



## **DENNIS KEEHAN**

Dennis Keehan says he has lived two lives--the one before his accident and the one afterward.

His life before the accident was filled with breaking horses and riding the circuit as a jockey. At 21-years old, Dennis was racing at the now-closed Sportsman's Park in Chicago when his horse stumbled going into the final turn.

Dennis flew over the horse's head and onto the track.

"I knew immediately I was hurt badly," he said, recalling the accident that resulted in a spinal injury. "I decided then and there to press myself and take on another challenge," Dennis said. The new challenge was eventually to become a pool player, and today at 63-years old, Dennis has earned the deserved reputation of being a pool shark.

"I've never been a watcher," he explained. "I'm a competitor and I've been able to develop a decent game playing pool and make a good player sweat."

Dennis called the industry fund-raising campaign for permanently disabled jockeys a "great idea" and a blessing. "It's nice to have their support," he said.