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# **Maine State Harness Racing Commission**



## **Annual Report 2008**

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JOHN ELIAS BALDACCI

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April 17, 2009

Members, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs

Dear Senator Nutting and Representative Pieh:  
Dear Senator Sullivan and Representative Trinward:

Pursuant to Title 8 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, §§267.2 and 275.D.9, I am pleased to submit to you the Maine State Harness Racing Commission 2008 ANNUAL REPORT. Included in this report is the annual reporting on the effect of off-track betting facilities on the local economy and the integrity of live racing. I am incorporating the off-track betting information and the Maine Sires Stakes Program information as a cost-saving measure and to simplify the annual reporting process.

You will find the information on the off-track betting facilities in Part IV and the Sires Stakes in Part VI.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Jackson  
Executive Director

ENC.: Maine State Harness Racing Commission ANNUAL REPORT for 2008

CC: The Honorable John Elias Baldacci, Governor, State of Maine  
Seth H. Bradstreet, III, Commissioner, Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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David Boulter, Executive Director, Legislative Council

# **PART I**

## **THE MAINE HARNESS RACING**

### **COMMISSION**

Letter from the Chair

Letter from the Executive Director

Duties of the Commission

Commission Members

Commission Staff

Commission Meetings and Offices

Commission Budget

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**April 17, 2009**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Maine harness racing industry this past year.

I continue to look forward in working with the industry leaders to tighten our regulatory programs and improve the testing and detection programs as we continue to grow in numbers and opportunities.

The Bangor Racino operation is showing its value to the racing industry with an infusion of dollars to every sector of this industry. This past year we again saw an increase in the number of days and dashes raced and a corresponding increase in purses paid at each licensed racetrack.

The recommendations that were outlined in the Study Commission's Report have been addressed with many of those implemented to date. The remainder will be addressed in 2009 either through rulemaking or through management initiatives.

We did experience some difficulty this year due to extreme weather conditions prior to opening at Bangor and with some of the fairs. All in all everything came together and we had a successful racing year.

I look forward to working with our staff, industry leaders and the Department in making our racing the best in the Northeast.

On behalf of the Commission I wish everyone in our industry a very successful 2009.

George McHale  
Chair

**GOVERNOR**  
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**COMMISSIONER**  
SETH H. BRADSTREET, III



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April 8, 2009

First let me thank all those in our sport for making 2008 a very successful year. Unfortunately, we continue to experience slight drops in our handle as evidenced in 2008 with a decrease of 7.4%. In 2008 we had an adequate horse supply that allowed all tracks to offer very good competitive racing. The industry continued to sponsor abbreviated series with great success. The credit for these Series goes to the Promotional Board and the hosting tracks. I applaud this effort for it exhibited that the industry does work together to better itself using its own dollars.

The industry, through the efforts of Representative Donald Marean of Hollis, stepped up to the plate and encouraged the 123<sup>rd</sup> legislature to allow the Commission's operating budget to change from a General Fund source to a Other Special Revenue based budget. This removes the Commission's budget from constant reductions in allocations to balance the ever increasing shortfalls that occur in our State's budget. The reduction in the General Fund allocation was made up through allocations from the slot revenues that each entity in the industry receives. Again, this shows the support for the Commission and the cooperative nature of the various entities in our industry.

As the increase in funding for the various licensed entities continues to grow we must be ever vigilant in our efforts to protect the integrity of this great sport. The major effort of this office will be to push for additional dollars to increase our testing capabilities and to provide greater oversight of the industry.

The Study Commission created by the Legislature that I referred to in our 2007 Annual Report met with the Commission to outline its concerns and recommendations. To date the Commission has instituted many of those recommendations with more to be met in 2009.

I would like to thank the Department's Commissioner, Seth H. Bradstreet, III, the Commission members, my staff, and all those in our industry for the support, patience and participation in our great sport.

This coming year we will be faced with new challenges; yet, with our ongoing cooperative spirit we will be able to face those challenges and strengthen our industry. I look forward to working with all the industry groups and the Commission to gain the respect our great sport deserves.

Henry W. Jackson  
Executive Director



## **DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION**

The Maine Harness Racing Commission was created by the Maine legislature to exercise and maintain a proper control over harness racing in Maine for the good of the sport and all persons involved in it and for the good of the state. The Commission's duties include building public trust and maintaining a high level of integrity in all aspects of harness racing.

The Commission is empowered by the State of Maine to establish and enforce rules of conduct for harness horse races, race tracks, wagering and off-track betting. The Commission is required by law to protect the health, safety and welfare of all race participants, of standardbred horses, of spectators, and the wagering public.

The work is the basis for the betterment and promotion of harness racing in Maine and for the continued development of Maine's standardbred horses program.

The Commission derives its statutory authority from Maine's harness racing laws, contained in Title 8, Chapter 11 of the Maine Revised Statutes. The Commission's principal responsibilities include oversight of harness racing, simulcast racing and off-track betting and support of the Maine standardbred horse program.

To accomplish these responsibilities, the Commission has licensing, enforcement, and supervisory authority and the duty to establish rules of conduct for the holding, conducting and operating of race tracks on which any such race or meet is held and for the conduct on the race track of all persons participating in harness horse racing [8MRSA & 268 and 279-A].

The Commission may license any person, association or corporation desiring to hold a harness horse race or meet for public exhibition, including the issuance of race dates (with or without pari-mutuel pools); interstate simulcast racing at a licensee's track during any regular meeting; pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility; and owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials [8MRSA & 268, 269, 270, 271, 274-A & 279-A].

The Commission has the power and authority to regulate, supervise and check the making of pari-mutuel pools and the distribution therefrom; to investigate the ownership and control of any licensee; to investigate any suspected violations of the law or rules; and to supervise and regulate all medication administered to horses entered to race {8MRSA & 279-B].

The Commission is authorized to establish a schedule of fines and suspensions and to levy fines and suspensions for violations of the harness racing laws or rules {8MRSA & 279-B].

The Commission also has the responsibility to encourage and promote the breeding of a strain of Maine standardbred horses and make provisions to encourage donations of the same by licensees or others to persons or institutions within the State for breeding purposes. The Commission has the authority to establish fees and maintain a fund, the Sire Stakes Fund, for establishment of a Maine Standardbred horses program [8MRSA & 281].

## THE COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Maine Harness Racing Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor to provide broad geographic representation. The appointments are subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture and to confirmation by the Maine State Senate.

One of the Commission's members is appointed as Chair. The members serve three-year terms, but they remain in their posts until their successors are appointed. One must be affiliated with an agricultural fair. Three members must have knowledge of harness racing.

People appointed to fill any vacancies that occur serve for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy.

