



Idaho State Racing Commission

2008 Annual Report

March 6, 2009

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 2008 Annual Report has been posted on our website, www.isp.state.id.us/race. Pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Statute 54-2505, the ISRC submits its annual report for the 2008 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,

Tim Ridinger, Chairman

Dr. Ted Hoffman, Commissioner

Mike Bosen, 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	January 2013
Dr. Ted Hoffman	January 2015
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:

Dennis Jackson	Executive Director
Jacqueline Libengood	Management Assistant/State Pari-Mutuel Inspector
Lisa Osterman	Technical Records Specialist 1
Cathy Spencer	Office Specialist I

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 2008 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

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
Kent Warner, DVM	State Veterinarian - Fair Circuit

RACETRACK ROSTER AND APPROVED 2008 RACE DATES

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

Gem County Fairboard
P.O. Box 463
Emmett, ID 83617
Telephone: (208) 365-5560
Kathy Black
APRIL 19,20,27

Sandy Downs Racing, Inc
P.O. Box 465
Rigby, ID 83442
Telephone: (208) 529-0671
Shay Moon
SEPTEMBER 13,14,20,21,27,28

Jerome Racing
P.O. Box 414
Telephone: (208) 324-3840
Kathleen Dietrich
JUNE 14,15,22

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

Pocatello Downs
P.O. Box 248
Pocatello, ID 83204
Telephone: (208) 238-1721
Treena Caverhill, General Manager
MAY 10,11,17,18,24,25,26,31
JUNE 1

Rupert Downs
P.O. Box 153
Rupert, ID 83350
Telephone: (208)
Becky Grant
JULY 4,5,6,12,13

Oneida County Fairboard
P. O. Box 13
Malad, ID 83252
Telephone: (208) 766-4706
Diane Skidmore
AUGUST 2,3,9,10

Eastern Idaho Fair Board
P.O. Box 250
Blackfoot, ID 83221
Telephone: (208) 785-2480
Doris Wallace, General Manager
SEPTEMBER 1,2,5,6

BREAKDOWN OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

<u>TYPE OF LICENSES</u>	<u># OF LICENSES</u>
Admissions	10
Announcer	3
Asst. Starter – Starter	18
Clerk of Scales/Clocker/Identifier/Chart Person	6
Concessionaire	6
Concession Employees	29
Emergency Medical Technician	6
Exercise Person	31
Groom	135
Horsemen’s Bookkeeper	6
Jockey Agent	3
Jockey	41
Maintenance Employees	12
Miscellaneous ¹	269
Mutuel Employees	122
Officials	26
Office Staff	9
Other	1
Owners	540
Owner/Trainer	152
Outrider/Valet	12
Paddock Judge	2
Photographer & Video Operator	17
Plater	20
Pony Person	25
Racing Secretary/Stall Superintendent	3
Security	16
Stable Names	38
Trainer	48
Tote Employees	7
Veterinarian & Vet Assistants	16

¹ Miscellaneous: Duplicate Licenses, Add-ons and Changes to licenses.

2008 LES BOIS PARK

RACE DAYS	46
NUMBER OF RACES	368
ATTENDANCE	83,388
DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	1,813
THOROUGHBRED RACES	264
QUARTER HORSE RACES	105
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$2,439,568
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$53,034
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE	\$1,811,288
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE	\$628,280
TOTAL PURSES PAID**	\$1,761,684
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES	\$1,042,504
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES	\$719,180
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE	\$4,787

2008 FAIR CIRCUIT STATISTICS *****

** Includes all Sponsorship, horsemen, and added monies

RACE DAYS	35
NUMBER OF RACES	267
ATTENDANCE	30,930
THOROUGHBRED RACES	49
QUARTER HORSE RACES	161
OTHER RACES****	57
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$559,205
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$15,977
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE	\$128,198
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE	\$333,300
TOTAL OTHER HANDLE	\$94,162
TOTAL PURSES PAID**	\$538,806
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES	\$64,525
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES	\$374,774
TOTAL OTHER PURSES	\$99,507
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE	\$2,018

