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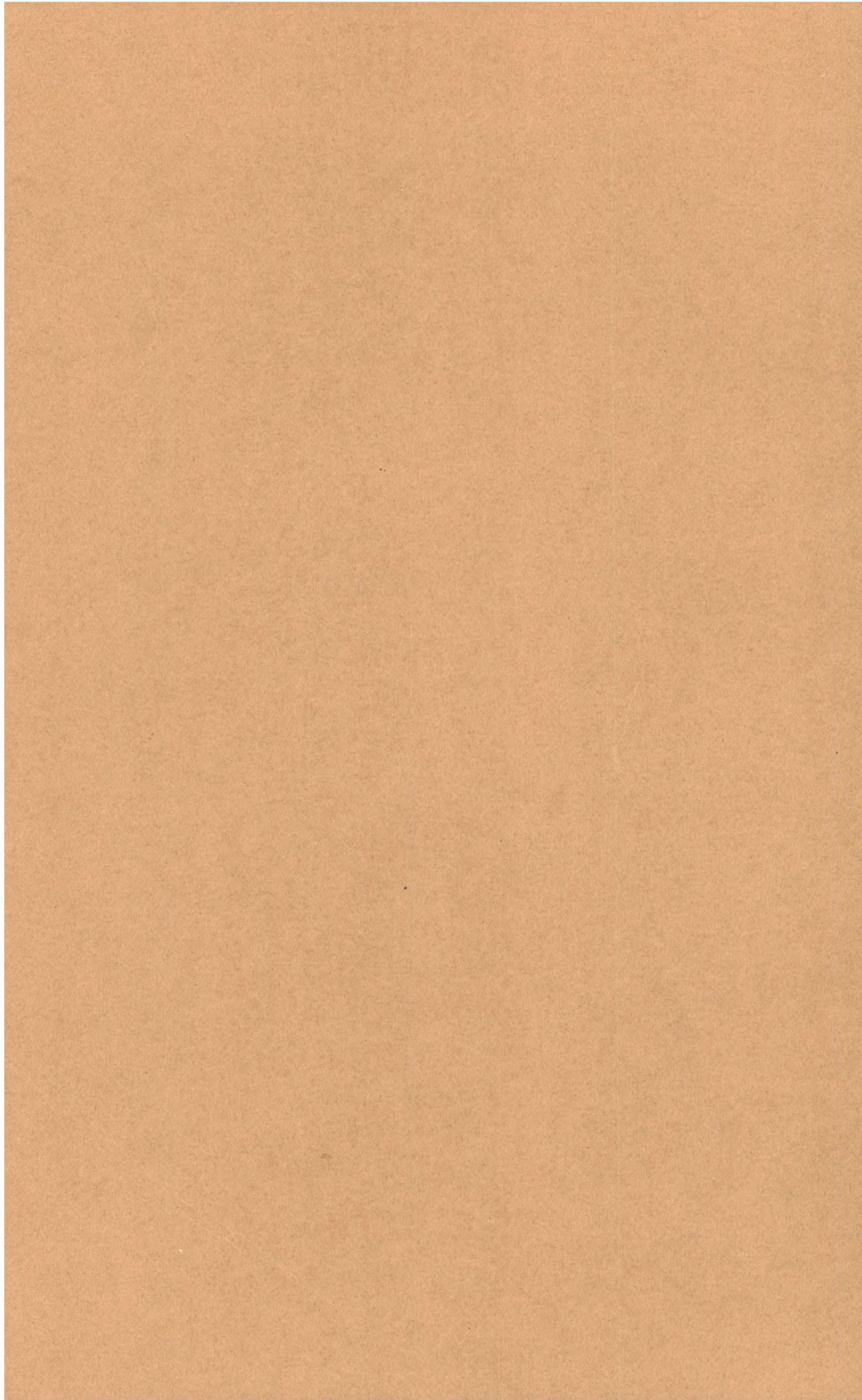
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December 31, 1954

*To His Excellency, BURTON M. CROSS  
Governor of Maine*

In accordance with Chapter 77-A, Revised Statutes of 1944, enacted by Chapter 289 of the Public Laws of 1949, the Fifth Annual Report of the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission, covering the 1954 racing season, is respectfully submitted herewith.

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**MAINE RUNNING HORSE RACING COMMISSION**

The 1954 thoroughbred racing season in the State of Maine continued the steady increase in average daily mutuel handle reflected each year since the inauguration of this type of racing in the state in 1950. The daily average mutuel handle of \$144,795 was an increase of better than  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  over 1953. It is believed this percentage would have been higher but for the unusually bad weather of the past season.

