

a seasonal newsletter from Customs House Cigars

## In the Humidor - new and special sale items



**San Lotano Requiem Robusto Habano – 5 x 54,** Nicaragua. Enjoy a full taste with a rich Brazilian Habano wrapper. **\$15.99**

**San Lotano Requiem Robusto Maduro - 5 x 54,** Nicaragua. This Robusto has a smooth taste that's a bit milder than the Habano. **\$15.99**

**San Lotano Requiem Gran Toros Maduro – 6 x 60,** Nicaragua. This is a big cigar in a San Andres wrapper and Honduran binder. **\$20.99**

**San Lotano Oval Robusto - 5.5 x 54,** Nicaragua. This Robusto really is oval-shaped and features a 4+ year-old Habano 2000 wrapper. **\$19.25**

**Bolivar No. 1 Tubo**  
- 5.5 x 42, Cuba. A connoisseur's blend, the Bolivar blend often exhibits rich notes of cocoa and spice. Reg. \$25.50, sale price **\$17.75**



**Gran Habano Lunch Break – 4.5 x 40 - Habano #3,** Honduras. This full-bodied small cigar is perfect for cold winter days. **\$9.50**



## Ultimate Eagle Travel Humidor

These strong, lightweight and completely airtight humidors are perfect for travel, golf, camping or any roadtrip pursuits. Made of durable plastic, these compact travel humidors feature a humidifier to maintain proper cigar freshness, as well as a foam liner. Comes in two sizes - 5-count is \$29.99, 15-count is \$39.99.

## A few thoughts about cigars, smoking and society

### Ending the Cuban Embargo

It's laudable Obama wants to end the Cuban embargo, however, it may well mean disaster for cigar smokers. Here in Canada, I expect Cuban cigars will become very scarce as exports are diverted to the U.S. That increased demand will cause prices to sky-rocket as the Cubans struggle to keep up production. Which they won't.

In the mid-90's, Cuba opened several new cigar factories to cash in on the increasing popularity of cigars, and quality suffered. They've made much progress over the last 10 years, but another setback will damage their reputation. Of course, I have selfish reasons for not ending the embargo. My business depends heavily on U.S. trade.

### Second-hand Smoke

I should be dead. In fact many of us on the wrong side of 50 should be dead. That is, if you believe the claims made by the various anti-smoking brigades regarding second-hand smoke. I wish I knew just how dangerous it was back when I was 12 years old, sitting in my doctor's waiting room next to a kindly old gentleman puffing on a cigarette.

I mean, crikey! If sitting on a patio where people are smoking is dangerous, just think of the damage done to me and many others of my generation. Adults smoked everywhere when we were young.

### E-Cigarettes, the Devil Incarnate?

Now, our provincial government is telling us that e-cigarettes are bad and even harmful. Gee, how come the World Health Organization has stated that e-cigs are a good way to reduce tobacco consumption?

Our ministry of health also says that kids seeing people use e-cigs will be encouraged to use tobacco. Well, I must be a raging alcoholic! My dad drank beer when I was young and my mom took a glass of wine with dinner. I watched them...what has that done to me?

The cost to society that smokers incur is another example of government propaganda.

In fact it's a good thing that I am not dead, since every \$1,000 I spend buying cigars from a distributor nets the Ontario taxpayer a further \$690. Not a bad revenue model. Non-smokers say they're paying for my healthcare. In fact, it's the other way round.

A 1992 University of Montreal study showed that smokers support non-smokers to the tune of \$4.3 billion a year. If people stop purchasing tobacco from legal sources, how will governments replace that income? Increase other taxes or cut services?

Education – not pathetic knee-jerk reactions from our politicians hoping to gain public attention – will curb the use of cigarettes. And that's got nothing to do with the enjoyment of fine cigars and pipe tobacco.

*Ian Wilson, Proprietor*

*"If I paid \$10 for a cigar, first I'd make love to it, then I'd smoke it."*

*- George Burns*

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