



Horse Racing at the Highest Level



RTC  
GOVERNOR'S CUP  
RACE DAY

RACE BOOK

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SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018



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## Message from Hon Minister of Plantation Industries

As Minister of Plantation Industries, MP for Nuwara Eliya and Chief Organizer for the District of Nuwara Eliya, I send my warm wishes to The Royal Turf Club, its Committee, Officials and all Equine Sport Lovers of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the Srilankan Airlines RTC Magic Million and Shivantha Thambiayah Memorial Million races to be held on 15th April 2018.

I note that RTC has held yet another successful Spring Season which will draw to a close on 15th April. I have been made to understand that this season has seen record crowds which has helped the economy of Nuwara Eliya and especially the Hotel Sector in a big way. I have been given to understand that further monthly events are to be held in the rest of 2018 which will continue to assist the Economy of Nuwara Eliya in a big way.

I am also happy to note that several new horses are on the way to Nuwara Eliya which is sure to provide more employment to the youth of Nuwara Eliya.

I thank RTC President Mr Panduka Keerthinanda, The Committee of Royal Turf Club, CEO Mr Sinclair Marshall and all the other officials for their immense contribution to making Royal Turf Club a Body that's contributing immensely to sports tourism through this well managed Club. I am also impressed with the Independent, fair and Professional management of the Club and send my wishes for many more years to come.

Wishing you all Best of luck and happy holidays!

**Hon Navin Dissanayaka (M.P.)**  
Minister of Plantation Industries



## Message from The Governor of Central Province

As the new central Province Governor of Sri Lanka, may I congratulate Royal Turf Club for developing, maintaining and conducting horse racing in high standard, thereby achieving good old traditions and up keeping the rich heritage in Nuwara Eliya at present.

As the Governor, I am happy to give my fullest support and co-operation for RTC to achieve their targets in future. I have no doubt this will boom sports tourism industry and will provide more and more new jobs for the people of the area.

As we all know Sri Lanka's Little England, once again getting in to action on 28th April to conduct the Prestigious Governor's Cup coming down the history, more than a century.

I am more than thankful to RTC president and the committee for inviting me to grace this historical occasion as the chief guest.

Wishing you all the best of luck.!

**Hon. P.B. Dissanayake,**  
Governor, Central Province of Sri Lanka



## Royal Turf Club President's Message

As the president of the prestigious Royal Turf Club it is with great pleasure and pride, I welcome all of you for this April holiday season, "RTC Governor's Cup - 28th April 2018, held by the RTC Nuwara Eliya .

In the third year since its inception, RTC has truly developed to an international level racing venue satisfying its initial objective of creating an international level racing arena.

It gives me immense pleasure in unveiling final race day in the April holiday season which is the most prestigious and important event in racing calendar in Nuwara Eliya.

I hereby happily announce that RTC have been successful of obtaining long term lease period for Nuwara Eliya Race Course from Ministry of sports. It's a remarkable achievement for Horse racing sport in Sri Lanka and it will soon reach its pinnacle, "Horse racing at the highest level" in time to come

On behalf of the Royal Turf Club Nuwara Eliya, I take this opportunity to thank our chief guest, Governor of Central Province. Hon.P. B.Dissanayake, VIPs, special invitees, our valuable sponsors, horse owners, media persons, riders, all our horse racing enthusiasts who supported and encourage, RTC officials and last but not the least our energetic committee of Royal Turf Club who have been supporting to make this a successful one.

Wishing you all best of luck.!

**Panduka Keerthinanda**

Attorney at Law

PRESIDENT ROYAL TURF CLUB



## Message from His Worship the Mayor of Nuwara Eliya

As the newly elected mayor of Nuwara Eliya, I hereby sending my warm wishes to Royal Turf Club Nuwara Eliya.

On behulf of the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council, we stand ready to provide all the support and guidance required by RTC. I take this opportunity to thank Royal Turf Club for their Remarkable success in all form of the horse racing game.

The Governor's Cup being the most prestigious race in Nuwara Eliya April season, I am glad to be present hereby for this supremacy Calander event of the year.

Enjoy the day and best wishes to all. !

