



CELEBRITY JOCKEY APPEARANCE



Jean Cruguet's riding career began in France in 1956 only to be interrupted by a three-year stint in the French Army. He began riding in the United States in 1965 and prior to obtaining the mount on *Seattle Slew*, he rode champions *San San*, *Arts and Letters* and the brilliant, but ill-fated *Hoist the Flag*.

His riding career spanned 40 years in which he won nearly 3,000 races and many major stakes including the Man O'War Stakes, Travers, Champagne Stakes, Wood Memorial, Flamingo and the Hopeful, Knickerbocker and Sheepshead Bay Handicap.

In 1977, he piloted the undefeated *Seattle Slew* through a Triple Crown sweep punctuated by Cruguet triumphantly raising his right arm just before crossing the finish line in the Belmont Stakes. This dramatic gesture remains forever engraved in the memories of racing fans.

Jean Cruguet (pictured left) | Birth date: March 8, 1939 | Birth place: Mermende, France
Jean Cruguet is available for meet & greets in all of the Derby Experiences' hospitality venues on Derby day.



KENTUCKY DERBY 103

1977

SEATTLE SLEW WINS!

Kentucky Derby 103 Race Recap

SEATTLE SLEW swerved

sharply to the outside into GET THE AXE, after failing to break smartly, was rushed to the leaders early placing SIR SIR in slightly close quarters, continuing through tight quarters, nearing the end of the opening quarter, SEATTLE SLEW forced his way through moving FLAG OFFICER, AFFILIATE and BOB'S DUSTY out. Continuing in full stride, SEATTLE SLEW engaged FOR THE MOMENT at that point to duel for the lead from the outside to the top of the stretch at which stage he disposed of that one when put to extreme pressure, drew off with a rush and prevailed under intermittent urging. RUN DUSTY RUN broke well to gain a forward position, rallied along the outside on the on the second turn to loom boldly a furlong away but lacked a further response. PAPELOTE saved ground to no avail. FOR THE MOMENT, away sharply to make the pace, saved ground while dueling with SEATTLE SLEW to the top of the stretch at which point he succumbed suddenly. FLAG OFFICER was outrun. BOB'S DUSTY showed forwardly for three-quarters and retired. SIR SIR was caught in close quarters after the start.



Trainer: Ben S. Castleman | Jockey: Jean Cruguet | Breeder: Ben S. Castleman