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Respectfully submitted,

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Henry W. Jackson
Executive Director

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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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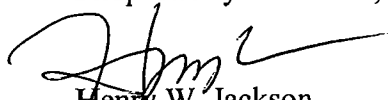
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PART I

THE MAINE HARNESS RACING

COMMISSION

Letter from the Chair

Letter from the Executive Director

Duties of the Commission

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March 28, 2008

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.

We entered a "new age" of Maine racing this past year with the full compliment of dollars from the Racino being available for purses and other funds. I look forward to 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.

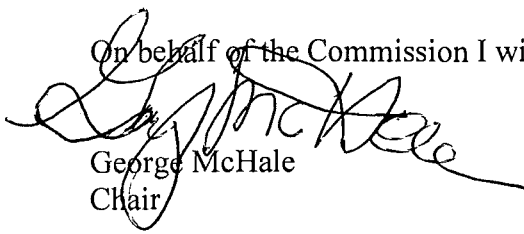
The Bangor Racino operation is showing its value to the racing industry with an infusion of dollars to every sector of this industry. This past year we again saw an increase in the number of days and dashes raced and a corresponding increase in purses paid at each licensed racetrack.

This coming July there will be a total of 1,000 machines in operation at Hollywood Slots and new hotel in August to provide accommodations to its patrons. With the increased number of machines there will a corresponding increase of 60%+ available to the various funds that support our industry and others that share in the net revenue proceeds.

The Study Commission that was created this past legislative session has forwarded its recommendations to the Department, Commission and Legislature outlining those initiatives it requests to be implemented by each entity. I expect these recommendations to be implemented throughout the next eighteen months.

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 2008.


George McHale
Chair

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First let me thank all those in our sport for making 2007 a very successful year. Unfortunately, we continue to experience slight drops in our handle as evidenced in 2007 with a decrease of 5.6%. Again in 2007 we lost live race days to adverse weather conditions. In 2007 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 operation of Hollywood Slots in Bangor did what was expected when the citizen initiative was adopted in 2003 and the Legislature approved the reworded language in 2004. There was an increase in the number of days and dashes approved by the Commission for 2007. There was an increase in the purses paid for over night events and the Sire Stakes Program. Further, the off-track betting facilities, commercial tracks and agricultural fairs benefited from the dollars generated at the new facility. Overall, there was \$14,490,306.88 forwarded to the State for distribution to the various Funds from a total of \$609,734,253.94 being put through the machines during calendar year 2007.

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.

This year there was a Study Commission created by the Legislature to look for ways the harness racing industry could be improved. The Study Commission's Report can be accessed via the Internet as well as through this office.

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.

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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 2007 members of the Commission pictured below have accompanying brief biographies:



George McHale of Orono, 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 expired in 2007.

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 expired in 2007.

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 Bradly of Easton

Mr. Bradly 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 2010.

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 expires in 2010.

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 2007.

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 Haste, Testing Technician

Dr. Lowell Pease, DVM

CONTRACTED PERSONNEL

Veterinarians

Veterinary Technicians

Dr. Denise McNitt, DVM

John Ernest

Dr. Timothy Powers, DVM

McNitt Equine Clinic

Dr. Neal Watson, DVM

Tanya Farrington

Dr. Linda Barton, DVM

Annabessacook Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Mitchell Downey, DVM

Kevin Alexander

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 nine times during calendar year 2007.

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 2007, 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)

Presque Isle (Northern Maine Fair)

Skowhegan (Skowhegan Fair)

Topsham (Topsham Fair)

Union (Union Fair)

Windsor (Windsor Fair)

**Commission Operating Budget
State Fiscal Year 2007 - July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007**

EXPENDITURES

3100	Perm. Reg	144,198.40
3300	Seasonal	97,446.60
3600	Differential	7,002.09
3800	Unemp PD	4,747.12
3900	Benefits	109,414.72

TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES 362,808.93

4000	Services Not By State	80,286.54
4100	Services By State	377,139.03
4200	Mileage, Meal & Lodging, In State	10,824.70
4300	Mileage, Meal & Lodging, Out of State	0.00
4600	Rents	20,810.47
4700	Repairs & Maintenance	5,670.00
4800	Insurances	456.48
4900	General Operating Expenses	25,401.34
5000	Registration fees - training	210.00
5300	Computer Services	16,747.83
5400	Clothing, boots, lab jackets, etc	104.95
5600	Other Supplies, lab, household, educational, etc	20,058.28
6400	Grants to Pub and Priv Orgns- Commissions paid	253,901.32

TOTAL ALL OTHER EXPENSES 811,610.94

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,174,419.87
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REVENUE

1221	Licenses Harness Horse Racing	2,400.00
1301	Comm Pari Mutuels Harness	901,515.53
1448	Special Licenses & Leases	67,034.57
2001	Miscellaneous Fines	15,955.00
2611	Jury Duty Reimbursement	0.00
2636	Witness Fees	0.00
2637	Miscellaneous Service & Fees	14.00
2686	Miscellaneous Income	0.00
2689	Cash Over Cash Short	750.00
2719	Transfer to Ag Fair Stipend and Sire Stakes accounts	-64,350.34

TOTAL REVENUE	923,318.76
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PROFIT & LOSS	-\$251,101.11
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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."

Commission rulemaking in 2001 resulted in the publishing of a new rule book in July of 2002. The Commission continually updates rules to meet the needs of the industry. In 2008, the Commission will focus on updating rules concerning the Sires Stakes and rules of racing.

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 2007 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
Scarborough Downs	126	123	3
Bangor Raceway	54	54	0
Topsham Fair	6	5	1
Northern Maine Fair	16	5	11
Skowhegan Fair	7	7	0
Union Fair	7	7	0
Windsor Fair	9	9	0
Oxford	4	4	0
Farmington Fair	7	7	0
Cumberland Farmers'	8	8	0
Fryeburg Fair	6	6	0
TOTALS	250	235	15

Off-Track Betting Facilities

Days Requested

Bangor Historic Track, DBA Bangor Raceway Bangor, Maine	363
Martin's Manor, Waterville, Maine	363
Spare Time Recreation, Lewiston, Maine	363
The Atrium, Winners OTB, Brunswick, Maine	363
Step II, Sanford, Maine	363
Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs, Scarborough, Maine	363

LICENSING OF RACING PERSONNEL

2007 LICENSES ISSUED

Type of License	No. Issued	Amount Paid
Owner	502 @ \$35	\$17,570
Trainer	30 @ \$35	1,050
Driver	31 @ \$35	1,085
Driver/Trainer	52 @ \$60	3,120
Owner/Driver/Trainer	165 @ \$90	14,850
Owner/Driver	11 @ \$60	660
Owner/Trainer	100 @ \$60	6,000
Owner/Limited Trainer	62 @ \$60	3,720
Groom	607 @ \$20	12,140
Officials	129 @ various prices	7,620
Pari-mutuel Clerks	164 @ \$20	3,280
Stables	30 @ \$30	900
Vendors	6 @ \$50	300
Total Amount Received for License Fees		\$72,295

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 Maryland Public Health Laboratory, Cornell University 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 2007 racing year, 2,171 equine urine and blood samples were taken. Of that total, 2,148 tested within acceptable limits, and 23 were in violation of the Commission's rules.