**His Worship, Chandana Lal Karunartne.**  
The Mayor of Nuwara Eliya.



## Message from the CEO

As saying goes all good things come to an end. The Royal Turf Club concludes the final day of the spring racing festival season which kicked off on the 1st april 2018 producing racing at the highest level attracting the cream of equine champions the racing professionals to fight for supremacy in all the coveted sponsored million races. The final day has worked up tremendous excitement towards the running of the prestigious two classics of the year the queens cup and the goveners cup which has attracted a field of top class horses to renew their battle for top honours. On behalf of the executive committee the officials of the royal turf club it would give us immense pleasure to welcome all of you family and friends to enjoy the entertainment and racing which promises to take you to the edge of the cliff be there on saturday 28th. Wishing you all the best good luck.

**Sinclair Marshall**  
Chief Executive Officer



## Message from The Chairman of Stipendiary Stewards

The Spring Of 2016 can be described as the watershed of the revival of Horseracing in Sri Lanka. In comparison, the Spring Of 2018 marks what will surely be the greatest moment yet with the Royal Turf Club being awarded a ten year lease to continue the labour of love that they embarked on two years ago. Taking the lead and accepting this Herculean task the Royal Turf Club and it's dedicated team have led by example to set up a Racecourse in Nuwara Eliya with a racetrack and facilities second to none. It is an honour and a privilege to serve as The Honorary Chairman Of The Stewards at the RTC on Governor's Cup and Queen's Cup Day as we celebrate a truly defining moment in the historic revival of Horseracing in Sri Lanka.

**Cyrus J. Madan**  
Chairman of Stipendiary Steward

1400M

RACE

01

10:30 A.M

# Daily Mirror Cup

Class 5 Handicap 1400M of SLRs 100,000 plus Trophy

1st 52,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 28,000, 3rd 14,000, 4th 6,000

For horses rated 00-20. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs

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1 (1)



**SCARLET PRINCE (IND) ch.g.6**  
*(Burden Of Proof (IRE) - Scarlet Empress)*

Trainer: Manishraj Sethi

Jockey: A.Imran Khan

Owner : Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne

61.5kgs

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2 (2)



**ZULU FANTASY (IND) b.g.7**  
*(Mathematician - Sayonara)*

Trainer: S. D. Mahesh

Jockey: Kuldeep Singh

Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Rienzie Edwards

59.5kgs

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3 (3)



**STORMY PETREL (IND) b.m.5**  
*(Burden of Proof (IRE) - Stormy Affair)*

Trainer: S. V. Madialagan

Jockey: L. Ravi Kumar

Owner: Mr. James Mathews

55.0kgs

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4 (4)



**KRABI (IND) b.m.6**  
*(Ravel (USA) - Samarinda)*

Trainer: S. D. Mahesh

Jockey: Charles Perkins

Owner: Mr. Dhanwardene Guruge

57.5kgs



**1400M**  
**RACE**  
**02**  
11:10 A.M

# Mayor's Cup 2018

**Class 3 & 4 1400M of SLRs 150,000 plus trophy**  
1st 78,000- plus a trophy, 2nd 42,000, 3rd 21,000, 4th 9,000  
For horses rated 41-60.

**Lowest Handicap Horses rated 21-40 also eligible Weight 52kgs.**

1 (8)		<b>GAZAKI (IND) b.m.11</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: Charles Perkins Owner: Mr. &Mrs. Rienzie Edwards	61.0kgs
2 (3)		<b>OLIVE (IND) b.m.6</b> Trainer: W. Jayantha Jockey: K. Aneel Owner: M/s Fearless Stables and Stud Farm	59.5kgs
3 (5)		<b>CHARMING GREY (IND) gr.g.7</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: P. Dinesh Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody & Mrs. Purni Edwards	54.5kgs
4 (2)		<b>GO GREEN (IND) b.m.9</b> Trainer: S. Alosious Jockey: A. Ramu Owner: Mr. David Anthony	53.0kgs
5 (1)		<b>HONOURIOUS (IND) dk.b.g.6</b> Trainer: W. Jayantha Jockey: A. Vishwanath Owner: M/s Fearless Stables and Stud Farm	53.0kgs
6 (6)		<b>LEGAL LEGACY (IND) dk.b.m.7</b> Trainer: W. Jayantha Jockey: L. Logendran Owner: Mr. Chandana Silva	53.0kgs
7 (4)		<b>SUPREME (IND) ch.m.9</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: Kuldeep Singh Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Rienzie Edwards.	53.0kgs
8 (7)		<b>TORPEDO (IND) ch.h.7</b> Trainer: S.V. Madialagan Jockey: Praveen Shinde Owner: Mr. Anura Delgoda	53.0kgs
9 (9)		<b>TRANSITION (IND) b.m.9</b> Trainer: W. Jayantha Jockey: S. Suganthan Owner: Mr. Irugala Bandara	53.0kgs

