

# Committee on Horse Race Dates

August 13, 2010, Meeting

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## Agenda Packet Material

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Section II. Information submitted for consideration.

**FW: Info Requested**

Young, Andrea

To Sammy Jackson [sammy@txrc.state.tx.us]

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You may find this interesting,

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**From:** Hopf, Frank  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2010 2:36 PM  
**To:** Young, Andrea  
**Cc:** Jackson, David; Johnston, Eric  
**Subject:** RE: Info Requested

Let me know if this helps.

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Quarter Horse Racing Continues through August 14th!

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**From:** Young, Andrea  
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Please provide me the following:

- SHRP wagering on Lone Star Park's recently concluded TB meet compared to PY – date ranges, # of dates, total and averages
- SHRP wagering on Momouth Park's ongoing TB meet compared to PY – same metrics as above

Thanks,

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Comparison of Wagering Data at Sam Houston Race Park  
2009 to 2010

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Lone Star Park</b>				
Date Range	April 9 - July 26	April 8- July 18	n/a	n/a
Handle	1,148,814	712,604	(436,210)	-37.97%
Number of Dates	65	60	(5)	-7.69%
Average Handle	17,674	11,877	(5,797)	-32.80%

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Monmouth Park</b>				
Date Range	May 9 - July 19	May 22- July 18	n/a	n/a
Handle	438,164	866,220	428,057	97.69%
Number of Dates	46	27	(19)	-41.30%
Average Handle	9,525	32,082	22,557	236.81%

## Sam Houston Race Park Wagering on Lone Star Park 2009

Hosting	Handle	TrackPurse	TrackCommission	Reconciliation	Date	Days
Lone Star	13,478.70	1,051.99	1,336.89	507.99	09-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,608.90	1,138.22	1,461.92	276.25	10-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	24,551.70	1,883.31	2,368.40	1,669.26	11-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	17,797.90	1,402.67	1,817.71	(768.93)	12-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,599.10	1,133.30	1,421.31	702.28	16-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,129.70	1,178.44	1,498.72	1,201.69	17-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	23,617.10	1,817.65	2,312.82	2,551.39	18-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	18,360.20	1,424.35	1,807.92	2,509.62	19-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	11,553.00	894.36	1,123.71	(6,160.36)	23-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,561.40	1,123.26	1,412.40	(1,079.20)	24-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	30,414.10	2,301.02	2,891.29	854.00	25-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	18,216.00	1,394.87	1,745.85	(974.67)	26-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	11,046.30	864.09	1,100.12	2,216.36	30-Apr-09	1.00
Lone Star	28,017.90	2,103.71	2,562.93	(683.73)	01-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	31,987.00	2,475.45	3,151.11	3,837.06	02-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,064.10	1,166.73	1,478.57	1,987.30	03-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	12,125.00	930.23	1,169.98	928.95	07-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	17,119.90	1,332.08	1,699.06	700.44	08-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	30,151.50	2,306.80	2,897.65	(4,596.26)	09-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	12,673.80	986.22	1,252.81	(494.15)	10-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,937.80	1,164.39	1,458.07	(935.23)	14-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	23,474.10	1,803.03	2,257.18	(5,188.92)	15-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	32,554.60	2,498.59	3,107.72	(3,264.35)	16-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	10,849.70	851.36	1,092.23	562.97	17-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	9,572.70	739.82	937.46	(303.30)	21-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,020.30	1,181.88	1,509.95	2,892.19	22-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	22,532.40	1,743.98	2,223.68	(4,516.53)	23-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,068.10	1,166.67	1,473.55	1,855.11	24-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	35,340.30	2,761.50	3,516.90	(186.76)	25-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	10,563.40	819.63	1,030.21	(1,934.36)	28-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	18,064.80	1,400.95	1,770.93	2,672.11	29-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	30,756.80	2,366.49	2,985.40	(5,726.75)	30-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,301.40	1,191.31	1,507.98	369.29	31-May-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,464.50	1,185.71	1,499.07	(2,009.28)	04-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	16,301.50	1,269.03	1,598.41	(190.78)	05-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	34,943.40	2,704.23	3,429.72	3,041.85	06-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	17,049.60	1,324.91	1,673.15	4,102.41	07-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	8,589.10	671.93	850.50	1,514.97	11-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	13,180.50	1,019.38	1,278.16	743.93	12-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	20,445.10	1,573.27	2,000.50	(5,009.25)	13-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,066.90	1,100.50	1,402.30	3,207.52	14-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	16,323.70	1,269.91	1,600.84	5.93	18-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	17,262.70	1,326.80	1,662.47	3,053.13	19-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,914.00	1,156.45	1,474.00	(5,432.19)	20-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	16,045.20	1,255.61	1,623.42	(5,995.87)	21-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,624.30	1,201.37	1,501.68	(3,036.58)	25-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	14,424.00	1,109.18	1,392.56	2,491.43	26-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	16,670.00	1,300.84	1,660.56	(3,788.85)	27-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	18,488.10	1,440.25	1,844.36	446.55	28-Jun-09	1.00
Lone Star	11,524.20	881.04	1,096.88	(5,400.08)	02-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,859.00	1,203.42	1,486.53	1,659.19	03-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	10,006.80	771.19	961.13	(698.28)	04-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	9,562.10	749.70	960.68	(759.07)	05-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	9,478.10	737.62	930.58	510.56	09-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	18,691.40	1,415.48	1,705.03	791.96	10-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,987.10	1,256.51	1,609.33	284.09	11-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	12,346.30	964.37	1,236.38	1,534.61	12-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	16,691.80	1,295.64	1,641.95	(1,943.14)	16-Jul-09	1.00

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### Sam Houston Race Park Wagering on Lone Star Park 2009

Hosting	Handle	TrackPurse	TrackCommission	Reconciliation	Date	Pays
Lone Star	20,873.00	1,616.08	2,036.50	1,066.80	17-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	19,588.50	1,513.45	1,892.46	(23,130.52)	18-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	11,703.50	918.27	1,176.06	776.29	19-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	11,304.40	884.14	1,116.91	1,689.65	23-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	21,640.50	1,648.48	2,008.56	(561.52)	24-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	29,091.40	2,246.44	2,894.08	3,685.79	25-Jul-09	1.00
Lone Star	15,563.90	1,239.98	1,613.96	1,955.09	26-Jul-09	1.00
Totals	1,148,814.30	88,849.50	112,241.16	(33,912.90)	n/a	65.00

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## Sam Houston Race Park Wagering on Lone Star Park 2010

Hosting	Handle	TrackPurse	TrackCommission	Reconciliation	Date	Days
Lone Star	10,461.00	834.79	1,082.98	578.38	08-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	12,801.50	1,015.02	1,308.42	655.00	09-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	18,373.40	1,427.21	1,804.01	933.61	10-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,529.10	741.57	930.86	1,283.90	11-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	10,182.10	795.41	1,003.53	294.33	15-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	14,687.20	1,158.57	1,476.00	3,618.13	16-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	13,883.50	1,071.23	1,363.73	1,305.81	17-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	11,734.90	935.30	1,210.83	1,344.15	18-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	10,333.30	832.19	1,082.79	493.03	22-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	20,013.30	1,559.86	1,948.77	2,460.12	23-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	27,959.70	2,150.85	2,723.02	2,628.42	24-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	11,753.20	923.85	1,203.29	(1,945.51)	25-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	13,701.90	1,065.02	1,340.92	(900.44)	29-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,061.70	708.20	905.35	1,646.23	30-Apr-10	1.00
Lone Star	22,643.90	1,757.99	2,213.92	(968.20)	01-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	12,755.90	1,003.45	1,274.76	2,838.17	02-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	7,787.50	616.45	792.45	703.00	06-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,608.90	659.04	822.91	1,868.72	07-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	19,220.40	1,460.18	1,809.22	3,011.69	08-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	10,213.70	791.08	998.85	(552.52)	09-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	7,527.50	601.40	777.36	1,157.51	13-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,644.70	666.56	831.78	2,476.50	14-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	15,962.70	1,234.99	1,563.07	4,106.30	15-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	19,128.10	1,478.25	1,857.86	(3,707.86)	16-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,040.30	629.42	791.18	494.06	20-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,819.00	751.14	940.02	456.21	21-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	12,774.10	980.60	1,223.81	3,804.00	22-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	7,488.60	576.49	723.28	(1,127.87)	23-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,807.60	697.84	890.35	(919.96)	27-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,178.00	707.21	886.78	1,023.50	28-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	13,566.20	1,046.61	1,332.60	(122.97)	29-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,293.40	729.77	943.65	15.86	30-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	20,716.00	1,562.68	1,885.08	(1,472.59)	31-May-10	1.00
Lone Star	6,867.30	526.35	653.78	(598.90)	04-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	19,994.40	1,544.94	1,953.75	272.86	05-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,759.60	763.80	976.10	1,094.33	06-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	5,057.80	390.14	488.55	23.56	10-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	6,616.20	507.30	629.45	1,996.02	11-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,336.00	712.33	886.96	(11.29)	12-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,661.00	672.07	851.07	48.07	13-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	5,294.00	414.52	525.97	76.38	17-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,692.10	666.99	820.42	(2,767.25)	18-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	15,931.90	1,221.74	1,517.24	1,442.46	19-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	7,163.50	551.06	698.34	1,618.99	20-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	7,995.50	615.30	772.87	(512.95)	24-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	11,542.50	888.13	1,104.19	(30.61)	25-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,409.20	723.13	907.04	1,433.18	26-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	10,948.10	851.88	1,090.16	620.98	27-Jun-10	1.00
Lone Star	10,726.20	819.97	1,002.12	3,489.17	01-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	5,466.00	425.70	535.28	156.92	02-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	5,761.40	446.75	563.45	292.97	03-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	13,424.00	1,037.49	1,301.51	(1,300.99)	04-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	8,845.30	682.05	851.64	(2,763.62)	08-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	4,750.40	367.98	467.84	101.97	09-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	15,366.30	1,182.21	1,504.29	(492.28)	10-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	9,039.70	700.74	893.75	1,401.18	11-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	19,947.30	1,525.62	1,906.55	(18,735.74)	15-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	17,145.10	1,319.80	1,641.64	(2,853.32)	16-Jul-10	1.00

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## Sam Houston Race Park Wagering on Lone Star Park 2010

Hosting	Handle	TrackPurse	TrackCommission	Reconciliation	Date	Days
Lone Star	16,109.40	1,251.38	1,591.65	(14,166.36)	17-Jul-10	1.00
Lone Star	16,101.80	1,255.34	1,598.37	(4,074.40)	18-Jul-10	1.00
Totals	712,604.30	55,234.94	69,677.42	(6,759.96)	n/a	60.00

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## Sam Houston Race Park Wagering on Monmouth Park 2009

Hosting	Handle	TrackPurse	TrackCommission	Reconciliation	Days	Date
Monmouth Park	7,819.30	568.83	704.62	1,698.69	1	09-May-09
Monmouth Park	6,681.60	481.88	594.65	1,330.46	1	10-May-09
Monmouth Park	15,583.90	1,101.27	1,254.88	(6,482.93)	1	16-May-09
Monmouth Park	5,313.10	399.33	505.35	1,938.32	1	17-May-09
Monmouth Park	11,823.10	825.01	929.17	2,693.21	1	22-May-09
Monmouth Park	13,174.50	919.25	1,055.94	(167.04)	1	23-May-09
Monmouth Park	7,658.40	534.73	635.80	15.74	1	24-May-09
Monmouth Park	10,325.70	754.62	928.83	1,321.65	1	25-May-09
Monmouth Park	8,983.60	624.12	717.14	(2,960.73)	1	29-May-09
Monmouth Park	11,271.40	778.62	868.46	1,752.59	1	30-May-09
Monmouth Park	6,576.70	473.89	579.49	(5,563.29)	1	31-May-09
Monmouth Park	5,920.70	417.47	494.80	1,542.83	1	03-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	3,255.60	217.23	254.36	1,499.88	1	04-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	7,585.50	541.63	651.42	464.06	1	05-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	8,740.90	619.01	737.43	2,209.11	1	06-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	5,540.30	385.24	463.08	422.33	1	07-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	8,185.00	599.66	743.01	2,551.42	1	10-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	3,271.10	226.39	266.40	(193.53)	1	11-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	12,741.70	896.05	1,054.38	2,418.87	1	12-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	8,282.50	569.03	662.94	(3,731.58)	1	13-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	4,611.40	314.08	372.74	1,638.63	1	14-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	12,212.10	864.72	1,042.40	2,786.98	1	17-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	1,863.20	125.48	148.02	427.20	1	18-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	14,399.90	1,033.64	1,256.00	2,847.37	1	19-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	5,207.20	363.61	433.31	(701.72)	1	20-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	5,818.80	401.58	486.26	1,454.92	1	21-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	11,714.50	794.71	936.50	1,124.45	1	24-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	4,084.90	292.71	361.42	1,433.01	1	25-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	13,954.40	1,007.02	1,223.22	2,367.15	1	26-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	7,342.30	508.60	600.53	1,825.56	1	27-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	5,701.80	377.00	437.39	288.09	1	28-Jun-09
Monmouth Park	9,703.10	642.63	711.13	(1,495.56)	1	01-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	9,112.10	632.34	725.07	117.83	1	02-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	23,845.60	1,682.98	1,998.90	3,196.85	1	03-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	32,064.50	2,285.89	2,772.27	4,022.24	1	04-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	8,024.80	566.80	688.39	936.42	1	05-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	8,882.50	627.20	733.42	488.82	1	08-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	7,989.30	572.17	700.57	2,095.06	1	09-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	15,466.70	1,082.12	1,292.54	(183.41)	1	10-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	12,513.60	855.90	989.51	793.17	1	11-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	7,444.90	530.96	640.36	1,246.47	1	12-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	9,862.70	703.01	853.66	2,231.98	1	15-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	7,376.60	509.70	608.16	962.34	1	16-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	11,527.00	823.26	1,006.58	1,161.10	1	17-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	11,940.00	841.89	1,021.99	3,610.05	1	18-Jul-09
Monmouth Park	6,765.40	471.32	571.00	1,804.26	1	19-Jul-09
Totals	438,163.90	30,844.60	36,713.49	39,239.32	46.00	n/a