Also in the 2007 racing year, 108 human urine samples were taken. Of the total tests taken, 93 tested within acceptable limits, and 15 were in violation of the Commission's rules.

EPO Program

In 2007, 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 2007, the EPO program tested 344 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 2007, the Blood Gas Program tested 1,621 horses. Of the total tests taken, 1,616 were within acceptable limits, while 5 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 1,645 horses participating in this program. At various times during the year, 90 horses withdrew from the program.

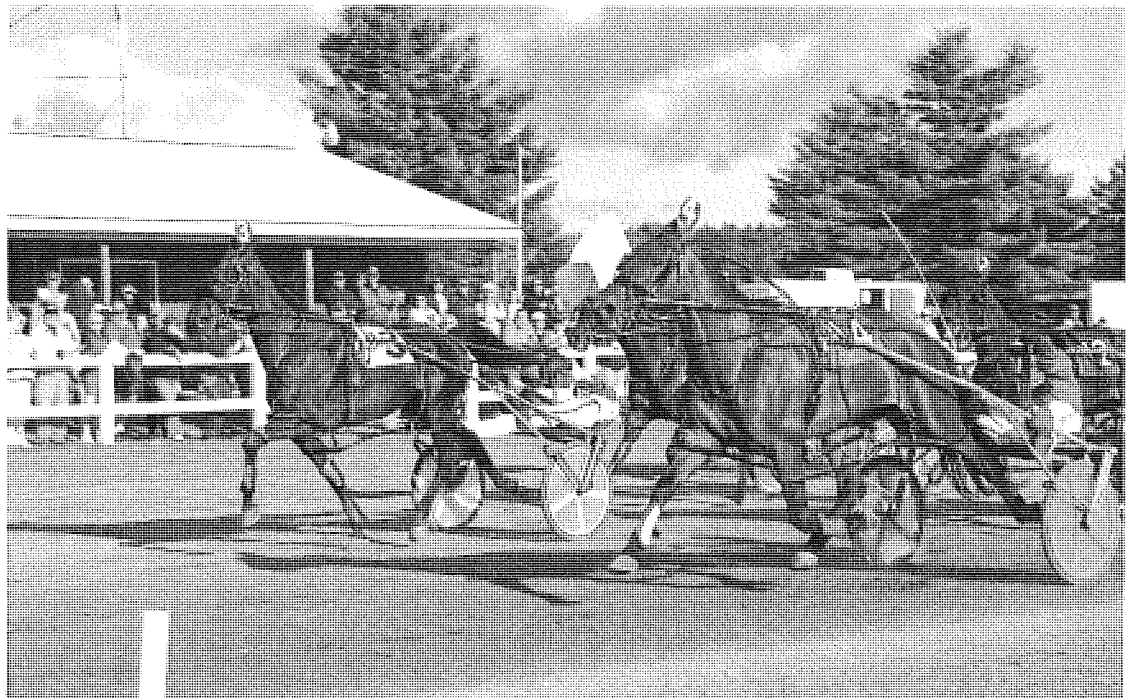


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**Summary of Fines and Suspensions
for 2007**

During the 2007 racing year, there were 211 violations of racing laws and rules.

Conduct.....	11
Failure to Honor Declaration.....	2
Failure to keep rein in each hand.....	33
Failure to obey instructions of an official.....	25
Failure to set and maintain pace.....	13
Foot out of stirrup.....	16
Improper, profane, or threatening language.....	1
Inside the pylons.....	26
Interference - impeding progress.....	28
Kicking.....	2
Late driver change.....	5
Late to medication barn.....	16
Leaving testing area before being released.....	1
Participating without a license.....	1
Take up abruptly, causing confusion.....	5
Warming up through post parade.....	1
Whipping:	
Indiscriminate.....	13
Beyond vertical plane.....	2
 TOTAL	 201

COMMISSION ACTION ON 2007 RULE VIOLATIONS

Appeals	2	Upheld	2	Overtured	0
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2007 WAGERING DISTRIBUTION BY TRACKS

LIVE RACING

TRACK	TOTAL	EXOTIC	STRAIGHT
Scarborough Downs	2,357,396	1,630,422	726,974
Bangor Raceway	718,106	496,362	221,744
Northern Maine Fair	88,816	48,940	39,876
Topsham Fair	92,313	61,592	30,721
Skowhegan Fair	248,795	164,039	84,756
Union Fair	194,276	131,243	63,033
Windsor Fair	684,659	466,929	217,730
Oxford County Fair	105,071	70,503	34,568
Farmington Fair	231,992	162,968	69,024
Cumberland Ext.	26,803	19,829	6,974
Cumberland Fair	219,791	144,954	74,837
Fryeburg Fair	821,387	527,307	294,080
TOTALS	5,789,405	3,925,088	1,864,317

INTRA-STATE SIMULCAST

Winners Circle	266,611	200,508	66,103
Martin's Manor Rest.	162,974	112,238	50,736
Winners--OTB	127,323	92,692	34,631
OTB Facilitators	115,930	83,411	32,519
Scarborough Downs	103,432	75,834	27,598
Bangor Raceway	152,419	113,713	38,706
TOTALS	928,689	678,396	250,293

GRAND TOTAL	6,718,094	4,603,484	2,114,610
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Distribution to the various funds is based on handle for live racing and simulcasts originating in Maine

INTER-STATE SIMULCAST 2007

FACILITY	TOTAL HANDLE	EXOTIC HANDLE	STRAIGHT HANDLE	TOTAL COMMS.	EXOTIC COMMS.	STRAIGHT COMMS.
Winners Circle	7,828,732	5,475,262	2,353,470	1,622,369.22	1,229,952.98	392,416.24
Martin's Manor	4,865,711	3,140,668	1,725,143	1,025,670.98	727,836.26	297,834.72
Winners--OTB	6,543,247	4,016,421	2,526,826	1,344,477.51	928,380.48	416,097.03
OTB Facilitators	4,156,101	3,000,248	1,155,853	885,870.35	688,759.17	197,111.18
TOTALS	23,393,791	15,632,599	7,761,292	4,878,388.06	3,574,928.89	1,303,459.17
Scarborough Downs	19,357,483	13,309,584	6,047,899	4,089,653.04	3,060,852.32	1,028,800.72
Bangor Raceway	5,148,282	3,467,072	1,681,210	1,091,271.96	802,189.11	289,082.85
GRAND TOTALS	47,899,556	32,409,255	15,490,401	10,059,313.06	7,437,970.32	2,621,342.74

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

2007 DISTRIBUTION OF WAGERS TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS

GENERAL FUND	840,951.56
AGRICULTURAL FAIR STIPEND	579,587.78
FAIR STIPEND FUND	44,260.55
SIRE STAKES FUND	521,471.08
PROMOTIONAL BOARD FUND	123,415.12
PURSE SUPPLEMENT	975,221.01
OFF TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST	<u>705,784.37</u>
TOTALS	3,790,691.47

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 monies are used to support the activities of the Commission. The amounts credited to the General 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.

