



**Idaho State Racing
Commission**

**2014
Annual Report**

Monday, March 30th, 2015

The Honorable C.L."Butch" Otter
Governor of the State of Idaho
Capitol Building
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Otter:

On behalf of the Idaho State Racing Commission (ISRC) I am pleased to advise you that our 2014 Annual Report has been posted on our website, www.isp.idaho.gov/race. Pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Statute 54-2505, the ISRC submits its annual report for the 2014 racing season.

The ISRC and its staff are pleased that horse racing is recognized as an economic and recreational asset to the people of Idaho. The racing and breeding industries are a valuable sector of the state's economy and agribusiness.

We appreciate your continued support of the ISRC and the horse racing industry and look forward to working with you to address the challenges that confront horse racing while we work to strengthen its role and viability in our state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Schneider".

Paul J. Schneider, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS

The Racing Commission is comprised of three members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for six-year terms. The names of the current commissioners are listed below with the ending date of each of their respective terms.

Jim C. Hammond	January 2019
Fred H. Snook	January 2019
Paul J. Schneider, Chairman	January 2016

Pursuant to state law, the commissioners are paid \$50 for each day spent on Racing Commission business.

COMMISSION STAFF

The following individuals staff the Racing Commission:

Frank Lamb	Executive Director
Ardie Noyes	Management Assistant

To further assist the Commission with its regulatory responsibilities, the following individuals were hired by the Commission as part-time seasonal employees for professional and technical services during the 2014 racing season:

David Wheeler	State Steward – Fair Circuit
John Ward	Deputy State Steward - Fair Circuit
Toni Wheeler	Licensing Clerk – Fair Circuit
Scott Birch	Investigator – Les Bois Park
Ed Gygli	Investigator – Fair Circuit
Jeremy Beck	Licensing Clerk – Part time office
Catrina Schilling	Licensing Clerk – Les Bois Park

Horse racing is the most thoroughly regulated of all sports. To assist the Commission in the task of supervision Commission Veterinarians are retained on a contract basis for the duration of the meets.

Scott Leibsle, DVM	State Veterinarian – Gem County Fairboard; Les Bois
Kent Warner, DVM	State Veterinarian - Fair Circuit

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The Idaho State Racing Commission operates under the authority of the Idaho Horse Racing Act Title 54, Chapter 25 Idaho Code. The Commission is vested by law with full authority to prescribe the rules, regulations and conditions under which horse and simulcast racing with pari-mutuel wagering may be conducted in Idaho. The Commission also has the power to govern, direct and regulate racing in Idaho.

The Commission's primary objective is to maintain the integrity of horse racing in Idaho. This is carried out in a number of ways. Close supervision by the Commission and its representatives at the tracks insure the public and the participants:

1. that the Association conducting a race meeting is operated by responsible management;
2. that every owner and trainer seeking to enter a horse in competition is a person of good character and of financial responsibility;
3. that every horse appearing in a race is the animal that it is represented to be on the program and is carrying the correct weight as assigned by the track handicapper;
4. that every race run will represent a true competitive effort by every participating rider or horse;
5. that no rider during the running of a race, commits any act that would tend to make the race anything other than a true competitive test;
6. that every horse is physically fit to race;
7. that no one responsible for the custody of a competing animal has administered or permitted to be administered any forbidden medication to the competing animal;
8. that every racing association is doing its utmost to provide the spectator public, the animals and their attendants the best possible facilities that it can afford.

The Commission also fulfills the role of liaison, acting as the intermediary; between the various associations and the Government of Idaho.

The primary goals of the Commission are to build a strong and credible industry, to operate the Commission offices as efficiently and economically as possible and to serve as a steadfast entity on which the industry and the public can depend upon to preserve and maintain the integrity of horse racing in Idaho.

