



**Idaho State Racing Commission**

**2007 Annual Report**

March 6, 2008

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 2007 Annual Report has been posted on our website, [www.isp.state.id.us/race](http://www.isp.state.id.us/race). Pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Statute 54-2505, the ISRC submits its annual report for the 2007 racing season.

The ISRC and its staff are pleased and gratified that horse racing is recognized as both 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,

Michael Bosen, Chairman

John Chatburn, Commissioner

Tim Ridinger, Commissioner

## 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.

Michael Bosen, Chairman	January 2013
John Chatburn	January 2013
Tim Ridinger	January 2010

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:

Eugene "Jack" O. Baker	Executive Director
Jacqueline Libengood	Management Assistant/State Pari-Mutuel Inspector
Lisa Osterman	Technical Records Specialist 1
Fred Becker	Investigator

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 2007 racing season:

Terry Crystal	State Steward - Les Bois Park
Doug Standlee	Deputy State Steward – Les Bois Park
David Wheeler	State Steward – Fair Circuit
Melvin Warr	Deputy State Steward - Fair Circuit
Toni Wheeler	State Pari-Mutuel Inspector/Licensing – Fair Circuit
Ardie Noyes	State Pari-Mutuel Inspector – Les Bois Park
Holli Libengood	Licensing Clerk – Les Bois Park

Horse racing is undoubtedly 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.

Donald Roloff, DVM	State Veterinarian - Les Bois Park
Mark Ipsen, DVM	State Veterinarian - Fair Circuit
Kent Warner, DVM	State Veterinarian - Fair Circuit

## **RACETRACK ROSTER AND APPROVED 2007 RACE DATES**

Les Bois Park  
5610 Glenwood  
Boise, ID 83714  
Telephone: (208) 375-7050  
Alan Horowitz, General Manager  
MAY 4,5,8,11,12,15,18,19,22,25,26,28,29  
JUNE 1,2,5,8,9,12,15,16,19,22,23,26,29,30  
JULY 3,4,6,7,10,13,14,17,20,21,24,27,28,31  
AUGUST 3,4,7,10,11

Gem County Fairboard  
P.O. Box 463  
Emmett, ID 83617  
Telephone: (208) 365-5560  
Kathy Black  
APRIL 21,22,29

Sandy Downs Racing, Inc  
P.O. Box 465  
Rigby, ID 83442  
Telephone: (208) 529-0671  
Shay Moon  
JULY 13,14,20,21  
SEPTEMBER 15,16,22,23,29,30

Jerome Racing  
P.O. Box 414  
Telephone: (208) 324-3840  
Kathleen Dietrich  
JUNE 16,17,24

Cassia County Fairboard  
P.O. Box 1222  
Burley, ID 83318  
Telephone: (208) 678-9150  
Cory Parish  
AUGUST 17,18

Pocatello Downs  
P.O. Box 248  
Pocatello, ID 83204  
Telephone: (208) 238-1721  
Treena Caverhill, General Manager  
MAY 12,13,19,20,26,27,28  
JUNE 2,3

Rupert Downs  
P.O. Box 153  
Rupert, ID 83350  
Telephone: (208)  
Becky Grant  
JUNE 30 JULY 1,4,7,8

Oneida County Fairboard  
P. O. Box 13  
Malad, ID 83252  
Telephone: (208) 766-4706  
Diane Skidmore  
AUGUST 4,5,11,12

Eastern Idaho Fair Board  
P.O. Box 250  
Blackfoot, ID 83221  
Telephone: (208) 785-2480  
Doris Wallace, General Manager  
SEPTEMBER 3,4,7,8

## BREAKDOWN OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

<u>TYPE OF LICENSES</u>	<u># OF LICENSES</u>
Admissions	19
Announcer	6
Asst. Starter – Starter	14
Clerk of Scales/Clocker/Identifier/Chart Person	13
Concessionaire	6
Concession Employees	41
Emergency Medical Technician	7
Exercise Person	39
Groom	198
Horsemen’s Bookkeeper	8
Jockey Agent	4
Jockey	61
Maintenance Employees	16
Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	122
Mutuel Employees	122
Officials	35
Office Staff	4
Other	4
Owners	654
Owner/Trainer	237
Outrider/Valet	11
Paddock Judge	6
Photographer & Video Operator	16
Plater	14
Pony Person	63
Racing Secretary/Stall Superintendent	5
Security	29
Stable Names	51
Trainer	71
Tote Employees	10
Veterinarian & Vet Assistants	31

<sup>1</sup> Miscellaneous: Duplicate Licenses, Add-ons and Changes to licenses.