The 2008 members of the Commission pictured below have accompanying brief biographies:



*George McHale of Orrington, Chair*



*James Tracy of Farmingdale*



*Stan Kuklinski of Farmington*



*Todd Bradley of Easton*



*Mary-Anne E. Martell of Westbrook*

*George McHale of Orrington, Chair*

Mr. McHale, originally from New York, started his exceptional broadcasting career in the Navy during the Korean War. Following training in New York, he accepted positions in Bangor, ME, becoming the “Voice” of the University of Maine Black Bears in football, baseball, and basketball. George has covered high school sporting events from one end of the state to the other, always lending his trusted voice of authority at “Tourney Time.” His awards include being a member of the Maine Broadcasters’ Hall of Fame and being named Maine Sportscaster of the Year twice. He has been a fixture of the harness racing community for more than 20 years, “calling” races and acting as Chair of the Maine Harness Racing Commission for nine years prior to this present appointment. His term will expire in 2010.

*James Tracy of Farmingdale*

Mr. Tracy graduated from Gardiner High School in 1955. He worked in the banking industry for over 36 years. Jim has been the treasurer of Windsor Fair for 24 years and has been instrumental in the development of Windsor Fair, serving in a variety of capacities over the past 37 years. His term will expire in 2010.

*Stan Kuklinski of Farmington*

Mr. Kuklinski graduated from high school in Utica, New York, in 1958 and attended Utica College. Stan comes from three generations of dairy farmers, has owned a horse stable in Farmington, and has participated in harness racing as an owner and breeder. He is currently a developer and builder in the greater Farmington area, is a life-certified tennis professional, and assists people in this sporting area whenever time permits. His term will expire in 2009.

*Todd Bradley of Easton*

Mr. Bradley graduated from Easton High School in 1980 and operated a family potato farm until 1998. He is currently the seed potato sales manager for Maine Farmers Exchange. Todd has been involved in harness racing for nearly 20 years. His term will expire in 2011.

*Mary-Anne E. Martell of Westbrook*

Ms. Martell graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 1992 and the University of Maine School of Law in 1995. She has been practicing law in Portland and Westbrook since 1996 and is currently President of Seacoast Law & Title Company in Westbrook as well as being the Principal in her private law practice. Her term will expire in 2009.

All Commission members’ photos courtesy of Fred Lunt

## **THE COMMISSION STAFF**

The Maine Harness Racing Commission is represented in its Augusta office and in the field by a well qualified, hard-working staff of employees and contractors. These people are the key to the success of harness racing in Maine. They conduct the Commission's daily business, perform tests at tracks, oversee races and the implementation of harness racing rules, among other duties. The Commission extends its thanks to them for an excellent year in 2008.

### **COMMISSION STAFF**

Henry Jackson, Executive Director

Carol Gauthier, Secretary

Tim Drake, Program Coordinator

Audrey Brann, Resource  
Administration

### **FIELD OPERATORS**

Dennis May, State Steward

Richard King, Testing Technician

Ralph L. Canney, State Steward

Bruce Hastey, Testing Technician

Dr. Lowell Pease, DVM

### **CONTRACTED PERSONNEL**

Veterinarians

Veterinary Technicians

Dr. Denise McNitt, DVM

Kelly Allen

Dr. Timothy Powers, DVM

Jennifer Vanderwerf

Dr. Neal Watson, DVM

Tanya Farrington

Dr. Linda Barton, DVM

Blackstrap Hill Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Mitchell Downey, DVM

Dr. Michelle Clark, DVM

Kevin Alexander, Testing Technician

### **TESTING SERVICES**

### **HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING LAB**

Chris Montagna, Chief Chemist

Robert Morgnar, Chemist II

Edward Collins, Chief Racing Chemist

Dawn Bickmore, Chemist I

## MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission is required by statute to meet at least monthly. Three of the five members of the Commission constitute a quorum to do business. A record is kept of all proceedings of the Commission.

A majority of the Commission meetings involve hearings on violations of the medication or banned substances rules and hearings of appeals from judges' decisions regarding racing violations. The Chair of the Commission, acting as a sole hearing authority, conducts hearings on minor violations of the rules. The remainder of the Commission's meetings are used for rule-making activities and for licensing issues.

Although only 12 monthly meetings are required by statute, the Commission usually finds it necessary to hold several meetings each month in order to meet the expanding work load. Increasingly complex adjudicatory hearings, licensing hearings, both for live racing and for off-track betting facilities, and rule making have created a demanding work schedule for the Commission. The Commission met a total of 13 times during calendar year 2008.

The majority of the Commission meetings are held in Augusta, either at the State Office Building or at another location by announcement. Occasionally, the Commission will meet in Scarborough or in Bangor to facilitate attendance of people from those areas who might otherwise not be able to attend Commission meetings.

A published agenda of all Commission meetings is available 10 days prior to each meeting. A copy may be obtained by contacting the Commission

office in Augusta or by requesting to be placed on the agenda mailing list.

## COMMISSION OFFICES

The Commission is required by statute to maintain an office in Augusta. During the time in which racing is conducted in the state, the Commission is authorized to maintain branch offices throughout the state.

The Commission office in Augusta is located in the Deering Building, Rooms 228 and 229. The Deering Building is in the State House AMHI complex on Hospital Street.

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During 2008, the Commission maintained branch offices at the two commercial tracks, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs, as well as the agricultural fairs:

Cumberland (Cumberland Fair)

Farmington (Farmington Fair)

Fryeburg (Fryeburg Fair)

Oxford (Oxford Fair)

Presque Isle (Northern Maine Fair)

Skowhegan (Skowhegan Fair)

Topsham (Topsham Fair)

Union (Union Fair)

Windsor (Windsor Fair)

**Commission Operating Budget**  
**State Fiscal Year 2008 - July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**  
**EXPENDITURES**

3100	Perm. Reg.	153,166.32
3300	Seasonal	96,338.49
3600	Differential	9,636.16
3800	Unemp. PD	3,923.00
3900	Benefits	127,403.05

**TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES** **390,467.02**

4000	Services Not By State	97,852.26
4100	Services By State	316,433.92
4200	Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State	11,286.03
4300	Mileage, Meal & Lodging, Out of State	0.00
4600	Rents	15,630.05
4700	Repairs & Maintenance	2,962.39
4800	Insurances	673.06
4900	General Operating Expenses	24,338.44
5000	Registration fees - training	0.00
5300	Computer Services	14,489.82
5400	Clothing, boots, lab jackets, etc	0.00
5600	Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc	26,792.23
6400	Grants to Pub and Priv. Orgs.- Commissions paid	298,683.52

**TOTAL ALL OTHER EXPENSES** **809,141.72**

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,199,608.74</b>
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**REVENUE**

1221	Licenses Harness Horse Racing	2,510.00
1301	Comm. Pari Mutuels Harness	764,471.95
1448	Special Licenses & Leases	66,525.00
2001	Miscellaneous Fines	16,575.00
2611	Jury Duty Reimbursement	0.00
2636	Witness Fees	0.00
2637	Miscellaneous Service & Fees	0.00
2686	Miscellaneous Income	60.00
2689	Cash Over Cash Short	1,150.00
2719	Transfer to Ag Fair Stipend and Sire Stakes accounts	-53,420.88

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>797,871.07</b>
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<b>PROFIT &amp; LOSS</b>	<b>-\$401,737.67</b>
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# **PART II**

## **COMMISSION OPERATIONS**

### **AND ACTIVITIES**

Rulemaking

Granting Licenses and Awarding Race Dates

Licensing of Racing Personnel

Medication/Testing Program

Summary of Fines and Suspensions

## **RULEMAKING**

The Commission is authorized by statute to promulgate the rules necessary to carry out and enforce Maine's harness racing laws. In addition, it has the authority to establish rules of practice governing the conduct of adjudicatory proceedings, licensing proceedings and the rendering of advisory rulings.

