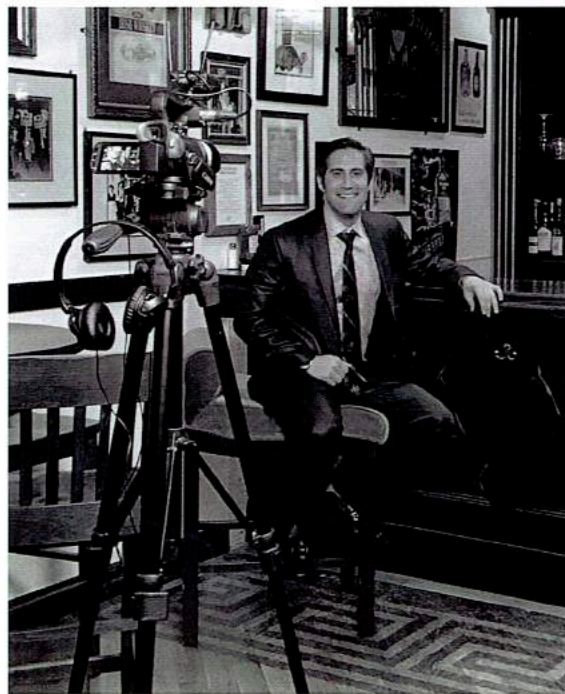


Behind the Scenes with Jonathan Horowitz

Arabian Finish Line is pleased to present a new regular column called "Behind the Scenes". The intent is to learn a little bit more about the people of our industry. If you would like to be featured, drop us an email.



1. What is your job title?

Sports announcer and broadcaster

2. What do you do at your job?

I cover the Arabian stakes races around the United States and in the United Arab Emirates for the Arabian Jockey Club on AJC LIVE and host track broadcasts. I also announce horse races and produce, write, and host a feature television show about the behind-the-scenes of horse racing on Altitude Sports & Entertainment in Denver.

3. How did you get started?

I would practice announcing when going to racetracks with my family in Southern California. I became the youngest person to announce a horse race in the United States at Los Alamitos Race Course in 1999 at age 14. I've since commentated horse races at 26 racetracks in the United States and Great Britain and have also announced baseball, basketball, boxing, football, gymnastics, hockey, horse shows, lacrosse, soccer, and volleyball as a play-by-play and public address announcer.

4. What is the best thing about your job?

The camaraderie I develop by spending time with the owners, trainers, jockeys, and horses and learning their stories



5. What is the worst thing about your job?

Balancing the highs and lows of show business

6. Tell us about the horse(s) you own/ride?

I've been doing eventing for the past two years with trainer Ashley Gubich of Super G Sporthorses in Franktown, Colo. It's particularly rewarding for me to learn how to ride on horses I've announced, such as Columbia Rivr Rose. "Rivr" was beaten a combined 63 lengths in two career starts at Arapahoe Park and is now a promising jumper and eventer. I'm also enjoying competing in shows, even though I usually get my butt kicked by 12-year-old girls.

7. Give us a tip about something horse related – anything you want to share!

When I finish announcing a day's races, the phrase I sign off with is "Keep picking winners!" to apply to racing and in life.