



# Indian Charlie

*We Never Let The Truth Get In The Way Of A Good Story*

Saturday – July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022  
Coaching Club American Oaks Day  
@ Saratoga

## HISA Is Just Not Yet Ready To Assume Its Duties

We have high hopes for HISA and wish them success, which means nothing. Because win, lose, or draw, HISA is now & forever will be, the law – federal law.

But July 1<sup>st</sup> snuck up on them way too soon.

First of all, with registration so key to what they are doing, the HISA website has been a major problem, not for getting people signed up, but for spitting out information that racing offices across the country could not feel 100% comfortable relying upon.

Couple that with HISA's vague initial interpretation (and wording) of the riding crop "dos-and-don'ts" for stewards in multiple jurisdictions, and it's plain to see that HISA could do themselves a favor by standing down until they are fully up to the task.

We will say that horsemen in New York do seem to be optimistic that Lisa Lazarus will listen to and, more importantly, address their concerns on a host of topics.

*(Editor's Note: Don't ever think for one single moment that PETA is not winning, because they are.)*

## Indian Charlie Factoid:

The early favorite for the 149<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby is a New Jersey-bred by **Sea Wizard!**

## Curveball

All those khaki-wearing bloodstock gurus in Lexington, Kentucky missed out on the brilliant "cross" that produced KY Derby winner, **Rich Strike**. Very little has been written about the Kentucky Derby winner's 3x2 inbreeding to **Smart Strike**.

**Rich Strike** is by **Keen Ice**, who is by **Curlin**, who is by **Smart Strike** – and **Rich Strike** out of a **Smart Strike** mare. Man, that is close!

We don't know what the 2022 Kentucky Derby winner is between the ears, but to look at him as a racehorse, he sure looks like he has all the parts in the right place.

## Punter's Alert @ Saratoga:

Watch out for "The Stealth Bomber," **Jim Ryerson**. When Jim Ryerson comes to Saratoga, he's always got "bombs" in the cargo bay. And he's so quiet about it, nobody ever sees him coming!

## This Important Message From HISA:

Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the feeding of carrots, apples &/or peppermints will NOT be permitted within 72 hours of a race, as a Jockey Club-sponsored study has proven them to be "performance enhancing."

The first offense will be loss of purse money, plus a 30-day suspension from the produce aisle at the Price Chopper grocery store. A second offense will call for six lashes of the whip from Earlie Fires, and a third offense will cost you 90 days in the hole. You don't even wanna know what the penalty is for a 4<sup>th</sup> offense.

## Darnell Wayne Lukas' Secret Oath:

I SWEAR,  
I TAUGHT TEFLON TODD  
EVERYTHING HE KNOWS,  
BUT I DIDN'T TEACH HIM  
EVERYTHING I KNOW!



## Dear Moon

Dear Moon:

I am a retired Hall of Fame jockey that is now the agent for Manny Franco, and the hot young bug rider, Jose Antonio Gomez (106).

He is one of the most promising riders I've seen come around since Johnny Velazquez.

The question I have for you is this: Do you think it would be okay to put a shock collar on The Jocknapper (Ron Anderson) to keep him away from my bug boy?

Signed:

**Angel Cordero, Jr.**

Dear Junior:

Sorry to inform you that HISA's new rules and regulations will prevent you from attaching a shock collar on an opposing agent, and/or striking them overhanded with a riding crop more than six times. If you think your bug boy is THAT good, you'll be better off to hire a Pinkerton to keep The Jocknapper from getting within 200 yards of Jose Antonio Gomez (106).

## Indian Charlie Quote Of The Day:

"I just couldn't have any luck with those Cabbage Head trainers anymore. So I switched over to 'Chumpy,' and boy am I glad I did!"

- Bloodstock Agent Mike Ryan

## Saratoga Is Not The Only Game In Town!

If you've been watching races from Colonial Downs, you know they are putting out a top-notch simulcast product, with full fields of good horses & jocks, and running on a very good turf course, which accounts for the bulk of the races run there. A handicapper's dream. Wonder if any thought has been given to running the Arlington Million at Colonial Downs this year? Moammar Carstanjen is good, but if the farmers can't grow corn on farms in Kentucky because of drought conditions, then how is he gonna grow grass in the infield at Churchill Downs by August 13th?

## Free Richie the Clocker!