Agency rule making is governed by the Maine Administrative Procedures Act found in Title 5, Chapter 375 of the Maine Harness Racing Commission rule book.

Maine law requires that the Commission "provide a booklet containing harness racing laws and rules and relevant portions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to every initial licensee and a fee not to exceed \$10.00 must be included in the license fee to cover the cost of this publication.

The Commission shall provide necessary revisions of this booklet to those persons renewing licenses at the time of renewal and shall include the cost of revisions, not to exceed \$10.00, in the renewal fee."

The Commission continually updates rules to meet the needs of the industry. In 2009, the Commission will focus on the Study Commission's report which was issued in December of 2007.

The Commission acknowledges the support and contributions of the many members of the harness racing community as well as the public and offers thanks for their assistance.



## GRANTING LICENSES AND AWARDING RACE DATES

The Commission is authorized to issue annual licenses to any person, association or corporation desiring to hold a harness horse race or meet for public exhibition, including the issuance of race dates; pari-mutuel pools; interstate simulcast racing at a licensee's race track during any regular meeting; pari-mutuel wagering at an off-track betting facility; and owners, trainers, drivers, grooms and all other persons participating in harness horse racing, including pari-mutuel employees and race officials.

During the 2008 racing year, live race days were awarded in every month of the year except January and February as follows:

	Days Granted	Days Raced	Days Not Raced
<b>Scarborough Downs</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Bangor Raceway</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Topsham Fair</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Northern Maine Fair</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Skowhegan Fair</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Union Fair</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Windsor Fair</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Farmington Fair</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cumberland Farmers'</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fryeburg Fair</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>5</b>

<u>Off-Track Betting Facilities</u>	<u>Days Requested</u>
<b>Hollywood Slots, Hotel &amp; Raceway, DBA Bangor Raceway, Bangor,ME</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>OTB Facilitators, LLC , DBA Sanford OTB, Sanford, Maine</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Midcoast OTB, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB &amp; Sagtuck, Inc.,DBA Winner's Sports Grill, Brunswick, ME</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>LRI, Inc., DBA Lewiston Raceway, DBA Winner's Circle OTB, Lewiston, ME</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Autotote Enterprises, Inc., DBA John Martin's Manor, Waterville, ME</b>	<b>363</b>
<b>Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, Maine</b>	<b>363</b>

## **LICENSING OF RACING PERSONNEL**

### **2008 LICENSES ISSUED**

Type of License	No. Issued	Amount Paid
Owner	491 @ \$35	\$17,185
Trainer	31 @ \$35	1,085
Driver	31 @ \$35	1,085
Driver/Trainer	51 @ \$60	3,060
Owner/Driver/Trainer	162 @ \$90	14,580
Owner/Driver	11 @ \$60	660
Owner/Trainer	82 @ \$60	4,920
Owner/Limited Trainer	53 @ \$60	3,180
Groom	604 @ \$20	12,080
Officials	109 @ various prices	6,390
Pari-mutuel Clerks	144 @ \$20	2,880
Stables	35 @ \$30	1,050
Vendors	8 @ \$50	400
Total Amount Received for License Fees		\$68,555

## **MEDICATION/TESTING PROGRAM**

### ***Urine and Blood Program***

Test samples were analyzed by the State of Maine Health & Environmental Testing Laboratory located in Augusta, Maine. In some cases the State Lab has used the University of Iowa Laboratory and the American Medical Association Laboratory to supplement testing of urine samples and/or to accommodate split samples requests by licensees.

Each blood and urine sample received by the laboratory is screened by specialized tests to comply with the ARCI-QAP guidelines for drug detection. These tests include specific extraction procedures, Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC), and Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISA).

If screening tests indicate the presence of a drug or unknown foreign substance in a sample, additional specialized testing is performed on that individual sample to prove or disprove the initial findings. All findings are unequivocally confirmed by the use of such techniques as Gas Chromatography, Mass Spectrometry, as well as High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC).

Maine allows the use of phenylbutazone (bute) and furosemide (lasix) in horses under the direction of the Controlled Medication Program. The laboratory monitors these two drugs in all equine samples received.

During the 2008 racing year, 3,310 equine urine and blood samples were taken. Of that total, 15 were in violation of the Commission's rules.

Also in the 2008 racing year, 175 human urine samples were taken. Of that total, one was in violation of the Commission's rules.

### ***EPO Program***

In 2008, the Commission requested the staff to test for Erythropoietin (EPO). This procedure requires taking blood from the horses at the tracks, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to the Health Environmental Testing Laboratory for analysis. In 2008, the EPO program tested a variety of horses. All of the horses were within acceptable limits.

### ***Blood Gas Program***

The Blood Gas Testing Program was established in 1993 at the request of the Commission. The program requires taking blood from the horses at various tracks, refrigerating the blood, and transferring it to the Health Environmental Testing Laboratory for analysis. In 2008, the Blood Gas Program tested 3,660 horses. Of that total, two horses tested positive for violation of a prohibited substance.

### ***Controlled Medication Program***

The Controlled Medication Program was established in 1992 by statute and allows tolerances for horses who use phenylbutazone and lasix. The program is an on-site program, under the direction of the Commission's veterinarian. There were 1,852 horses participating in this program. At various times during the year, 100 horses withdrew from the program.



Photo courtesy of Shelley Gilpatrick

## Summary of Fines and Suspensions for 2008

During the 2008 racing year, there were 226 violations of racing laws and rules.