**WEIGHTS OF HORSES RATED 21-40 HAVE BEEN RAISED BY 1kg. AT ACCEPTANCE STAGE.**

**2000M**  
**RACE**  
**03**

# RTC Queens Cup 2018

TERMS FOR 6y'o & over 2000M  
of SLRs.175,000 plus trophy

11:50 A.M

1st 91,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 49,000, 3rd 24,500, 4th 10,500

1(8)		<b>ARRABIAN GOLD (IND) b.g.11</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: S. Suganthan Owner: Mr. & Mrs.Rienzie Edwards.	59.0kg
2 (7)		<b>ARECA WONDER ch.g.6</b> Trainer: S. Alosius Jockey: A. Ramu Owner: Mr. David Anthony	59.0kg
3 (2)		<b>COLORATO (IND) dk.b.g.6</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: Kuldeep Singh Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Rienzie Edwards	59.0kg
4 (6)		<b>ROSWALD (IND) ch.g.9</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: Charles Perkins Owner: Ms. Deepthika Jayakody & Mrs. Purni Edwards	59.0kg
5 (4)		<b>STORMONT (IND) b.g.6</b> Trainer: S. D. Mahesh Jockey: L. Dayalan Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Rienzie Edwards	59.0kg
6 (1)		<b>ANOTHER ACE (IND) b.m.6</b> Trainer: Manishraj Sethi Jockey: A. Imran Khan Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne	57.5kg
7 (5)		<b>CELESTIAL FIRE (IND) dkb.m.6</b> Trainer: S. V. Madialagan Jockey: A. Vishwanath Owner: M/s Fearless Stables and Stud Farm	57.5kg
8 (3)		<b>VIGOROUS (IND) b.m.8</b> Trainer: S. D. Lalith Jockey: L. Ravi Kumar Owner: Mr. Ajantha De Soyza	57.5kg

**1600M**  
**RACE**  
**04**  
12:30 P.M

# RTC Governor's Cup 2018

Terms for 6y'o & over 1600M of SLRs.250,000 plus trophy  
1st 130,000plus a trophy, 2nd 70,000, 3rd 35,000, 4th 15,000

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1 (6)



**AVENTUS (IND) Dk.b.h.8**

59.0kg

*(Ace (IRE) - Starboard)*

Trainer: W. Jayantha

Jockey: S. Suganthan

Owner: Mr. Irugala Bandara

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2 (8)



**BRILLIANT CUT (IND) ch.h.6**

59.0kg

*(Burden Of Proof - Clear Cut)*

Trainer: S. D. Lalith

Jockey: S. Puneethraj

Owner: Mr. Ajantha De Soyza

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3 (2)



**CARLTON (IND) b.h.7**

59.0kg

*(Diffident (FR) - Celestrella)*

Trainer: S. Sridher

Jockey: Kiran Naidu

Owner: Mrs. Anitha Dorai

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4 (10)



**CHARLEMAGNE (IND) b.g.9**

59.0kg

*(Burden of Proof - Corsican Girl)*

Trainer: S. V. Madialagan

Jockey: Praveen Shinde

Owner: Mr. James Mathews

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5 (5)



