

Jim Peake



Name: Jim Peake

Hometown: St. Petersburg, FL

Birth: 2/12/1958

Favorite Track: Santa Anita

Favorite Wager: Win and Place

Occupation: Greyhound Race Announcer and Track Program Handicapper at the most historic Greyhound track- Derby lane in St. Petersburg, FL

1. How did you first get into horse racing: First horse track introduction was Harness at the Meadows in PA where I grew up.

2. When you start playing in handicapping contests: Not really sure, but within the past couple of years.

3. Have you ever qualified for the DRF/NTR NHC: No

4. When did you join the Daily Racing Form NHC Tour: 2012

5. What is your best finish in a handicapping tournament, and what is your largest tournament payout: Best finish was first place in the Horsetourneys.com. It would be my largest payout since the seat value is between \$7,000 and \$10,000.

6. What wager created the largest payout for you? Please elaborate on the circumstances (date, track, etc.): The win and place was my best payout and that wager won my seat from the contest I entered at Horsetourneys.com in March. Santa Anita and Gulfstream were among the tracks featured that day.

7. Do you have any interesting hobbies, experiences or past accomplishments that others might find unique or interesting: When I moved to FL I wasn't on a parimutuel path, but I love it. Before announcing at the Greyhound track I was an announcer at Tampa Jai Alai before it closed. I have been told I have a unique voice and it is very recognizable. One of my highlights was actually calling Thoroughbred races at Tampa Bay Downs when their announcer fell ill a few years back. Tampa Bay Downs is a fantastic facility that I feel is highly underrated in the Thoroughbred world. I am most proud to be the only Greyhound racing announcer in the world that called two historic Million-Dollar races that were put on at Derby Lane. The winning greyhound's received \$500,000 for first place. I have also contributed my voice for videos honoring human and Greyhound athletes in the Greyhound Hall of Fame in KS. I have called historic award winning greyhounds across the finish line and my program picks have helped fans cash at Derby Lane

8. What is your most memorable horse racing experience: Calling the race at Tampa Bay Downs was memorable, as was attending the Breeders' Cup when held at Gulfstream, Santa Anita and Churchill Downs.

9. Does anyone else in your family share your enthusiasm as a horseplayer? My immediate family does not play the horses, but I have educated many of my greyhound co-workers that enjoy the cross-over play and follow the tracks. Derby Lane makes it pretty easy for parimutuel players to follow both greyhound and horse athletes with the variety of daily simulcasts.

10. What would you do with the NHC grand prize if you won: I would do what most people would. I would pay off bills, take a dream vacation, donate a little to charity and maybe become the owner of the next great animal athlete.

11. What accomplishment in life are you most proud of: I am most proud of being the race-caller and track handicapper at the most historic Greyhound racetrack in the world and to be able to crossover into the Thoroughbred world and win a seat in this contest is something that I only dreamed of until now.

12. Which person in Thoroughbred racing would you most like to have dinner with: I would love to have dinner with the legendary Bob Baffert.

13. Who is your favorite horse racing writer (or favorite publication/website): My favorite writer is Andrew Beyer at the Washington Post and the Daily Racing Form is paramount for Horse Players. Horsetourneys.com, NTRA and ViewfromVegas are among my favorite sites to visit