## 2007 LES BOIS PARK

RACE DAYS .....	46
NUMBER OF RACES .....	377
ATTENDANCE .....	86,260
DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE .....	1,875
THOROUGHBRED RACES .....	275
QUARTER HORSE RACES .....	102
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE .....	\$2,741,129
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE .....	\$59,580
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE .....	\$2,026,861
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE .....	\$714,268
TOTAL PURSES PAID** .....	\$1,804,925
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES .....	\$1,100,064
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES .....	\$704,860
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE .....	\$4,788

\*\* Includes all Sponsorship, horsemen, and added monies

## 2007 FAIR CIRCUIT STATISTICS \*\*\*\*\*

RACE DAYS .....	33
NUMBER OF RACES .....	242
ATTENDANCE .....	26,176
THOROUGHBRED RACES .....	37
QUARTER HORSE RACES .....	171
OTHER RACES***** .....	34
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE .....	\$460,748
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE .....	\$13,962
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE .....	\$78,248
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE .....	\$309,469
TOTAL OTHER HANDLE .....	\$73,031
TOTAL PURSES PAID** .....	\$458,527
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES .....	\$56,967
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES .....	\$209,833
TOTAL OTHER PURSES .....	\$191,727
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE .....	\$1,895

\* Emmett, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Rupert, Jerome, Burley, Malad, and Blackfoot make up the "Fair Circuit"

\*\*\* Mixed, Appaloosa, Paint, Arabian, and Mule

\*\* Includes all Sponsorship, horsemen, and added monies

## 2007 HORSE RACING STATISTICS

RACE DAYS .....	79
NUMBER OF RACES .....	619
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE .....	\$3,201,877
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE .....	\$40,530
TOTAL RETURNED TO PATRONS .....	\$2,429,269

### PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission .....	\$54,655.03
Public School Account .....	\$13,808.75
Small Track Account .....	\$16,009.60
Breed Account .....	\$16,009.60
Equine Education Account .....	\$13,808.75



## PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNT

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

Idaho's racetracks generated \$13,808.75 in 2007 from live horse racing for the public schools. The Equine Education Fund generated \$13,808.75 from live horse racing as well. Listed below are the amounts generated by each racetrack through live meet pari-mutuel wagering.

	SCHOOL FUND	EQUINE FUND
Gem County Fairboard . . . . .	\$-0-	\$-0-
Les Bois Park . . . . .	\$13,618.50	\$13,618.50
Pocatello Racing Association . . . . .	\$-0-	\$-0-
Rupert Downs Incorporated . . . . .	\$ -0-	\$-0-
Sandy Downs – Idaho Falls . . . . .	\$141.01	\$141.01
Jerome County Fairboard . . . . .	\$ -0-	\$-0-
Cassia County Fairboard . . . . .	\$ -0-	\$-0-
Eastern Idaho Fairboard . . . . .	\$49.24	\$49.24
Oneida County Fairboard . . . . .	\$-0-	\$-0-

## 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 2007, this fund generated \$16,009.60 and was distributed as follows:

Idaho Thoroughbred Association . . . . .	\$10,500.20
Idaho Quarter Horse Association . . . . .	\$5,136.01
Idaho Appaloosa Association . . . . .	\$286.73
Idaho Paint Association . . . . .	\$86.66

