

**Idaho State Racing
Commission**

2010 Annual Report

March 19, 2010

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 2010 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 2010 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. Unfortunately our largest track, Les Bois Park closed their doors in 2009 thus affecting our revenue by as much as seventy percent (70%).

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,

Mike Bosen, Chairman

Dr. Ted Hoffman, Commissioner

Paul J Schneider, 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 2013
Paul J Schneider	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:

Dennis Jackson	Executive Director to March 2010
Jacqueline Libengood	Racing Supervisor/Management Assistant/State Pari-Mutuel Inspector

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 2009 racing season:

David Wheeler	State Steward – Fair Circuit
Roger White	Deputy State Steward - Fair Circuit

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.

Donald Roloff, DVM	State Veterinarian – Gem County Fairboard
Kent Warner, DVM	State Veterinarian - Fair Circuit

During 2010 the commission has had to take cost cutting measures by letting go one staff person, by not fill the position of Executive Director, passing on video costs to the racing associations and reducing office size during these difficult times. The commission reduced it expenses \$100,600.00 by taking these measures in 2010.

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.

RACETRACK ROSTER AND APPROVED 2010 RACE DATES

Pocatello Downs
P.O. Box 248
Pocatello, ID 83204
Telephone: (208) 238-1721
Treena Caverhill, General Manager
MAY 8,9,15,16,22,23,29,30,31

Gem County Fairboard
P.O. Box 463
Emmett, ID 83617
Telephone: (208) 365-5560
Kathy Black
APRIL 17,18,25

Sandy Downs Racing, Inc
P.O. Box 465
Rigby, ID 83442
Telephone: (208) 529-0671
Shay Moon
JUNE 11,12,18,25,26,27
JULY 2,3,16,17,25,30,31
AUGUST 13,14,28

Jerome Racing
P.O. Box 414
Telephone: (208) 324-3840
Kathleen Dietrich
JUNE 12,13,20

Cassia County Fairboard
P.O. Box 1222
Burley, ID 83318
Telephone: (208) 678-9150
Cory Parish
AUGUST 20,21

Rupert Downs
P.O. Box 153
Rupert, ID 83350
Telephone: (208)
Becky Grant
JULY 3,4,5,10,11

Oneida County Fairboard
P. O. Box 13
Malad, ID 83252
Telephone: (208) 766-4706
Diane Skidmore
AUGUST 1,2,8,9

Eastern Idaho Fair Board
P.O. Box 250
Blackfoot, ID 83221
Telephone: (208) 785-2480
Doris Wallace, General Manager
SEPTEMBER 5,6,10,11

BREAKDOWN OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

<u>TYPE OF LICENSES</u>	<u># OF LICENSES</u>
Admissions	6
Announcer	2
Asst. Starter – Starter	12
Clerk of Scales/Clocker/Identifier/Chart Person	6
Concessionaire	1
Concession Employees	4
Emergency Medical Technician	3
Exercise Person	6
Groom	131
Horsemen’s Bookkeeper	6
Jockey Agent	0
Jockey	49
Maintenance Employees	4
Miscellaneous ¹	58
Mutuel Employees	140
Officials	11
Office Staff	6
Other	5
Owners	507
Owner/Trainer	195
Outrider/Valet	11
Paddock Judge	2
Photographer & Video Operator	10
Plater	2
Pony Person	38
Racing Secretary/Stall Superintendent	7
Security	5
Stable Names	28
Trainer	72
Tote Employees	6
Veterinarian & Vet Assistants	21

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

2010 FAIR CIRCUIT STATISTICS *

RACE DAYS47
NUMBER OF RACES	389
ATTENDANCE	49,028
THOROUGHBRED RACES66
QUARTER HORSE RACES	306
OTHER RACES***17
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$912,058
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$19,405
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED HANDLE	\$158,824
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE HANDLE	\$709,597
TOTAL OTHER HANDLE***	\$.91,637
TOTAL PURSES PAID	\$1,065,592
TOTAL THOROUGHBRED PURSES	\$179,539
TOTAL QUARTER HORSE PURSES	\$775,560
TOTAL OTHER PURSES	\$110,493
AVERAGE PURSE PER RACE	\$.2,740