* 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

2008 HORSE RACING STATISTICS

RACE DAYS	81
NUMBER OF RACES	635
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$2,994,773
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$36,973
TOTAL RETURNED TO PATRONS	\$2,271,330

PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission	\$50,465.90
Public School Account	\$10,779.67
Small Track Account	\$14,974.07
Breed Account	\$14,974.07
Equine Education Account ..	\$10,779.67

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 \$10,779.67 in 2008 from live horse racing for the public schools. The Equine Education Fund generated \$10,779.67 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	\$10,428.77	\$10,428.77
Pocatello Racing Association	\$3.85	\$3.85
Rupert Downs Incorporated	\$ -0-	\$-0-
Sandy Downs – Idaho Falls	\$225.23	\$225.23
Jerome County Fairboard	\$ -0-	\$-0-
Cassia County Fairboard	\$ -0-	\$-0-
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	\$121.82	\$121.82
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 2008, this fund generated \$14,974.07 and was distributed as follows:

Idaho Thoroughbred Association	\$9,696.40
Idaho Quarter Horse Association	\$5,009.08
Idaho Appaloosa Association	\$187.63
Idaho Paint Association	\$80.87

**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	\$12,197.96
Gem County Fairboard	\$203.50
Pocatello Racing Association	\$566.42
Rupert Downs Incorporated	\$123.97
Jerome County Fairboard	\$133.80
Cassia County Fairboard	\$87.40
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	\$545.34
Sandy Downs Racing Inc	\$896.69
Oneida County Fairboard	\$218.99

The Small Track Account generated \$14,974.07 in 2008 from 35 days of live horse racing with the disbursements listed below.*****

Gem County Fairboard	3 days	\$1,283.46
Pocatello Racing Association	8 days	\$3,422.56
Rupert Downs Incorporated	5 days	\$2,139.10
Jerome County Fairboard	3 days	\$1,283.46
Cassia County Fairboard	2 days	\$855.64
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	4 days	\$1,711.28
Oneida County Fairboard	4 days	\$1,711.28
Sandy Downs Racing	6 days	\$2,566.92

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, and at the Greyhound Park in Post Falls, Idaho.

2008 SIMULCASTING STATISTICS

SIMULCAST RACE DAYS	364
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL HORSE	\$14,483,353
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL GREYHOUND.....	\$828,928
SIMULCAST DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$42,067
SIMULCAST TOTAL RETURNED TO BETTORS	\$11,721,219

2007 Simulcast Sites & Generated Handles

Les Bois Park - Boise	\$10,353,925
Greyhound Park - Post Falls	\$4,958,365

SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission	\$269,136.37
Public School Account.....	\$23,195.66
Small Track Account	\$72,416.90
Breed Fund Account	\$72,416.90
Equine Education Fund Account	\$23,195.66
Kootenai County Fund.....	\$5,502.37
Ada County Fund.....	\$2,787.19
Horse Owner/Breeder Fund Account.....	\$4,145.09

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	\$6,356.83
Pocatello Racing Association	8 days	\$16,951.54
Rupert Downs Incorporated	5 days	\$10,594.71
Jerome County Fairboard	3 days	\$6,356.83
Oneida County Fairboard	4 days	\$8,475.77
Cassia County Fairboard	2 days	\$4,237.88
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	4 days	\$8,475.77
Sandy Downs Racing Inc	6 days	\$12,713.65

SIMULCASTING BREED DISTRIBUTION

Thoroughbred	\$66,577.61
Quarter Horse	\$4,301.46
Appaloosa	\$12.15
Arabian	\$382.46
Paints	\$26.95
Mules	\$33.86
Harness (transferred to School Fund per Statute)	\$1,656.67

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 Advanced Deposit Wagering generated a total handle of \$3,981,981.80 beginning in December of 2007 through November 2008. Listed below is the breakdown of disbursement, which equals \$398,198.18.