## 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 . . . . .	\$13,705.76
Gem County Fairboard . . . . .	\$199.12
Pocatello Racing Association . . . . .	\$489.55
Rupert Downs Incorporated . . . . .	\$95.63
Jerome County Fairboard . . . . .	\$135.59
Cassia County Fairboard . . . . .	\$80.78
Eastern Idaho Fairboard . . . . .	\$179.39
Sandy Downs Racing Inc . . . . .	\$912.67
Oneida County Fairboard . . . . .	\$211.11

The Small Track Account generated \$16,009.60 in 2007 from 37 days of live horse racing with the disbursements listed below. \*\*\*\*\*

Gem County Fairboard . . . . .	3 days . . . . .	\$1,455.41
Pocatello Racing Association . . . . .	8 days . . . . .	\$3,881.10
Rupert Downs Incorporated . . . . .	4 days . . . . .	\$1,940.55
Jerome County Fairboard . . . . .	3 days . . . . .	\$1,455.41
Cassia County Fairboard . . . . .	2 days . . . . .	\$970.27
Eastern Idaho Fairboard . . . . .	1 day . . . . .	\$485.14
Oneida County Fairboard . . . . .	4 days . . . . .	\$1,940.55
Sandy Downs Racing . . . . .	8 days . . . . .	\$3,881.10

## SIMULCAST RACES

\*\*\*\*\* Les Bois Park is not included in this disbursement due to the fact that their pari-mutuel handle grosses in excess of \$60,000 per race day, which disqualifies them from receiving any money under Idaho Code 54-2513.

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

## **2007 SIMULCASTING STATISTICS**

SIMULCAST RACE DAYS .....	365
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL HORSE .....	\$16,469,403
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL GREYHOUND.....	\$1,016,585
SIMULCAST DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE .....	\$47,907
SIMULCAST TOTAL RETURNED TO BETTORS .....	\$13,211,225

## **2007 Simulcast Sites & Generated Handles**

Les Bois Park - Boise .....	\$11,838,066
Sandy Downs Fairgrounds – Idaho Falls .....	\$381,275
Greyhound Park - Post Falls .....	\$5,266,647

## **SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION**

Racing Commission .....	\$307,296.20
Public School Account.....	\$32,208.00
Small Track Account .....	\$82,347.26
Breed Fund Account .....	\$82,347.26
Equine Education Fund Account .....	\$32,208.00
Kootenai County Fund.....	\$5,654.95
Ada County Fund.....	\$3,955.99
Bonneville County Fund .....	\$555.14
Horse Owner/Breeder Fund Account.....	\$5,083.76

## **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 Fairboard . . . . .	3 days . . . . .	\$7,421.01
Pocatello Racing Association . . . . .	6 days . . . . .	\$19,789.36
Rupert Downs Incorporated . . . . .	5 days . . . . .	\$9,894.68
Jerome County Fairboard . . . . .	3 days . . . . .	\$7,421.01
Oneida County Fairboard . . . . .	4 days . . . . .	\$9,894.68
Cassia County Fairboard . . . . .	2 days . . . . .	\$4,947.34
Eastern Idaho Fairboard . . . . .	4 days . . . . .	\$2,473.39
Sandy Downs Racing Inc . . . . .	5 days . . . . .	\$19,789.36

### **SIMULCASTING BREED DISTRIBUTION**

Thoroughbred . . . . .	\$75,701.55
Quarter Horse . . . . .	\$4,001.21
Appaloosa . . . . .	\$12.25
Arabian . . . . .	\$291.17
Paints . . . . .	\$25.54
Mules . . . . .	\$27.09
Harness (transferred to School Fund per Statute) . . . . .	\$2,023.49

## ADVANCE DEPOSIT WAGERING

Governor Kempthorne signed House Bill 374 on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Advanced Deposit Wagering generated a total handle of \$4,225,616.10 beginning in December of 2006 through November 2007. Listed below is the breakdown of disbursement, which equals \$422,561.61

Racing Commission .....	\$21,128.08
Small Track Account .....	\$21,128.08
Breed Fund Account .....	\$21,128.08
Public School Fund .....	\$21,128.08
Live Meet Purse Enhancement .....	\$169,024.64
Simulcast Facility Enhancement .....	\$126,768.48
Track Expenses .....	\$42,256.16