Failure to Honor Declaration.....	1
Failure to keep rein in each hand.....	37
Failure to obey instructions of an official.....	24
Failure to set and maintain pace.....	8
Foot out of stirrup.....	13
Improper, profane, or threatening language.....	15
Inside the pylons.....	16
Interference - impeding progress.....	28
Kicking.....	13
Late driver change.....	28
Late to medication barn.....	17
Participating without a license.....	5
Whipping:	
Indiscriminate.....	18
Beyond vertical plane.....	3
 TOTAL .....	 226

### COMMISSION ACTION ON 2008 RULE VIOLATIONS

Appeals	3	Upheld	2	Overturned	1
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# **PART III**

## **WAGERING PROFILE**

### **AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Wagering Distribution by Tracks

Wagering Distribution by Inter-State Simulcasting Facilities

Purses Paid by Tracks

Distribution of Wagers to the Various Funds

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Commercial Meet Stipend Fund

## ***2008 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION BY TRACKS***

### **LIVE RACING**

<b>TRACK</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXOTIC</b>	<b>STRAIGHT</b>
Scarborough Downs	1,864,189	1,264,007	600,182
Bangor Raceway	571,779	407,241	164,583
Northern Maine Fair	108,930	65,522	43,408
Topsham Fair	64,672	42,367	22,305
Skowhegan Fair	201,827	138,673	63,154
Union Fair	129,724	89,634	40,090
Windsor Fair	675,982	474,320	201,662
Oxford County Fair	133,951	91,553	42,398
Farmington Fair	180,196	125,014	55,182
Cumberland Ext.	15,433	11,461	3,972
Cumberland Fair	180,468	124,205	56,263
Fryeburg Fair	657,500	433,869	223,631
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,784,651</b>	<b>3,267,866</b>	<b>1,516,785</b>

### **INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST**

Winners Circle	307,122	234,000	73,122
Martin's Manor Rest.	171,400	129,057	42,343
Winners--OTB	110,489	81,469	29,020
OTB Facilitators	113,931	74,092	39,839
Scarborough Downs	99,957	74,282	25,675
Bangor Raceway	166,390	128,922	37,468
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>969,289</b>	<b>721,822</b>	<b>247,467</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,753,940</b>	<b>3,989,688</b>	<b>1,764,252</b>
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Distribution to the various funds is based on handle for live racing and simulcasts originating in Maine

**INTER-STATE SIMULCAST****2008**

<b>FACILITY</b>	<b>TOTAL HANDLE</b>	<b>EXOTIC HANDLE</b>	<b>STRAIGHT HANDLE</b>	<b>TOTAL COMMS.</b>	<b>EXOTIC COMMS.</b>	<b>STRAIGHT COMMS.</b>
Winners Circle	8,724,195	5,826,801	2,897,394	1,781,976.04	1,299,380.07	482,595.97
Martin's Manor	4,775,321	3,323,837	1,451,484	1,024,024.12	773,078.23	250,945.89
Winners--OTB	4,141,716	2,444,275	1,697,441	852,787.49	567,506.05	285,281.44
OTB Facilitators	4,255,536	2,814,258	1,441,278	890,899.58	644,613.25	246,286.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21,896,768</b>	<b>14,409,171</b>	<b>7,487,597</b>	<b>4,549,687.23</b>	<b>3,284,577.60</b>	<b>1,265,109.63</b>
Scarborough Downs	18,031,085	12,337,079	5,694,006	3,804,935.39	2,833,575.24	971,360.15
Bangor Raceway	4,430,037	3,304,427	1,125,610	964,039.40	770,599.36	193,440.04
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>44,357,890</b>	<b>30,050,677</b>	<b>14,307,213</b>	<b>9,318,662.02</b>	<b>6,888,752.20</b>	<b>2,429,909.82</b>

Distribution to the various funds is based on commissions for inter-state wagers at Off Track Betting facilities and commercial race tracks in Maine.



## 2008 DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERS TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS

GENERAL FUND	303,159.94
COMMISSION'S FUND	477,665.37
AGRICULTURAL FAIR STIPEND	537,274.98
FAIR STIPEND FUND	41,096.04
SIRE STAKES FUND	521,495.81
PROMOTIONAL BOARD FUND	114,406.08
PURSE SUPPLEMENT	901,160.98
OFF TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST	<u>661,037.61</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,557,295.81</b>

The above funds are collected in the Harness Racing Commission office and are deposited in the appropriate accounts in compliance with 8 RSA, Section 286.

General Fund and the Commission's Fund monies are used to support the activities of the Commission. The amounts credited to the General Fund and the Commission's Fund from wagers that exceed \$35 million are credited to the Commercial Meet Stipend Fund. Seventy-two (72) percent of these funds are distributed to the licensed commercial tracks in proportion to the live wagers placed at their facility to the total wagers placed at all commercial licensees. One-half of the amounts are used to supplement purses and the other one-half is used to reimburse facilities for capital expenditures approved by the Commission. Ten percent is retained in the General Fund; nine percent is transferred to the Sire Stakes Fund; and, nine percent is transferred to the Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund. Beginning with Fiscal year 2009 all monies that were earmarked for the General Fund will be deposited in the Commission's Fund for operation expenses.

Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund monies are distributed to those fairs licensed by the Department in accordance with 7 MRSA, Section 62.

Extended Meet Stipend Fund monies come from the Agricultural Fair Stipend Fund. Eighty (80) percent of any funds that exceed the \$400,000.00 cap are distributed to those pari mutual licensees that conduct a race meet not during an agricultural fair. The distribution is based on the proportion of a track's live wagers to the total live wagers made at all extended meets.

The Fair Stipend Fund revenue comes from 5% of the contributions to the Commission's Fund. These contributions are used to supplement the premiums paid by agricultural fairs during their annual exhibition.

Sire Stakes Fund monies are used to support purses for the Maine Standardbred Breeders Stakes races, to promote the Sire Stakes Program and to cover any expenses incurred in administering this program.

Promotional Board Fund monies are used to support the activities of the Maine Harness Racing Promotional Board. This organization is an independent instrumentality of the State.

Purse Supplement Fund monies are used to supplement purses at all licensed live racing facilities. The funds are distributed based on the number of days raced by a licensee in proportion to the total number of days raced by all licensees.

Off Track Betting Simulcast Fund monies are distributed to those licensees that provide a signal of their races to Maine's licensed off track betting facilities. The funds are distributed based on a licensee's exotic wagers at the off track betting facilities in proportion to the total of all licensees' exotic wagers at the off track betting facilities.