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## Sam Houston Race Park Wagering on Monmouth Park 2010

Hosting	Handle	TrackPurse	TrackCommission	Reconciliation	Days	Date
Monmouth Park	40,140.20	2,831.18	3,346.80	7,251.90	1	22-May-10
Monmouth Park	21,859.90	1,572.90	1,923.44	802.08	1	23-May-10
Monmouth Park	40,603.60	2,878.53	3,491.10	(9,698.27)	1	29-May-10
Monmouth Park	32,874.40	2,365.05	2,902.74	1,703.51	1	30-May-10
Monmouth Park	30,743.30	2,212.32	2,690.31	166.40	1	31-May-10
Monmouth Park	22,547.60	1,610.92	1,952.22	2,899.64	1	04-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	24,043.00	1,737.80	2,096.42	1,419.67	1	05-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	20,427.10	1,470.33	1,801.08	2,194.57	1	06-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	21,904.10	1,581.37	1,932.31	4,721.87	1	11-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	38,173.30	2,625.00	3,083.53	(589.19)	1	12-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	24,182.70	1,696.82	1,989.67	4,644.49	1	13-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	29,560.70	2,096.87	2,499.53	4,674.25	1	18-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	40,065.80	2,802.22	3,373.21	(741.61)	1	19-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	20,413.30	1,449.77	1,730.21	199.10	1	20-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	31,896.80	2,304.38	2,815.26	(762.68)	1	25-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	47,926.50	3,443.65	4,229.94	14,322.00	1	26-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	23,606.40	1,689.74	2,039.84	(648.37)	1	27-Jun-10
Monmouth Park	35,499.70	2,490.88	2,920.42	4,767.91	1	02-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	57,021.70	3,973.63	4,761.51	8,869.62	1	03-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	19,492.90	1,378.15	1,629.96	3,261.06	1	04-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	37,923.20	2,700.00	3,238.89	(3,041.83)	1	05-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	28,471.90	2,022.85	2,425.96	(1,152.02)	1	09-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	40,467.10	2,898.96	3,582.45	11,045.82	1	10-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	24,183.60	1,765.44	2,188.54	(3,341.76)	1	11-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	32,794.10	2,310.88	2,781.39	6,654.36	1	16-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	51,003.00	3,587.08	4,317.87	10,314.44	1	17-Jul-10
Monmouth Park	28,394.50	2,079.39	2,553.65	636.34	1	18-Jul-10
Totals	866,220.40	61,576.10	74,298.25	70,573.30	27.00	n/a

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Note increases since delta closed. Speaks to ideal places in calendar for qh racing in tx.

Thanks,  
Andrea

-----Original message-----

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Sam Houston Race Park  
Field Size Statistics  
2010 Quarterhorse Meet

Date	Day	Race												Total	Daily Average	Monthly Average
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
4/30/2010	Fri	9	9	10	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	93	9.3	9.3
5/1/2010	Sat	7	10	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	91	9.1	9.1
5/8/2010	Sat	8	9	8	10	10	8	10	8	10	10	10	10	81	9.0	9.0
5/9/2010	Sun	8	8	7	9	6	8	7	9	7	10	10	10	89	8.1	8.1
5/14/2010	Fri	8	8	6	9	7	10	6	10	10	10	10	93	8.5	8.5	
5/15/2010	Sat	10	9	6	8	7	8	10	10	9	9	10	77	8.6	8.6	
5/20/2010	Thu	6	9	7	8	8	10	7	10	6	10	10	81	8.1	8.1	
5/21/2010	Fri	8	10	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	8	10	100	9.1	9.1	
5/22/2010	Sat	8	8	8	9	8	9	10	8	7	10	10	95	8.6	8.6	
5/28/2010	Fri	8	8	10	9	10	10	8	8	10	10	10	103	9.4	9.4	
5/29/2010	Sat	8	7	8	10	10	9	10	7	10	10	10	79	8.8	8.8	
5/31/2010	Mon	8	8	7	9	7	8	9	10	8	10	10	94	8.5	8.5	
6/1/2010	Thu	8	9	6	8	8	8	7	8	7	9	8	86	7.8	7.8	
6/4/2010	Fri	7	7	8	8	8	9	7	10	7	10	10	81	8.1	8.1	
6/5/2010	Sat	7	9	8	10	6	10	7	10	9	10	10	76	8.4	8.4	
6/10/2010	Thu	8	8	7	7	7	8	9	7	10	10	10	90	8.2	8.2	
6/11/2010	Fri	6	8	7	8	7	8	9	8	7	8	7	76	7.6	7.6	
6/12/2010	Sat	7	6	8	7	8	7	8	6	10	10	10	67	7.4	7.4	
6/18/2010	Fri	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	119	9.9	9.9	
6/19/2010	Sat	8	10	10	10	9	10	9	10	10	10	10	86	9.6	9.6	
6/20/2010	Sun	8	10	8	8	10	7	10	10	7	10	10	85	8.5	8.5	
6/24/2010	Thu	6	10	8	8	8	8	6	9	7	10	10	92	8.4	8.4	
6/25/2010	Fri	7	8	6	8	6	8	8	9	6	9	9	84	7.6	7.6	
6/26/2010	Sat	7	8	8	9	7	8	9	10	10	10	10	76	8.4	8.4	
7/2/2010	Fri	6	7	10	8	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	79	8.8	8.8	
7/3/2010	Sat	7	8	6	8	6	9	10	7	7	10	10	97	8.1	8.1	
7/4/2010	Sun	6	7	8	6	7	7	10	9	7	8	9	84	7.6	7.6	
7/8/2010	Thu	7	8	7	8	7	10	7	8	7	10	10	79	7.9	7.9	
7/9/2010	Fri	6	8	7	7	8	7	6	8	8	8	7	71	7.1	7.1	
7/10/2010	Sat	8	10	6	10	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	79	8.8	8.8	
7/15/2010	Thu	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	10	89	8.1	8.1	
7/16/2010	Fri	7	9	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	10	10	102	9.3	9.3	
7/17/2010	Sat	7	7	10	8	10	8	7	8	8	10	10	83	8.3	8.3	
7/22/2010	Thu	8	7	10	8	10	10	10	8	10	10	10	100	9.1	9.1	
7/23/2010	Fri	6	7	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	98	8.9	8.9	
7/24/2010	Sat	7	10	7	10	8	9	10	8	10	10	10	79	8.8	8.8	
7/29/2010	Thu	9	7	7	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	87	8.7	8.7	
7/30/2010	Fri	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	10	10	106	9.6	9.6	
7/31/2010	Sat	8	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	87	9.7	9.7	
8/5/2010	Thu	7	8	8	7	10	10	10	9	10	10	10	98	8.9	8.9	
Meet Totals - Races		300	334	321	348	331	361	344	356	346	269	183	19	3,512	292.7	8.6
Meet Totals - Horses		40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	29	19	2	410		
Averages/Race		7.50	8.35	8.03	8.70	8.28	9.03	8.60	8.90	8.65	9.28	9.63	9.50	8.57		

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August 6, 2010

Sammy Jackson  
Director of Finance and Regulatory Control  
Texas Racing Commission  
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Austin, TX 78711-2080

Dear Sammy:

Preparatory to the August 13 meeting of the Texas Racing Commission Horse Race Date Committee, I am resubmitting statistical data that has now been titled "Comparative Statistical Data for Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma for 2000-2009---Purses Paid, Incentive Awards Paid, Thoroughbred Foals Registered, Amount Wagered, Live Race Days and Attendance (Where Available).

Also, in response to a request of Dr. Robert Schmidt, Vice Chair of TRC and chair of the July 16 Horse Race Date Committee meeting, the staff of the Texas Thoroughbred Association has researched accreditation records to assess the loss of participants in the Accredited Texas-Bred Incentive Program. Accompanying this letter, please find the results of the research entitled "Statistical Data on the Accredited Texas-Bred Program 2000-2010.

In addition, I have also enclosed Thoroughbred Breeding Annual Statistical Comparison for Texas, which is an updated summary of registered foals, mares bred and active stallions for the years 2000-2009 as reported by The Jockey Club for the states of Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma as well as Texas. There may be cause to reference this information during the August 13 meeting.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to provide this information.

Respectfully yours,

David E. Hooper  
Executive Director

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**Comparative Statistical Data for Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma for 2000 - 2009**  
**Purses Paid, Incentive Awards Paid, Thoroughbred Foals Registered, Amount Wagered, Live Race Days and Attendance (Where Available)**

Total of All Purses, All Tracks  
 Horse

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
TX \$	44,729,441	\$ 42,909,819	\$ 45,407,260	\$ 41,385,523	*1 \$52,987,733	\$ 39,039,804
LA	Note *7	Note *7	Note *7	Note *7	\$ 84,520,060	\$ 90,393,148
NM \$	25,660,771	\$ 29,955,554	\$ 33,871,528	\$ 44,038,930	\$ 44,668,267	\$ 53,146,361
OK \$	20,347,705	\$ 18,201,848	\$ 20,986,686	\$ 14,385,174	\$ 14,788,393	\$ 15,536,841

Greyhound

TX \$	7,038,876	\$ 7,897,006	\$ 6,899,932	\$ 5,729,025	\$ 5,180,651	\$ 5,046,060
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Total of All Purses, All Tracks  
 Horse

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TX \$	38,576,468	\$ 37,264,081	\$ 35,095,599	*9 \$30,244,759
LA	*6 \$87,748,102	\$ 109,197,123	\$ 101,934,863	\$ 106,253,572
NM \$	59,840,190	\$ 60,821,257	\$ 63,559,619	
OK \$	32,818,425	\$ 33,061,204	\$ 36,580,504	

Greyhound

TX \$	4,922,639	\$ 4,400,461	\$ 3,578,156	\$ 3,390,036
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Incentive Program Awards Paid

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
*5 (Horse) TX \$	5,819,994	\$ 5,616,418	\$ 5,601,897	\$ 5,001,449	*1 5,094,671	\$ 4,590,306
*5 (Greyhound) TX \$	820,241	\$ 851,207	\$ 819,892	\$ 768,386	\$ 703,638	\$ 660,801
*8 (TB) LA	Not available	\$ 2,115,753	\$ 3,118,514	\$ 4,767,100	\$ 16,356,933	\$ 19,456,036
NM \$	2,107,545	\$ 2,281,143	\$ 2,777,841	\$ 3,133,479	\$ 3,110,131	\$ 3,734,193
OK \$	2,019,652	\$ 2,070,653	\$ 1,637,511	\$ 1,281,519	\$ 1,552,795	\$ 1,178,958

Incentive Program Awards Paid

	2006	2007	2008	2009
*5 (Horse) TX \$	4,666,878	\$ 4,579,474	\$ 4,291,070	\$ 3,796,858
*5 (Greyhound) TX \$	675,173	\$ 634,675	\$ 467,489	\$ 526,441
*8 (TB) LA \$	19,635,700	\$ 23,683,031	\$ 23,712,875	
NM \$	4,268,757	\$ 4,514,101	\$ 4,533,987	\$ 4,460,495
OK \$	1,770,552	\$ 4,461,227	\$ 5,174,522	

# Thoroughbreds Born (bred) in the State

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
TX	2034	2013	1952	1861	1746	1669
LA	1247	1417	1492	1592	1906	2103
NM	470	550	675	751	796	898
OK	1083	1069	965	954	953	894

# Thoroughbreds Born (bred) in the State

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TX	1475	1427	1173	N/A
LA	2358	2510	2459	N/A
NM	1037	1074	1047	N/A
OK	923	843	855	N/A

\*1 In Texas in 2004, Lone Star Park hosted the Breeders' Cup

\*2 Estimated 99% complete 3/2/10

\*3 Estimated 94% complete 3/2/10

\*4 First data available 8/16/10

\*5 In Texas, first number is total on horse racing, followed by total paid on Greyhound racing

\*6 In Louisiana in 2006, declines in large part due to relocation and shortening of Fair Grounds meet, and shortening of Delta Downs Thoroughbred meet due to damage from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

\*7 Louisiana statistics for purses paid, amount wagered and attendance reported on 7/1 - 6/30 FY rather than CY

\*8 Louisiana incentive program payouts for Thoroughbreds only -- awaiting Quarter Horse payouts

\*9 In Texas in 2009, winter/spring Thoroughbred meet at Sam Houston replaced by shortened meet at Retama due to Hurricane Ike.

Note:

Slots at Delta Downs in Feb. 2002; Louisiana Downs in Summer 2003; Evangeline Downs in Dec. 2003; Fair Grounds in Sept. 2007

Slots in New Mexico in 1998

Slots in Oklahoma in Fall 2006.