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 licensed tracks that conduct a race meet not in conjunction with 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.

Depositing five (5) percent of those monies credited to the General Fund creates the Fair Stipend 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 managing 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 which hires its own executive director and is responsible for its own budget.

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 licensed commercial and agricultural fairs 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.

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

Off-Track Betting Simulcast Fund Distribution

Purse Supplement Distribution

Extended Meet Stipend Fund

Commercial Meet Stipend Fund

PURSES PAID BY TRACK

2007

<u>TRACK</u>	<u>DAYS RACED</u>	<u>DASHES RACED</u>	<u>OVERNIGHT PURSES PAID</u>	<u>AVERAGE PURSE/DASH</u>
Scarborough Downs	123	1,120	\$3,367,700.00	\$2,760.14
Bangor Raceway	54	523	1,323,760.00	2,531.09
Northern Maine Fair	5	44	82,400.00	1,842.73
Topsham Fair	5	42	90,100.00	2,145.24
Skowhegan Fair	7	71	148,855.00	2,096.55
Union Fair	7	56	107,200.00	1,914.29
Windsor Fair	9	95	208,280.00	2,192.42
Oxford Fair	4	44	97,800.00	2,222.73
Farmington Fair	7	67	144,095.00	2,150.67
Cumberland Fair	7	69	145,100.00	2,102.90
Cumberland Extended	1	10	20,800.00	2,080.00
Fryeburg Fair	<u>6</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>186,395.00</u>	<u>3,106.58</u>
TOTALS	235	2,301	\$5,922,485.00	\$2,573.87



2007 OFF-TRACK BETTING SIMULCAST FUND
 January 1 through December 31, 2007

TRACK	AMOUNT WAGERED	PERCENT WAGERED	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID TRI 1	AMOUNT PAID TRI 2	BALANCE DUE
Scarborough	337,510.00	69.042%	487,286.02	205,320.16	175,611.02	106,354.84
Bangor	80,277.00	16.422%	115,901.34	52,098.10	53,700.68	10,102.56
Topsham	7,724.00	1.580%	11,151.66	0.00	6,464.44	4,687.22
Skowhegan	15,810.00	3.234%	22,825.97	0.00	13,231.84	9,594.13
Oxford	10,941.00	2.238%	15,796.26	0.00	0.00	15,796.26
Farmington	17,237.00	3.526%	24,886.22	0.00	0.00	24,886.22
Cumberland	19,350.00	3.958%	27,936.90	0.00	0.00	27,936.90
TOTALS	488,849.00	100.000%	705,784.37	257,418.26	249,007.98	199,358.13
Available	705,784.37					

Distribution is based on Exotic Wagers.

2007 PURSE SUPPLEMENT FUND

January 1 through December 31, 2007

TRACK	DAYS	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID TRI 1	AMOUNT PAID TRI 2	BALANCE DUE	
SCARBOROUGH	123	510,434.83	183,259.88	192,996.22	134,178.73	
BANGOR	54	224,093.34	64,507.48	67,934.67	91,651.19	
NO. ME. FAIR	5	20,749.38	8,796.47	9,263.82	2,689.09	2,689.08
TOPSHAM FAIR	5	20,749.38	8,796.47	9,263.82	2,689.09	2,689.08
SKOWHEGAN FAIR	7	29,049.14	10,262.56	10,807.79	7,978.79	
UNION FAIR	7	29,049.14	8,796.47	9,263.82	10,988.85	
WINDSOR FAIR	9	37,348.89	11,728.63	12,351.76	13,268.50	
OXFORD COUNTY	4	16,599.51	5,864.32	6,175.88	4,559.31	
FARMINGTON FAIR	7	29,049.14	10,262.56	10,807.79	7,978.79	
CUMBERLAND FAIR	7	29,049.14	10,262.56	10,807.79	7,978.79	
CUMBERLAND EXT.	1	4,149.88	1,466.08	1,543.97	1,139.83	
FRYEBUG FAIR	6	24,899.26	8,796.47	9,263.82	6,838.97	
TOTALS	235	975,221.01	332,799.95	350,481.15	291,939.91	
AMOUNT AVAILABLE		975,221.01				
Per Day Average		4,149.877				

2007 EXTENDED MEET STIPEND FUND

Total Handle 54,088,547

Agricultural Fair Stipend \$579,587.78

4,250,222.00	0.00049	2,082.61
1,930,343.00	0.00072	1,389.85
7,437,970.32	0.00402	29,900.64
2,621,342.74	0.00189	4,954.34

Total Deducted by Statute 38,327.43

Total Available Before CAP 541,260.35

CAP 400,000.00

Total in Excess of Cap 141,260.35

Less 20% to Agricultural Fair Stipend 28,252.07

Net Available to Extended Meet Fund 113,008.28

Track	Live Wagers	Percent	Amount Due	
Scarborough Downs	1,819,867	0.7096	80,186.35	80,186.36
Bangor Raceway	718,106	0.2800	31,640.94	31,640.94
Cumberland Fair Ext.	26,803	0.0105	1,180.98	1,180.98
TOTAL WAGERED	2,564,776	1.0000	113,008.28	113,008.28

2007 COMMERCIAL MEET STIPEND FUND

HANDLE: 54,088,547.00
 CAP: 35,000,000.00
 EXCESS OF CAP 19,088,547.00

Credited to the General Fund 840,951.56
 Average Percentage 0.015548
 Less CAP Share: 544,168.89

AVAILABLE: 296,782.67

General Fund 10% 29,678.27
 Agricultural Fairs 9% 26,710.44
 Sire Stakes 9% 26,710.44
 Commercial Meet 72% 213,683.52

Total 296,782.67

Track	Live Wagers	%	Share	Payments Received	Balance Due
Scarborough Downs	1,819,867.00	0.7171	153,222.90	20,000.00	133,222.90
Bangor Raceway	718,106.00	0.2829	60,460.62	0.00	60,460.62
TOTALS	2,537,973.00	1.00	213,683.52	20,000.00	193,683.52

PART IV

OFF-TRACK

BETTING REPORT

Off-Track Betting Report

2007

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.

Through February, 1996, there were a total of seven successful applicants to operate Off- Track Betting Facilities: John Martin's Manor, Waterville; Spare Time Recreation, Lewiston; Champs Teletheatre, Presque Isle; Miller's Restaurant, Bangor; Jackie's Bar and Grill, Madawaska; Sagtuck, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB, Brunswick; and, Bath House of Pizza and Seafood Restaurant DBA Lower Deck OTB, Bath.

In 2007 there were four (4) OTBs licensed to operate in Maine: John Martin's Manor, Waterville; Lewiston Raceway, Lewiston; Sagtuck, Inc., DBA Winner's OTB, Brunswick; and, OTB Facilitators LLC, Sanford. Davric Maine Corporation, DBA Scarborough Downs, and Bangor Historic Track Inc., DBA Bangor Raceway. They applied for and received authorization to operate as inter-track wagering facilities, providing full-card simulcasting at the racetrack.