**CHULBUL PANDY (IND) b.h.10**

59.0kg

*(Ajaad(USA) - Taxido)*

Trainer: S. V. Madialagan

Jockey: A.Vishwantah

Owner: M/s Fearless Stables & Stud Farm

- 6 (12)  **MEHERAN (IND) b.g.7** 59.0kgs  
*(C.P.West (USA) - Killarney)*  
 Trainer: **Manishraj Sethi**  
 Jockey: **A. Imran Khan**  
 Owner: **Mr. Hasanga Jayaratne**
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- 7 (4)  **PARUSHRAM (IND) b.g.7** 59.0kgs  
*(Equitable (USA) - Knight Vision)*  
 Trainer: **S. Alosious**  
 Jockey: **A. Ramu**  
 Owner: **Mr. David Anthony**
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- 8 (9)  **SANTOS (IND) ch.h.7** 59.0kgs  
*(Tejano (IRE) - Sabre Dance)*  
 Trainer: **S. D. Mahesh**  
 Jockey: **Charles Perkins**  
 Owner: **Mr. & Mrs. Rienze Edwards**
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- 9 (7)  **SILVER STREAK (IND) gr.g.8** 59.0kgs  
*(Verglas - Optimal)*  
 Trainer: **S. D. Mahesh**  
 Jockey: **L. Dayalan**  
 Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody & Mrs. Purni Edwards**
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- 10 (3)  **TUSCANO (IND) dk.b.g.7** 59.0kgs  
*(Charmo (FR) - Amorous Girl)*  
 Trainer: **S. Alosious**  
 Jockey: **L. Ravi Kumar**  
 Owner: **Mr. David Anthony**
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- 11 (1)  **ALCAZABA (IND) ch.m.8** 57.5kgs  
*(Burden of Proof (IRE) - Albamrab)*  
 Trainer: **S. D. Mahesh**  
 Jockey: **Kuldeep Singh**  
 Owner: **Ms. Deepthika Jayakody & Mrs. Purni Edwards**
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- 12 (11)  **SPIRITED TOUCH (IND) ch.m.6** 57.5kgs  
*(Ace - Fair Tactics)*  
 Trainer: **S. V. Madialagan**  
 Jockey: **K. Aneel**  
 Owner: **M/s Fearless Stables & Stud Farm**

**1400M**  
**RACE**

**05**

01:15 P.M

# Grand Hotel Cup

**Class 5 Handicap 1400M of SLRs 100,000 plus Trophy**

1st 52,000 plus a trophy, 2nd 28,000, 3rd 14,000, 4th 6,000

For horses rated 00-20. Lowest Handicap Weight 52kgs

**For Horses Not Won a Race Since January 2017 at RTC**

1 (6)



**WAITING FOR GLORY (IND) b.m.7**

**57.0kg**

Trainer: S. Sridher  
Jockey: A. Imran Khan  
Owner: Mr. Hasanga Jayartane

2 (5)



**BLAZING BERRY (IND) Ch.m.7**

**56.5kg**

Trainer: S. Alosius  
Jockey: A. Ramu  
Owner: Mr. David Anthony

3 (1)



**MISS IVORY (IND) b.f.4**

**56.0kg**

Trainer: S. Alosius  
Jockey: L. Ravi Kumar  
Owner: Mr. David Anthony

4 (2)



**COSMOPOLITAN dk.b.m.6**

**53.5kg**

Trainer: W. Jayantha  
Jockey : A. Vishwanath  
Owner: Mr. Anuka Soza

5 (4)



**TENDER MIST (IND) b.m.8**

**52.5kg**

Trainer: S. D. Lalith  
Jockey : L. Logendran  
Owner: Mr. Pradeepan

6 (3)



**SALSА DANCER (IND) b.m.5**

**52.0kg**

Trainer: W. Jayantha  
Jockey : K. Aneel  
Owner: Mr. Sudhagar

**Stipendiary Stewards Incident Report**  
**Royal Turf Club race meeting on Saturday 15th April, 2018**  
**on Nuwara Eliya racecourse**

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Stipendiary Stewards: **Cyrus Madan (Chief), S.A.Marshall, N. Punna**

Judges: **Mr. Helmut Hendricks**

Starter: **Mr. N. Punna**

Veterinarians: **Dr Jeyentrabalaji Thangaraj, Professor N. De Silva**

Weather: **Clear / Track: Good to Soft**

**RTC STIPES REPORT 15th April 2018 - Track Condition - Good to Soft. No False Rails**

**TRACK CONDITION - SOFT GOING. NO FALSE RAILS.**

**1st Race - THE SUNDAY TIMES CUP - 1/2 Bred Handicap 1000m**

RAJU (G. Sajith Kumar) and SARURA BOY (S. Pradeep) were slow in responding to the Flag Start And lost a distance. In the home straight jockey K. Sanjeevan the rider of ARUNDHATI was observed to ease his mount to a trot. He reported that the mare lost her action and he felt she had gone lame. She was examined by the Club Vet immediately after the race and found to be lame on the right fore. Trainer W. Jayanta was informed not to accept with her till passed fit by the Club Vet.