**PURSES PAID BY TRACK**

**OVERNIGHT RACES**

**2008**

<b><u>TRACK</u> <u>RACED</u></b>	<b><u>DAYS</u> <u>RACED</u></b>	<b><u>DASHES</u> <u>PURSES PAID</u></b>	<b><u>OVERNIGHT</u> <u>PURSE/DASH</u></b>	<b><u>AVERAGE</u></b>
Scarborough Downs	122	1,201	\$ 3,429,200.00	\$2,855.29
Bangor Raceway	54	513	1,448,801.00	2,824.17
Northern Maine Fair	6	44	112,500.00	2,556.82
Topsham Fair	5	44	99,300.00	2,256.82
Skowhegan Fair	7	55	136,106.00	2,474.65
Union Fair	7	50	122,400.00	2,448.00
Windsor Fair	9	85	209,140.00	2,460.47
Oxford Fair	5	54	153,500.00	2,842.59
Farmington Fair	7	57	130,990.00	2,298.07
Cumberland Fair	7	57	137,900.00	2,419.30
Cumberland Extended	1	10	22,100.00	2,,210.00
Fryeburg Fair	<u>6</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>168,685.00</u>	<u>3,123.80</u>
TOTALS	236	2,224	\$6,170,622.00	\$2,774.56

2008 OFF-TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST FUND  
January 1 through December 31, 2008

TRACK	AMOUNT WAGERED	PERCENT WAGERED	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID TRI 1	AMOUNT PAID TRI 2	BALANCE DUE
Scarborough	367,268.00	71.817%	468,124.83	231,234.95	203,389.88	33,500.00
Bangor	66,904.00	12.900%	85,276.76	0.00	34,593.27	50,683.49
Topsham	6,382.00	1.231%	8,134.58	0.00	5,977.37	2,157.21
Skowhegan	20,178.00	3.891%	25,719.16	0.00	18,898.69	6,820.47
Oxford	15,210.00	2.933%	19,386.87	0.00	0.00	19,386.87
Farmington	18,569.00	3.580%	23,668.30	0.00	0.00	23,668.30
Cumberland	24,107.00	4.648%	30,727.11	0.00	0.00	30,727.11
TOTALS	518,618.00	100.000%	661,037.61	231,234.95	262,859.21	166,943.45
Available	661,037.61					

Distribution is based on Exotic Wagers.



## 2008 PURSE SUPPLEMENT FUND

January 1 through December 31, 2008

TRACK	DAYS	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID TRI 1	AMOUNT PAID TRI 2	BALANCE DUE
SCARBOROUGH	125	471,318.50	157,153.02	183,891.84	130,273.64
BANGOR	54	203,609.59	68,994.00	80,733.00	53,882.59
NO. ME. FAIR	6	22,623.29	6,388.33	7,475.28	8,759.68
TOPSHAM FAIR	5	18,852.74	6,388.33	7,475.28	4,898.13
SKOWHEGAN FAIR	7	26,393.84	8,943.67	10,465.39	6,984.78
UNION FAIR	7	26,393.84	8,943.67	10,465.39	6,984.78
WINDSOR FAIR	9	33,934.93	11,499.00	13,455.50	8,980.43
OXFORD COUNTY	5	18,852.74	5,110.67	5,980.22	7,761.85
FARMINGTON FAIR	7	26,393.84	8,943.67	10,465.39	6,984.78
CUMBERLAND FAIR	7	26,393.84	8,943.67	10,465.39	6,984.78
CUMBERLAND EXT.	1	3,770.55	1,277.67	1,495.06	997.82
FRYEBURG FAIR	6	22,623.29	7,666.00	8,970.33	5,986.96
TOTALS	239	901,160.98	300,251.70	351,338.07	249,571.21
AMOUNT AVAILABLE		901,160.98			
Per Day Average		3,770.548			

## 2008 EXTENDED MEET STIPEND FUND

Total Handle	50111,830
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Agricultural Fair Stipend	\$537,275.06
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3,989,688.00	0.00049	1,954.95
1,764,252.00	0.00072	1,270.26
6,888,752.20	0.00402	27,692.78
2,429,909.82	0.00189	4,592.53
Total Deducted by Statute		35,510.52
Total Available Before CAP		501,764.54
CAP		400,000.00
Total in Excess of Cap		101,764.54
Less 20% to Agricultural Fair Stipend		20,352.91
Net Available to Extended Meet Fund		81,411.63

Track	Live Wagers	Percent	Amount Due
Scarborough Downs	1,864,189	0.7605	61,910.18
Bangor Raceway	571,779	0.2332	18,988.92
Cumberland Fair Ext.	15,433	0.0063	512.53
<b>TOTAL WAGERED</b>	<b>2,451,401</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>81,411.63</b>

## 2008 COMMERCIAL MEET STIPEND FUND

HANDLE: 50,111,830.00

CAP: 35,000,000.00

EXCESS OF CAP 15,111,830.00

Credited to the General Fund 780,825.31  
and Commission's Fund

Average Percentage 0.015582

Less CAP Share: 545,357.97

AVAILABLE: 235,467.34

General Fund 10% 23,546.73

Agricultural Fairs 9% 21,192.06

Sire Stakes 9% 21,192.06

Commercial Meet 72% 169,536.49

Total 235,467.34

Track	Live Wagers	%	Share	Payments Received	Balance
Scarborough Downs	1,864,189.00	0.7653	129,742.28	80,000.00	49,742.28
Bangor Raceway	571,779.00	0.2347	39,794.20	25,000.00	14,794.20
TOTALS	2,435,968.00	1.00	169,536.49	105,000.00	64,536.49

**PART IV**

**OFF-TRACK**

**BETTING REPORT**

Off-Track Betting Report

## 2008

### OFF TRACK BETTING REPORT

In 1991 the Maine Legislature enacted legislation that allowed Commercial Tracks licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission to apply for and be licensed to operate Off Track Betting Facilities. In 1993 the Maine Legislature amended the statutes to allow Class A Restaurants to apply for and be licensed by the Maine Harness Racing Commission to operate Off Track Betting Facilities. That year there were three applicants that were awarded licenses to operate Off Track Betting Facilities.

In 2008 there were four (4) OTBs licensed to operate in Maine: John Martin's Manor, Waterville; Winners Circle, Lewiston; Winner's OTB, Brunswick; and, OTB Facilitators LLC, Sanford. Davric Maine Corporation, dba Scarborough Downs, and Bangor Historic Track Inc., dba Bangor Raceway applied for and received authorization to operate as inter-track wagering facilities providing full card simulcasting at the racetrack. In September Winners OTB in Brunswick closed while their new facility was being constructed on Farley Road off Route 1 in Brunswick. They re-opened on January 11, 2009.

The total interstate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs in 2008 was \$21,896,768 or a 6.4% decrease from 2007. The total intrastate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs was 702,942 or a 4.5% increase from 2007. The individual wagering information can be found in Part IV, ANNUAL REPORT of the Maine Harness Racing Commission. The revenues to the various Funds from these wagers are as follows:

	<u>INTRA</u>	<u>INTER</u>
General Fund	\$14,142.61	\$ 358,767.06
Agricultural Fair Stipend	8,248.73	230,979.64
Sire Stakes Program	8,176.48	200,985.49
Promotional Board	1,757.36	49,170.01
Fair Stipend Fund	744.35	18,882.47
Purse Supplement	0.00	650,116.92
Off Track Betting Simulcast	0.00	661,037.62
Horsemen's Purse Account	50,150.90	
Host Track's Share	55,644.67	



**PART V**

**PROMOTIONAL BOARD**

**REPORT**

Activities for 2008

## **HARNESS RACING PROMOTIONAL BOARD**

### **ORIGIN OF THE BOARD**

The Harness Racing Promotional Board, established in 1993 under Public Law Chapter 528 and changed in 1997 by Public Law Chapter 528 to promote harness racing activities and increase participation in racing and wagering in the State of Maine, is comprised of nine members and two alternates, appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture. These members represent various components of the industry, and terms are staggered for historic retention. Two members represent the Standardbred Breeders, one member serves as a representative from Scarborough Downs, and one represents Bangor Raceway. The harness horsemen, the agricultural fairs, and the off-track betting parlors each have a representative, and two members represent the interested public. Two alternates are also appointed on an annual basis, and they attend and participate in discussions and business decisions of the Board.