This Commission, on December 16, 1953, allotted Scarborough Downs, the only track conducting thoroughbred racing in the State of Maine, racing dates of July 19, 1954 to September 11, 1954, inclusive—a total of 48 racing days and 8 less days than the customary 56 scheduled in previous years. Only 44 programs were run, however, 4 of the allotted programs having been cancelled because of hurricanes and hurricane damage. One of these cancelled programs was closing day, September 11th.

With the loss of 12 days, the mutuel handle totaled \$6,370,986 as compared with \$7,904,083 for 1953, a decrease of \$1,533,097. The daily average attendance increased 7% over 1953 despite the bad weather prevalent most of the season.

Revenue to the state decreased approximately \$104,000 from the previous year. Since daily averages increased, this can be contributed wholly to the decrease in number of racing days.

Revenue totaled \$436,629.56 from the following sources: \$382,259.16 from Commission on Wagers (6% of handle); \$45,390.65 from Breakage ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of total); \$6,379.75 from Registrations, License Fees and Fines; and an estimated \$2,600 from Unclaimed Ticket Money ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of total) when this account is closed in March, 1955. With the completion of the 1954 season, these sources of revenue from the operation of Scarborough Downs have contributed over \$2,100,000 to the state since 1950.

Of the 6% Commission on Wagers deducted for the state,  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  is credited to the State General Fund and  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  to the State Agricultural Stipend Fund. Contributions to the Agricultural Stipend Fund totaled \$31,854.81 for the 1954 season.

From a total of 406 races run, 383 urine samples and 422 saliva samples were obtained and tested by the Division of Sanitary Engi-

neering laboratory of the State Department of Health and Welfare. Two samples proved positive and the trainer of the two horses involved was suspended for a period of six months by the Commission. This action precludes his participation in racing throughout the country during his suspension.

This Commission was saddened by the death of Edward C. Roundy on July 14, 1954 as he was about to leave his home to assume his duties as State Steward. Mr. Roundy had served in the capacity of State Steward from 1950 through 1953 and was greatly respected in racing circles.

The Commission was fortunate in obtaining the services of Edward T. McLean to serve as Steward representing the Commission. Mr. McLean is an official at several tracks throughout the East. Dr. H. N. Eames was reappointed as State Veterinarian and Herbert J. Whitmore was appointed to fill the position of State Supervisor of Pari-Mutuel Auditing.

Appreciation is expressed to the following for the continued cooperation and services extended by them: Department of Attorney General, Maine State Police, Scarborough Police Department, Dr. E. W. Campbell and James W. Fuller of the Division of Sanitary Engineering, and the management and officials of Scarborough Downs.



## RULINGS BY STEWARDS

(Confirmed by Commission)

1954

**July 23**—Jockey THOMAS MAEDA is suspended ten (10) racing days, July 24th through August 4th, for crossing over too sharply after the start of the first race Thursday, July 22nd, thereby impeding "Happy Jack" who finished second. "Won the Fight," ridden by Jockey MAEDA, was disqualified and placed second. The official order of finish is: 1st, "Happy Jack"; 2nd, "Won the Fight"; 3rd, "Georgie V.," and 4th, "Harlequin."

**August 2**—Groom HARRY KELLER, PNDA #39773, of St. Matthews, South Carolina, is suspended for the balance of this meeting (through September 11th) for conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing. During the period of this suspension he is denied all privileges of the grounds.

**August 2**—Groom ISAIAH LAWSON, PNDA #57073, of St. Matthews, South Carolina, is suspended for the balance of this meeting (through September 11th) for conduct detrimental to the best interests of racing. During the period of this suspension he is denied all privileges of the grounds.

**August 5**—Trainer GEORGE BROWN is fined \$25.00 for failing to observe Rule 613 referring to inspection of horses in the daily double and reporting those unfit to race to the Paddock Judge one hour before post time of the first race on Wednesday, August 4, 1954.

**August 5**—It is recommended to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the jockey's license of WILLIAM J. GARDNER be cancelled for violation of Rule 245 pertaining to having an interest in a horse or horses and holding a jockey's license concurrently.

**August 6**—Apprentice Jockey THOMAS LATTARULO is suspended for ten (10) racing days (through August 18th) for careless riding at the 5/16 pole nearly causing a serious accident during the running of the first race, Thursday, August 5th.

**August 11**—It is hereby recommended to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that due to injuries sustained in a fall during the running of the 9th race on Thursday, August 5, 1954, which

preclude his riding, Jockey ROBERT McKEEVER's license be temporarily cancelled without prejudice and that he be licensed as a Jockey Agent.

