Orange	Criticize [L] Ch.g.4 Overanalyze - Cubist by Royal Academy (PA)	149	Gerard Galligan
8	Atlantic Friends Racing Dark blue, white chevrons, red sleeves, dark blue cap with white stars	Keri Brion	
Pink	Peat Moss (IRE) B.g.5 Fracas (IRE) - Dancing On Turf (IRE) by Dalakhani (IRE) (IRE)	141⁵	Parker Hendriks

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Two Miles. (Hurdle)			
	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1	Allison B. Fulmer Royal blue, black ball, royal blue hoops on black sleeves, royal blue cap	Owner	
Red	The Happy Giant Ch.g.6 Frost Giant - Marquet Rate by Marquetry (NY)	1517	Mell Boucher
2	William M. Russell Green, red stripes, red cap	Neil R. Morris	
White	Animal Kingston [L] Ch.g.7 Animal Kingdom - Private Dining by Royal Academy (KY)	157	Graham Watters
3	Molly Willis and Paul Willis Dark blue, light blue chevrons, dark blue sleeves, light blue stars, dark blue cap with light blue stars	Keri Brion	
Blue	Boulette (IRE) B.g.4 Epaulette (AUS) - Tiz the Whiz by Tiznow (IRE)	1485	Parker Hendriks
4	Irvin S. Naylor Green, yellow and white yoke, yellow cap	Katherine S. Neilson	
Yellow	Mighty Mark [L] Dk B/ Br.g.6 Temple City - Strange Romance by Mr. Greeley (KY)	156	Gerard Galligan
5	Bruton Street-US Blue and yellow diagonal quarters, blue and yellow diagonal quartered cap.	Leslie F. Young	
Green	Bassmatchi (FR) [L] B.g.5 Zoffany (IRE) - Tafiya (GB) by Bahri (FR)	153	Thomas Garner

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April 15	Block House Pre-Race Party
April 16	74th Block House Steeplechase
April 23-24	Tryon Horse & Hound Show
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Sept. 24-45	XC Schooling days @ FENCE
Oct. 22-23	47th Morris the Horse Trials
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places its highest priority on assuring the safety of steeplechase athletes, both equine and human. The National Steeplechase Association, its race meets, and its horsemen undertake significant actions to assure a racing surface of the highest quality and take proactive steps to minimize the chances of injury. While accidents will occur, important actions have been taken to prevent them.

SOME OF THOSE PROACTIVE STEPS ARE:

The National Steeplechase Association maintains a standing Safety Committee that reviews all race-course incidents and recommends changes to the sport to assure the highest level of safety for horses and jockeys.

The NSA is a member of several regional and national racing organizations committed to race-course safety and accident prevention.

The NSA maintains a safety steward at every race meet.

Every horse in every race undergoes a prerace checkup by licensed, experienced equine veterinarians. The detailed checkups involve limb and joint inspections as well as a soundness examination. Horses also are observed by veterinarians in the paddock, at the starting point, during the race, and after the finish.

The NSA was a leader in the horse-racing industry in instituting concussion testing for all jockeys.

The NSA requires race meets to have well-equipped equine and human ambulances available at all times during racing.

The NSA maintains a registry of horses who have been involved in incidents or have had cases of unsoundness. Known as a vet's list, the registry assures that a horse cannot race again until it has demonstrated that it has attained racing fitness and soundness.

On the recommendation of the Safety Committee, races for nonwinners are limited to no more than 10 starters. Other limits on race-field size and conditions also are considered regularly by the Safety Committee.

Also on the recommendation of the Safety Committee, some races are limited to experienced jockeys.

Race courses are maintained to promote the highest level of safety, and several courses have irrigation systems to assure favorable racing conditions.

NSA stewards are authorized to take necessary steps to assure safety on race days, including changes to the course because of weather or other conditions.

The NSA's National Fences have a nearly half-century record of safety, and the Safety Committee regularly considers improvements to them.

Medication rules are strictly enforced, and post-race testing of selected horses is conducted at all race meets.



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