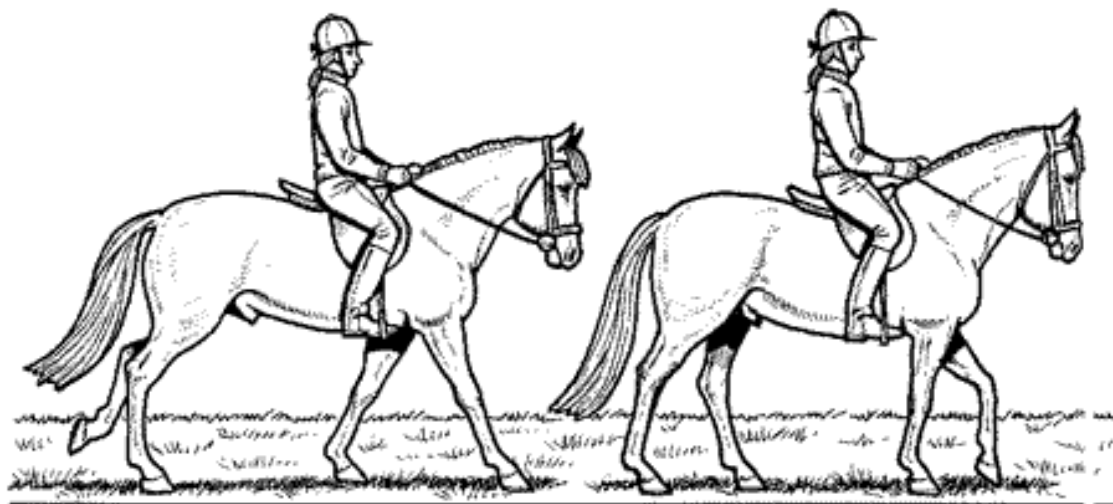
***Appaloosa and Paint

2010 HORSE RACING STATISTICS

RACE DAYS	47
NUMBER OF RACES	389
PARI-MUTUEL HANDLE	\$921,058
DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$17,597
TOTAL RETURNED TO PATRONS	\$690,667

PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission	\$15,526.77
Public School Account	\$396.46
Small Track Account	\$4,560.40
Breed Account	\$4,560.40
Equine Education Account ..	\$396.46



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 \$396.46 in 2010 from live horse racing for the public schools. The Equine Education Fund generated \$396.46 from live horse racing as well. Listed below are the amounts generated by each racetrack through live meet pari-mutuel wagering.

<u>SCHOOL FUND</u>	<u>EQUINE FUND</u>
Gem County Fairboard	\$ 38.02 \$ 38.02
Les Bois Park	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Pocatello Racing Association	\$ 95.92 \$ 95.92
Rupert Downs Incorporated	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Sandy Downs – Idaho Falls	\$ 97.07 \$ 97.07
Jerome County Fairboard	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Cassia County Fairboard	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	\$164.29 \$164.29
Oneida County Fairboard	\$ 1.16 \$ 1.16

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 2010, this fund generated \$4,560.40 and was distributed as follows:

Idaho Thoroughbred Association	\$794.08
Idaho Quarter Horse Association	\$3,548.04
Idaho Appaloosa Association	\$154.24
Idaho Paint Association	\$64.04

**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	\$0.00
Gem County Fairboard	\$388.76
Pocatello Racing Association	\$986.78
Rupert Downs Incorporated	\$166.02
Jerome County Fairboard	\$142.73
Cassia County Fairboard	\$108.57
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	\$634.30
Sandy Downs Racing Inc	\$1,756.72
Oneida County Fairboard	\$376.52

The Small Track Account generated \$4,560.40 in 2010 from 47 days of live horse racing with the disbursements listed below.

Gem County Fairboard	3 days	\$291.09
Pocatello Racing Association	9 days	\$873.27
Rupert Downs Incorporated	5 days	\$485.15
Jerome County Fairboard	3 days	\$291.09
Cassia County Fairboard	2 days	\$194.06
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	4 days	\$388.12
Oneida County Fairboard	4 days	\$388.12
Sandy Downs Racing	17 days	\$1,649.51

SIMULCAST RACES

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

2010 SIMULCASTING STATISTICS

SIMULCAST RACE DAYS	364
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL HORSE	\$4,001,542
SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL GREYHOUND.....	\$361,594
SIMULCAST DAILY AVERAGE HANDLE	\$11,986
SIMULCAST TOTAL RETURNED TO BETTORS	\$3,348,231

2010 Simulcast Sites & Generated Handles

Sandy Downs – Idaho Falls	\$52,339
Greyhound Park - Post Falls	\$4,310,798

SIMULCAST PARI-MUTUEL DISTRIBUTION

Racing Commission	\$74,288.79
Public School Account.....	\$3,826.21
Small Track Account	\$20,007.79
Breed Fund Account	\$20,007.79
Equine Education Fund Account	\$3,826.21
Kootenai County Fund.....	\$3,524.39
Bonneville County Fund.....	\$91.69
Horse Owner/Breeder Fund Account.....	\$1,808.15

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	\$1,333.86
Pocatello Racing Association	9 days	\$4,001.58
Rupert Downs Incorporated	5 days	\$2,223.10
Jerome County Fairboard	3 days	\$1,333.86
Oneida County Fairboard	4 days	\$1,778.48
Cassia County Fairboard	2 days	\$889.24
Eastern Idaho Fairboard	4 days	\$1,778.48
Sandy Downs Racing Inc	17 days	\$7,558.54

SIMULCASTING BREED DISTRIBUTION

Thoroughbred	\$20,167.94
Quarter Horse	\$4,265.13
Appaloosa	\$154.24
Arabian	\$32.60
Paints	\$64.04
Mules	\$7.80



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 \$5,259,239.00 beginning in November of 2009 through November 2010. Listed below is the breakdown of disbursement.