**August 11**—On report of the official chemist of the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the urine tests of the horses "Bound Fast," winner of the second race Thursday, August 5th, and "Hoop It Up," winner of the third race Thursday, August 5th, contained the drug Amphetamine, Owner-Trainer DUKAS DAVIS and all horses owned by him are suspended. The horses "Bound Fast" and "Hoop It Up," owned by O. L. Foster and trained by DUKAS DAVIS are suspended for the balance of this meeting (through September 11th). The case of Owner-Trainer DUKAS DAVIS and all horses owned by him is referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission for further action. During the term of this suspension, Owner-Trainer DUKAS DAVIS is denied access to and the privileges of the grounds. The horse "Bound Fast," winner of the second race, August 5th, is disqualified and the purse is ordered redistributed as follows: 1st money, "Plyer"; 2nd money, "Chancescript"; 3rd money, "Marine Charger"; 4th money, "Peters Best." The horse "Hoop It Up," winner of the third race, August 5th, is disqualified and the purse is ordered redistributed as follows: 1st money, "Saggy's Notion"; 2nd money, "Rellie"; 3rd money, "Omaha Fair"; 4th money, "Party Admiral." This ruling shall in no way affect the mutuel payoff.

**August 12**—The Racing Secretary is hereby directed to refuse the entry of the 4-year-old bay filly "Phyllis K.," by Lochinvar out of Block Party, owned by D. Adams and trained by O. Hall, for the balance of this meeting due to severe impairment of her vision. It is further recommended that she be forever barred by the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission from racing at any track under its jurisdiction.

**August 12**—Jockey WARREN E. SNYDER is hereby suspended for ten (10) racing days, Friday, August 13th through Tuesday, August 24th. During the running of the 8th race on Wednesday, August 11th, Jockey SNYDER, rider of the winner, "Bar Dal," allowed his mount to go out turning into the stretch interfering with "Eutaw" who finished second. "Bar Dal" was disqualified from first position. The official order of finish is as follows: 1st, "Eutaw"; 2nd, "Bar Dal"; 3rd, "Column"; 4th, "Thermilles."

**August 13**—The Racing Secretary is hereby directed to refuse the entry of "Roscrea," 3-year-old bay gelding by Apache out of Tree

Reed for the balance of this meeting. "Roscrea" bled in the third race on Thursday, August 12th, and has a past record of being a bleeder. It is recommended to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that "Roscrea" be permanently barred from all tracks coming under their jurisdiction.

**August 14**—Jockey RAUL ALONSO is suspended for ten (10) racing days, Monday, August 16th, through Thursday, August 26th, for allowing his mount "Minnix" to drift out in the stretch thereby impeding "She's Got It." "Minnix" was disqualified from second position and placed third. The official order of finish is: 1st, "Luremenow"; 2nd, "She's Got It"; 3rd, "Minnix"; and 4th, "Whiffletree."

**August 16**—Jockey FREDERICK ST. JOHN is hereby suspended for the balance of this meeting, August 16, 1954 through September 11, 1954 (24 racing days) for grabbing Jockey Savarese's foot during the running of the 9th race on Saturday, August 14, 1954. Jockey ST. JOHN rode "Mocha" who was disqualified from first position and placed second.

**August 18**—It is recommended to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the Owner and Trainer licenses of FELICE ANELLI be revoked for furnishing misleading information to the Stewards with regard to his financial ability to own and race horses.

**August 19**—Trainer NANDO OTENTI is hereby suspended with all horses owned or trained by him and his case is referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission with the recommendation that his conditional licenses be revoked and he be suspended for a period of not less than three (3) years. The horses trained by OTENTI for licensed owners other than himself may be reinstated upon transfer to the care of a licensed trainer acceptable to the Stewards. During the period of his suspension Trainer OTENTI is denied the privileges of the grounds. Trainer OTENTI, during the course of an investigation, admitted to the Stewards of the meeting that he had fraudulently prevailed upon someone, not authorized, to complete an Owner's application and Authorized Agent's papers in the name of Owner Claude DeAngelis and that Trainer OTENTI had then taken these documents before a Notary Public who had witnessed and affixed his seal thereon. Trainer OTENTI then presented these documents to the Stewards. Under the authority granted by Authorized Agent's papers, Trainer OTENTI withdrew the sum of \$1,000 for the purchase (for the account of Owner DeAngelis) of the two horses owned by suspended Owner-Trainer Dukas Davis, namely, "Seven Trix" and "Tight Boots."