RACETRACKS AND APPROVED 2014 RACE DATES

Pocatello Downs
P.O. Box 248
Pocatello, ID 83204
Telephone: (208) 238-1721
Treena Caverhill, General Manager
MAY 4, 11, 18 & 25

Gem County Fairboard
P.O. Box 443
Emmett, ID 83617
Telephone: (208) 365-6828
Kathy Black
APRIL 26

Sandy Downs Racing, Inc
246 N Yellowstone
Rigby, ID 83442
Telephone: (208) 238-1721
Jim Bernard
AUGUST 17, 24
SEPTEMBER 7

Jerome Racing
309 West 100 North
Telephone: (208) 324-7209
Brenda Butler
JUNE 8 & 22

Cassia County Fairboard
P.O. Box 1222
Burley, ID 83318
Telephone: (208) 678-9150
Cory Parish
AUGUST 15 & 16

Les Boise Park
5610 Glenwood St.
Boise, Idaho 83714
Telephone: (208) 775-1971
Duayne Didericksen
MAY 3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 21, 24, 26,
28, 31
JUNE 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 27
JULY 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
AUGUST 2,6,9

Rupert Downs
P.O. Box 263
Rupert, ID 83350
Telephone: (208) 431-9766
Becky Grant
JULY 4, 6, 13

Oneida County Fairboard
P. O. Box 13
Malad, ID 83252
Telephone: (208) 766-4706
Diane Skidmore
AUGUST 2, 3 & 10

Eastern Idaho Fair Board
P.O. Box 250
Blackfoot, ID 83221
Telephone: (208) 785-2480
Brandon Bird
AUGUST 31
SEPTEMBER 1, 5 & 6

2014 BREAKDOWN OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

<u>TYPE OF LICENSES</u>	<u># OF LICENSES</u>
Administration	7
Admissions	51
Announcer	3
Asst. Starter/Starter	23
Authorized Agent	4
Chaplin	1
Clerk of Scales/Clocker/Identifier/Chart Person	10
Concessionaire	2
Concession Employees	140
Emergency Medical Technician	9
Exercise Person	31
Groom	174
Horsemen's Bookkeeper	5
Jockey Agent	4
Jockey/Apprentice Jockey	69
Maintenance Employees	15
Miscellaneous ¹	39
Mutuel Employees	167
Officials	31
Office Staff/Racing Secretary	21
Other	4
Owners	587
Owner/Trainer	196
Outrider	10
Paddock Judge	3
Photographer & Video Operator	15
Plater	16
Pony Person	64
Stable Names	61
Starter	4
Track Security	66
Track Supervisor	3
Trainer	79
Tote Employees	22
Veterinarian & Vet Assistants	16

¹ Miscellaneous: Duplicate Licenses, Fines and Changes to licenses.

2014 LES BOIS PARK

RACE DAYS	31
NUMBER OF RACES	278
ATTENDANCE	108,031
DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	3,484
THOROUGHBRED RACES	167
QUARTER HORSE RACES	111
OTHER RACES***	5
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$2,287,544
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$73,791.74
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE	\$1,410,415
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE	\$854,978
TOTAL OTHER HANDLE***	\$22,151
TOTAL PURSES PAID**	\$2,319,941.96
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES	\$1,114,485
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES	\$525,500
TOTAL OTHER PURSES***	\$37,500
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE	\$8,285

** Includes all Sponsorship, horsemen, and added monies

2014 FAIR CIRCUIT STATISTICS

RACE DAYS	22
NUMBER OF RACES	162
ATTENDANCE	23,931
THOROUGHBRED RACES	17
QUARTER HORSE RACES	137
OTHER RACES*	3
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$327,178
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$109,839.42
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE	\$56,861
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE	\$258,744
TOTAL OTHER HANDLE*	\$33,774
TOTAL PURSES PAID**	\$381,138
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES**	\$30,005
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES**	\$318,393
TOTAL OTHER PURSES**	\$32,470
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE**	\$2,353

*Appaloosa/Arabian/Paints

2014 HORSE RACING STATISTICS

RACE DAYS	53
NUMBER OF RACES	440
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$2,614,772
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$49,335.32
TOTAL RETURNED TO PATRONS	\$1,917,188.31

PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission	\$44,080.42
Public School Account	\$14,625.50
Small Track Account	\$13,073.99
Breed Account	\$13,073.99
Equine Education Account ..	\$14,625.50

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNT

The Public School Income Fund and the Equine Education Income Fund (Idaho Code 54-2513) were established by the Legislature on a sliding percentage scale in order to financially assist Idaho's Public schools.