Racing Commission	\$19,909.91
Small Track Account	\$19,909.91
Breed Fund Account	\$19,909.91
Public School Fund	\$19,909.91
Live Meet Purse Enhancement	\$159,279.27
Simulcast Facility Enhancement	\$119,459.45
Track Expenses	\$39,819.82

Advance Deposit Wagers Disbursements

Track	Small Track	Purses Enhancement	Track Expenses	Simulcast Tracks
Emmett	\$1,706.56	\$ 5,769.17	\$ 1,474.81	\$-0-
Jerome	\$1,706.56	\$ 6,270.84	\$ 1,474.81	\$-0-
Rupert	\$2,844.27	\$ 9,030.01	\$ 2,458.01	\$-0-
Pocatello	\$4,550.84	\$ 15,802.51	\$ 3,932.82	\$-0-
Malad	\$2,275.42	\$ 6,521.67	\$ 1,966.41	\$-0-
Burley	\$1,137.71	\$ 3,762.50	\$ 983.21	\$-0-
Idaho Falls	\$3,413.13	\$ 12,541.67	\$ 2,949.62	\$-0-
Blackfoot	\$2,275.42	\$ 7,274.17	\$ 1,966.41	\$-0-
Les Bois Park	\$-0-	\$ 92,306.73	\$22,613.72	\$80,776.57
Post Falls	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$38,682.89

Advance Deposit Wagers Breed Distribution

Thoroughbred	\$17,264.09
Quarter Horse	\$2,107.24
Appaloosa	\$45.20
Arabian	\$86.46
Paints	\$24.39
Mules	\$7.63
Harness (transferred to School Fund per Statute)	\$374.90

IDAHO STATE RACING COMMISSION

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES JANUARY 2008 DECEMBER 2008

RECEIPTS

Licenses	\$80,830.00
Fines	\$4,500.00
Pari-Mutuel	\$321,732.05
Other -	\$0.00
Simulcast License Fee	\$53,625.00
Miscellaneous Receipt	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$460,687.05

EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Staff	\$133,140.29
Part-Time	\$ 83,000.00
Commissioners	\$10,285.57
Benefits	\$61,175.07
Travel and Per Diem	\$28,896.04
Contract - Testing	\$28,268.75
Veterinarians	\$46,817.60
Photos/Video Services	\$56,590.00
Printing, Xerox, & Photo Supplies	\$1,403.00
Utilities	\$3,504.37
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,885.00
Other Services	\$2,114.37
Fingerprinting	\$6,220.00
Postage & Telephone	\$3,121.03
Car - Fuel, Repairs, Maintenance	\$468.60
Supplies & Equipment	\$2,243.72
Office Equipment Rental	\$3,007.60
Maintenance & Repairs	\$4,773.17
Legal Fees	\$7,525.00
Insurance	\$749.95
Refunds	(\$424.90)
Indirect Costs	\$0.00
Capitol Outlay	\$1,819.00
Miscellaneous & State Auditor Fees	<u>\$12,770.35</u>
Total	\$499,353.58

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.

Track	Revenue	Expenditures	Net
Gem County Fair Board	\$72,899.77	\$84,729.27	(\$13,429.50)
Jerome Racing	\$62,175.28	\$63,946.01	\$1,770.73
Sandy Downs Racing	\$75,941.10	\$89,881.76	(\$13,940.66)
Oneida County Fair Board	\$88,838.55	\$94,069.07	(\$5,230.52)
Cassia County Fair Board	\$29,417.66	\$30,773.20	(\$1,355.54)
Pocatello Downs	\$231,966.54	\$236,658.94	(\$4,692.40)
Eastern Idaho Fair Board	\$87,483.07	\$93,472.18	(\$5,989.11)
Les Bois Park	\$3,379,012.37	\$4,658,861.64	(\$1,279,849.27)
Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park	\$1,346,780.35	\$1,952,233.99	(\$605,453.64)
Idaho H.B.P.A.	\$9,788.83	\$9,119.13	\$669.70
Eastern Idaho Horsemen	\$1,471.46	\$1,471.46	\$-0-
Rupert Downs	\$55,412.00	\$54,779.58	\$632.42