These horses are hereby ordered returned to suspended Owner-Trainer Dukas Davis and the purchase price of \$1,000 to be returned to the account of Owner Claude DeAngelis with the Horsemen's Bookkeeper. The horse "Tight Boots," sold by Trainer OTENTI for the account of Owner Claude DeAngelis to Owner Doyle C. Adams for \$300, is ordered returned to Dukas Davis and the sum of \$300 is ordered to be returned by the Horsemen's Bookkeeper to Owner Adams. The horses "Seven Trix" and "Tight Boots" stand suspended pending their sale to a licensed owner or trainer acceptable to the Stewards.

**August 21**—Apprentice Jockey THOMAS LATTARULO is hereby suspended for the balance of this meeting (August 24th through September 11th—17 racing days). Apprentice LATTARULO, rider of the winner, "Ruidosa," who was disqualified and placed second, impeded "Lifter" all through the stretch during the running of the first race on Saturday, August 21, 1954.

**August 24**—It is recommended to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the trainer's license issued to STEPHEN BEECROFT be cancelled without prejudice and that he be granted a jockey's license.

**August 26**—Jockey JAMES EDWARDS is fined \$25.00 for striking his mount, "Zarvas," over the head with his whip after the finish of the second race on Wednesday, August 25th.

**August 27**—It is recommended to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission that the Owner's and Trainer's licenses of EDMUND W. FEDERIC be suspended indefinitely for misleading the Stewards as to his financial ability to own and train horses.

**September 3**—Jockey THOMAS MAEDA is hereby suspended for the balance of this meeting (September 4th through September 11th—7 racing days) for careless riding and impeding horses in the back stretch during the running of the 4th race on Thursday, September 2nd, and his case is referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission as the punishment is not deemed sufficient.

**September 4**—Jockey WARREN SNYDER is suspended for the balance of this meeting (September 6th through September 11th—6 racing days) for refusing to fulfill his riding engagements on Saturday, September 4th.

**September 4**—Jockey ALBERT WOLFE has a forfeiture of \$25.00 imposed upon him for careless riding during the running of the 4th race on Friday, September 3rd.

**September 6**—The 3-year-old bay filly, “Tight Boots,” suspended August 11, 1954 by a ruling of the Stewards is this date reinstated, having been transferred through a bona fide sale to an ownership acceptable to the Stewards.

**September 11**—The 5-year-old bay gelding, “Seven Trix,” suspended August 11, 1954 by a ruling of the Stewards is this date reinstated, having been transferred through a bona fide sale to an ownership acceptable to the Stewards.

## RULINGS BY COMMISSION

1954

**August 14**—In the matter of Owner-Trainer DUKAS DAVIS, suspended by the Stewards of Scarborough Downs on August 11, 1954 and referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission for action, Owner-Trainer DUKAS DAVIS is hereby suspended for a period of six (6) months from August 11, 1954 to February 11, 1955 for violation of Rule 524 (failure to protect and guard horses in his care) which resulted in the stimulation of the horses "Bound Fast" and "Hoop It Up" in the second and third races, respectively, August 5, 1954. The horses "Bound Fast" and "Hoop It Up" remain suspended for the balance of this meeting (September 11, 1954). The horses "Seven Trix" and "Tight Boots," owned by DUKAS DAVIS, will be restored to good standing when sold to a licensed owner or trainer acceptable to the Stewards of Scarborough Downs.

**August 17**—Upon recommendation of the Stewards of Scarborough Downs, the jockey license issued to WILLIAM J. GARDNER is hereby revoked for violation of Rule 245, "No jockey shall be the owner of any race horse."

**September 4**—In the matter of Trainer NANDO OTENTI, suspended by the Stewards of Scarborough Downs on August 19, 1954 and referred to the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission for further action, the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission, having considered the testimony and evidence presented at a hearing August 28, 1954, does hereby find that NANDO OTENTI did present to the Stewards an Owner's license application and Authorized Agent's papers purportedly signed by one Claude DeAngelis, but said signature was in fact signed not by the said Claude DeAngelis but by another at the direction of the said NANDO OTENTI, thus constituting a forgery and such action also constituting corrupt practice on the part of the said NANDO OTENTI, the Maine Running Horse Racing Commission does hereby rule, that, (1) The said NANDO OTENTI be and hereby is suspended and denied the privileges of the grounds of all race tracks coming under the jurisdiction of this Commission for a period of one (1) year. (2) The horse "Tight Boots" sold by NANDO OTENTI himself or in behalf of Claude DeAngelis to one Doyle Adams for the sum of \$300 be returned by the said Doyle Adams and the said sum be

returned to Doyle Adams, through the Horsemen's Bookkeeper. (3) The horses, "Seven Trix" and "Tight Boots," be returned to Dukas Davis and any sums of money paid by NANDO OTENTI by himself or in behalf of Claude DeAngelis to the said Dukas Davis be returned by Dukas Davis, through the Horsemen's Bookkeeper. (4) The horses "Seven Trix" and "Tight Boots" remain suspended pending their transfer through bona fide sale to an ownership acceptable to the Stewards.

