

Name: Craig Kaufman

Date of Birth: June 7, 1974

Occupation: Self Employed

Residence: Hacienda Heights

Favorite Track: Del Mar

Favorite Wager: Changes on every bet I make

1. How did you first get into horse racing? My dad
2. How many times (and in which years) have you previously qualified for the *DRF/NTRA* NHC? I've qualified nine years
3. What is your best finish in a handicapping tournament, and what is your largest tournament payout? I won the Orleans Championship for \$100,000
4. What wager created the largest payout for you? Please elaborate on the circumstances (date, track, etc.)? Pick 6, I won \$88,000 at Del Mar. I was five deep in the last race. I nailed the favorite at the wire, receiving \$88,000 instead of \$12,000
5. What is your most memorable horse racing experience? Standing in the winner's circle with my wife and kids when our horse won and did not get claimed.
6. Do you have any interesting hobbies, experiences or past accomplishments that others might find unique or interesting? Being a poker tournament director and making a final table at the World Series of Poker in the 80's.
7. Does anyone else in your family share your enthusiasm as a horseplayer? My family eats hay for breakfast, carrots for dinner and we watch race replays before we go to bed. Now that's enthusiasm !
8. What accomplishment in your life are you most proud of? Being told I am a wonderful son, getting a trophy from my daughters telling me I am the greatest dad, and a wife for over 30 years who tells me she love me every day. I can't ask for anything else.
9. What would you do with the NHC grand prize if you won? I would take my family to the Kentucky Derby 2013 since I've never been.
10. Which person in Thoroughbred racing would you most like to have dinner with? Its not a person but a place—the Eclipse Awards Dinner 2014