**2nd Race - THE DEDIGAMA GROUP CHALLENGE CUP**

CLASS 5 - Handicap-1400m

KRABI ( Charles Perkins) was led to the Gates riderless. She was fractious while being stalled.

In the Home Straight it was observed that KRABI (Charles Perkins) who was improving along the rails had to switch out to essay his challenge as COSMOPOLITAN (S. Selvarathnam) was cutting an erratic course. Jockey Selvarathnam was advised to exercise better control and maintain a straight course. GOLDIE GIRL pulled up lame after the race and jockey Irvan Singh dismounted. Trainer S. D. Mahesh was asked to show her to the Club Vet to be certified fit before accepting with her again.

**3rd Race - THE SPORTING TIMES CUP - CLASS 4- Handicap - 1400m**

HONOURIUS trained by Jayantha was led to Gates without the rider. He was observed to be fractious and played up on the way to the Start.

**4th Race - SHIVANTHA THAMBIAYAH MEMORIAL MILLION -  
TERMS 6 Year Olds And Over - 1800m**

CHARLEMAGNE (Praveen Shinde) who was improving to challenge down the center of the Track in the home Straight was observed to lug in under the whip. Jockey Praveen Shinde was advised to be careful not to unbalance his mount while using the stick.

**5th Race - SRI LANKAN AIRLINES RTC MAGIC MILLION TERMS 6 Year Olds And Over 1800m**

CELESTIAL FIRE drawn 5 was observed to be fractious just before the start after being stalled. At the Start it was observed that the CARTLTON ( N. Parmar) drawn 3 jumped a little awkwardly and shifted out and at the same time the horses drawn on the outside MEHERAN (A.Imran Khan) shifted in as a result of which there was a bit of a scrimmage. The chief sufferers being CELESTIAL FIRE ( Vishwanath) and PARUSHRAM (Ramu).

**6th Race - SPORTING STAR CUP**

GLITTERING was fractious while coming out of the Parade Ring and reared up just before getting onto the Race Track, unseating Jockey Irvan Singh. It was observed that the Nose Band seemed to have slipped and the same was rectified. GLITTERING drawn 3 planted as the gates opened and took no part in the Race. Trainer S. D. Mahesh has been asked to show the Mare to the Club Vet and Trainer Mahesh has been advised to show a Gate Practice before accepting in the next race.

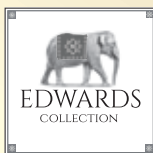
**Routine Sample Taken on the following winners:**

- 1) ANOTHER ACE**
- 2) ARECA WONDER**
- 3) ALCAZABA**

Stipendiary Stewards  
Sd.

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**A** **B**

1. (7)

**C**



**D**

**ABSOLUTE RED (IND) ch.g.7**  
(Rebuttal(USA) - Cahermee Queen(USA))  
Owner:  
Trainer:  
Jockey:

**E**

60.5Kgs

**G**

**A**

Number carried by the Horse.

**B**

Draw Number of the horse at the Starting Gates.

**C**

Silk Colour Worn by the Jockey of the Horse.

**D**

Name of the Horse.

**E**

Colour, Age and Sex of the Horse.

**F**

Weight Carried by the Horse including Jockey.

**G**

Sire / Mare.

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**2017 RTC GOVERNOR'S CUP, CLASS 1 WINNER ALCAZABA**

Mr. Rienzie Edwards, Trainer S.P.A.Raju, Jockey Y.S.Srinath,

Trophy Presented by Mrs. Niluka Ekanayake to Ms. Deepthika Jayakody, Mr. Mahinda Dodampe Gamage

RTC Treasurer Mr. Nisitha Rupasinghe, Former RTC President Mr. Suranjith Premadasa.



**THE SRI LANKAN RTC MAGIC MILLION 2018 WINNER ALCAZABA**

Trainer: S. D. Mahesh, Groomer : Krishan, Jockey: Irvan Singh, Owner Mrs. Purni Edwards