**September 6**—Jockey THOMAS MAEDA, suspended by the Stewards of Scarborough Downs for the balance of the meeting (September 4th through September 11th, 7 racing days) on September 3, 1954 and reported to this Commission for further action, is hereby suspended for an additional 8 racing days to and including September 21, 1954.

**September 11**—Upon recommendation of the Stewards of Scarborough Downs and after review of the case of FELICE ANELLI, the owner's and trainer's licenses of FELICE ANELLI are hereby revoked for furnishing misleading information to the Stewards with regard to his financial ability to own and race horses.



## HORSES CLAIMED DURING 1954

<b>Date</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Claimed by</b>	<b>Claimed from</b>	<b>Amount</b>
8/9	Esmont	F. C. Dunlap	G. Bondatti	\$1,600
8/19	Tabarina	Mrs. M. H. Nielsen	J. M. Keefe	\$1,000

## DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS

### 1954 Racing Season

	<b>State of Maine</b>	<b>Scarborough Downs</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commissions.....	\$382,259.16	\$ 637,098.60	\$1,019,357.76
Breakage.....	45,390.65	45,135.99	90,526.64
Paid to Winning Patrons....		5,261,101.60	5,261,101.60
<b>Totals.....</b>	<u>\$427,649.81</u>	<u>\$5,943,336.19</u>	<u>\$6,370,986.00</u>

## COMPARISON OF RACING SEASONS

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Pari-Mutuel Handle . . . . .	\$6,370,986	\$7,904,083	\$6,833,128	\$6,867,539	\$5,476,814
Total Attendance . . . . .	143,808	170,852	142,498	217,456	171,271
Number of Racing Days . . . . .	44	56	56	56*	57
Average Daily Attendance . . . . .	3,268	3,051	2,545	3,749	3,005
Average Daily Handle . . . . .	\$144,795	\$141,144	\$122,020	\$118,406	\$96,084
Average Wager per Capita . . . . .	\$44.30	\$46.25	\$48.00	\$31.50	\$32.00
Total Purse Distribution . . . . .	\$337,600	\$426,600	\$422,400	\$426,000	\$485,700

\*Because of double programs on two days in 1951, averages are computed on the basis of 58 programs rather than 56 racing days.

## REVENUE TO STATE

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Commission on Wagers (6% of Handle) . . . . .	\$382,259.16	\$474,244.98	\$341,656.40	\$343,376.95	\$273,840.70
Breakage (½ of Total) . . . . .	45,390.65	56,560.28	52,872.43	50,736.91	40,871.45
Registrations, License Fees and Fines . . . . .	6,379.75	6,910.25	6,627.75	6,207.50	6,866.25
Unclaimed Ticket Money (½ of Total) . . . . .	2,600.00*	2,998.55	2,508.75	3,374.95	2,781.20
Underpayments . . . . .		483.10	101.60	487.00	
Totals . . . . .	<u>\$436,629.56</u>	<u>\$541,197.16</u>	<u>\$403,766.93</u>	<u>\$404,183.31</u>	<u>\$324,359.60</u>

\*Estimated.

Note: State commission on wagers was 5% until 1953.

**DENOMINATIONS OF TICKETS WAGERED  
SCARBOROUGH DOWNS - 1954 RACING SEASON**

Wagers	DAILY DOUBLE		STRAIGHT POOL			PLACE POOL			SHOW POOL			Total Amount Wagered	%
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	%	Number	Amount	%	Number	Amount	%		
\$50.00			2,213	\$ 110,650	3.5	705	\$ 35,250	2.2	376	\$ 18,800	1.9	\$ 164,700	2.6
\$10.00			112,584	1,125,840	35.2	38,344	383,440	23.9	17,959	179,590	18.4	1,688,870	26.5
\$5.00			72,599	362,995	11.4	35,465	177,325	11.1	16,386	81,930	8.4	622,250	9.8
\$2.00			797,857	1,595,714	49.9	503,071	1,006,142	62.8	348,220	696,440	71.3	3,298,296	51.8
	298,435	\$596,870										596,870	9.3
TOTALS		\$596,870		\$3,195,199	100.0		\$1,602,157	100.0		\$976,760	100.0	\$6,370,986	100.0