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD IN 2008**

In 2008, television advertising was increased and carried out through various television networks. The Standardbred Breeders joined the Board in increasing advertising covering special events such as the finals for the two- and three-year-old pacers and trotters, and an Open Farm Day. This was the third year that a statewide newspaper tabloid was distributed that highlighted the increased growth and interest in breeding, raising, and training the standardbred horse, as well as the economic value of the harness racing industry in Maine. Radio advertising and coverage were also provided.

January was a busy month for the Board as they continued to participate in the Maine Agricultural Show and the Northeast Horsemen's Conference at the Augusta Civic Center. Both of these trade shows are attended by several thousand because each year the interest in harness racing industry activities in Maine continues to grow. Our annual calendars, containing the racing dates for the year at both the commercial tracks and the agricultural fairs, have become a popular item that we distribute by the hundreds at these events. Many of those stopping at the booth have specific questions concerning harness racing, while others pause to relate their stories about the past or present activities that they have enjoyed or offer suggestions for the future.

Also in January, the Board staffed a booth at the annual meeting of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs in Portland. Both pari-mutual and non-pari-mutual fairs benefit from the stipend funds provided from harness racing in Maine as well as from the racino in Bangor. These funds have enabled the fairs to update their buildings and grounds, increase their educational programs promoting agriculture, and increase the premiums paid for exhibits.



Photo courtesy of Shelley Gilpatrick

During Agriculture Day at the Legislature, members manned a booth and were on hand to meet with members of the Legislature, the employees, agricultural booth participants, and others. There are always many questions about and interest in developments in the harness racing industry.

The Board contributed up to \$45 per day for an individual to submit to newspapers the entries and results for the racing programs for the fairs, assuring coverage that was a plus

for live racing and its fans. The Board also provided and distributed to thousands of people pocket cards listing 2008 fair dates which carried the “Fun to the Finish” logo.

For the first year, our mascot “Whinny” appeared at many functions, starting with Northern Maine Fair in Presque Isle and continuing south. There were also appearances at Scarborough Downs as well as Breeders Farm Days, horse auctions, and many other statewide activities. Children were anxious to meet “Whinny,” and loved the thought of possibly receiving the highly prized tee shirts and hats.

Our educational materials and booth were transported to many locations through a joint effort between the Board and the Department. Items aided scholarship funds, supported website information and statistics, along with many sub-committee meetings to work on advertising, calendars, budgets, and related business.

The Board continues to meet on a monthly basis, usually in Augusta but also at various racing locations. Attendance is high at meetings, and the public is always welcome to attend. The dedication of the Board is remarkable.

As funding for the Board has decreased over the years, it has become increasingly important that we stretch our funds as far as possible; therefore, we have been fortunate to have the support of loyal fans and the public. We look forward to another successful year.



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**PART VI**

**RACINO FUND REPORT**

Revenues Generated:

Amount Played and Revenues to the Various Accounts

Distribution of Funds Generated:

Funds to Supplement Purses

Agricultural Support Fund

Funds to Support Commercial Racetracks

Funds to Stabilize Off-Track Betting Licenses

On November 4, 2005 Penn National Gaming Inc./ Bangor Historic Track Inc. opened Hollywood Slots to the public for operations. 2008 was its third full year of operation. On July 1 the new facility opened with 1,000 machines. The success of the operation can be readily seen in the amount played at the Racino in 2008 with an increase of 2.80% more dollars played than in 2007 and an increase of 19.10% to all the parties that benefit from the dollars played..

The Racino did better than expected considering the increased energy costs and the slow down in the economy. The amounts generated for the various funds can be found following this narrative report.

The revenues generated for the various harness racing industry entities are doing what the original purpose of approving slot machine operations in Maine. The horse supply has stabilized; the increased participation in the Sire Stakes Program; the increased capital improvements at the agricultural fairs; the capital improvements that are being made at the two commercial tracks; and, the increase in purses at each licensed racetrack.

The new Racino facility is located across from the Bangor Auditorium and live racing facility on Main Street in Bangor. The new facility has 1,000 machines operating with an attached 1,500car parking garage and a motel and conference center included in the structure.

We wish Hollywood Slots at Bangor the very best of luck in the coming years.

CALENDAR YEAR 2008  
Distribution of Funds Generated at Hollywood Slots

		Totals
Total Played		626,556,657.12
Gambling Control Board	1%	6,265,566.55
Balance		620,321,090.57
Return To Public		576,071,983.03
Gross Revenue		50,514,673.69
Net Revenue		17,257,428.03
Fund To Supplement Purses	10%	4,424,981.55
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	3%	1,327,494.46
Sire Stakes Fund	3%	1,327,494.46
General Fund	3%	1,327,494.46
Fund To Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	4%	1,769,992.62
Fund to Stabilize OTB Facilities	2%	884,996.31
Fund for a Healthy Maine	10%	4,424,981.55
UMS Scholarship Fund	2%	884,996.31
ME Com. Col. System	1%	442,498.16
Scholarship Fund		
City of Bangor	1%	442,498.16
Total	39%	17,257,428.03
PNG, Inc.	61%	26,991,679.11
3% of the 61% goes to the City of Bangor per Statute		
% Return to Public		91.94%

**2008 Racino Distribution  
Ag. Fair Support Fund**

<b>Fair</b>	<b>Premiums</b>	<b>Due</b>
Acton	28,783	14,885.99
Athens	8,743	4,521.71
Bangor	44,499	23,014.00
Blue Hill	50,988	26,369.98
Clinton	36,077	18,658.31
Common Ground	20,491	10,597.54
Cumberland	128,263	66,335.07
Farmington	69,179	35,778.00
Fryeburg	319,334	165,153.19
Houlton	65,077	33,656.53
Litchfield	36,813	19,038.95
Monmouth	13,375	6,917.28
New Portland	7,066	3,654.39
Northern Maine	58,371	30,188.32
Ossipee Valley	40,670	21,033.71
Oxford County	53,545	27,692.41
Piscataquis Valley	35,346	18,280.25
Pittston	35,449	18,333.52
Skowhegan	111,936	57,891.07
Springfield	39,441	20,398.10
Topsham	36,283	18,764.85
Union	59,363	30,701.36
Windsor	135,480	70,067.56
World's Fair	8,173	4,226.91
Harmony Free Fair	14,454	7,475.32
 Total	 1,457,199	 753,634.31
Available	753,634.31	
Percent	0.51718	