### Advance Deposit Wagers Disbursements

Track	Small Track	Purses Enhancement	Track Expenses	Simulcast Tracks
Emmett	\$1,920.73	\$ 6,300.76	\$ 1,604.66	\$-0-
Jerome	\$1,920.73	\$ 6,300.76	\$ 1,604.66	\$-0-
Rupert	\$2,560.98	\$ 5,478.92	\$ 2,139.55	\$-0-
Pocatello	\$5,121.96	\$ 15,340.97	\$ 4,279.10	\$-0-
Malad	\$2,560.98	\$ 6,848.65	\$ 2,139.55	\$-0-
Burley	\$1,280.49	\$ 3,835.24	\$ 1,069.78	\$-0-
Idaho Falls	\$5,121.96	\$ 20,272.00	\$ 4,279.10	\$ 2,764.14
Blackfoot	\$ 640.24	\$ 1,917.62	\$ 534.89	\$-0-
Les Bois Park	\$-0-	\$102,729.73	\$24,604.85	\$85,822.64
Post Falls	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$38,181.70

### Advance Deposit Wagers Breed Distribution

Thoroughbred .....	\$18,566.88
Quarter Horse .....	\$1,967.81
Appaloosa .....	\$64.47
Arabian .....	\$62.61
Paints .....	\$24.14
Mules .....	\$6.47
Harness (transferred to School Fund per Statute) .....	\$435.70

## IDAHO STATE RACING COMMISSION

### REVENUES & EXPENDITURES JANUARY 2007 DECEMBER 2007

#### RECEIPTS

Licenses .....	\$56,402.00
Fines .....	\$6,150.00
Pari-Mutuel .....	\$361,548.43
Other - .....	\$0.00
Simulcast License Fee .....	\$55,500.00
Miscellaneous Receipt .....	<u>\$21,212.64</u>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$500,813.07</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Staff .....	\$132,284.21
Part-Time .....	\$ 95,950.50
Commissioners .....	\$1,550.00
Benefits .....	\$55,072.90
Travel and Per Diem .....	\$12,413.17
Contract - Testing .....	\$29,043.55
Veterinarians .....	\$42,807.24
Photos/Video Services .....	\$81,365.00
Printing, Xerox, & Photo Supplies .....	\$1,470.93
Utilities .....	\$2,782.97
Dues & Subscriptions .....	\$4,113.52
Other Services .....	\$9,926.26
Fingerprinting .....	\$7,510.00
Postage & Telephone .....	\$2,779.43
Car - Fuel, Repairs, Maintenance .....	\$1,408.57
Supplies & Equipment .....	\$4,064.23
Office Equipment Rental .....	\$2,190.16
Maintenance & Repairs .....	\$4,013.69
Legal Fees .....	\$14,356.40
Insurance .....	\$765.19
Refunds .....	(\$8.47)
Indirect Costs .....	\$6,389.20
Miscellaneous & State Auditor Fees .....	<u>\$11,238.09</u>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$523,486.74</b>

## 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.

<b>Track</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Net</b>
Gem County Fair Board	\$109,471.27	\$108,543.07	\$928.20
Jerome Racing	\$62,837.45	\$60,599.88	\$2,237.51
Sandy Downs Racing	\$380,668.00	\$384,574.00	(\$3,906.00)
Oneida County Fair Board	\$99,848.83	\$93,104.70	\$6,744.13
Cassia County Fair Board	\$29,571.55	\$29,078.10	\$503.45
Pocatello Downs	\$163,223.74	\$158,468.71	\$4,755.03
Eastern Idaho Fair Board	\$45,499.38	\$36,413.25	\$9,086.13
Les Bois Park	\$3,641,149.28	\$4,840,595.41	(\$1,199,446.13)
Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park	\$1,453,378.00	\$1,876,770.00	(\$423,392.00)
Idaho H.B.P.A.	\$10,448.97	\$2,085.58	\$8,363.39
Eastern Idaho Horsemen	\$119.00	\$0	\$119.00
Rupert Downs	\$51,514.07	\$50,434.24	\$1,069.83