Sources:

Texas - Texas Racing Commission Annual Reports  
 Louisiana - Louisiana State Racing Commission staff and Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
 New Mexico - New Mexico Racing Commission staff and New Mexico Horse Breeders Association  
 Oklahoma - Oklahoma Racing Commission Annual Reports  
 Number of Thoroughbreds Born (Bred) in State - The Jockey Club

Amount Wagered at All Tracks

Horse	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
TX	\$ 497,599,854	\$ 482,933,215	\$ 483,924,848	\$ 442,632,627 *1	\$ 461,586,639	\$ 420,988,824
LA	Note *7	\$ 328,570,077	\$ 316,138,740	\$ 324,114,136	\$ 365,000,936	\$ 341,816,989
NM	\$ 118,320,348	\$ 129,020,520	\$ 136,224,858	\$ 153,546,535	\$ 166,086,354	\$ 175,263,770
OK	\$ 243,460,517	\$ 174,996,495	\$ 188,285,982	\$ 162,806,933	\$ 127,197,354	\$ 110,748,023

Greyhound

TX	\$ 136,108,482	\$ 137,080,906	\$ 125,015,208	\$ 114,894,990	\$ 102,710,710	\$ 94,085,661
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Live Racing Days, All Tracks

Horse	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
TX	363	342	352	333	314	312
LA	342	342	388	382	405	489
NM	252	256	241	249	255	288
OK	283	259	227	196	184	190

Greyhound

TX	922	677	683	670	647
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Track Attendance, All Tracks

Horse	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
TX	2,393,437	2,348,986	2,325,741	2,217,941 *1	2,200,188	1,890,610
LA	Note *7	1,531,080	1,657,200	2,093,253	2,827,816	3,249,198
NM	870,681	858,075	1,015,046	1,117,205	1,028,745	1,080,044
OK	756,005	658,740	515,147	452,768	425,428	482,901

Greyhound

TX	914,277	842,434	726,857	644,560	583,532	541,461
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Wagered at All Tracks

Horse	2006	2007	2008	2009
TX	\$ 412,336,532	\$ 408,757,767	\$ 387,459,985	\$ 329,335,187
LA	*6 \$314,201,668	\$ 357,546,572	\$ 347,098,016	\$ 320,502,171
NM	\$ 199,850,226	\$ 190,796,959	\$ 193,875,400	
OK	\$ 106,199,577	\$ 102,035,804	\$ 103,576,305	

Greyhound

TX	\$ 91,897,038	\$ 84,442,223	\$ 59,776,028	\$ 65,198,680
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

# Live Racing Days, All Tracks

Horse	2006	2007	2008	2009
TX	309	283	271	247
LA	*6 402	483	474	486
NM	303	288	293	
OK	263	265	265	238

Greyhound

TX	657	626	389	331
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Attendance, All Tracks

Horse	2006	2007	2008	2009
TX	1,849,719	1,808,702	1,968,422	1,815,243
LA	2,637,796	3,373,491	3,756,655	4,000,427
NM	1,356,267	1,263,297	1,156,935	
OK	1,220,219	1,458,073	1,710,314	

Greyhound

TX	511,678	468,045	302,061	325,682
LA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OK	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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# Statistical Data on the Accredited Texas-Bred Program 2000-2010

Owner Name	Foal Year of ATB Horses				5 Year Total ATB 1999 - 2003	Foal Year of ATB Horses				5 Year Total ATB 2004 - 2008	Breeding Stock		Notes			
	1999	2000	2001	2002		2003	2004	2005	2006		2007	2008		2009	Mares	Stallions
APG Holdings	11	12	10	8	7	48	7	3	5	0	1	3	16	2	1 or 2	
Blossom Racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	13	7	5	23	39	06-08	out in 2010
Bob Rothenberger	6	5	2	4	4	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
C L Nix	3	4	6	3	3	19	4	5	6	1	0	0	16		1	
Carolyn Barnett	3	3	4	5	4	19	7	5	1	2	0	4	15			
Cedar Creek Farm	8	8	11	5	10	42	4	3	0	3	0	0	10		4	
Cedarcrest	9	8	12	7	6	42	6	9	9	8	0	0	32		2	out in 2008
Cleber Massey	8	5	5	4	5	27	6	4	6	7	4	0	27		1	to NM 09
Cliff Love	1	1	2	1	3	8	1	1	0	0	1	0	3			
D & L Farms	1	2	3	1	2	9	1	2	0	1	2	2	6			
David Albert	15	6	3	10	5	39	6	13	7	14	0	3	40			
Del Fuego Farms	0	1	0	0	4	5	3	4	9	0	0	0	16		1	out in 2007
Don Eberts	8	8	4	10	6	36	11	8	0	0	0	0	19			breeding in LA
Dry Creek Farm	0	2	2	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	2			
Ellis Land Co.	4	5	9	1	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			out in 2005
Gentry Farms	23	18	17	20	12	90	12	21	11	14	3	8	61		1 or 2	
Heartlines Ranch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	24	28	40	68		2	moved to LA 2010
Heiligbrodt Racing	7	9	7	11	17	51	15	4	5	4	6	3	34			
Huerta Farms	2	13	8	9	15	47	12	4	6	0	0	0	22			
Hukill Farms	9	10	14	10	17	60	6	8	17	9	12	7	52		2 to 4	
Israel Flores	5	6	9	7	10	37	8	5	0	5	0	0	18		3	breeding in LA
Janet Jeanes	12	17	1	17	1	48	8	19	14	13	6	2	60			moved to LA 2009
JEH Stallion Station	4	4	4	6	7	25	7	3	6	4	0	0	20		2 to 4	breeding in OK & NM
Jerry Nix	11	16	16	19	13	75	16	0	0	7	1	0	24		2	breeding in LA
Lakeville Training	0	3	4	0	2	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	2			
Larry Christopher	2	2	1	2	3	10	1	4	3	2	0	0	10			to LA 2008
Littleton Ranch	9	10	10	7	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Marco Stables	4	5	2	6	5	22	3	2	5	2	3	3	15			foaling more in KY
Millennium Farm	2	16	25	26	2	71	9	3	8	1	0	0	21			to KY 2005-2007
Mossleigh Farms	5	1	6	3	7	22	5	5	1	1	0	0	12			
Nelco Farms	9	6	6	9	10	40	8	4	7	5	6	0	30			
Oak Tree Ranch	10	2	2	5	8	27	6	3	2	2	1	0	14			
Q6 (Quirks)	11	6	8	3	15	43	4	13	10	5	2	0	34		6 to 10	out in 08
Quality Farms	2	4	2	1	5	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	
Richland Ranch	2	12	9	8	10	41	7	10	8	6	7	2	38		2	
Rush McGinty	8	7	5	1	1	22	3	0	1	1	0	0	5			
Scarlett Hill Farms	2	2	4	4	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1	
Seguin Horse Center	13	10	6	13	0	42	7	7	3	0	0	0	17		3	
Silver Spur Ranch	2	5	8	6	5	26	6	4	2	0	0	0	12		2	out in 2006; stallions sired 200 ATBs 2000 - 2006
South 64	2	5	5	5	4	21	4	6	5	0	1	0	16		1	out in 2009

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# Thoroughbred Breeding Annual Statistical Comparison for Texas

## US Distribution of Active Thoroughbred Stallions and Mares Bred

Source: The Jockey Club

Texas	*2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2009
Stallions	235	282	316	351	393	387	409	438	439	465	-49.46%
Mares Bred	1728	2101	2334	2687	3020	3070	3251	3628	3643	3663	-52.83%
Avg Book	7.4	7.6	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.9	8.3	8.3	7.9	
Rank in Nation	6	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	

## Distribution of Thoroughbred Foal Crop by State

Source: The Jockey Club

Texas	*2009	*2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2008
Reg Foals		1173	1427	1475	1669	1746	1861	1952	2013	2034	-42.33%
% of US Crop		3.3	4.2	4.2	4.8	5	5.5	5.9	5.8		
Rank		7	6	6	6	6	5	4	4		

## US Distribution of Active Thoroughbred Stallions and Mares Bred

Source: The Jockey Club

Louisiana	*2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2009
Stallions	265	303	297	301	302	268	236	210	205	186	42.47%
Mares Bred	3431	4010	4154	3995	3597	3292	2789	2306	2221	2225	54.20%
Avg Book	12.9	13.2	14	13.3	11.9	12.3	11.8	11	10.8	12	
Rank in Nation	3	3	4	4	4	4	5	6	5	5	

## Distribution of Thoroughbred Foal Crop by State

Source: The Jockey Club

Louisiana	2009	*2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2008
Reg Foals		2459	2510	2358	2103	1906	1592	1492	1417	1247	97.19%
% of US Crop		7.8	7.3	6.8	6	5.5	4.7	4.5	4.1		
Rank		4	4	4	4	5	6	6	6		

Note: Slots at Delta Downs in Feb. 2002; Louisiana Downs in Summer 2003; Evangeline Downs in Dec. 2003 and Fair Grounds in Sept. 2007

## US Distribution of Active Thoroughbred Stallions and Mares Bred

Source: The Jockey Club

New Mexico	*2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2009
Stallions	158	181	191	195	195	166	171	160	149	139	13.67%
Mares Bred	1400	1660	1986	2048	1867	1618	1536	1478	1214	1131	23.78%
Avg Book	8.9	9.3	10.4	10.5	9.6	9.7	9	7.8	8.1	8.1	
Rank in Nation	9	8	8	8	7	8	9	9	11	11	

## Distribution of Thoroughbred Foal Crop by State

Source: The Jockey Club

New Mexico	*2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2008
Reg Foals	1047	1074	1037	898	796	751	675	550	470	122.77%
% of US Crop	3.3	3.1	3	2.6	2.3	2.2	2	1.6		
Rank	8	8	8	8	9	11	12	13		

\* Preliminary statistics

## US Distribution of Active Thoroughbred Stallions and Mares Bred

Source: The Jockey Club

Oklahoma	*2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2009
Stallions	164	198	192	219	222	207	224	226	240	273	-39.93%
Mares Bred	1511	1677	1702	1617	1606	1621	1621	1769	1955	1964	-23.07%
Avg Book	9.2	8.5	8.9	7.4	7.2	7.8	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.2	
Rank in Nation	8	9	9	7	9	7	8	8	7	7	

## Distribution of Thoroughbred Foal Crop by State

Source: The Jockey Club

Oklahoma	*2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	% change from 2000 to 2008
Reg Foals	855	843	923	894	953	954	965	1069	1083	-21.05%
% of US Crop	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.9	3.1		
Rank	9	9	9	10	10	9	8	8		

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Dear Commissioners,

Until now, I have watched from the sidelines as changes have occurred in our industry over the years. I have not been particularly vocal, even when those changes negatively affected me, my family, and our business. Some changes currently being proposed are detrimental to the racing industry as a whole, and to our livelihood in specific. Given the importance of the matter, I cannot in good conscience allow these changes to occur without having lifted my voice.

Texas tracks are allegedly experiencing a loss in profit due to competition from tracks in surrounding states where other forms of gaming exist, particularly slots or VLT's. The tracks' recent proposal suggests it would improve the competition and "quality" of Texas racing by running less race dates with greater purses. It is obvious that Texas racing is being misrepresented, manipulated, and ultimately sacrificed in a ploy to achieve the legislation required to allow additional gaming. Inactive track licenses have been held onto – some for 20 years - in apparent anticipation of the passage of additional gaming legislation.

I, along with the bulk of horsemen, am not opposed to additional forms of gaming, including slots or VLT's. I am opposed to a consolidation of allocated racing dates, and opposed to a drastic reduction in the number of racing opportunities for horses in the state of Texas. A drastic reduction in Texas horse racing dates is the launching pad for a real and serious crisis that would devastate a host of individuals and industries, and would negatively impact Texas horse racing as a whole.

I have researched many sources for the information I present here. I am able to provide documentation for every quote or statistic. Among my sources are results from in-depth studies conducted by Dr. Richard Thalheimer, who is an equine economics expert, and was a professor in the Department of Equine Business at the University of Louisville from 1989 through 2006. Dr. Thalheimer has consulted with, and generated economic research reports for, many entities in the racing and gaming industries, other industries, and local, state and national governments.

I believe my own comments to be based upon common sense and sound logic, and to be representative of the vast majority of horsemen I know. For the purpose of fluency, I have placed endnotes at the end of my letter rather than included footnotes on each page.

#### **DECLINE IN RACING**

It is true that handle, wagering, and attendance at Texas tracks have diminished over the past ten years. Also diminishing over the past ten years is the number of mares bred and the number of foals produced, the amount of pari-mutuel tax paid, and the amount of Texas Bred funds paid. We hear these facts repeated by many different associations and agencies – a lot of whom are supposed to represent horsemen. I have yet to hear from any of them that the percentage drop in the number of live racing dates is virtually identical to the percentage drops in handle, wagering, attendance, etc.

In sworn testimony before the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee on July 8, 2010, Andrea Young (COO and President of SHRP) stated, "During the past 10 years, as our customers and our horses have left the

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state in droves, the amount wagered at Texas tracks has decreased by 50 percent, and track attendance has declined by 35 percent".<sup>i</sup> More important than the fact that Ms. Young incorrectly reported the figures, is her failure to mention the parallel decline in the number of live racing days. Our customers and horses have left correspondent to the number of racing dates allocated to the tracks. An objective snapshot of the 10 year (and 5 year) decline is illustrated in the following table.

	2000	2005	2009	5 yr Change	10 yr Change
No. of Live Racing Days	363	312	247	-21%	-32%
On Track Attendance	1,560,497	1,236,357	1,037,262	-16%	-34%
Total wagered at track	497,599,854	420,988,824	329,335,187	-22%	-34%
Total to purses	36,218,825	31,457,276	23,809,936	-24%	-34%

As the number of live racing dates has declined, so proportionately has attendance, total wagered at the track, and total dollars to purses. Just imagine these numbers with a 48% cut in racing our current racing dates.

### TRACK PROFITS OR LOSSES?

The tracks' alleged loss of profits is yet to be evidenced. At a recent Texas Racing Commission meeting, Andrea Young, said the track is "swimming in red ink". How do we know this to be true? Are we supposed to take Maxxam at its word? I don't think so! And if the track is "swimming in red ink", how do we know that live horse racing is to blame? Annual reports provided by tracks to the TRC are public information, but are only an accounting of handle and purses. The reports do not contain, in any way, information which reveals the tracks' actual profits or losses from live and/or simulcast racing or from other related forms of revenues.

What are the profits from food and beverage sales? These profits must surely soar during a live meet. What about profits or losses from hosting concerts? In the *Houston Business Journal*, dated March 21, 2008, author Greg Barr states "Regulatory filings by parent-company Maxxam show concert revenue jumped to \$4.1 million for the nine months ended Sept. 30, more than double the \$1.7 million reported for the same period a year earlier."<sup>ii</sup> How much does Retama Park profit from operating as a training center? SHRP, also owns and operates the greyhound track Valley Race Park. How does the operation of this track factor into racing profit or loss, especially since, to quote Andrea Young, <sup>iii</sup>"cash outlays to Valley Race Park have become more of a big item on our radar"?

### HURRICANE IKE

Hurricane Ike has had an enormous impact on horse racing, beginning in 2008. How did the transfer of racing dates from SHRP to Retama impact racing profit or loss to the respective tracks in that situation? Through payments from its business interruption insurance policies, did SHRP even experience any financial loss at all? We know a couple of ways that the transfer of racing dates did affect our purses. First, we gave up \$1.5 million of our purse money to run these dates. \$750k of our available purse money was given outright to Retama, and we will have to wait ten years to recoup the other \$750k, which was loaned.<sup>iv</sup> Secondly, live handle at Retama Park is always lower than that at SHRP; therefore, less purse money was generated over the course of the shifted dates. An October, 2008 article in *Bloodhorse* magazine discussed the damage from Hurricane Ike and possible alternative venues for the (then) upcoming SHRP live meet. In this article, TTA Director Dave Hooper stated, "I can't tell you how critical it is to have these race dates; if not in Houston, they must be somewhere else in Texas," Hooper said. "If we lose race dates, more owners and breeders will quit this business, so we can't afford to lose these days."<sup>v</sup> You were right on, Dave. We still cannot afford to lose racing dates!