**2008 Racino  
Distribution  
Ag. Fair Support Fund  
Purse Supplement**

<b>Track</b>	<b>Dashes</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Due</b>
Scarborough Downs	1,245	52.3109%	233,436.52
Bangor Raceway	533	22.3950%	99,937.08
Northern Maine Fair	58	2.4370%	10,874.95
Topsham Fair	46	1.9328%	8,624.96
Skowhegan Fair	72	3.0252%	13,499.94
Union Fair	56	2.3529%	10,499.96
Windsor Fair	99	4.1597%	18,562.42
Oxford County Fair	62	2.6050%	11,624.95
Farmington Fair	69	2.8992%	12,937.45
Cumberland Fair	70	2.9412%	13,124.94
Cumberland Extended	10	0.4202%	1,874.99
Fryeburg Fair	60	2.5210%	11,249.95
Total	2,380	100.0000%	446,248.11
Available	446,248.11		

**2008 Racino Distribution  
Purse Supplement  
January 1 through December 31**

TRACK	DASHES	PERCENT	DUE
Scarborough Downs	1245	52.3109%	2,288,593.28
Bangor Raceway	533	22.3950%	979,775.28
Northern Maine Fair	58	2.4370%	106,617.20
Topsham Fair	46	1.9328%	84,558.47
Skowhegan Fair	72	3.0252%	132,352.38
Union Fair	56	2.3529%	102,940.74
Windsor Fair	99	4.1597%	181,984.53
Oxford County Fair	62	2.6050%	113,970.11
Farmington Fair	69	2.8992%	126,837.70
Cumberland Fair	70	2.9412%	128,675.93
Cumberland Ext.	10	0.4202%	18,382.28
Fryeburg	60	2.5210%	110,293.65
Total	2,380	100.0000%	4,374,981.54

**2008 Racino Distribution****Commercial Track Support**

Track	Days Raced	Percentage	Due
Scarborough Downs	125	69.8324%	1,222,061.91
Bangor Raceway	54	30.1676%	527,930.74
Total	179	100.0000%	1,749,992.65

Available 1,769,992.65

Amount Transferred to the  
Commission's Operating  
Budget on July 1, 2008 20,000.00

**2008 Racino Distribution****OTB Stabilization Fund****January 1 thru December 31**

Facility	Percentage	Due	Trimester 1 Payment	Trimester 2 Payment	Balance Due
Winners Circle	25.00%	218,749.06	59,814.72	98,225.03	76,746.05
Winners OTB	25.00%	281,749.06	59,814.72	98,225.03	76,746.05
OTB Facilitators	25.00%	281,749.06	59,814.72	98,225.03	76,746.05
John Martin's Manor	25.00%	281,749.06	59,814.72	34,078.08	76,746.05
Total	100.00%	884,996.25	239,258.88	328,753.17	306,984.20

Available 894,996.25

Less Commission  
Operating Fund 10,000.00

Net Available 884,996.25

John Martin's Manor forfeited a portion of the payment for the second trimester due to a licensing renewal issue.

# **MAINE SIRE STAKES PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2008**

**Prepared by:  
Henry W. Jackson, Executive Director**

**Maine Harness Racing Commission**

**Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural  
Resources**

The 2008 Annual Report of the Maine Sire Stakes Program consists of a narrative overview, financial information, purses paid, statistical information of the eligible participants, and final point standings.

This past year, I assigned the on site operation of the sire stakes program to Tim Drake, Regulatory Board Coordinator. Tim traveled to many of the racing venues to provide continuity to the drawing of the Sire Stakes races and did an excellent job in keeping the racing officials aware of those changes. I wish to thank Tim and those who assisted him for doing an excellent job in 2008.

In my opinion the 2008 stakes program was very successful. The number of two year old participants reflected the expectations we had when the slot machines opened in Bangor. The purse structure certainly made those participating extremely happy. The purses went from \$1,6 to over \$2.0 million. The opening of the new Hollywood Slots facility in July did increase the amount of money available to all segments of the industry; however, it did not match our expectations. The increased costs for fuels and the economic downturn were major factors for the new facility not reaching our expectations.

We experienced a decrease in the wagering handle for 2008. It was a slight dip; however, any loss of wagers affects all harness racing programs. Our program continues to be showcased throughout Maine via the four Off Track Betting establishments and the two commercial racetracks, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs, that offer full card simulcasting..

As in years past, the Sire Stakes Advisory Committee recommended to the Commission that entrants to sire stakes events be tested to determine if any prohibited substances had been administered. This year the Committee recommended that the cost of testing for prohibited substances be absorbed by the Commission's operating budget because revenues from the Racino cascade was being directed to the Commission's operating budget..

A special thank you goes to each track for hosting and making an effort to promote and provide assistance to showcase our program. Special thanks go to the breeders, owners, Advisory Committee and the MSBOA Board of Directors for all the support and help given us in carrying out our responsibilities.

## 2008 STANDARD BRED BREEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL HANDLE: 50,111,830

### REVENUES:

Revenue from the handle	\$ 483,784.02
2006 Commercial Meet Fund	26,710.44
Fees	46,630.00
Racino Revenue, 2007	1,327,494.24
 TOTAL	 \$1,884,618.70

### EXPENSES:

Total legs	\$ 1,259,871.00
Finals	511,140.00
MHHA Contract 1.85%	36,496.22
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Handle, 2008	24,189.20
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino, 2008	66,374.71
Security for Finals: Scarborough Police	2,264.36
Security for Finals: Scarborough Security	2,476.75
Postage	244.34
Printing	309.20
Stallion Directory	1,963.00
Administrative Costs	24,304.60
Contribution for Commission's Budget	15,000.00
 TOTAL	 \$1,944,633.38

BALANCE 2008: \$ (60,014.68)

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2007: \$75,788.51

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2009: \$15,773.83

## 2008 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Stallions Registered	69
Mares Bred	311
Yearlings Nominated	199
Two Year Old Continued	189
Two Year Old Sustained	
Pacing Colts:	56
Pacing Fillies:	58
Trotting Colts:	29
Trotting Fillies:	31
Three Year Old Continued	168
Three Year Old Sustained	
Pacing Colts:	55
Pacing Fillies:	50
Trotting Colts:	25
Trotting Fillies:	25