Idaho's racetracks generated \$14,625.50 in 2014 from live horse racing for the public schools. The Equine Education Fund generated \$14,625.50 from live horse racing as well. Listed below are the amounts generated by each racetrack through live meet pari-mutuel wagering.

<u>Track</u>	<u>SCHOOL FUND</u>	<u>EQUINE FUND</u>
Gem County Fair board	\$0.00	\$ 0.00
Les Bois Park	\$14,538.81	\$14,531.81
Pocatello Racing Association	\$ 7.37	\$ 7.37
Rupert Downs Incorporated	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Sandy Downs – Idaho Falls	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.92
Jerome County Fair board	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Cassia County Fair board	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Eastern Idaho Fair board	\$ 77.40	\$77.40
Oneida County Fair board	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

BREED ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT

The Breed Association Distribution Account (Idaho Code 54-2513) was established by the Idaho Legislature authorizing one half of one percent (.5%) of the daily live pari-mutuel handle be distributed quarterly to the lawfully constituted representatives of each horse breed for the betterment of the Idaho-bred horse racing industry. The Racing Commission requires an annual accounting of expenditures from these trustee-and-benefit account recipients. In 2014, this fund generated \$13,073.99 and was distributed as follows:

Idaho Thoroughbred Association	\$7,336.36
Idaho Quarter Horse Association	\$5,568.73
Idaho Appaloosa Association	\$127.47
Idaho Paint Association	\$41.43

DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL TRACK ACCOUNT LIVE HORSE RACING

One half of one percent (.5%) of gross daily receipts, separately stated, shall be paid to the Idaho State Racing Commission for deposit in the track distribution account, which is created in the dedicated fund for further distribution to certain Idaho racetracks, defined as follows:

- a. Recipient tracks shall be those which, during the racing year of distribution, have an average daily handle of less than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000);
- b. Distributions to recipient tracks shall be weighted proportionately based on the number of days raced during the year of distribution.

The amount contributed by each racetrack is listed below:

Les Bois Park	\$11,437.81
Gem County Fair board	\$ 78.10
Pocatello Racing Association	\$349.13
Rupert Downs Incorporated	\$75.60
Jerome County Fair board	\$88.07
Cassia County Fair board	\$83.25
Eastern Idaho Fair board	\$572.48
Sandy Downs Racing Inc	\$258.24
Oneida County Fair board	\$131.31

The Small Track Account generated \$13,073.99 in 2014 from 53 days of live horse racing. Each recipient received \$594.27 per day multiplied by the number of days they had live racing. The disbursements are listed below.

Gem County Fairboard	1 day	\$594.27
Pocatello Racing Association	4 days	\$2,377.08
Rupert Downs Incorporated	3 days	\$1,782.82
Jerome County Fair board	2 days	\$1,188.55
Cassia County Fair board	2 days.	\$1,118.55
Eastern Idaho Fair board	4 days.	\$2,377.08
Oneida County Fair board	3 days.	\$1,782.82
Sandy Downs Racing	3 days	\$1,782.82

SIMULCASTING STATISTICS

Simulcast races from around the country were wagered on by patrons year round at the Greyhound Park in Post Falls, Idaho, Les Bois Park in Boise, and Sandy Downs Racing in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

SIMULCAST RACE DAYS	324
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL HORSE	\$7,368,524.20
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL GREYHOUND.....	\$712,510.10
SIMULCAST DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$24,941.47
SIMULCAST TOTAL RETURNED TO BETTORS	\$5,993,846.55

SIMULCAST SITES & HANDLES

Sandy Downs – Idaho Falls	\$281,103.20
Greyhound Park - Post Falls	\$1,261,570.90
Les Bois Park – Boise	\$6,538,360.20

SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission	\$142,080.91
Public School Account.....	\$6,933.82
Small Track Account	\$36,842.97
Breed Fund Account	\$36,842.97
Equine Education Fund Account	\$6,933.82
Ada County Fund.....	\$4,513.12
Kootenai County Fund.....	\$2,062.06
Bonneville County Fund.....	\$550.29
Horse Owner/Breeder Fund Account.....	\$3,562.81