### SIGNAL BLACKOUT

In April of 2008, the THP withdrew approval for Lone Star to export their live signal to four account-wagering sites. Then Calder Race Course was denied permission to send its simulcast signal out of state. The disputes were due to

concerns over the percentage of handle being committed to purses. Export of live signal picked up again at Retama in November, 2008. Dave Hooper stated, "Lone Star's inability to send its signal to ADWs and loss of the popular Calder signal is having a negative impact on the purse account".<sup>vi</sup>

## **ECONOMY CONTRIBUTED TO DECLINE**

In these times of a troubled national economy, many industries have seen declines. The Texas racing industry has been no exception to the trend. According to the 2009 TRC annual report: "In 2009, the total amount wagered at Texas racetracks fell by almost \$53 million, representing a 12% decrease from 2008 wagering totals. Nationally, it has been estimated that total wagering on horse racing in 2009 fell almost 10%." From 2008 to 2009, attendance for live racing at Texas tracks dropped 8%, which is commensurate with a drop of 9% in the number of racing dates, and does explain a good bit of the drop in the total amount wagered. The lowered handle on SHRP's racing dates that were shifted to Retama also impacted the decrease in Texas, as did the suffering economy.

In 2009 Lone Star cut purses and cancelled the Alysheba stakes. "We are extremely disappointed, but like all other tracks in North America, we are experiencing a downward trend in handle across the board that requires us to make these cuts," Lone Star Park president and general manager Drew Shubeck said. "Unfortunately, the continued soft local and national economy makes this necessary."<sup>vii</sup>

Export wagering on the 2009 Lone Star Park live races was \$72.1 million, a 9.4% drop from \$79.6 million in 2008. "These are obviously disappointing results," said Shubeck. "The biggest reason for the decreases in both attendance and handle is the global economic downturn that has negatively impacted the local Dallas/Ft. Worth economy. Our racing fans didn't come out as often and wagered less money when they were here."<sup>viii</sup>

## **THE ISSUE OF QUALITY**

There is an ongoing debate as to what "quality" really is.

Andrea Young stated in an article for Thoroughbred Times, "We need to focus on delivering a quality product, which includes the product on the track and the consumer experience at the racetracks."<sup>ix</sup>

I agree that the consumer experience could be better. Indeed, the main simulcast area at SHRP has all the ambience of a downtown Dallas bus station, and Retama could use some suites. But I am confused as to what a "quality product on the track" means. Do "better" horses increase handle, or do better written races increase handle? If the racing secretary does not write a good card, it can affect the pari-mutuel handle greatly. According to the Horseplayer's Association of North America (HANA), large competitive fields define quality. In advertisings of race tracks or race cards across the country, the term "full fields" is repeatedly used. Of course, tracks should advertise full fields – they increase handle! And where would we be without handle? To quote HANA, "The player is a stakeholder too. Without money bet by us players the game would cease to exist."<sup>x</sup>

In a Lone Star Park press release regarding their 2010 spring meet Drew Shubeck said, "Obviously, the decline in our wagering handle is disappointing. The biggest drop, in our off-track numbers, is consistent with other tracks in the state indicating that the quality of Texas racing has declined to the point where it's becoming irrelevant on the national level. Racing fans in other states are telling us that they are not interested in wagering on our races. It's a strong message that we need to improve the quality of racing at Lone Star Park".

As of July 18, 2010, the date of Mr. Shubeck's statement, the only horse track in Texas that even had a signal to export was Sam Houston who, due to impact of Hurricane Ike, saw a hike of 1,221.40% in the same time frame! In 2009, Retama's export handle was up 32.5% over 2008, and Sam Houston's export handle was down 70.53%, again all due to the impact of Hurricane Ike and the shifting of racing dates. The export handle for Lone Star was down 10.89% in 2009. Given these radical variations under exceptional circumstances, I see no way in the world anyone

could honestly say the 25% drop in Lone Star's 2009 export handle was "consistent with other tracks in the state". Magna filed for bankruptcy on March 5, 2009. Coincidence?

Would bigger purses attract "quality" horses and increase handle? Are we really going to get ahead with a higher daily average over less number of days? In a comprehensive study entitled *An Economic Analysis of a Parimutuel Racetrack – Racebook*, Dr. Richard Thalheimer states, "This average purse elasticity is quite small and it suggests, for example that wagering would increase by only 6% if purses were doubled. This is a surprising finding considering the importance that is attached to the purse variable in all major policy decisions to increase wagering in this industry."<sup>xii</sup> Dr. Thalheimer found that the number one factor affecting handle is take-out, followed by the number of races and field size. Purse size was actually had the least effect on handle of the four factors. So, what does "quality" mean? And how much are we willing to pay for it?

## IMPACT TO HORSEMEN

In 2009, Drew Shubeck said "We gave up five days of racing a week about four years ago here at Lone Star Park. That means there are fewer customers, less money bet per race and less money for horsemen in terms of winnings."<sup>xiii</sup> Bingo.

Untold billions are spent annually on land, farm machinery, breeding and racing stock purchases, sales expenses, trailers, feed, hay, bedding, tack, farrier work, veterinary care, accreditations and nominations, advertising, training, boarding, and breeding. Texas would see huge job losses related to most of these industries as the result of drastically reduced racing dates. State and local tax revenues would decline as well. Travel and tourism would be negatively affected, and accumulation of Texas bred funds would be dismal. The current generally accepted estimate that the Texas racing industry supplies \$5.5 billion in economic activity is likely a conservative figure.

Many folks depend upon horse racing for their livelihoods. The most obvious of these folks are trainers. Year round racing in Texas has not only provided trainers continuous work – it has provided them the opportunity to build permanent homes and to provide anchored, steady environments for their children. The absence of a Texas circuit, combined with a major reduction in the number of horses needed to run a meet, would require the majority of full-time trainers to leave the state in order to stay in their profession. The average number of starts per Thoroughbred horse in Texas in 2009 was 5.96. What would the average number of starts per horse be with reduced dates? How many would have no starts? How many trainers could survive? In the wake of Hurricane Ike, Retama's (then) general manager, Bob Pollock, said that "trainers were worried about the uncertainty of where they would race if forced to ship out of state during that period."<sup>xiii</sup> I am sure that many of those fears have resurfaced.

In 2009, Retama made some adjustments to its stakes calendar in order to maintain the previous year's purse structure. "We felt it was important to put as much money as we could into our overnight races, so the horsemen that have been with us for many years and depend on that overnight money are given the bulk of our purse money," Brian Brown said. "Our overnight purses per race will be the same as last year. That was important to the horsemen."<sup>xiv</sup>

It is my hope that what is important to horsemen will be a major consideration in the allocation of upcoming racing dates.

Each and every race horse is supplied to the racing industry by a breeder. Breeding farms, such as the one owned by my husband and myself, are directly dependent upon horse racing for their livelihoods. Texas' availability of year round racing directly encourages the breeding of race horses in the state. A reduction in racing dates would correspondingly reduce the number of horses necessary to run a meet, and reduce in fact the chance for a horse to run at all. The number of stakes races would drop, along with the probability of producing a stakes winner. Our farm's success is based upon the success of our clients' horses. Thoroughbred breeders and stallion owners have already been adversely impacted by imprudent rule changes made in the Texas Accredited program. To take away

racing dates is to add insult to injury. In order for us to survive, incentives must exist for clients to breed Thoroughbred race horses, and to stand stallions in Texas. The number one incentive is racing opportunity.

Aside from those individuals whose livelihood is directly dependent upon racing, are thousands of other individuals who are heavily invested in racing and breeding in Texas. Many owners, breeders, and buyers of racing stock are involved in racing purely as a result of their passion for the horses and/or the sport. Their contribution to the racing industry is huge. And yes, they do own, breed, and buy "quality" horses. Please take the time to read the attached article, *Local group's Holly Lynne reminds us what horse racing is all about*, written by Gary West and published in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on July 10 of this year.<sup>xv</sup>

## **FUTURE RACING DATES**

We may get additional forms of gaming. No one can be sure. Whether we do or not, we need to address the issues in the racing industry that challenge us today. Most importantly, we need to make a decision regarding the allocation of racing dates. This decision will directly affect all of us.

I am not qualified to undertake the writing of a racing calendar, and prefer to leave that task to those who are. But I firmly believe we should not see a reduction in the total number of racing dates allotted. I further believe that a mixed meet platform is not beneficial to horsemen and does not generate the amount of handle we seek to obtain.

Henry David Thoreau wrote "No man with a genius for legislation has appeared in America. They are rare in the history of the world. There are orators, politicians, and eloquent men, by the thousand; but the speaker has not yet opened his mouth to speak who is capable of settling the much-vexed questions of the day."<sup>xvi</sup>

The much-vexed questions of the day point to a crossroads in the future of Texas racing. It is my hope and prayer that we take the right road.

Sincerely,

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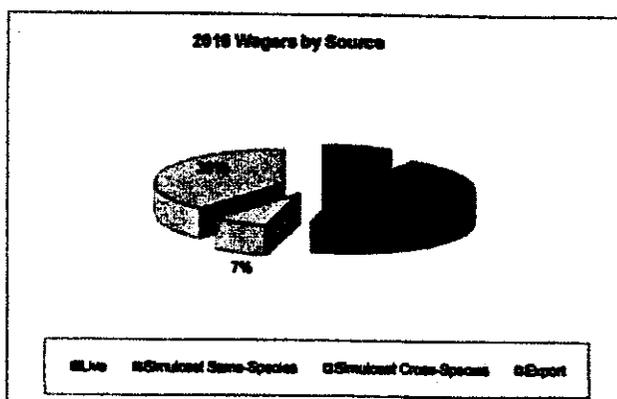
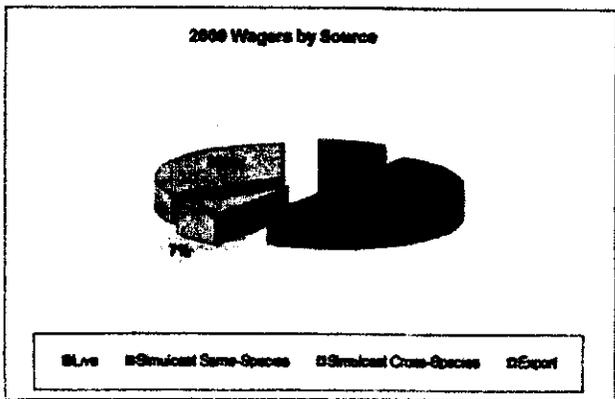
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**Horse Racetrack Wagering Statistics  
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For the Period: 01/01/09 - 07/18/09 to 01/01/10 - 07/18/10**

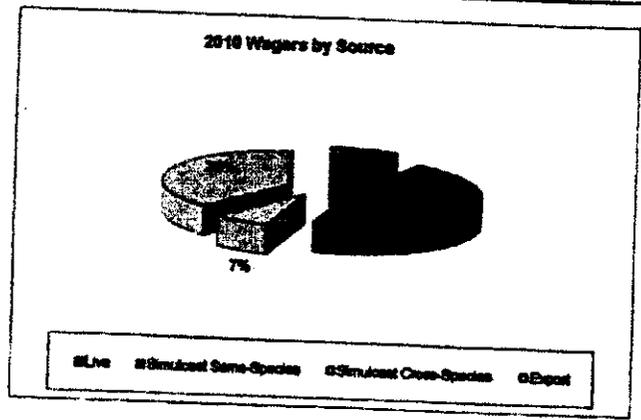
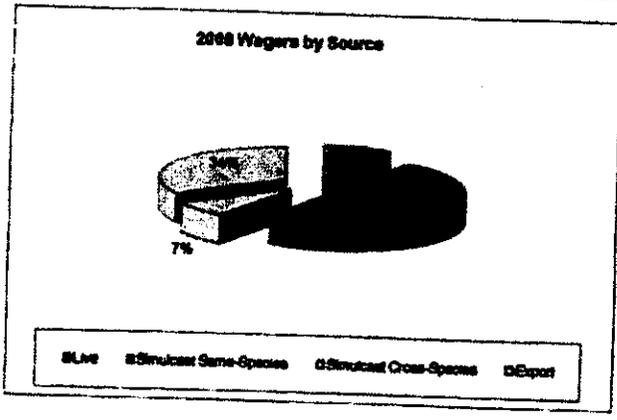
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	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager
<b>Gillette County Fair</b>								
Live	3	\$ 428,859	\$ 142,286	4	\$ 599,059	\$ 149,765	40.48%	5.36%
Simulcast Same-Species	115	\$ 2,382,852	\$ 20,807	115	\$ 2,121,503	\$ 18,448	-11.34%	-11.34%
Simulcast Cross-Species	115	\$ 281,232	\$ 2,272	115	\$ 218,371	\$ 1,899	-18.41%	-18.41%
Export	0	\$ -	N/A	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 3,090,943</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 2,939,543</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-4.59%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Lone Star Park</b>								
Live	60	\$ 19,248,407	\$ 320,807	60	\$ 17,434,145	\$ 290,569	-8.43%	-8.43%
Simulcast Same-Species	199	\$ 73,872,818	\$ 371,220	199	\$ 64,047,099	\$ 321,845	-13.30%	-13.30%
Simulcast Cross-Species	197	\$ 3,003,590	\$ 15,247	198	\$ 3,419,254	\$ 17,445	13.84%	14.42%
Export	60	\$ 87,528,481	\$ 1,125,491	60	\$ 50,834,858	\$ 833,911	-25.91%	-25.91%
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 163,654,243</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 134,935,153</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-17.55%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Manor Downs</b>								
Live	18	\$ 1,483,108	\$ 82,395	14	\$ 1,100,710	\$ 78,622	-25.78%	-4.58%
Simulcast Same-Species	147	\$ 8,484,355	\$ 57,717	144	\$ 7,219,351	\$ 50,134	-14.91%	-13.14%
Simulcast Cross-Species	147	\$ 1,797,058	\$ 12,225	144	\$ 1,278,483	\$ 8,864	-28.97%	-27.49%
Export	0	\$ -	N/A	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 11,764,519</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 9,598,545</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-18.43%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Retama Park</b>								
Live	27	\$ 1,836,788	\$ 68,022	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
Simulcast Same-Species	199	\$ 23,018,792	\$ 115,672	199	\$ 18,878,741	\$ 94,888	-14.51%	-14.51%
Simulcast Cross-Species	199	\$ 3,976,058	\$ 19,980	199	\$ 3,703,795	\$ 18,612	-8.85%	-8.85%
Export	27	\$ 28,373,844	\$ 1,050,883	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 57,005,480</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 23,382,536</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-58.98%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Sam Houston Race Park</b>								
Live	37	\$ 3,451,374	\$ 93,280	82	\$ 8,158,410	\$ 75,078	78.38%	-18.51%
Simulcast Same-Species	199	\$ 45,088,225	\$ 228,473	199	\$ 40,888,794	\$ 205,471	-9.27%	-9.27%
Simulcast Cross-Species	199	\$ 12,934,382	\$ 64,907	199	\$ 11,887,480	\$ 59,731	-9.64%	-9.64%
Export	37	\$ 4,878,671	\$ 131,802	82	\$ 64,440,495	\$ 785,890	1221.40%	488.24%
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 66,330,621</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 123,173,189</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>85.70%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>All Horse Racetracks</b>								
Live	145	\$ 28,246,534	\$ 194,872	100	\$ 25,290,934	\$ 252,909	-3.64%	-12.67%
Simulcast Same-Species	859	\$ 152,837,039	\$ 177,924	858	\$ 133,955,488	\$ 156,140	-12.35%	-12.05%
Simulcast Cross-Species	857	\$ 21,972,288	\$ 25,639	853	\$ 20,305,382	\$ 23,805	-7.59%	-7.15%
Export	124	\$ 100,779,948	\$ 812,741	142	\$ 114,475,141	\$ 806,163	13.59%	-0.81%
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 301,835,807</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 294,026,945</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-2.59%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total Wagers Placed in Texas</b>		<b>\$ 201,055,881</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 178,551,805</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-10.70%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total Wagers Placed on Texas Races</b>		<b>\$ 127,026,480</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 139,788,075</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>10.03%</b>	<b>N/A</b>