The total interstate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs in 2007 was \$23,393,791 or a 6.4% decrease from 2006. The total intrastate wagering handle recorded by the OTBs was 672,838 or a 33.7% decrease from 2006. 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	\$13,410.92	\$ 400,146.72
Agricultural Fair Stipend	7,896.75	246,555.26
Sire Stakes Program	7,714.52	218,458.35
Promotional Board	1,682.09	52,495.87
Fair Stipend Fund	705.84	21,060.35
Purse Supplement	0.00	701,414.27
Off Track Betting Simulcast	0.00	705,784.38
Horsemen's Purse Account	47,790.82	
Host Track's Share	53,259.91	

The Off Track Betting Facilities' share of the total handle is 44.06%. This is a decrease of 0.74% from the OTB share in 2006.

PART V

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

REPORT

Activities for 2007

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 2007

Television advertising was the choice of the Board for their major promotion project for harness racing at the commercial tracks. The pari-mutuel fairs were updated as the season progressed, with special emphasis on fair dates. Ads were changed to follow the live racing during the fair season. Special attention was also given to the 2- and 3-year-old Maine Breeder's Stakes races.

Throughout the year, we manned booths at various functions. We promote the equine industry and its importance in Maine, answer questions about the racino in Bangor, and provide information to the public on many related issues such as the increase in the breeding and upgrading of our racing animals and the increase in boarding and training opportunities for Maine owners and trainers.

We started the year by staffing a booth at the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs in January in Portland. As in the past, both the pari-mutuel and the non-pari-mutuel fairs benefit from the stipend funds provided from our industry. The racino in Bangor provided additional funds for both horsemen's purses and the agricultural fairs.

Our next venture was the Legislative Day at the State House. As always, the Board keeps close watch on Legislation that will affect us all, and it becomes more and more

important that we are up to date and aware of all happenings in order to protect our interests.

Our largest donation of the year was money to assist in the equine study that was done to update information on the value of the horse industry to the state. This study included all of the horse industry, not only harness racing, and the results have been widely distributed.



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As usual, we again produced 15,000 calendars for the year, and these were distributed throughout the state as well as to folks outside Maine who requested them. These extremely helpful calendars include race dates, fair dates, and other information about our industry.

In order to provide as much information as possible in newspapers, we again assisted with funds to hire an individual to submit entries and results for the racing programs for the fairs. Racing fans appreciate publication of these materials, and this is another part of our promotion program.

In October, with live radio coverage, we held our second annual “Open Farm Day” for the display and promotion of the Standardbred horses in Maine. We contracted again with the *Bangor Daily News* to prepare a tabloid insert with stories and advertising about the harness racing industry in Maine. Farms, training centers and tracks were open to the public from the County to southern Maine; in particular, the new training facility in Sidney attracted a huge attendance. Guests were treated to sulky rides, a mare and her colt were displayed, and refreshments and handouts were provided by the Board and the owners. All locations were assisted by Board members for at least part of the day. This event will continue to be one of our best promotions for the harness racing industry.

Again in 2007, the Board contracted for advertising in “Maine Invites You,” a publication that promotes Maine and reaches thousands of individuals. We also advertised in the “Fairs and Festivals” publication.

As always, we provide financial aid to provide statistics, support, and input of interest to the racing community. We also continue to contribute prizes to horsemen’s organizations to aid their scholarship fund-raising efforts.

As our mascot “Winnie” and our logo “Fun to the Finish” appear, we hope that the future holds a profitable tomorrow for all of us in the harness racing arena.



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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. 2007 was its second full year of operation. The success of the operation can be readily seen in the amount played at the Racino in 2007 with an increase of 8.06% more dollars played than in 2006 and an increase of 16.56% to all the parties that benefit from the dollars played..

The Racino did much better than expected, recording \$609,734,253.94 being played in the 475 machines licensed to operate at the facility. The amounts generated for the various funds can be found following this narrative report.

The Legislature amended the original enacted language in early 2006 to allow the distribution of the Purse Supplement Funds to licensed racing facilities based on the number of dashes awarded to each licensed facility in proportion to the total number of dashes awarded to all licensed facilities. Further, the disbursements were to be made each quarter of the calendar year with the final payment in January being the adjusting payment based on actual dashes raced during the calendar year.

The Racino facility is located in the former Millers Restaurant on Main Street in Bangor, approximately 2,000 feet from the racetrack. Penn National Gaming, Inc. plans to open its new facility in early July 2008 with the hotel being available in late August 2008. The new facility will house up to 1,500 machines, restaurants, and entertainment facilities. Additionally, the complex will provide a parking garage with 1,500 space parking garage.

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

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Distribution of Funds Generated at Hollywood Slots

		Totals
Total Played		609,734,253.94
Gambling Control Board	1%	6,097,337.24
Balance		603,636,916.70
Return To Public		564,525,730.97
Gross Revenue		43,251,970.12
Net Revenue		14,490,306.88
Fund To Supplement Purses	10%	3,715,463.22
Agricultural Fair Support Fund	3%	1,114,638.95
Sire Stakes Fund	3%	1,114,638.88
General Fund	3%	1,114,639.24
Fund To Encourage Racing at Maine's Commercial Tracks	4%	1,486,185.26
Fund to Stabilize OTB Facilities	2%	743,092.66
Fund for a Healthy Maine	10%	3,715,463.22
UMS Scholarship Fund	2%	743,092.62
ME Com. Col. System Scholarship Fund	1%	371,546.32
City of Bangor	1%	371,546.51
Total	39%	14,490,306.88
PNG, Inc.	61%	22,664,326.01
3% of the 61% goes to the City of Bangor per Statute		
% Return to Public		92.59%

**2007 Racino Distribution
Ag. Fair Support Fund**

Fair	Premiums	Due
Acton	29,917	13,521.72
Athens	7,889	3,565.63
Bangor	62,991	28,470.32
Blue Hill	44,022	19,896.82
Clinton	29,420	13,297.09
Common Ground	20,660	9,337.79
Cumberland	107,893	48,764.88
Farmington	67,264	30,401.61
Fryeburg	328,133	148,307.74
Houlton	46,972	21,230.15
Litchfield	37,144	16,788.14
Monmouth	13,781	6,228.66
New Portland	8,702	3,933.08
Northern Maine	68,535	30,976.07
Ossipee Valley	38,489	17,396.05
Oxford County	48,548	21,942.46
Piscataquis Valley	28,187	12,739.80
Pittston	26,781	12,104.33
Skowhegan	118,551	53,582.03
Springfield	28,613	12,932.35
Topsham	44,791	20,244.39
Union	57,274	25,886.39
Windsor	129,694	58,618.38
World's Fair	8,158	3,687.21
Harmony Free Fair	13,657	6,172.60
Total	1,416,066	640,025.69
Available	640,025.69	
Percent	0.451974477	