## 2008 Sire Stakes Program Legs and Purses Paid

<b>LEG</b>		<b># OF</b>	<b>STATE'S</b>	<b>TRACK'S</b>	<b>MHHA</b>	
<b>#</b>	<b>TRACK</b>	<b>DIV.</b>	<b>SHARE</b>	<b>SHARE</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1	Bangor	2	16,014.00	4,200.00	322.38	20,536.38
2	Scarborough	6	46,184.00	12,100.00	953.94	59,237.94
3	Bangor	9	68,573.00	16,200.00	1,411.09	86,184.09
4	Bangor	3	22,516.00	5,600.00	465.08	28,581.08
5	Scarborough	6	45,807.00	11,600.00	940.73	58,347.73
6	Scarborough	6	45,215.00	10,925.00	925.93	57,065.93
7	Bangor	7	52,986.00	12,500.00	1,073.38	66,559.38
8	Scarborough	3	22,391.00	5,500.00	462.44	28,353.44
9	Northern Maine Fair	19	138,844.00	25,525.00	2,847.56	167,216.56
10	Topsham Fair	4	29,264.00	4,400.00	602.49	34,266.49
11	Scarborough	5	37,209.00	8,550.00	758.93	46,517.93
12	Skowhegan Fair	17	128,039.00	30,850.00	2,619.25	161,508.25
13	Union Fair	6	44,934.00	11,100.00	927.52	56,961.52
14	Scarborough	5	37,360.00	6,000.00	754.70	44,114.70
15	Windsor	14	105,006.00	25,350.00	2,153.64	132,509.64
16	Scarborough	2	15,609.00	3,600.00	308.64	19,517.64
17	Scarborough	4	30,854.00	7,650.00	626.80	39,130.80
18	Oxford	11	82,413.00	15,825.00	1,680.10	99,918.10
19	Farmington	14	104,441.00	22,200.00	2,134.08	128,775.08
20	Cumberland	16	119,515.00	24,500.00	2,439.02	146,454.02
21	Fryeburg	9	66,697.00	12,300.00	1,371.46	80,368.46
22	2 and 3 Year Old Finals	8	511,140.00	9,600.00	10,717.98	531,457.98
						1,562,125.1
<b>TOTALS</b>			1,259,871.00	276,475.00	25,779.16	6
						1,562,125.1
<b>Legs</b>			168	1,259,871.00	276,475.00	25,779.16
<b>Finals</b>			8	511,140.00	9,600.00	10,717.98
						531,457.98
						2,093,583.1
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>			176	1,771,011.00	286,075.00	36,497.14
						4



## 2009 Maine Harness Racing Commission Pari-mutuel Race Dates

### SCARBOROUGH DOWNS:

<b>January</b> .....	<b>3,4,10,11</b> .....	<b>4</b>
April .....	10,11,12,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30 .....	11
May .....	1,2,3,7,8,9,10,14,15,16,17,21,22,23,24,28,29,30,31.....	19
June .....	4,5,6,7,11,12,13,14,18,19,20,21,25,26,27,28,.....	16
July .....	2,3,4,5,9,10,11,12,16,17,18,19,23,24,25,26,30,31.....	18
August .....	1,2,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,16,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30.....	18
September .....	3,4,5,6,10,11,12,13,.....	8
October.....	15,16,17,18,22,23,24,25,29,30,31 .....	11
November.....	1,6,7,8,13,14,15,20,21,22,27,28,29,.....	13
<b>December</b> .....	<b>4,5,6,11,12,13,18,19,20,26,27</b> .....	<b>11</b>

**Total** .....129

### BANGOR HISTORIC TRACK:

April .....	17,19,21,24,26,.....	5
May .....	5,8,10,12,15,16,17,19,22,24,26,29,31 .....	13
June .....	2,5,6,7,9,12,14,16,19,21,23,26,28,30.....	14
July.....	3,4,5,7,10,12,14,17,19,21,24,26.....	12
September.....	9,15.....	2
October.....	13,16,18,20,23,25,27,30.....	8
November.....	1,3,6,8,10,13,15.....	7

**Total** .....61

### NORTHERN MAINE FAIR:

July.....	31.....	1
August.....	1,3,5,6,7.....	5

### TOPSHAM FAIR:

**August** ..... **9,10,11,12,13(rain date)14,15**.....**6**

### SKOWHEGAN STATE FAIR:

August.....	16,17,18,19,20,21,22.....	7
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### UNION FAIR:

August.....	23,24,25,26,27,28,29.....	7
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### WINDSOR FAIR:

August.....	30,31.....	2
September .....	1,2,3,4,5,6,7.....	7

### OXFORD COUNTY FAIR:

September .....	13,16,17,18,19,.....	5
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### FARMINGTON FAIR:

September .....	20,21,22,23,24,25,26.....	7
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### CUMBERLAND FAIR:

September .....	27,28,29,30,.....	4
October.....	1,2,3,4, (Extended Meet).....	4

### FRYEBURG FAIR:

October.....	6,7,8,9,10,11,.....	6
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**TOTAL RACE DAYS**.....251

			MAINE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS STAKES						
				2009 RACING SCHEDULE					
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Leg								
JUNE/JULY									
Bangor Raceway	1				30: 3C&FT				
Scarborough Downs	2						3: 3FP	4: 3CP	
Bangor Raceway	3				7: 3C&FT				
Scarborough Downs	4						10: 3FP	11: 3CP	
Bangor Raceway	5	12: 3CP		14: 2C&FT			17: 3FP		
Scarborough Downs	6					16: 3C&FT			
Scarborough Downs	7	19: 3CP				23: 3C&FT		25: 2CP	
Bangor Raceway	8			21: 2C&FT			24: 2FP		
Bangor Raceway	9	26: 3CP						26: 2 C&FP	
Scarborough Downs					30: 3FP				
AUGUST								1: 2C&FP	
Northern Maine Fair	10				5: 3C&FT	6: 3FP	7: 3CP		
Scarborough Downs	11							8: 2C&FT	
Topsham Fair	12				12: 3C&FT				
Scarborough Downs	13					13: 2FP		15: 2CP	
Skowhegan Fair	14	16: 3CP		18: 3FP	19: 3C&FT	20: 2C&FT	21: 2FP	22: 2CP	
Union Fair	15	23: 3CP					28: 3FP		
Scarborough Downs	16					27: 2C&FT			
Windsor Fair	17	30: 3CP		1: 2FP	2: 3C&FT		4: 3FP	5: 2CP	
Scarborough Downs	18	6: 3CP				3: 2C&FT			
SEPTEMBER									
Bangor Raceway	19			15: 2C&FT					
Oxford County Fair	20				16: 3C&FT	17: 2FP	18: 3FP	19: 2CP	
Farmington Fair	21	20: 3CP			23: 3C&FT		25: 3FP		
Cumberland Fair	22	27: 3CP		29: 2FP	30: 3C&FT	1: 2C&FT	2: 3FP	3: 2CP	
OCTOBER									
Fryeburg Fair	23				7: 3C&FT	8: 3CP	9: 3FP		
Scarborough Downs	24						17: 2 Year		
		18: 3 Year Old Finals						Old Finals	
CT= Colt Trotters; FT= Filly Trotters; CP= Colt Pacers; FP= Filly Pacers									
3 is for three year old; 2 is for two year old									