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For the Period: 01/01/09 - 07/25/09 to 01/01/10 - 07/25/10

Sources of Wagers	Year 2009 01/01 - 07/25				Year 2010 01/01 - 07/25				Percentage Change in	
	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager
<b>Gillespie County Fair</b>										
Live	4	\$ 520,227	\$ 130,057	4	\$ 599,000	\$ 149,817	15.27%	15.27%		
Simulcast Same-Species	119	\$ 2,466,860	\$ 20,730	119	\$ 2,223,718	\$ 18,697	-9.86%	-9.86%		
Simulcast Cross-Species	119	\$ 287,696	\$ 2,250	119	\$ 227,077	\$ 1,908	-15.17%	-15.17%		
Export	0	\$ -	N/A	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 3,254,783</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 3,050,464</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-6.28%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Lone Star Park</b>										
Live	64	\$ 20,462,696	\$ 319,730	60	\$ 17,434,145	\$ 290,569	-14.80%	-9.12%		
Simulcast Same-Species	206	\$ 78,247,433	\$ 379,133	206	\$ 68,172,246	\$ 321,224	-13.21%	-13.21%		
Simulcast Cross-Species	204	\$ 3,084,946	\$ 15,122	203	\$ 3,521,847	\$ 17,349	14.10%	14.72%		
Export	64	\$ 71,092,468	\$ 1,110,820	60	\$ 50,034,658	\$ 833,911	-29.62%	-24.93%		
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 170,887,544</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 137,162,894</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-19.73%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Major Downs</b>										
Live	18	\$ 1,483,106	\$ 82,395	14	\$ 1,100,710	\$ 78,622	-25.78%	-4.58%		
Simulcast Same-Species	152	\$ 8,741,548	\$ 57,510	149	\$ 7,484,646	\$ 50,233	-14.39%	-12.65%		
Simulcast Cross-Species	152	\$ 1,844,671	\$ 12,136	149	\$ 1,319,535	\$ 8,856	-28.47%	-27.03%		
Export	0	\$ -	N/A	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 12,069,323</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 9,904,891</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-17.93%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Retama Park</b>										
Live	27	\$ 1,836,788	\$ 68,022	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Simulcast Same-Species	206	\$ 23,786,747	\$ 115,465	206	\$ 20,323,326	\$ 98,857	-14.58%	-14.58%		
Simulcast Cross-Species	206	\$ 4,072,038	\$ 19,767	206	\$ 3,818,858	\$ 18,543	-6.19%	-6.19%		
Export	27	\$ 28,373,844	\$ 1,050,883	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 57,869,417</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 24,143,181</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-58.28%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Sam Houston Race Park</b>										
Live	40	\$ 3,798,423	\$ 94,911	85	\$ 6,375,717	\$ 75,008	67.94%	-20.97%		
Simulcast Same-Species	206	\$ 46,597,263	\$ 226,200	206	\$ 42,161,164	\$ 204,666	-9.52%	-9.52%		
Simulcast Cross-Species	206	\$ 13,330,166	\$ 64,710	206	\$ 12,076,522	\$ 58,624	-8.40%	-8.40%		
Export	40	\$ 5,724,404	\$ 143,110	85	\$ 65,005,259	\$ 764,768	1035.59%	434.38%		
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 69,448,256</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 125,618,662</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>80.68%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>All Horse Racetracks</b>										
Live	153	\$ 27,869,240	\$ 182,348	163	\$ 25,510,241	\$ 156,505	-8.56%	-14.17%		
Simulcast Same-Species	889	\$ 157,838,848	\$ 177,547	888	\$ 138,365,099	\$ 156,168	-12.34%	-12.04%		
Simulcast Cross-Species	887	\$ 22,569,516	\$ 25,479	883	\$ 20,984,837	\$ 23,743	-7.23%	-8.81%		
Export	131	\$ 105,190,717	\$ 802,983	145	\$ 115,039,915	\$ 793,379	9.36%	-1.20%		
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 313,528,322</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 290,890,091</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-4.35%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Total Wagers Placed in Texas</b>		<b>\$ 208,337,605</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 184,840,176</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-11.28%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Total Wagers Placed on Texas Races</b>		<b>\$ 133,089,958</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 140,550,156</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5.61%</b>	<b>N/A</b>		



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Greyhound Racetrack Wagering Statistics  
Comparison Report on Total Wagers Placed  
in Texas & on Texas Races

For the Period: 01/01/09 - 07/25/09 to 01/01/10 -07/25/10

Sources of Wagers <u>Gulf Coast Racings</u>	Year 2009 01/01 - 07/25			Year 2010 01/01 - 07/25			Percentage Change in	
	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager
Live	0	\$ -	N/A	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
Simulcast Same-Species	17	\$ 504,954	\$ 29,703	148	\$ 4,148,832	\$ 28,019	721.23%	-5.67%
Simulcast Cross-Species	17	\$ 287,079	\$ 16,887	148	\$ 2,215,570	\$ 14,970	671.76%	-11.35%
Export	0	\$ -	N/A	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 792,033</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 6,362,402</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

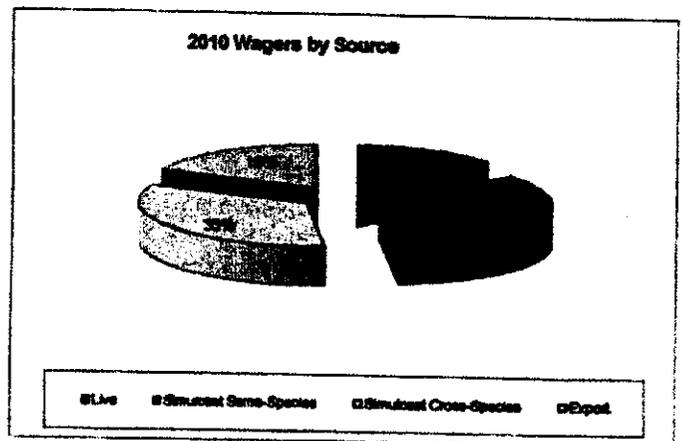
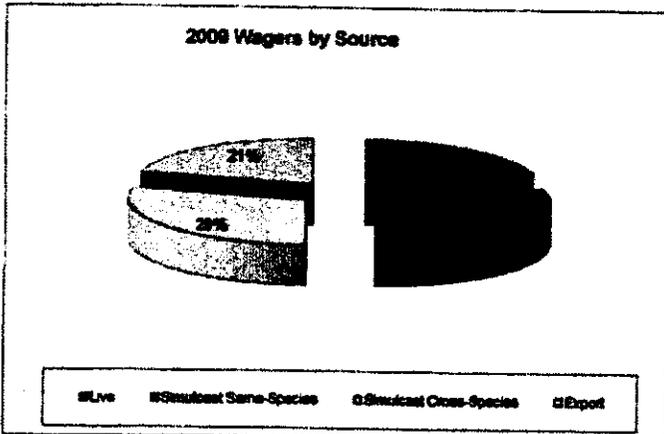
Sources of Wagers <u>Gulf Greyhound Park</u>	Year 2009 01/01 - 07/25			Year 2010 01/01 - 07/25			Percentage Change in	
	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager
Live	148	\$ 7,088,893	\$ 51,952	165	\$ 8,398,431	\$ 38,768	-18.81%	-25.38%
Simulcast Same-Species	206	\$ 9,980,170	\$ 48,447	206	\$ 8,129,220	\$ 39,462	-18.55%	-18.55%
Simulcast Cross-Species	206	\$ 9,579,804	\$ 46,504	206	\$ 9,257,983	\$ 44,940	-3.36%	-3.36%
Export	148	\$ 7,837,575	\$ 52,957	165	\$ 8,853,008	\$ 53,655	12.95%	1.32%
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 35,086,412</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 32,636,320</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-8.98%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Sources of Wagers <u>Valley Race Park</u>	Year 2009 01/01 - 07/25			Year 2010 01/01 - 07/25			Percentage Change in	
	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager
Live	70	\$ 2,300,482	\$ 32,864	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
Simulcast Same-Species	185	\$ 4,303,743	\$ 23,263	177	\$ 4,052,535	\$ 22,868	-5.84%	-1.58%
Simulcast Cross-Species	185	\$ 4,466,312	\$ 24,142	177	\$ 4,102,218	\$ 23,178	-8.15%	-4.00%
Export	70	\$ 2,670,692	\$ 38,153	0	\$ -	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 13,741,239</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 8,154,751</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-40.65%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Sources of Wagers <u>All Greyhound Racetracks</u>	Year 2009 01/01 - 07/25			Year 2010 01/01 - 07/25			Percentage Change in	
	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	# Days	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager	Total Wagers	Avg. Wager
Live	218	\$ 9,989,355	\$ 45,823	165	\$ 8,398,431	\$ 38,768	-35.97%	-15.40%
Simulcast Same-Species	408	\$ 14,788,857	\$ 36,247	531	\$ 16,328,588	\$ 30,751	10.41%	-15.18%
Simulcast Cross-Species	408	\$ 14,333,195	\$ 35,130	531	\$ 15,575,448	\$ 29,332	8.07%	-16.50%
Export	218	\$ 10,508,267	\$ 48,203	165	\$ 8,853,008	\$ 53,655	-15.75%	11.31%
<b>Total Wagers</b>		<b>\$ 49,619,684</b>	<b>N/A</b>		<b>\$ 47,153,474</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-4.97%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>Total Wagers Placed in Texas</b>	<b>\$ 39,111,417</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 38,300,467</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-2.07%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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<b>Total Wagers Placed on Texas Races</b>	<b>\$ 20,487,621</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 15,248,438</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>-25.80%</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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## Wagering Statistics - Comparison of Horse Race Track Handles For the Period 01/01/08 - 12/31/08 to 01/01/09 - 12/31/09

	YEAR 2008		YEAR 2009		Percentage Change
	01/01 - 12/31		01/01 - 12/31		
	# Race Days	Handle	# Race Days	Handle	
<b>GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR &amp; FESTIVALS</b>					
Live	8	\$ 1,248,163.00	8	\$ 1,106,409.00	-11.36%
Simulcast Same-Species	207	\$ 3,560,521.50	207	\$ 3,841,109.60	7.88%
Cross-Species	207	\$ 556,841.00	207	\$ 419,118.60	-24.73%
Export	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	N/A
<b>Total Handle - GILLESPIE COUNTY</b>		<b>\$ 5,365,525.50</b>		<b>\$ 5,366,637.40</b>	<b>0.02%</b>
<b>LONE STAR PARK</b>					
Live	96	\$ 29,944,882.80	93	\$ 23,329,716.60	-22.09%
Simulcast Same-Species	364	\$ 148,385,239.65	363	\$ 122,461,314.40	-17.47%
Cross-Species	364	\$ 5,918,576.70	369	\$ 4,801,898.60	-18.87%
Export	96	\$ 89,954,259.08	93	\$ 80,156,135.59	-10.89%
<b>Total Handle - LONE STAR PARK</b>		<b>\$ 274,202,958.21</b>		<b>\$ 230,749,065.39</b>	<b>-15.85%</b>
<b>MANOR DOWNS</b>					
Live	18	\$ 1,570,360.00	18	\$ 1,483,106.00	-5.56%
Simulcast Same-Species	291	\$ 17,341,098.25	283	\$ 13,851,568.80	-20.12%
Cross-Species	291	\$ 3,480,966.50	283	\$ 2,896,507.20	-16.79%
Export	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	N/A
<b>Total Handle - MANOR DOWNS</b>		<b>\$ 22,392,424.75</b>		<b>\$ 18,231,182.00</b>	<b>-18.56%</b>
<b>RETAMA PARK</b>					
Live	72	\$ 6,185,090.40	59	\$ 3,865,165.70	-37.51%
Simulcast Same-Species	364	\$ 43,680,821.40	363	\$ 39,655,742.00	-9.21%
Cross-Species	363	\$ 7,019,207.60	362	\$ 6,528,351.40	-6.99%
Export	72	\$ 35,587,383.47	59	\$ 47,151,832.49	32.50%
<b>Total Handle - RETAMA PARK</b>		<b>\$ 92,472,502.87</b>		<b>\$ 97,201,091.59</b>	<b>5.11%</b>
<b>SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK</b>					
Live	79	\$ 8,392,520.10	69	\$ 6,228,362.90	-25.79%
Simulcast Same-Species	358	\$ 85,458,351.50	363	\$ 76,917,939.65	-9.99%
Cross-Species	358	\$ 24,717,253.70	363	\$ 21,948,875.90	-11.20%
Export	79	\$ 79,103,363.55	69	\$ 23,309,027.08	-70.53%
<b>Total Handle - SAM HOUSTON</b>		<b>\$ 197,671,488.85</b>		<b>\$ 128,404,205.53</b>	<b>-35.04%</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL HORSE RACE TRACKS:</b>					
Live	273	\$ 47,341,016.30	247	\$ 36,012,760.20	-23.93%
Simulcast Same-Species	1582	\$ 298,426,032.30	1569	\$ 258,727,674.45	-13.97%
Cross-Species	1581	\$ 41,692,845.50	1564	\$ 36,594,752.10	-12.23%
Export	247	\$ 204,645,006.08	221	\$ 150,616,995.16	-26.40%
<b>Total Handle</b>		<b>\$ 592,104,900.18</b>		<b>\$ 479,952,181.91</b>	<b>-18.94%</b>
<b>On-Track Handle</b>	<b>3436</b>	<b>\$ 387,459,894.10</b>	<b>3370</b>	<b>\$ 329,335,186.75</b>	<b>-15.00%</b>

