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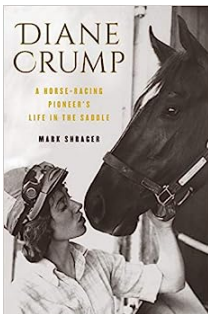
## July 2023 Her Story ENewsletter Jockeys

In June 2023, Jena Antonucci, horse trainer, made history when the horse she works with, Arcangelo, won the Belmont Stakes, one of three races of the Triple Crown. She is the first female trainer whose horse has won a Triple Crown race. Antonucci grew up riding and training horses. Her first career race as a trainer was in 2010. With the win at Belmont, Antonucci's horses have won 160 races. She follows 'in the footsteps' of three women jockeys who paved the way for women in horse racing: Anna Lee Aldred, Diane Crump, and Julie Krone.



An inductee into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame and several other Halls of Fame, **Anna Lee Aldred** began riding horses shortly after she began to walk. She wanted to get a jockey license as she was approaching adulthood. But no racetrack in the United States would issue her one, due to her gender. Being very determined, she went to Tijuana, Mexico and applied for her jockey's license at the Agua Caliente Racetrack. Track officials there really didn't want to license her either but could find no rule prohibiting women from becoming professional jockeys. Aldred got this license in 1939 and became the first woman jockey in the U.S. Over the next few years, she won many races at county and state fairs. But she grew too big to be a jockey when she reached 5 feet 5 inches tall and 118 pounds. With her love of horses, she taught herself to be a trick rider on the rodeo circuit. Those tricks included

standing on the saddle of a horse and hanging off the side by one foot. In her last years, she slept under a horse blanket. Aldred said, "God forbid I should go to a heaven where there are no horses."



In 1969 at age 20, **Diane Crump** became the first woman jockey to ride in a pari-mutuel horse race. She had a police escort to the racetrack as previous women who had tried to race were heckled. Neither the fans nor the male jockeys were in favor of women jockeys. Some threw rocks at the trailer used as the women's locker room. In 1970, Crump became the first woman jockey to ride a horse at the Kentucky Derby. Although she didn't win, she also didn't come in last! Crump retired from being a jockey in 1985 and served as a trainer for a while. Today she runs an equine sales business.



The first woman inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame (2000), **Julie Krone** is the leading female thoroughbred horse racing jockey of all time. With more than 3,700 career wins and more than \$81 million in earnings, Krone entered the history books in 1993 when she became the first woman to win a Triple Crown event at the Belmont Stakes. She never let the sexism around the racecourse affect her. "I approached the sport like there wasn't a gender issue and I wouldn't participate in the mindset of 'she is just a girl,'" says Krone. "Every time anyone tried to make that an issue, I swept it underneath the rug and forced forward. One day I was at Saratoga, in the middle of all the leading riders, and there was a little 5- or 6-year-old standing there pulling on my sleeve and he says, 'Julie, when I grow up, I want to be

just like you.'" Krone started taking her first five-mile treks with horses when she was three. By the time she was five, she had won her first race at the county fair horse show. By the time she was 13, she had set her goal as becoming the best jockey in the world. In 1993, she was named ESPN's Professional Female Athlete of the Year. When Krone initially retired from horse racing in 1999, she became a television commentator and analyst.

Anna Lee Aldred, Diane Crump and Julie Krone are among the more than 850 women profiled in our

book *Her Story: A Timeline of the Women Who Changed America* Women's accomplishments continue to inspire and encourage us. Continue to help us tell women's stories!

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