SIMULCASTING SMALL TRACK DISTRIBUTION

Simulcasting paid one half of one percent (.5%) of the total daily pari-mutuel handle into the small track account, and the same amount into the breed account. Total amount distributed will differ slightly from amount collected due to cut off dates for disbursements. These monies were distributed annually to the small tracks fund and quarterly to the breed associations as follows:

Gem County Fair Board	1 days	\$1,797.80
Pocatello Racing Association	4 days	\$7,191.20
Rupert Downs Incorporated	3 days	\$5,393.40
Jerome County Fair board	2 days	\$3,595.60
Oneida County Fair board	3 days	\$5,393.40
Cassia County Fair board	2 days	\$3,595.60
Eastern Idaho Fair board	4 days	\$7,191.20
Sandy Downs Racing Inc	3 days	\$5,393.40

SIMULCASTING BREED DISTRIBUTION

Thoroughbred	\$33,600.61
Quarter Horse	\$2,821.08
Appaloosa	\$0.00
Arabian	\$42.72
Paints	\$0.00
Harness (paid to Public Schools)	\$909.87

ADVANCE DEPOSIT WAGERING

Governor Kempthorne signed House Bill 374 on April 23rd, 2003 which amended the existing law to clarify advance deposit wagering on horse racing. The new law requires a source market fee of 10% of the wagered handle to be paid to the Idaho State Racing Commission for further disbursement. The Advance Deposit Wagering generated a total handle of \$5,210,796.00 during the calendar year of 2014. Listed below is the breakdown of disbursement.

Racing Commission	\$26,053.98
Small Track Account	\$26,053.98
Breed Fund Account	\$26,053.98
Public School Fund	\$26,053.98
Live Meet Purse Enhancement	\$208,431.84
Simulcast Facility Enhancement	\$156,323.88
Track Expenses	\$52,107.96

Advance Deposit Wagers Disbursements

<i>Track</i>	<i>Small Track</i>	<i>Purses Enhancement</i>	<i>Track Expenses</i>	<i>Simulcast Tracks</i>
Emmett	\$1,184.27	\$ 3,315.96	\$ 983.17	\$-0-
Jerome	\$2,368.54	\$ 6,631.92	\$ 1,966.34	\$-0-
Rupert	\$3,552.82	\$ 9,474.17	\$ 2,949.51	\$-0-
Pocatello	\$4,737.09	\$ 14,211.26	\$ 3,932.68	\$-0-
Malad	\$3,552.82	\$ 9,474.17	\$ 2,949.51	\$-0-
Burley	\$2,368.54	\$ 5,684.50	\$ 1,966.34	\$-0-
Idaho Falls	\$3,552.82	\$ 12,790.14	\$ 2,949.51	\$ 5,303.78
Blackfoot	\$4,737.09	\$ 15,158.68	\$ 3,932.68	\$-0-
Les Bois Park	\$-0-	\$ 131,691.03	\$30,478.24	\$126,439.78
Post Falls	\$-0-	\$ -0-	\$-0-	\$ 24,580.32

Advance Deposit Wagers Breed Distribution

Thoroughbred	\$21,168.80
Quarter Horse	\$4,304.71
Appaloosa	\$66.16
Arabian	\$22.08
Paints	\$21.67
Mules	\$.31
Harness (pd to Public Schools)	\$470.24

HISTORICAL RACING

The Idaho State Legislature on March 20th, 2013 passed House Bill 220 allowing for wagering on Historical horse races. House Bill 220 was then signed by the Governor on March 22nd, 2013. This amended chapter 25 title 54 by adding a new section 54-2512A. This new law gave Les Bois Park (LBP), Coeur D'Alene (CDA) and Idaho Falls (IDA) the approval to install Historical racing terminals at each location.