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## Wagering Statistics - Comparison of Greyhound Race Track Handles

For the Period 01/01/08 - 12/31/08 to 01/01/09 - 12/31/09

	YEAR 2008		YEAR 2009		Percentage Change
	01/01 - 12/31		01/01 - 12/31		
	# Race Days	Handle	# Race Days	Handle	
<b>GULF COAST RACING</b>					
Live	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	N/A
Simulcast Same-Species	0	\$ -	128	\$ 3,613,899.80	N/A
Cross-Species	0	\$ -	128	\$ 1,856,267.60	N/A
Export	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	N/A
<b>Total Handle - GULF COAST RACING</b>		\$ -		\$ 5,470,167.40	N/A
<b>GULF GREYHOUND PARK</b>					
Live	248	\$ 12,073,798.60	281	\$ 12,209,772.90	1.13%
Simulcast Same-Species	349	\$ 15,813,249.90	363	\$ 15,854,221.80	0.26%
Cross-Species	349	\$ 14,842,121.40	363	\$ 15,565,467.40	4.87%
Export	248	\$ <u>13,821,789.50</u>	281	\$ <u>13,763,203.00</u>	<del>-0.26%</del>
<b>Total Handle - GULF</b>		\$ 56,550,959.40		\$ 57,412,665.10	1.52%
<b>VALLEY RACE PARK</b>					
Live	93	\$ 2,840,338.60	70	\$ 2,300,492.10	-19.01%
Simulcast Same-Species	334	\$ 6,663,399.80	318	\$ 6,815,381.70	2.26%
Cross-Species	335	\$ 7,543,119.10	319	\$ 6,983,176.90	-7.42%
Export	93	\$ <u>3,798,602.50</u>	70	\$ <u>2,670,692.10</u>	<del>-29.66%</del>
<b>Total Handle - VALLEY</b>		\$ 20,843,460.00		\$ 18,769,742.80	-9.95%
<b>TOTAL GREYHOUND RACE TRACKS:</b>					
Live	339	\$ 14,914,137.20	331	\$ 14,510,265.00	-2.71%
Simulcast Same-Species	683	\$ 22,476,649.70	809	\$ 26,283,503.30	16.94%
Cross-Species	684	\$ 22,385,240.50	810	\$ 24,404,911.90	9.02%
Export	339	\$ <u>17,618,392.00</u>	331	\$ <u>16,453,895.10</u>	<del>-6.61%</del>
<b>Total Handle</b>		\$ 77,394,419.40		\$ 81,652,575.30	5.50%
<b>On-Track Handle</b>	1706	\$ 59,776,027.40	1950	\$ 65,198,880.20	9.07%

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## Wagering Statistics - Comparison of Horse Race Track Handles For the Period 01/01/07 - 12/31/07 to 01/01/08 - 12/31/08

	YEAR 2007		YEAR 2008		Percentage Change
	01/01 - 12/31		01/01 - 12/31		
	# Race Days	Handle	# Race Days	Handle	
<b>GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR &amp; FESTIVALS</b>					
Live	8	\$ 1,134,495.00	8	\$ 1,248,163.00	10.02%
Simulcast Same-Species	209	\$ 3,629,702.60	207	\$ 3,560,521.50	-1.91%
Cross-Species	209	\$ 601,299.50	207	\$ 558,841.00	-7.39%
Export	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	N/A
<b>Total Handle - GILLESPIE COUNTY</b>		<b>\$ 5,365,497.10</b>		<b>\$ 5,366,525.50</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>LONE STAR PARK</b>					
Live	99	\$ 32,060,069.30	96	\$ 29,944,882.80	-6.60%
Simulcast Same-Species	363	\$ 157,870,948.25	364	\$ 148,385,239.65	-5.89%
Cross-Species	360	\$ 6,098,528.70	354	\$ 5,918,576.70	-2.47%
Export	99	\$ 85,818,219.58	96	\$ 89,854,259.06	-6.12%
<b>Total Handle - LONE STAR PARK</b>		<b>\$ 291,817,765.84</b>		<b>\$ 274,202,958.21</b>	<b>-5.97%</b>
<b>MANOR DOWNS</b>					
Live	18	\$ 1,451,110.00	18	\$ 1,570,360.00	8.22%
Simulcast Same-Species	290	\$ 17,813,645.10	281	\$ 17,341,098.25	-1.55%
Cross-Species	289	\$ 3,458,964.10	291	\$ 3,480,966.50	0.64%
Export	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	N/A
<b>Total Handle - MANOR DOWNS</b>		<b>\$ 22,523,719.20</b>		<b>\$ 22,392,424.75</b>	<b>-0.58%</b>
<b>RETAMA PARK</b>					
Live	53	\$ 5,626,912.00	72	\$ 6,185,090.40	9.92%
Simulcast Same-Species	364	\$ 47,858,873.30	364	\$ 43,880,821.40	-8.73%
Cross-Species	364	\$ 7,352,737.70	363	\$ 7,019,207.80	-4.54%
Export	53	\$ 28,142,324.89	72	\$ 35,587,383.47	26.48%
<b>Total Handle - RETAMA PARK</b>		<b>\$ 88,980,847.89</b>		<b>\$ 92,472,502.87</b>	<b>3.92%</b>
<b>SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK</b>					
Live	105	\$ 11,675,861.20	79	\$ 8,392,520.10	-28.12%
Simulcast Same-Species	364	\$ 87,313,580.90	356	\$ 85,458,351.50	-2.12%
Cross-Species	364	\$ 25,241,039.80	356	\$ 24,717,253.70	-2.08%
Export	105	\$ 122,880,759.87	79	\$ 79,103,363.56	-35.52%
<b>Total Handle - SAM HOUSTON</b>		<b>\$ 246,911,241.77</b>		<b>\$ 197,671,485.85</b>	<b>-19.94%</b>
Sam Houston closed 09/13/08 - 09/19/08 due to Hurricane Ike					
<b>TOTAL ALL HORSE RACE TRACKS:</b>					
Live	283	\$ 51,948,447.50	273	\$ 47,341,016.30	-8.87%
Simulcast Same-Species	1590	\$ 314,088,750.15	1582	\$ 298,428,032.30	-4.99%
Cross-Species	1586	\$ 42,722,569.80	1571	\$ 41,692,845.50	-2.41%
Export	257	\$ 246,641,304.35	247	\$ 204,648,006.08	-17.03%
<b>Total Handle</b>		<b>\$ 638,399,071.80</b>		<b>\$ 592,104,900.18</b>	<b>-8.68%</b>
<b>On-Track Handle</b>	<b>3459</b>	<b>\$ 408,757,767.45</b>	<b>3426</b>	<b>\$ 387,459,894.10</b>	<b>-5.21%</b>

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## Wagering Statistics - Comparison of Greyhound & Horse Race Track Handles For the Period 01/01/07 - 12/31/07 to 01/01/08 - 12/31/08

TOTAL ALL GREYHOUND RACE TRACKS	YEAR 2007 01/01 - 12/31		YEAR 2008 01/01 - 12/31		Percentage Change
	# Race Days	Handle	# Race Days	Handle	
Live	366	\$ 17,683,683.30	339	\$ 14,914,137.20	-15.66%
Simulcast Same-Species	713	\$ 24,175,813.20	683	\$ 22,478,649.70	-7.03%
Cross-Species	713	\$ 23,689,828.30	684	\$ 22,385,240.50	-5.43%
Export	368	\$ 22,631,459.30	339	\$ 17,618,392.00	-22.15%
<b>Total Handle</b>		<b>\$ 88,180,784.10</b>		<b>\$ 77,394,419.40</b>	<b>-12.21%</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL HORSE RACE TRACKS</b>					
Live	283	\$ 51,948,447.50	273	\$ 47,341,016.30	-8.87%
Simulcast Same-Species	1590	\$ 314,086,750.15	1582	\$ 298,426,032.30	-4.99%
Cross-Species	1586	\$ 42,722,588.80	1571	\$ 41,692,845.50	-2.41%
Export	257	\$ 248,641,304.35	247	\$ 204,645,006.08	-17.03%
<b>Total Handle</b>		<b>\$ 655,398,071.80</b>		<b>\$ 592,104,900.18</b>	<b>-9.66%</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL RACE TRACKS</b>					
Live	649	\$ 69,832,130.80	612	\$ 62,255,153.50	-10.59%
Simulcast Same-Species	2303	\$ 338,262,563.35	2285	\$ 320,902,662.00	-5.13%
Cross-Species	2299	\$ 68,392,398.10	2255	\$ 64,078,086.00	-3.49%
Export	623	\$ 289,272,763.65	586	\$ 222,263,398.08	-17.46%
<b>Total Handle</b>		<b>\$ 743,559,855.90</b>		<b>\$ 669,499,319.58</b>	<b>-9.96%</b>
<b>On-Track Handle</b>	<b>5251</b>	<b>\$ 474,287,092.25</b>	<b>5132</b>	<b>\$ 447,235,921.50</b>	<b>-5.70%</b>

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## Wagering Statistics - Comparison of Greyhound Race Track Handles For the Period 01/01/07 - 12/31/07 to 01/01/08 - 12/31/08

	YEAR 2007 01/01 - 12/31	YEAR 2008 01/01 - 12/31	Percentage Change
	# Race Days - Handle	# Race Days - Handle	
<b>GULF GREYHOUND PARK</b>			
Live	267 \$ 14,815,785.60	248 \$ 12,073,798.60 #	-17.39%
Simulcast Same-Species	363 \$ 17,079,234.90	349 \$ 15,813,249.90 #	-7.41%
Cross-Species	363 \$ 16,418,634.30	349 \$ 14,842,121.40	-9.60%
Export	267 \$ <u>18,778,887.60</u>	246 \$ <u>13,821,789.50</u>	<u>-26.40%</u>
<b>Total Handle - GULF</b>	<b>\$ 66,892,542.40</b>	<b>\$ 56,550,959.40</b>	<b>-15.46%</b>

Gulf closed from 09/11/08 - 09/26/08 due to Hurricane

<b>VALLEY RACE PARK</b>			
Live	99 \$ 3,067,897.70	93 \$ 2,840,338.60	-7.42%
Simulcast Same-Species	350 \$ 7,096,578.30	334 \$ 6,663,399.80	-6.10%
Cross-Species	350 \$ 7,251,194.00	335 \$ 7,543,119.10	4.03%
Export	99 \$ <u>3,852,571.70</u>	93 \$ <u>3,796,602.50</u>	<u>-1.45%</u>
<b>Total Handle - VALLEY</b>	<b>\$ 21,268,241.70</b>	<b>\$ 20,843,460.00</b>	<b>-2.00%</b>

**TOTAL GREYHOUND RACE TRACKS:**

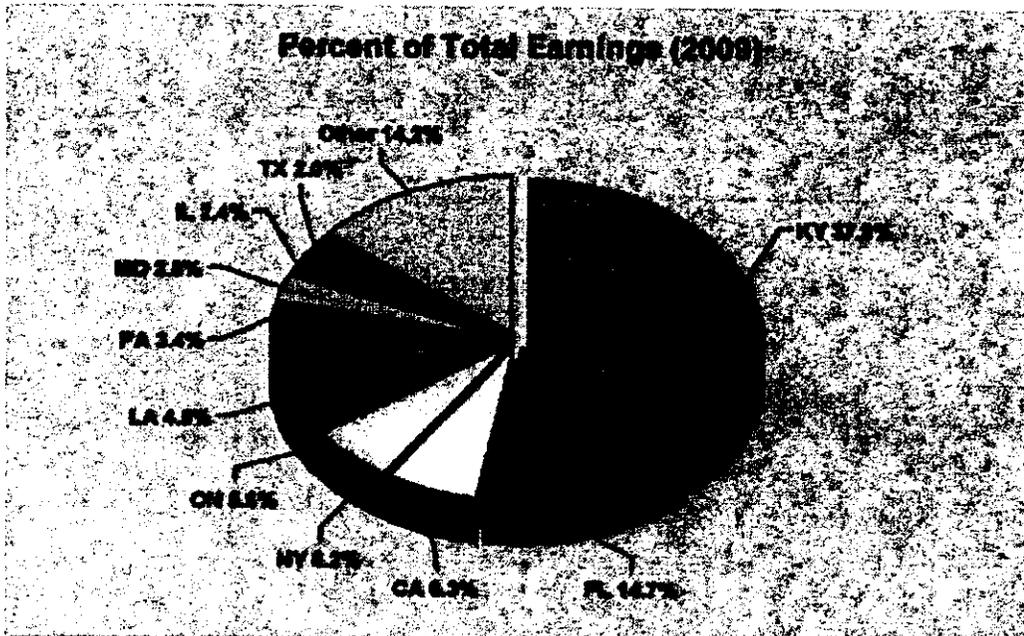
Live	386 \$ 17,683,683.30	339 \$ 14,914,137.20	-15.66%
Simulcast Same-Species	713 \$ 24,175,813.20	683 \$ 22,476,649.70	-7.03%
Cross-Species	713 \$ 23,669,828.30	684 \$ 22,385,240.50	-5.43%
Export	368 \$ <u>22,631,459.30</u>	339 \$ <u>17,618,392.00</u>	<u>-22.15%</u>
<b>Total Handle</b>	<b>\$ 88,160,784.10</b>	<b>\$ 77,394,419.40</b>	<b>-12.21%</b>
<b>On-Track Handle</b>	<b>1792 \$ 65,529,324.80</b>	<b>1706 \$ 59,776,027.40</b>	<b>-8.78%</b>

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**RACING STATISTICS BY FOALING AREA (U.S. AND CANADA)**

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Although Kentucky-breds increased their share of total purse money earned in the U.S. and Canada in 2009 to 37.9%, average earnings per Kentucky-bred starter slipped 3.8%. Among foaling areas with at least 500 distinct starters in 2009, Indiana-breds experienced the greatest percentage increase in average earnings per starter, up 29.6% from 2008, while Ontario-breds once again had the highest average earnings per starter with \$22,477. Completing the top five were Kentucky, \$21,757; New Jersey, \$19,903; Virginia, \$19,210; and New York, \$18,203.



