

Larry C. Reynolds –Ex Jockey/Jockeys Agent



Larry C. Reynolds is a second generation rider who lives in Charles Town, WV. He is married with three sons and one daughter. Larry's wife Lori was also a rider from 2001 – 2008. His son Austin is following in his father's footsteps by starting as a gallop rider at Charles Town then goes to a farm to gallop horses. Lori still gallops horses in the morning before going to her regular job. His father Larry Reynolds rode for 35 years and retired in 1989 and Larry C. rode for 27 years. Both of Larry's grandfathers were trainers, in MD, WV and Ohio. In 1986 Larry started as an apprentice (bug) in Montana then came to Maryland for seven month before coming to Charles Town to finish out his bug and stayed till 1991. In 1991 he went to ride in Maryland, left in 1997 to ride at Delaware for one year before returning to Maryland. When two of his main stables left Maryland; one trainer past away

and another took two strings of horses to New York and Kentucky, business became slow so he returned to Charles Town in 2001 where he did well as a bug. Came back because purses were good from the slot machines. Larry was a Multiple Graded Stakes Winning Jockey while at Maryland and had a great 2001 year here at Charles Town where he was ranked 47th by Wins and ranked 72nd by earnings in the country. He had hip replacement surgery in 2011 and returned to riding in 2012 and rode here at Charles Town until 2013 when he retired from riding. Larry is currently a jockey's agent for Carlos Castro and Jesus Sanchez here at Charles Town.

“Fortunately we run year round, scheduled for 220 days, with the recent cut of one race on Wednesday and Thursday to eight races, and Friday and Saturdays still at nine races. Four days a week of live racing, the fields are so short that as a rider 2-3 horses a night that's a big day. And this has an effect on everyone right now. If Charles Town were to cutback the number days or close down for a month or two this would affect us all a lot not just in the racing business. This would be a ripple down effect for the entire county from farmers, local business, and schools. This could force some out of the business. If you're a jockey and only ride five races a week, you're really not making any money on just jocks mounts. Being on both sides, racing has a large effect on Jefferson County. There are a lot of riders here at Charles Town and is a starting point for apprentice (bug) riders since many trainers like riding them. Maryland use to be that way years ago. Even though his wife has a second job this would affect their family. He wouldn't know how people would survive if the track shut down for a month or two. You may only have 2-3% of jockeys and trainers who could go to another track and earn a living. Charles Town is unique being a Bull Ring, running 4 ½ length (short race) and all year racing. Many people have made a good living here and it would be a shame if it starts dwindling down.”