2007 Racino Distribution

Ag. Fair Support Fund Purse Supplement

Track	Dashes	Percent	Due	
Scarborough Downs	1,220	53.0204%	200,935.35	200,935.35
Bangor Raceway	523	22.7292%	86,138.68	86,138.67
Northern Maine Fair	44	1.9122%	7,246.85	7,246.85
Topsham Fair	42	1.8253%	6,917.45	6,917.45
Skowhegan Fair	71	3.0856%	11,693.78	11,693.78
Union Fair	56	2.4337%	9,223.26	9,223.26
Windsor Fair	95	4.1286%	15,646.60	15,646.60
Oxford County Fair	44	1.9122%	7,246.85	7,246.85
Farmington Fair	67	2.9118%	11,034.97	11,034.97
Cumberland Fair	69	2.9987%	11,364.38	11,364.38
Cumberland Extended	10	0.4346%	1,647.01	1,647.01
Fryeburg Fair	60	2.6076%	9,882.07	9,882.07
Total	2,301	100.0000%	378,977.24	378,977.24
Available	378,977.24			

2007 Racino Distribution

Purse Supplement January 1 through December 31

TRACK	DASHES	PERCENT	DUE	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	Balance Due
Scarborough Downs	1220	53.0204%	1,969,954.42	448,791.46	509,495.85	535,828.63	475,838.47
Bangor Raceway	523	22.7292%	844,496.86	199,032.07	225,953.52	237,631.70	181,879.57
Northern Maine Fair	44	1.9122%	71,047.54	19,386.24	22,008.46	23,145.94	6,506.90
Topsham Fair	42	1.8253%	67,818.10	19,386.24	22,008.46	23,145.94	3,277.46
Skowhegan Fair	71	3.0856%	114,644.89	23,909.70	27,143.77	28,546.67	35,044.75
Union Fair	56	2.4337%	90,424.14	22,617.28	25,676.54	27,003.60	15,126.72
Windsor Fair	95	4.1286%	153,398.09	32,633.50	37,047.57	38,962.34	44,754.68
Oxford County Fair	44	1.9122%	71,047.54	14,216.58	16,139.54	16,973.69	23,717.73
Farmington Fair	67	2.9118%	108,186.02	23,909.70	27,143.77	28,546.67	28,585.88
Cumberland Fair	69	2.9987%	111,415.46	23,263.49	26,410.15	27,775.13	33,966.69
Cumberland Ext.	10	0.4346%	16,147.17	3,231.04	3,668.07	3,857.66	5,390.40
Fryeburg	60	2.6076%	96,883.00	19,386.24	22,008.46	23,145.94	32,342.36
Total	2,301	100.0000%	3,715,463.22	849,763.54	964,704.16	1,014,563.91	886,431.61
Available						932,393.76	
Per Dash		3,715,463.22		32,310.40	32,310.40		
		1614.716741		No. Me. Ext.	No. Me Ext.		
				Withheld	Included		

RACINO FUNDS TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL RACE TRACKS

Track	Days Raced	%	Due	Trimester 1 Payment	Trimester 2 Payment	Balance Due
Scarborough Downs	123	69.491	1,032,772.8	332,389.8	341,471.0	358,911.85
Bangor Raceway	54	30.508	453,412.4	147,728.8	172,952.9	132,730.73
Total:	177	100.000	1,486,185.2	480,118.7	514,423.9	491,642.58
Available:			1,486,185.26			1,486,185.26

RACINO FUNDS TO STABILIZE OFF-TRACK BETTING LICENSEES

Facility	%	Due	Trimester 1 Payment	Trimester 2 Payment	Balance Due
Winners Circle	25%	185,773.17	60,014.85	64,303.00	61,455.32
Winners OTB	25%	185,773.17	60,014.85	64,303.00	61,455.32
OTB Facilitators	25%	185,773.17	60,014.85	64,303.00	61,455.32
John Martin's Manor	25%	185,773.17	60,014.85	64,303.00	61,455.32
Total:	100%	743,092.6	240,059.40	257,212.00	245,821.26
Available:		743,092.66			

PART VII

MAINE SIRES STAKES

PROGRAM

Overview of 2007

Financial Report

Participation Statistics

Legs and Purses Paid

Approved 2007 Racing Schedule

Final Point Standings

2007 Mares Bred List

2008 Live Racing Dates

The 2007 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.

For the past few years, I have assigned the on site operation of the sire stakes program to Ralph Canney, Program Manager for Live Racing Activities. I have first-hand knowledge that it is not easy to ensure the rules are fairly and properly interpreted as to the eligibility of horses participating in the Maine Sire Stakes Program. Further, it is an ongoing job of tracking the changes in ownership, trainers or partnerships formed throughout the racing season. Ralph traveled to each racing venue 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 Ralph and those who assisted him for doing an excellent job in 2007.

In my opinion the 2007 stakes program was very successful. Again the numbers did not reflect the enthusiasm exhibited by the owners and our racing fans. However, the purse structure certainly made those participating extremely happy. The purses went from \$1,400,000+ to over \$1.6 million. We look forward to the opening of the new slot facility in July 2008 with the addition of 525 machines. This increase will result in additional funds available for the 2008 program.

The number of non-betting races remained about the same as the previous year. We experienced a decrease, again, in the wagering handle for 2007. 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 that offer full-card simulcasting, Bangor Raceway and Scarborough Downs.

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. The Committee recommended, and the Commission approved, that up to \$10,000.00 be made available to defray the costs of testing for the prohibited substances.

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.

I wish to welcome Tim Drake, Program Coordinator, to harness racing. Tim will be assuming the responsibilities to the program that Ralph carried out previously. In cooperation with our staff, I look forward to working with all of you in the future and hope we continue to make the program better. On behalf of the Commission and the Department, I wish each of you success and good racing in 2008.

2007 STANDARD BRED BREEDERS SIRE STAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL HANDLE: 54,088,547

REVENUES:

Revenue from the handle	\$521,471.08
2006 Commercial Meet Fund	32,175.17
Fees	41,085.00
Racino Revenue, 2007	1,114,638.88
TOTAL	\$1,709,370.13

EXPENSES:

Total legs	\$1,099,062.00
Finals	441,056.00
MHHA Contract 1.85%	27,746.70
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Handle, 2007	26,073.55
MSBOA Promotion Contract, Racino, 2007	50,965.06
Security for Finals: Scarborough Police	2,774.73
Security for Finals: Scarborough Security	1,280.00
Security for Finals: Scarborough Security	952.50
Postage	274.81
Printing	1,035.98
Stallion Directory	0.00
Administrative Costs	32,082.35
Contribution for Testing	10,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,693,303.68

BALANCE 2007: \$16,066.45

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2007: \$59,722.06

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO 2008: \$75,788.51

207 PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

Stallions Registered	73
Mares Bred	407
Yearlings Nominated	190
Two Year Old Continued	181
Two Year Old Sustained	
Pacing Colts:	62
Pacing Fillies:	54
Trotting Colts:	30
Trotting Fillies:	35
Three Year Old Continued	117
Three Year Old Sustained	
Pacing Colts:	34
Pacing Fillies:	42
Trotting Colts:	17
Trotting Fillies:	20