**Racing Statistics by Foaling Area**

Foaling Area	Starters	Starts	Wins	Earnings	Avg. Earnings Per Runner	Avg. Starts Per Runner
Kentucky	19,820	122,315	17,101	431,220,831	21,757	6.17
Florida	9,827	67,251	8,580	167,401,606	17,369	6.99
California	5,796	36,015	4,466	72,227,904	12,462	6.21
New York	3,856	26,755	2,944	70,191,919	18,203	6.94
Ontario	2,849	18,744	2,098	64,036,391	22,477	6.59
Louisiana	4,364	22,558	2,163	51,149,919	11,721	5.17
Pennsylvania	2,237	14,251	1,334	39,049,113	17,456	6.37
Maryland	1,939	12,061	1,552	32,309,050	16,663	6.22
Illinois	1,926	13,494	1,640	27,525,446	14,292	7.01
Texas	2,528	15,060	1,625	22,631,677	8,952	5.96
New Mexico	1,656	8,774	924	17,815,196	10,758	5.30
New Jersey	830	5,547	524	16,519,408	19,903	6.68
West Virginia	1,167	7,012	670	16,373,123	14,030	6.01
Virginia	692	3,836	508	13,292,984	19,210	5.54
Oklahoma	1,443	7,740	772	12,764,851	8,846	5.36

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Indiana	882	5,573	546	11,293,473	12,804	6.32
Ohio	973	7,079	853	9,738,805	10,009	7.28
British Columbia	996	5,750	716	9,536,892	9,575	5.77
Washington	1,336	8,025	1,011	9,352,660	7,000	6.01
Iowa	686	4,335	448	8,602,779	12,540	6.32
Alberta	828	4,335	481	5,582,508	6,718	5.24
Michigan	625	4,229	490	5,349,883	8,559	6.77
Arkansas	553	3,399	342	4,706,448	8,511	6.15
Arizona	575	3,412	402	4,574,168	7,955	5.93
Minnesota	513	2,963	302	4,186,718	8,161	5.76
Nebraska	321	1,982	230	2,112,935	6,582	6.17
Colorado	285	1,383	149	1,398,456	4,907	4.85
Oregon	354	1,999	236	1,373,005	3,879	5.65
Manitoba	168	928	86	1,038,313	6,180	5.52
Massachusetts	82	596	53	932,899	11,377	7.27
Idaho	182	883	97	840,525	4,618	4.85
Kansas	138	648	69	821,694	5,954	4.70
South Carolina	72	360	35	539,236	7,469	5.00
Alabama	79	395	25	408,000	5,185	5.00
Georgia	45	302	44	385,653	8,570	6.71
Saskatchewan	95	445	41	269,205	2,834	4.68
Montana	69	321	36	218,199	3,162	4.65
Delaware	3	19	6	124,703	41,568	6.33
Missouri	27	155	15	124,525	4,612	5.74
Quebec	9	88	9	121,274	13,475	9.78
North Carolina	25	134	8	111,388	4,456	5.36
North Dakota	64	266	19	97,020	1,516	4.16
Tennessee	28	144	7	96,755	3,721	5.54
Mississippi	32	136	9	94,099	2,941	4.25
South Dakota	32	124	11	63,887	1,996	3.88
Utah	47	160	8	59,553	1,267	3.40
Nevada	6	23	0	16,206	2,701	3.83
Nova Scotia	1	10	0	9,570	9,570	10.00
Wyoming	6	18	2	8,643	1,441	3.00
Wisconsin	6	23	0	7,190	1,198	3.83
New Hampshire	1	2	0	1,620	1,620	2.00
Connecticut	1	1	0	176	176	1.00
<b>TOTAL US &amp; CAN</b>	<b>70,873</b>	<b>442,048</b>	<b>53,687</b>	<b>1,138,688,079</b>	<b>16,067</b>	<b>6.24</b>

Transcript from Texas Racing Commission meeting  
February 25, 2009

Brian Brown, page 31:

"The State of Texas has fallen from the third ranked state in terms of mares bred fifth ranked state in the nation. Registered foals have declined from 1,988 in 2001 to 1,160 in 2008. And again, the State of Texas fell from the fourth ranked state in terms of foal production to the sixth ranked state. Now, on the other hand, we looked at what's happened in Louisiana where there's a surge in mares bred, from 2,221 in 2001 to about 3,900 in 2008. So Louisiana used to have about 70 percent of the breeding activity in Texas and now it's nearly double the breeding activity in Texas on the Thoroughbred side."

Brian Brown, page 33:

"The continued viability of the breed associations, really the racing side of the breed association, that's certainly in question and becoming tougher and tougher every day as the breed associations make change, lay off staff, make other adjustments that aren't positive for their members but have to be done at the same time."

## Stepping ahead in Texas

ThoroughbredTimes.com

Posted: Saturday, October 13, 2001

The measure was tagged House Bill 1196, and it may prove to be one of the most important pieces of legislation ever passed regarding the Texas Thoroughbred industry. Signed into law by Republican Governor Rick Perry on June 11, the "breed-back reform bill," as it is also called, eliminated many of the restrictions that have handicapped Texas breeders since pari-mutuel racing returned to the state 12 years ago.

Commencing in 2002, HB 1196 enables Texas-based mares to be sent to out-of-state stallions every year as long as they are returned to Texas by August 15. The resulting foals will be considered state-breds and will be eligible for premiums, awards, and other benefits from the Accredited Texas-Bred Program (ATB).

In essence, the rule revisions create two classes of Texas-bred foals. Those sired by Texas-based stallions will be eligible for 100% shares of the ATB awards. Foals sired by out-of-state stallions will be eligible for 50% shares. In the latter case, the remaining 50% will revert to the program, to be redistributed on a basis of 40% to owners, 40% to breeders, and 20% to the stallion owners of Texas-sired Texas-breds that finish first, second, or third at an in-state race meet.

Further, HB 1196 creates bonus awards for owners of Texas-breds who finish first, second, or third in open races at the state's tracks. Starting in 2002, the bonus pool will receive 10% of revenues generated for the Accredited Texas-Bred Program and will increase 2.5% each year until it reaches a maximum of 25% for 2008 and the years beyond.

The changes were modeled after those instituted by the New York State Breeding and Development Fund in 1994, which helped inspire a 31% increase in the foal crop in the Empire State since that date. More importantly, they have provided lucrative incentives to improve the quality of the breed in New York. The idea in Texas is to do the same.

### Former breed-back rules

"This brings us into the modern world," said David E. Hooper, executive director of the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA). "The old rules required Texas-accredited mares to be bred back to Texas stallions. This hampered Texas breeding. It hampered Texas racing. We're now, finally, in a position to move forward, to become a force that could challenge New York, California, and perhaps even Florida on the scale of major breeding and racing states."

Almost invariably, it is easier to stop a legislative measure than to get one passed. In 1999, a bill almost identical to HB 1196 was approved 31-0 by the Texas Senate but died in a House of Representatives committee. "At that time, we didn't have a consensus among our membership," Hooper said. "Opinion wasn't unanimous this time, either. But whatever disagreements we had were voiced before the bill was introduced."

Support for legislative passage came from all three Class I racetracks: Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, Sam Houston Race Park in Houston, and Retama Park near San Antonio.

"I really didn't see any organized dissent this time around," said Robert L. Bork, senior vice president at Sam Houston. "We viewed it, first of all, as an issue for the breeders, and secondly as an issue for the tracks. If the people who produce the horses feel it improves the breed, fine, we're all for it, because improved breeding means improved racing."

Registered Thoroughbred stallions are already plentiful in Texas. For 2000, the Jockey Club listed 409 of them, the highest number for any state with the exception of Kentucky. But the average book for a Texas stallion in 2000 was only 8.4 mares, 19% of the average Kentucky-based stallion's book.

Nevertheless, more stallions have kept coming into Texas. Twenty-one new stallions, including seven sons of Storm Cat, were brought in for the 2001 season by 16 different farms, said Hooper.

To whom will they be bred? "We're starting to get good mares in Texas," said Joe Straus Jr., the longtime master of Straus Medina Ranch near San Antonio. "We've already got some pretty good stallions. But the revision of the breed-back rule will result in a challenge to the people who are locked into this state. Not everyone can afford to ship their mares in and out."

#### Stock Improvement

Last year, Straus sold his ranch to the Bexar Metropolitan Water District. He has leased back 150 acres containing barns and paddocks, and he continues to keep four stallions and a dozen of his own mares there. Another 60 mares are on the Straus Medina property as boarders.

Straus is one of the original investors in Retama. The track is now owned by the Selma Sports Authority and is managed by Retama Entertainment Group, of which Straus serves as board chairman. "I so want to see the breeding industry here grow and prosper," he said. The feeling is shared by thousands of others, not only in Texas but elsewhere.

TTA President Jim Ward, D.V.M., has what he calls a wish list. "At the top, there's a need to improve the quality of our statewide breeding and racing stock," Ward said. "Following closely behind this is the need to increase the distribution of our pari-mutuel product. Once we accomplish these goals, lots of other things will fall into place."

It sounds simple, "but it's not," Ward said. "Wagered dollars constitute the fuel that makes all the engines run. They generate the purse money, they generate the breeding-incentive awards. In the year 2000, the latter generated about \$4-million. In New York, breeder incentives annually amount to about \$14-million. You don't have to be a crack mathematician to see the difference."

After a 52-year hiatus, pari-mutuel racing returned to Texas in 1989. On April 29, 1994, the first of the state's three Class I tracks, Sam Houston, commenced operations. Retama opened on April 7, 1995, and Lone Star, situated midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, began its inaugural meeting on April 17, 1997.

All three tracks rely heavily upon Texas-breds to fill their race cards. During Retama's 51-day Thoroughbred meet in 2000, Texas-breds won 66.1% of all races, including 56.1% of open events. At Sam Houston's 85-day Thoroughbred meet from November 2, 2000, through April 1, 2001, Texas-breds won 53.9% of all races, including 40.5% of open events. At Lone Star's 74-day Thoroughbred meet in 2001, Texas-breds accounted for 42.3% of all race winners, including 25.8% of open events.

#### Large average fields

It is noteworthy that Texas's three Class I tracks rank among the highest in North America in the average sizes of their Thoroughbred fields. Retama draws nearly nine horses per race; Sam Houston and Lone Star average well in excess of nine. Without question, the Texas breeding industry provides at least one function of crucial importance—producing plenty of horses for the state's tracks.

Conversely, the impact of Texas-breds in the regions immediately beyond the state's borders has not expanded noticeably in the past decade. In 1991, horses bred in Texas won 38 races at the Oaklawn Park meet in Arkansas. At the 2001 Oaklawn meet, Texas-breds won 31 races, with none of their wins coming in stakes events. During the 2000-'01 Fair Grounds meet in New Orleans, Texas-breds won 35 races, a number nearly identical to what they recorded a decade ago.

Friday, January 2, 2009 | Modified: Wednesday, January 7, 2009

## Race park concert deal proves to be a winner

*Houston Business Journal* - by Greg Barr

### THEN

Date: March 21, 2008

Headline: "Race Park, Live Nation ready to roll in the rock"

### THE STORY

Sam Houston Race Park struck a deal with national entertainment giant Live Nation Inc. to try to boost the horse-racing venue's profile as a concert and festival site.

Dubbed "the Showgrounds," the concert venue added upgraded sound equipment and backstage facilities for artists, more reserved seating for certain concerts and additional concessions. The venue, located on the infield of the race track, was expanded to hold up to 9,000 attendees.

The race park wanted to build on previous experiments that introduced weekend country music concerts after the final race of the evening, increase the overall awareness and visibility of the site, and begin expanding into other entertainment demographics.

For Live Nation, the Showgrounds offered the company a mid-sized venue that complements its two largest Houston-area venues, The Woodlands Pavilion and Toyota Center, at which it has an exclusive booking arrangement.

The plan was to boost the number of concerts at the race park from the 25 held in 2007, focusing on mainstream country music artists on Saturdays and regional Texas artists on Fridays — the entertainment demographic seen as the best fit with the venue.

The race park is owned by holding company SHRP Ltd., which also operates a greyhound racing facility, Valley Race Park, in Harlingen. SHRP, in turn, is owned by publicly traded Houston company Maxxam Inc.

### NOW

The race park galloped full speed into the music business in 2008.

Andrea Young, the facility's chief operating officer, says the Showgrounds' first year of operation showed its future potential by not only increasing the number of music event attendees but exposing them to the facility's core business of horse racing.

