

## 2011 QUEEN'S CUP PRELIMINARY COURSE INSPECTION

Date of Inspection: April 6, 2011  
Course: Brooklandwood  
Race Chairman: William J. Price  
Time in: 8:02 p.m.

Date of Race Meet: April 30, 2011  
Race Day Clerk of the Course: Wes Moore  
Inspector: William J. Price  
Time out: 8:38 p.m.

**As of 8:02 p.m.**

Wind: Variable at 4 MPH Calm  
Sky conditions: sunny  
Temperature: 56° F

Visibility: 9 mile(s)  
Dew Point: 36°F  
Relative Humidity: 52%

**Turf:** *Relatively consistent thick & lush.* The turf, at the time of inspection was 5.5" tall consisting of a thick lush cover of "fine turf tall fescue" mixed with Kentucky blue grass with little weed as weed control (Harmony) was sprayed on the course February 14<sup>th</sup>, which is having its desired effect. Frankly, 98% of the course is the best this inspector has observed and considering the Carolinas suffered from a late summer and the fall drought, we are exceptionally pleased with the look and feel of the racecourse as the ground is giving and the turf is quite thick and lush in all areas barring one. It should be noted however, grubs and army worms attacked portions of the racecourse in late August. Adding insult to injury, annual bluegrass (poa annua) appeared in the damaged areas though turf grass seed was drilled and over seeded three times last fall and early winter and once this spring with little or no effect. The poa annua has seed heads and will begin to die-off due to the heat. This condition is apparent on 255 feet of area on the backside on the approach to the first timber and hurdle fence (T2 & H2 )as well as a few patchy areas on the down-hill turn. Perennial Rye was drill seeded on March 7<sup>th</sup> and is beginning to take hold in the aforementioned areas. Although all areas discussed are note worthy, these are minor imperfections and "should not be cause for concern".

**Smoothness:** *Very Smooth.* Divots from last year's race were filled-in and the course was "Cambridge" rolled twice this spring and several times after last year's race. The course has a wonderful feel underfoot and is exceptionally smooth.

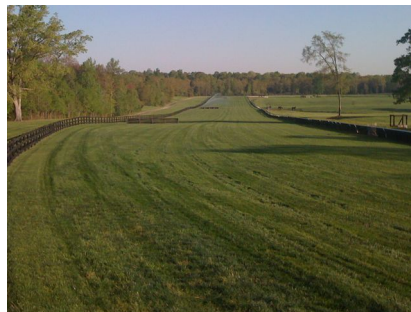
**Compaction:** Compaction readings will be taken for the FINAL REPORT next week. The course was top dressed, core and Aerway aerated last fall and has had adequate spring rains since early March. As in the past, horsemen can expect a "cut" in the ground on race day. Past compaction readings are as follows: Race year 2010 – 110 (Good); Race year 2009 – 125 avg. (Good to Firm); Race year 2008 – 100 avg. (Very Good)

**Moisture:** *10 (Avg. Wet to a full depth of 9")* Brooklandwood has a fully automatic Toro irrigation system though we have enjoyed an above average amount of rain over the past few weeks. The irrigation system will be used throughout the next three weeks and we expect race day turf and ground conditions to be listed as GOOD. The racecourse will be "Aerwayed" between now and race day to assure an average compaction rating of less than 115.

### BROOKLANDWOOD RACECOURSE



Looking down the finishing stretch



Looking down the backside stretch



Club House Turn