

## Ellingwood, Lea

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**From:** Gorajec, Joe  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 14, 2012 3:16 PM  
**To:** Ellingwood, Lea  
**Subject:** FW: Track condition petition  
**Attachments:** INHBPA petition, track condition at ID, 061212.doc; ID track petition.jpg

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Brown [<mailto:brownpreston@indy.rr.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 12, 2012 1:39 PM  
**To:** Gorajec, Joe  
**Subject:** Track condition petition

Joe,

This morning, nearly 50 trainers/owners signed a petition of complaint about the condition of the track (too hard) at Indiana Downs. Copies of the complaint and petition were delivered to the track superintendent, the race secretary and to Jon Schuster. Attached is a copy of the complaint and the petition, for your information.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Randy or me.

Mike

Michael Brown, executive director  
Indiana HBPA



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June 12, 2012

To: Jim White, Indiana Downs Track Superintendent  
Scott Peine, Indiana Downs Director of Thoroughbred/QuarterHorse Racing  
Jon Schuster, Indiana Downs General Manager  
Joe Gorajec, Executive Director, Indiana Horse Racing Commission

From: Indiana HBPA  
Thoroughbred Trainers/Owners Racing at Indiana Downs

Re: Condition of the Indiana Downs Track

The thoroughbred trainers and/or owners signing this petition hereby formally state that the condition of the main track at Indiana Downs is currently dangerous to the health and well-being of the equine athletes attempting to compete at Indiana Downs.

We don't presume to be experts at track maintenance. We do profess to be knowledgeable about the capabilities and the health and well-being of our horses. Far too many of our horses are coming back to the barns in bad shape after work or racing. Far too many are coming back to the barns with injuries directly attributable to the condition of the track. We care about the quality of racing. We care about the condition of our horses.

This situation has become much worse this week. The track is too hard. It needs to be cut. It needs to be worked all the way to the outside. After multiple conversations on this topic, with no relief, this is our formal complaint about the condition of the track. We request both a productive response and relief. Our equine athletes deserve no less.

Dean Baird

ONE ROUND  
AND PARKING ETC  
IS A JOKE

Chris Louis  
Manuel West

Chris Dorris  
Key Curtis

Crested  
STABLE

Israel Flores  
Leslene Engel  
Gary Hammond

Claudio Joazeira

CIRCLE STAR  
STABLE

Kim Hammond

Mozie Brown

JOE PETERS  
Walter Abner

Raeley K. Lopez

Ron Brown

myndee Dumas

Jay Robert  
FAST INAY

Shane McWhette

Felipe Lopez  
Rou Brown

Joni Cole

Steve Ford

Shirley Duvon

Dr. Ross Orms

~~Paula~~

ML Hansen

M.A. On Mondays

Donna Baird

Robert Zaid

Russ Goss

(Richard Estvanko)

JAY PETERSEN

Angie Williams

Barred Peulie

HOW ABOUT WORKING  
THE TRACK ALL THE WAY  
TO THE OUTSIDE

Just D. D

John Howard

SO WE CAN JOE

Fury Hammer

Audrey Mager

Jim Yates  
George Leonard #

Gay Daphson

John Steer

Cindy Feb

James Richard

Richard Kelnick

Larry Hebert

Jose Rene