



Larry Strain is a Director on the State Board for the New Mexico Horsemen's Association, and he has been for the past fifteen plus years. He owns racehorses, broodmares and is a breeder of thoroughbreds in the state. Larry owns a table in the Jockey Club at Ruidoso Downs, and he also owns a house in Ruidoso as well. He donated \$250,000.00 to the Ruidoso Chaplaincy a couple years ago for the benefit of the chaplaincy.

The Board of Directors for the NMHA have been in a dispute with the New Mexico Racing Commission since 2020. Last year Larry and all the other Board of Directors were banned from going on the grounds at Ruidoso. Larry went to the races opening weekend in 2024 and was kicked out of his seat at the Jockey Club and escorted off the grounds. Larry couldn't even attend the Church on the backside at Ruidoso Downs where he donated \$250,000.00 to the chaplaincy.

After the flood Tuesday and all the devastation he witnessed, he was concerned about the grooms on the backside as they have minimal belongings, move from track to track etc. and they had possibly lost everything they had in the flood. Larry called Darryl Winters and told him he wanted to take \$50,000.00 of that \$250,000.00 and donate it to the grooms and replace the items they lost, such as microwaves, cookware, clothes, bedding etc. There are roughly fifty grooms on the backside at Ruidoso.

Thank you, Larry, for your kindness and care for those who typically get overlooked in the horse racing industry. Your consideration for them will be greatly appreciated.