On May 28th, 2014 Les Bois Park re-opened the Turf Club after extensive renovations with 200 machines, Coeur D'Alene opened on June 6th, 2014 with 10 machines and Idaho Falls opened an OTB (off track betting site), called Double Downs, on December 14th, 2014 with 80 machines. The Historical racing terminals generated a total handle of \$39,378,276.90 in just a short period of six months. Total distribution to the Racing Commission, Horse Council Youth Fund, Small Track Fund, Breed Fund and School Fund from Historical racing was \$590,673.92. Listed below is the breakdown of disbursements.

	Les Bois Park	CDA / Post Falls	Idaho Falls
Historical Pari-Mutuel Handle	\$38,790,499.10	\$226,487.75	\$361,290.05
Racing Commission	\$193,952.44	\$1,132.46	\$1,806.44
Horse Council Fund	\$38,790.48	\$226.46	\$361.28
Small Track Fund	\$77,580.97	\$452.97	\$722.57
Breed Fund	\$77,580.97	\$452.97	\$722.57
School Fund	\$193,952.44	\$1,132.46	\$1,806.44
Total	\$581,857.30	\$3,397.32	\$5,419.30
<i>Purses</i>	<i>\$305,710.68</i>	<i>\$635.50</i>	<i>\$833.81</i>

IDAHO STATE RACING COMMISSION
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
JANUARY 2014 DECEMBER 2014

RECEIPTS

Licenses	\$92,955.00
Fines	\$4,950.00
Pari-Mutuel	\$401,060.47
Other -	\$0.00
Simulcast License Fee	\$35,650.00
Miscellaneous Receipt	\$70.00
Total	\$534,685.47

EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Staff	\$116,339.93
Part-Time	\$55,565.00
Commissioners	\$900.00
Benefits	\$51,304.10
Travel and Per Diem	\$14,625.10
Contract - Testing	\$23,556.00
Veterinarians	\$30,570.00
Clerical/Licensing Clerks/Office Team	\$30,064.43
Auditing/Historical Racing	\$3,000.00
Printing, Xerox, & Photo Supplies	\$1,542.45
Utilities	\$2,810.48
Dues & Subscriptions	\$6,120.00
Other Services	\$21,073.33
Fingerprinting	\$16,702.50
Postage & Telephone	\$3,376.75
Car - Fuel, Repairs, Maintenance	\$746.85
Supplies & Equipment	\$8,116.24
Office Equipment Rental	\$1,010.82
Maintenance & Repairs	\$3,686.01
Legal Fees	\$1,206.06
Insurance	\$2,278.55
Refunds/P-Card Quarterly Rebates	(\$203.56)
Indirect Costs	\$0.00
Capitol Outlay	\$20,159.22
Miscellaneous & State Auditor Fees	\$26,561.48
Total	\$217,002.71

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

In March 2005, HB 85aa relating to reports of the Idaho State Racing Commission amended section 54-2505, Idaho Code, to clarify the content of the annual report. The annual report shall be submitted to the Governor's Office on or before the thirty-first day of March each year and shall cover the activities of the commission, including the financial report of the commission and a financial summary of licensees subject to section 54-2508, Idaho Code, and organizations of licensees defined in section 54-2502(3), Idaho Code. The information on this page has been assembled by asking the various racing associations to provide us with their revenue and expenditure information and presenting it here.

Track	Revenue	Expenditures	Net
Gem County Fair Board	\$51,189.31	\$52,654.26	(\$1,464.95)
Jerome Racing	\$57,625.72	\$55,301.49	\$2,324.24
Sandy Downs Racing	\$101,675.84	\$107,240.05	(\$5,564.21)
Oneida County Fair Board	\$76,942.16	\$85,147.28	(\$8,205.12)
Cassia County Fair Board	\$30,842.48	\$39,458.03	(\$8,615.55)
Pocatello Downs	\$136,468.56	\$139,039.43	(\$2,570.87)
Eastern Idaho Fair Board	\$136,391.50	\$138,434.30	(\$2,042.80)
Les Bois Park	\$6,653,901	\$8,211,371	(\$1,557,470)
Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park	\$628,500	\$1,534,188	(\$905,688)
Rupert Downs	\$92,380.10	\$93,080.90	(\$780.80)