Racing Commission	\$26,296.20
Small Track Account	\$26,296.20
Breed Fund Account	\$26,296.20
Public School Fund	\$26,296.20
Live Meet Purse Enhancement	\$210,369.56
Simulcast Facility Enhancement	\$157,777.17
Track Expenses	\$52,592.39

Advance Deposit Wagers Disbursements

Track	Small Track	Purses Enhancement	Track Expenses	Simulcast Tracks
Emmett	\$1,678.48	\$ 15,683.08	\$ 3,356.96	\$-0-
Jerome	\$1,678.48	\$ 15,142.28	\$ 3,356.96	\$-0-
Rupert	\$2,797.47	\$ 16,764.67	\$ 5,594.94	\$-0-
Pocatello	\$5,035.44	\$ 39,478.09	\$10,070.88	\$-0-
Malad	\$2,237.97	\$ 17,305.47	\$ 4,475.95	\$-0-
Burley	\$1,118.99	\$ 8,652.73	\$ 2,237.97	\$-0-
Idaho Falls	\$9,511.39	\$ 78,956.18	\$19,022.78	\$ 1,881.92
Blackfoot	\$2,237.97	\$ 18,387.06	\$ 4,475.95	\$-0-
Les Bois Park	\$-0-	\$ -0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Post Falls	\$-0-	\$ -0-	\$-0-	\$155,895.25

Advance Deposit Wagers Breed Distribution

Thoroughbred	\$20,056.39
Quarter Horse	\$5,888.41
Appaloosa	\$229.08
Arabian	\$19.06
Paints	\$95.11
Mules	\$8.15

IDAHO STATE RACING COMMISSION

**REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
JANUARY 2010 DECEMBER 2010**

RECEIPTS

Licenses	\$65,495.00
Fines	\$2,325.00
Pari-Mutuel	\$90,293.47
Other -	\$0.00
Simulcast License Fee	\$26,825.00
Miscellaneous Receipt	\$24,207.17
Total	<u>\$209,145.64</u>

EXPENDITURES

Salaries - Staff	\$76,592.98
Part-Time	\$39,431.25
Commissioners	\$1,500.00
Benefits	\$35,106.39
Travel and Per Diem	\$11,508.92
Contract - Testing	\$16,964.20
Veterinarians	\$25,760.00
Photos/Video Services	\$0.00
Printing, Xerox, & Photo Supplies	\$247.76
Data Processing	\$0.00
Utilities	\$1,523.70
Dues & Subscriptions	\$0.00
Other Services	\$432.80
Fingerprinting	\$2,740.00
Postage & Telephone	\$771.03
Car - Fuel, Repairs, Maintenance	\$1,205.82
Supplies & Equipment	\$2,715.30
Office Equipment Rental	\$1,740.29
Maintenance & Repairs	\$2,049.05
Legal Fees	\$597.32
Insurance	\$163.70
Refunds	(\$299.14)
Indirect Costs	\$0.00
Capitol Outlay	\$0.00
Miscellaneous & State Auditor Fees	\$17,290.00
Total	<u>\$238,041.37</u>

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	\$121,823.74	\$122,070.27	(\$246.53)
Jerome Racing	\$88,901.61	\$84,309.23	\$4,592.38
Sandy Downs Racing	\$696,852.67	\$781,873.25	(\$85,020.58)
Oneida County Fair Board	\$113,285.62	\$111,067.46	\$2,218.16
Cassia County Fair Board	\$35,372.74	\$41,050.13	(\$5,677.39)
Pocatello Downs	\$379,788.47	\$362,663.18	\$17,125.29
Eastern Idaho Fair Board	\$116,237.12	\$133,864.54	(\$17,627.42)
Les Bois Park			
Coeur d'Alene Greyhound Park	\$1,421,699.00	\$1,925,958.00	(\$504,259.00)
Idaho H.B.P.A.	\$41,773.21	\$52,543.57	(\$10,770.36)
Eastern Idaho Horsemen	\$1,130.00	\$-0-	\$1,130.00
Rupert Downs	\$93,616.00	\$91,172.76	\$2,443.24