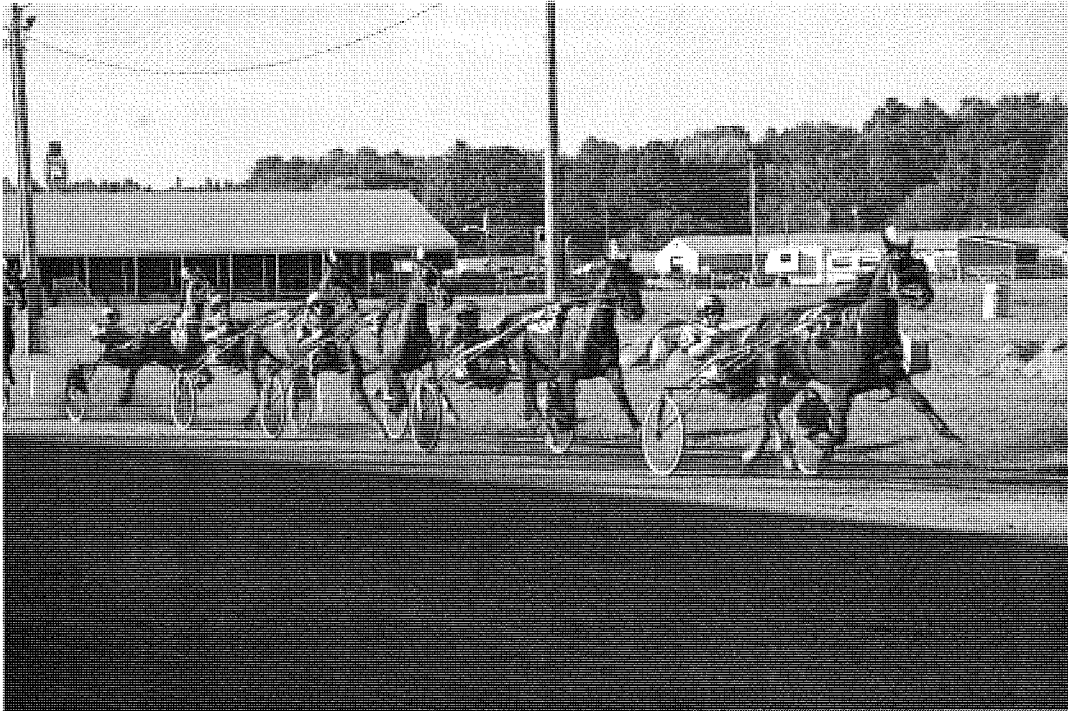


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2007 Sire Stakes Program Legs and Purses Paid

LEG # TRACK	# OF DIVISIONS	STATE'S SHARE	TRACK'S SHARE	MHHA SHARE	TOTAL
1 Scarborough	11	90,599.00	21,350.00	1,617.82	113,566.82
2 Bangor	4	33,207.00	7,525.00	583.21	41,315.21
3 Scarborough	4	31,508.00	6,900.00	569.80	38,977.80
4 Bangor	8	66,035.00	15,550.00	1,175.67	82,760.67
5 Scarborough	3	24,063.00	5,400.00	432.90	29,895.90
6 Scarborough	6	48,188.00	11,125.00	871.35	60,184.35
7 Bangor	7	57,344.00	13,400.00	1,027.67	71,771.67
8 Scarborough	6	50,105.00	11,900.00	888.00	62,893.00
9 Bangor	1	8,630.00	2,200.00	152.62	10,982.62
10 No. Maine Fair	15	119,181.00	23,575.00	2,133.51	144,889.51
11 Topsham Fair	6	48,271.00	10,875.00	867.65	60,013.65
12 Skowhegan Fair	14	113,531.00	24,625.00	2,028.98	140,184.98
13 Union Fair	15	119,381.00	24,925.00	2,137.21	146,443.21
14 Scarborough	4	33,071.00	7,575.00	586.45	41,232.45
15 Windsor	9	71,735.00	13,325.00	1,281.12	86,341.12
16 2 Year Old Finals	4	176,961.00	11,200.00	3,241.20	191,402.20
17 Oxford Fair	6	47,772.00	9,500.00	857.92	58,129.92
18 Farmington Fair	6	47,897.00	10,800.00	860.25	59,557.25
19 Cumberland Fair	5	40,522.00	9,300.00	723.81	50,545.81
20 Fryeburg Fair	6	48,022.00	9,700.00	862.56	58,584.56
21 3 Year Old Finals	4	263,397.00	14,400.00	4,847.00	282,644.00
TOTALS		1,539,420.00	265,150.00	27,746.70	1,832,316.70
Legs	144	1,099,062.00	239,550.00	19,658.50	1,358,270.50
Finals	8	440,358.00	25,600.00	8,088.20	474,046.20
GRAND TOTALS	152	1,539,420.00	265,150.00	27,746.70	1,832,316.70

2007 MARES BRED LIST

Allamerican Reagan

Heirloom
Hunter's Girl
If You Only Knew
Mercantile
Remi Baby
Shark Jeans
Win Sum Ms

American Allstar

Balius
Beacon Hill Misty
Bemy Little Baby
Kashontime
Sunset Electra

Apache Max

Arderbelle
Don't Tease Me
Energize Sahbra
Fox Valley Mimic
Happy Chelsea
Sunday Silence
Tywg Town Ashley

Ashlee's Big Guy

Chevy Lets Go
So Many Promises
Julie Bullville
Secret Winner
Izu
My Radiant Star
Royal Ribbons
Gaelic Lovely Lady
Hard Rock Hannah
Stallerbration
Fantasy Ball
Macs Actress K
New Cool
Kissin The Beach
Jena D B
Fox Ridge Gina

B Dramatic

Arden Rose
Awesome Ann J
Eglise Hanover
JK Brite Star
Lakes Hill Marylou
Less Than Ordinary
Magic Morn
May Be Lacy Baby
Midnight Venture
Seesids Star
Sweet P Skipalong

Baron Biltmore

Admirals Bow
Cuddle Close
Fully Committed
K-Land
Lexi Lulu
Lovely Jate
Make A Star
Our Towner
Partial Payment
Primo Deluxe
Saluki Hanover
Touchy Touchy

Berley

No Mares Bred

Blitzkrieg Billy

No Mares Bred

Bob

Psycho Speedy

Boy Band

A Virtue
Aloha Hall
Goblin Girl
Malimony
Malvictorian
Menage Hall
Mic Mac Terror

Boy Band (cont.)

