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Date of Birth: 08/03/1989

Occupation: Realtor

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Favorite Track: Saratoga Race Course

Favorite Wager: Pick 4

1. How did you first get into horse racing? I stumbled across TVG a couple years back and I've been on board ever since.
2. How many times (and in which years) have you previously qualified for the DRF/NTRA NHC? 0, this is my first
3. What is your best finish in a handicapping tournament, and what is your largest tournament payout? I won a DRF Bets live money tournament to qualify for the NHC; I totaled \$267.00
4. What wager created the largest payout for you? Please elaborate on the circumstances (date, track, etc.)? I made a future wager on I'll Have Another to win the Kentucky Derby following his win the Robert Lewis at Santa Anita in February. I collected on that as well as a small \$4 exacta in the Derby. All told, I ended up with just under \$1,400.
5. What is your most memorable horse racing experience? Either the first Travers Stakes I attended in 2010 with Afleet Express nosing Fly Down for the win, or this year's Travers Stakes with the dead heat between Alpha and Golden Ticket.
6. Do you have any interesting hobbies, experiences or past accomplishments that others might find unique or interesting? I made my first hole in one in golf in the summer of 2011. 9 iron on the 159 yard, par 3 10th at East Mountain CC in Westfield, MA.
7. Does anyone else in your family share your enthusiasm as a horseplayer? No
8. What accomplishment in your life are you most proud of? I don't have one individual accomplishment, but I'm more proud of the fact that I've done whatever I've felt is best for myself throughout my life, whether people approved of these decisions or not.

9. What would you do with the NHC grand prize if you won? Pay off my school loans, buy new vehicles for my Mom, Dad and myself, and then get involved in horse ownership.

10. Which person in Thoroughbred racing would you most like to have dinner with?  
Steve Crist