Moving To Glory
Saintly Spice
Super Earl
Super Sibyl
Wingswept Heidi

Bry Jess Fella

Blodwen
Dee Wave Finesse

Bullish Market

No file

Captain Cam

No file

Cervantes

Sassy B A Star

Chip In

No file

Collier St. John

No mares bred

CR Power Glide

CR Fish Story
Dark Lady
Super Earl
Super Sibyl
Saintly Spice

Current Cast

All American Vigil
Almost Goodbye
Celebrity Image
Chelmark Carrissa
Fast Blade
Fionas Image
Highland Miss
La Caberet
Mended Heart
Missy Piggybank
Monica Blue
Ms Chik
Northeast Wind
Queen Jackie
Sally Over

Current Cast (cont.)

Westridge Beverage

Dancer's Legacy

Aussie's Annie
Gemini Jenny
Lady Danger
Lulu Spur
Midnight Owl
Nuclear Flasher
TSM Timmie Jo

Defies Logic

No Mares Bred

Eicarls Ramrod

Big Towners Girl
Country Wedding

Evasive Moves

Hidden Victory
Miss KGB
Quick Queen
Thundercloud

Exotic Victory

KITRI
Strong Bait
Sandels Last Trade

Fashion Cam

No file

Fast Company

Avon Lynette
Cat Hanover
Dynamo
Framed Print
Goldstar Paige
Lady Fernbank
Life Choices
Michelle Jordan
NEO Glitzy
Poison Thoughts
Pooh
Priced Right
Princess Ryann
Rococo Solombre
Sally Pansen

Fast Company (cont.)
Toned N Tanned
Touchy Touchy

Fast Growing
No Mares Bred

Final Kid
Joan of Art
Sweet Dreams

Foreign Authority
No Mares Bred

Four J G
Keystone Scorch
Virgin Rain

Fred and Barney
Noble June

Going To The Beach
Breezy Moosa
Dakujeme
Down East Lady
Mary's Molly

Gorkij Park
Linfie Ids Facelle
Ulvebacdalaise
Singapor Spur
Go-Go M C
Follow My Dust
Carie Almahurst

Grandslam Cam
Armbro Gwen
Growing Empire
Jessie Blue
Josie Venture
MT Pockets
U R Quick
Sweet Music

Have A Good Life
Nights Rocket

Iron City Low
Direct Opening
Irish Romance

Jay Trim
Lady Kazmaier
Monette
Stryker's Lady

Keno
Happy Forwood

Lahar
Do Run Blue Fortunate
Duchess Tradition
Keystone Paradise
ME Indigo
Miss Me Falcon
Mite Beth Best
Ms Fifth Ave
Perfect Handful
Tarantum Road

Lucky Big Guy
No Mares Bred

Merrilywerollalong
No file

Moving Forward
Bomb Strike
Copter's Star Image
Dynamic Ked
Invest In Glory
Keystone BaCall
La Lupa
Lifting Lily
Meadowcreek Music
Menage Hall
Mint Julep
Move Over Baby
Naughty Sahbra
Nice View Hanover
Paradise Recount
Pretty Aragant
Queen Bee Hall
Quote of The Week
Rose Street Jewel

Moving Forward (cont.)

Rosebyanyothername
Sea Star Virgin
Serenchipity
Shakeyurmonimaker
Single N Sassy
Texas Lover
Truly Cumin

Musclini

Baby Eva G
Bedevil Hanover
Beluga
Cookie Annie
Look Yonder
Namalie
Pick A Lily
Sultry Night
Super Earl
That Lovin Feeling
Trotting Bell
Warraldee Willow
Westridge Alberta
Westridge Gossip

Neutralize

Baja Hanover
Berry Fast Cash
Big Easy Goer
Cams Midnite Star
Doyathinkshesawus
Firebug
Flim Flam Gum
French Stepp
Frugal Hanover
Grey Matter
Harebrain Scheme
Hr Sherrys Tamana
Incoming Call
Josie Plumsted
Kendal Orchid
Lady Cannet
Magic Kneeboots
Miss Claudia Kel
My First Ex Wife
NALA
Old Love
Paris

Neutralize (cont.)

Private Terms
See Red Run
Siouxland Sassy
Special Goddess
Steal To Win
Sweetsistersadie
Waited So Long
Western Wings
Wont Touch This

No Apology

Droptedawn
Lifes Dreamer

Pardon Me

Abbie Alma
Aldy Hanover
Charity Song
Classic Begonia
Dabindinthedough
Glory B B
Happy Hall

R S Banker

The Day is Cumin
Westgate Beauty

Radiant Ruler

No Mares Bred

Ramjet Hanover

Forgiven Hanvoer
Gallop Poll
Telluride

Regarding Riley

No Mares Bred

Ring Of Life

Double Dell
Durbin
Given To Fly
Michelle Jordan
Nuclear Noel
Pacific Passion
Street Singing

Rite Of Passage

No file

Roadshow Hall

Duchess Leebrook
Exclusive Lee
Jazzy Yankee
Jungle O Peaches
Lazer Zone
Lindon's Pamola
Lucky Norma
Mac's Legacy
Orphine Hanover
Royals Fantasy
Vassar

Roy Olcott

No file

Sakrologist

Boss of the buture
Camamia
DIE JOUR
Disco Queen
Kiwi Replacement
Mattcaw
Miss Serena
Powalt Flow
Still Going
Sunset Rachel
Zada

Send The Bill

Gold Survivor
Future Fox

Sent From Above

No file

Serious Hanover

Dawns Angel
Franken Starr
Honor Society
Mint Blue Chip
Phoenicia Hanover
Questionarle Katie
Salsa
Social Matron
Spring Laughter

Shipp's Super Cruise

No file

Snap Hanover

Ann Candors
Cooper's Queenie
Danielle's Photo

Snores

BL Lady Di
CC Wild Falls
Committal
Cranmeadow Cupie
Jetta VW
Lavinia Hanover
Mrs Sizzle
Powerline Cryscro
RG Hot to Trot
Rose Run Belle
Twenty Karat

Speedy Larom

Dream Dive
Cranberry Ice
Carrie Almahurst

Sweet Dragon

Gabriella
Gothic Romance
Make Up Your Mind
Mercerlane Lil Mia
Missy May
Western Mischief

Swingin Yankee

Cuzican
Eurasia
Our Rising Storm

Tarquin Hall

Bambino Sally
Cobbossee
Miss Greenfield
Nosey Lulu
Play Money
Tuff
Workout Woman

Thornton Will
Cumin's Diamond
Pammes Princess
Fluer Du Lac
Miss Julieanna Hayes
Misty Butch
Sassy Cathy

Time Line
Hawaiian Dreamer
Serious Intent

Top Notch Kyle
No Mares Bred

Traveling Wilbury
No Mares Bred

Tridium
Novia Hanover
J.T. Mills
Dansan Meggie

Tsunami
Amy Inquined
Kovel

Veeza
Beached Whale
Boss of the Future
Bunny's Star
D Dynamite Donna
Eyes A Flashin N
Gambunctions
Go Honey
Han It Over
JD Jogger
Kentucky Bella
Magical Charmer
Mall Walker Hanover
My Girl Connie
Shark Lady
Southview Jiffy
Streak of Spice
Time For A Win
Valerin Hanover

Wallace
No Mares Bred

Watch Out I'm Coming
Bo Knows Sandy

Western Cyclone
Aerobic Stepper
All So Clear
Aparte
Armbro Dice
Arthonation
Arts Determination
Beautiful Lee
Better Off
Birdie Bentley
Bridal Shower
Canyon Run
Dolly Ironstone
E Dees Diamond J
Earna Liven
Fiber Art
Fly So High
Fox Ridge Maryann
JennyS Love
Keystone Margarita
Kiki Hanover
Kikkr Bluegrass
Landmark Lover
Landmark Princess
Lifes A Ball
Madonna Hanover
Marlesa C
Melrose Pace
Miss Beach Baby
Miss Tahoa
Monntana Girl
No Fine Print
Old Love
Pacific Monet
Platinum Wheat
Red Hot Data
Search The Future
Shes A Den
Silks Filly PJ
Skinnylegsandall
Smooth As Ice
Southwind Auroa
Think Of Me Fondly
Varda Hanover

Will Do Hanover

Avon Jane D

Born to Be Blue

Diamond Sunrise

Eternal Sea

Hanky Yankee

Hopeful Freda

Sail The Tradewind

Sand Chic

Two of A Kind



2008 Maine Harness Racing Commission Pari-mutuel race dates

SCARBOROUGH DOWNS:

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

Total **129**

BANGOR HISTORIC TRACK:

April	11,13,18,20,25,27,30.....	7
May.....	2,4,7,9,11,14,16,18,21,23,25,28,30.....	13
June.....	1,4,6,8,11,13,15,18,20,22,25,27,29	13
July	2,4,6,9,11,13,16,18,20.....	9
October	11,12,18,19,25,26.....	6
November	1,2,8,9,15,16.....	6

Total **54**

NORTHERN MAINE EXTENDED MEET:

May.....	22,29.....	2
June.....	5,12,19,26.....	4
July.....	3,10,17,19.....	4
Total		10

NORTHERN MAINE FAIR:

July	25,26,28,30,31	5
August	1	1

TOPSHAM FAIR:

August	3,4,5,6,8,9, 7Rain Date	6
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SKOWHEGAN STATE FAIR:

August	10,11,12,13,14,15,16.....	7
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UNION FAIR:

August	17,18,19,20,21,22,23	7
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WINDSOR FAIR:

August	24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31	8
September.....	1	1

OXFORD COUNTY FAIR:

September	7,10,11,12,13.....	5
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FARMINGTON FAIR:

September.....	14,15,16,17,18,19,20.....	7
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CUMBERLAND FAIR:

September	21,22,23,24,25,26,27, (28 Extended Meet).....	8
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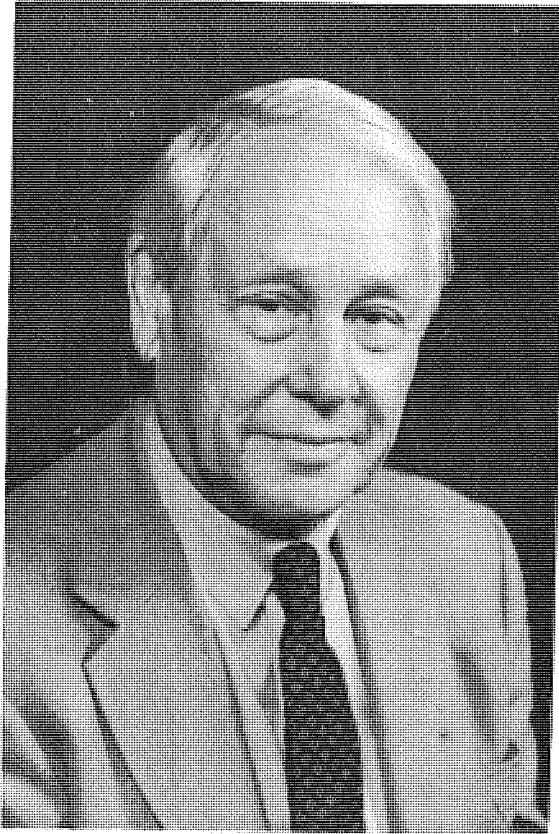
FRYEBURG FAIR:

September	30.....	1
October.....	1,2,3,4,5	

TOTAL RACE DAYS **254**

MAINE STANDARD BRED BREEDERS STAKES									
2008 RACING SCHEDULE									
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	Leg								
JUNE/JULY									
Bangor Raceway	1				25: 3C&FT				
Scarborough Downs	2						27: 3FP		
Bangor Raceway	3	29: 3CP			2: 3C&FT		4: 3FP		
Bangor Raceway	4	6: 3CP					11: 3FP		
Scarborough Downs	5					10: 3C&FT			
Scarborough Downs	6	13: 3CP				17: 3C&FT		19: 2CP	
Bangor Raceway	7	20: 3CP			16: 2C&FT		18: 2FP		
Scarborough Downs	8					24: 3FP			
Northern Maine Fair	9							26: 2 C&FP	
					30: 2C&FT	31: 3FP	1: 3CP		
					3C&FT				
AUGUST									
Topsham Fair	10				6: 3C&FT				
Skowhegan Fair	11	10: 3CP		12: 3FP	13: 3C&FT	14: 2C&FT	15: 2FP	16: 2CP	
Union Fair	12	17: 3CP					22: 3FP		
Scarborough Downs	13					21: 2C&FT		23: 2CP	
Windsor Fair	14	24: 3CP		26: 2FP	27: 3C&FT		29: 3FP	30: 2CP	
Scarborough Downs	15					28: 2C&FT			
SEPTEMBER									
Scarborough Downs	16	31: 3CP				4: 2FP			
Oxford County Fair	17				10: 3C&FT	11: 2C&FT	12: 3FP	13: 2CP	
Farmington Fair	18	14: 3CP		16: 2FP	17: 3C&FT	18: 2C&FT	19: 3FP		
Cumberland Fair	19	21: 3CP		23: 2FP	24: 3C&FT	25: 2C&FT	26: 3FP	27: 2CP	
OCTOBER									
Fryeburg Fair	20				1: 3C&FT	2: 3FP	3: 3CP		
					3CT				
Scarborough Downs	21							11: 2 Year Old Finals	
		12: 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									

In Memory of...



ROGER SMITH, SR.

1914-2008

“Mr. Harness Racing” was a name that applied to Roger Smith, Sr., a man who was an integral part of the Maine racing world from the time he formed Rockwood Farm Stable in the late 1940’s. His racing stable contained such notable horses as Thunderation, a trotting champion, and Eric’s Joy, an Invitational Pacing Mare. Rockwood Farm Stable continues as a United States Trotting Association registered stable.

Roger, along with horseman Alan Mollison, also successfully operated the Bangor State Fair from 1961 to 1970.

In 1972 Roger was appointed State Racing Steward by the Maine Harness Racing Commission, a position he held until 2006, at the age of 92.

Always the consummate gentleman and a stickler for details, Roger was a true representative of Maine Harness Racing and a good friend who will be sorely missed.