The 32 concerts and festivals in 2008 attracted 216,919 attendees — more than double the 104,123 who attended 25 concerts in 2007. Live Nation promoters had hoped to stage as many as 40 events.

Two large music festivals that spilled over into other areas of the 300-acre race park site made up a large chunk of the increase. Willie Nelson's Family Picnic festival on July 5 attracted 17,033 attendees, while the Ziegenbock Festival in October brought a record 19,867.

"Operationally we were pretty satisfied. You're always looking for areas to improve and you'll see some things in the program changes we make for next year," says Young, the former CEO of the Houston Comets who moved to Sam Houston in 2007. "The broad-based country shows that we have a history of doing at the park will remain, but we really intend to further diversify into other (music) genres."

Regulatory filings by parent-company Maxxam show concert revenue jumped to \$4.1 million for the nine months ended Sept. 30, more than double the \$1.7 million reported for the same period a year earlier. At the same time, aided by that

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concert revenue boost, total SHRP revenue was \$36.5 million for the first nine months of 2008, matching the figure in the same period of the previous year.

Operating losses at Sam Houston were \$6.6 million for the latest period compared with \$4.2 million in the first nine months of 2007.

The biggest revenue issue faced by the park in 2008 — and into early 2009 — had nothing to do with the state of the economy or changes in operating strategy, however.

When it stormed in from the Gulf in mid-September, Hurricane Ike not only punched holes in the roof of the race park grandstand, it also knocked out the race park's entire winter thoroughbred racing season — typically its strongest financial quarter.

As a result, from November 2008 to April 2009 only indoor simulcast racing will be available, meaning revenue will be down sharply.

Young estimates the facility will spend about \$11 million to replace the roof and the electronic infield scoreboard also destroyed by Ike. The roof failure caused interior water damage. Some barn-area structures will also be replaced.

The loss of the winter thoroughbred racing events puts more pressure on the park to stage more profitable non-racing music events to offset some of those losses. Young is confident the facility will bounce back.

"We got a good sense of the kind of progress we made (in concert entertainment) this year, and I know, with what we're working for in 2009, I expect we can be in the black," she says.

Excerpt from the transcript of the Texas Racing Commission meeting held September 19, 2009

The following statement, made by Andea Young, relates to the consolidation of Greyhound racing dates in 2010:

"This plan provides us a lot of short-term relief at Valley Race Park, which we desperately need. That relief is really important because Valley is actually owned by Sam Houston Race Park in Houston; and as things have deteriorated, you know, kind of across the state and at Sam Houston in particular, you know, the cash outlays to Valley Race Park have become more of a big item on our radar."

## RACE DATE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 28th day of October, by and between Retama Development Corporation whose address is 1 Retama Parkway, Selma, Texas 78154 (hereinafter referred to as "Retama"), and the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, Post Office Box 142533, Austin, Texas 78714 (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Retama is the operator of a certain horse racing facility known as Retama Park;  
and

WHEREAS, the Association has requested that Retama offer a total of 43 additional race dates pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (the "Race Dates"); and

WHEREAS, Retama is ready and willing to offer the Race Dates subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein and for other good and valuable consideration, acknowledged by the parties to be satisfactory and adequate, the parties agree as follows:

1. **ADDITIONAL RACE DATES** – Retama will offer the Race Dates during the period beginning November 20, 2008 and extending through March 8, 2009. Retama shall use its reasonable judgment in allocating the race dates throughout this time period. Retama shall commence racing no later than Friday, November 28, 2008 and shall conclude racing no later than Saturday, March 8, 2009.

2. **OBLIGATIONS OF RETAMA** – In addition to any other obligations of Retama contained herein, Retama will:

- a) use reasonable efforts to offer at least 387 races over the 43 race days; and
- b) repay the Final Advance referred to in paragraph 3(b) below.

3. **OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATION** – In addition to any other obligations of Association contained herein, Association shall:

- a) Advance to Retama a total of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) from purse funds. Of this amount, \$750,000 shall be advanced as funds become available starting on November 16, 2008. The remaining balance of \$750,000 shall be advanced as funds become available beginning on November 8, 2009. These advances may be made by Retama retaining purse funds that would otherwise be transferred to Association.

b) Of the advanced amounts referenced in paragraph 3(a) above, the first \$750,000 (the "Initial Advance") shall be a transfer from the Association to Retama for defraying of expenses associated with the additional race dates. Retama shall not be obligated to repay any of the Initial Advance unless, within a period of five (5) years from the date of this Agreement, effective ownership or control of Retama's racing facility is transferred or assigned and Retama receives \$9,750,000 or more of net cash or stock proceeds ("Control Change"). In the event of a Control Change, the entire Initial Advance shall be due and payable on the effective date of change of ownership or control. The remaining \$750,000 advanced (the "Final Advance") shall be repaid by Retama over ten years in ten equal annual installments, with no interest charged. The first repayment installment of \$75,000 (or 10% of the actual amount of the Final Advance) shall be due and payable one year following the full accumulation of the Final Advance. In no event shall the first installment be due and payable later than May 1, 2011. Each successive installment of \$75,000 (or 10% of the actual amount of the Final Advance) shall be due and payable on each anniversary date of the first payment made. With respect to the Final Advance, should Retama exceed projections for on-track wagering or for outbound wagering by 30% or more, Retama will reasonably negotiate with the Association the amount of the Final Advance so that it more accurately reflects the actual loss from offering the Race Dates. The calculation of the loss will include any loss of revenue such as parking lot rental and training center revenues in addition to the actual operational loss and other cash payments necessary to offer the Race Dates. Upon agreement on the actual loss, Retama will reduce the amount of the Final Advance appropriately. Should Retama's actual on-track or outbound wagering fall 30% or more short of projections, Association will reasonably negotiate with Retama the amount of the Final Advance so that it more accurately reflects the actual loss from offering the Race Dates. If there are purse funds available from sources other than Retama simulcast accruals, live racing accruals, and cross-species accruals, Association will use reasonable efforts to use those funds to adjust the Final Advance appropriately.

c) Publicize the Race Dates on the Association's web site, in emails to Association members and in Association periodicals.

d) Allow the export of the Retama host signal to advance deposit wagering sites with a 6% host fee charged. This fee, or any amount in excess of this fee, shall be shared 50% to Retama and 50% to the Association (with such Association funds accruing to the benefit of the Retama purse account).

e) Facilitate the transfer of all thoroughbred purse funds accrued in Sam Houston Race Park's purse account through April 4, 2009 to the Retama purse account. The initial transfer shall take place within two days of approval of the transfer of dates by the Texas Racing Commission. The purse funds transferred shall include all funds accruing from on-track (guest) simulcasting, cross-species simulcasting and any other sources. Sam Houston Race Park shall not be responsible for any purse overpayment by Retama.

f) By October 30, 2008, issue export approval on: 1) all outlets currently approved to take the Retama signal; and 2) all outlets approved to take the Sam Houston Race Park signal during the 2007/08 race meeting; and 3) the advance deposit wagering sites referred to in 3(d) above. Any future export requests, if acceptable to the Association, shall be approved within three days of request by Retama.

4. **ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT** -- This Agreement shall not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. The Agreement shall be fully binding on any successors or assigns.

5. **BREACH OF TERMS** -- In the event that either party breaches any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement then the non-breaching party shall have the option of canceling this Agreement upon five (5) days written notice to the breaching party or may seek specific performance.

6. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT** -- This Agreement contains the entire understanding among the parties and supersedes any prior understanding and agreements, verbal or written, between them respecting the within subject matter. Any subsequent amendments to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

7. **BINDING EFFECT/VALIDITY** -- This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application of such provisions, shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

8. **EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS** -- This Agreement may be executed in duplicate each of which shall constitute an original Agreement. The parties hereto agree to execute such documents as may be required to carry out the intent of this Agreement.

9. **PROVISIONS OF NOTICE** -- All notices required hereunder shall be effective and binding if sent by prepaid certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, telegram, cablegram, or delivered in person to the addresses of the parties as set forth hereinabove.

10. **GOVERNING LAW** -- This Agreement, and the application or construction thereof, and any dispute arising out of or related thereto shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for legal action shall be Bexar County, Texas.

11. **TERMS** -- The parties and the signatories on their behalf are duly authorized to execute and deliver this agreement and to be bound by its terms.

12. **HEADING AND SYNTAX** -- All references made and pronouns used herein shall be construed in the singular or plural, and in such gender, as the sense and circumstances require. The headings set forth in this Agreement are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to modify, limit, describe or affect in any way the contents, scope or intent of this Agreement.

13. **APPROVAL BY TEXAS RACING COMMISSION** -- This Agreement is contingent upon approval by the Texas Racing Commission.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have executed this agreement as of the date hereinabove set forth.

Returns:  
By: Gary P. Baber  
Name: GARY P. BABER  
Title: CHAIRMAN  
Date: 10/29/08

Association:  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Hurricane Damage Stymies Houston Meet

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The 2008-09 Sam Houston Race Park meet probably won't make its Nov. 28 start date given extensive damage sustained by the track during Hurricane Ike, according to chief operating officer Andrea Young. Officials in Texas are studying alternatives should that be the case.

"We've asked questions about our ability to have construction during a live meet," Young said during the Oct. 7 meeting of the Texas Racing Commission. "Decisions have to be made in everyone's interest, and this impacts a lot of people other than us at Sam Houston."

Hurricane Ike struck the Texas Gulf Coast Sept. 13 and prompted the cancellation of the final two days of Sam Houston's Quarter Horse meet and the loss of eight days of simulcasting.

"We were able to reopen simulcasting in what I would call a contained environment," Young said. "We are in the process of determining options for the roof between a significant repair and complete reconstruction. The dorm rooms will either be gutted or demolished to start over."

Track officials estimate the cost to repair Sam Houston will be more than \$10 million. The grandstand roof physically lifted off the structure, compromising every seam and screw in the portion that remained, and the barn area, especially dorm and tack rooms, suffered significant flooding and water damage.

The racing surface lost about an inch of material, but much of that was able to be salvaged. The pump house has been rebuilt, and the destroyed track lights will be replaced quickly.

"It will be challenging to have live racing given the scope of repairs," Young said.

After Young's remarks, Texas Thoroughbred Association executive director David Hooper expressed his concerns for horsemen if race dates are lost.

"I can't tell you how critical it is to have these race dates; if not in Houston, they must be somewhere else in Texas," Hooper said. "If we lose race dates, more owners and breeders will quit this business, so we can't afford to lose these days."

Sam Houston's management expressed a willingness to explore contingency plans, which could include extending the current meet at Retama Park, set to end Nov. 15, or moving up the start date for the 2009 Lone Star Park meet, now scheduled for April 10.

"We're amenable to trying to find alternative homes for race dates, but we need to get a handle on the damage first," Young said. "We will move forward with the repairs very quickly. We're in the live racing business, so of course we want live racing."

On Oct. 14, representatives from the Sam Houston, Retama, and Lone Star will meet with breed and horsemen's organizations to further discuss alternatives. Any date transfers must be approved by the racing commission.

Gulf Greyhound Park, located 10 miles from Galveston in LaMarque, also suffered extensive wind and water damage, but opened Sept. 27 for simulcasting, and resumed its live meet Oct. 3.

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## **Executive Director's Update from Dave Hooper - April 25, 2008**

### **SUNSET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE INDUSTRY ISSUES IN CROSSHAIRS**

Last Tuesday's daylong meeting of the Sunset Advisory Committee showed that its members, particularly Texas Senators Kim Brimer and Chuy Hinojosa, have considerable knowledge and concern about the declining state of the Texas racing and breeding industry and recognize that something needs to happen to "turn the corner" and make Texas competitive with neighboring states.

Concerns were also expressed about the two track licenses—Longhorn Downs (now Austin Jockey Club) and Lubbock Downs (now Saddlebrook Park)—that have now been issued for almost 20 years without a track ever having been built. Sunset Advisory Committee members seemed in agreement that an amendment to the Texas Racing Act should be considered to address long-standing dormant licenses.

The existing Class 1 track operators testified in opposition to the Sunset staff's recommendation calling for an annual review of racetrack licensees. However, in the course of their testimony, either in prepared remarks or in response to questions from Committee members, they were able to get into the record that the Texas industry is presently unable to compete without some additional forms of gaming at track facilities, or changing the law to make it possible to offer advanced deposit wagering, additional simulcast or off-track betting locations or other games now available through new technologies.

Testimony of Texas Thoroughbred Association involved clarifying its statutory role as the administrator of the Accredited Texas-bred Incentive Program for owners, breeders and stallion owners and also opposing the Sunset staff's recommendation to eliminate the Equine Research Account Advisory Committee that has funded more than \$1 million in research projects since its inception.

### **TEXAS-BRED G3 WINNER SCRAPPY ROO AMONG SHORT TEXAS MILE FIELD**

Scrappy Roo will take a stab at another graded stakes win in the Grade 3, \$300,000 Texas Mile at Lone Star Park on Saturday. The 5-year-old Roo Art gelding won Sam Houston's Grade 3 John B. Connally Breeders' Cup Turf earlier this month. The Texas Mile will mark his first return to the main track since last September, when he won a \$25,000 claiming race at Retama Park for owner Tawana Cantrell, breeder Dr. David S. Taylor and trainer John Locke.

Monterey Jazz, winner of Santa Anita's Grade 2 Strub Stakes in February, will be the likely favorite. The six-horse field also includes Connally runner-up and Super Derby (G2) victor Going Ballistic, millionaire and Grade 2 winner Zanjero, multiple stakes winner Beta Capo and stakes winner Gold Wonder.

Also on the card, Texas-bred stakes winners Justaclown and Red Birds Magician will face off in the \$50,000 Grand Prairie Turf Challenge while last year's Texas Champion juvenile filly Valid Lilly will compete against Fasig-Tipton Texas sale grad and multiple stakes winner Miss Missile in the \$50,000 Richland Hills Farm Stakes. Another Texas-bred stakes winner, Jenz Benz, takes to the turf for the \$50,000 Irving Distaff.

### **FIGHT OVER SIMULCAST SIGNALS ESCALATES AS CHURCHILL FILES ANTITRUST SUIT**

First the Texas Horsemen's Partnership refused to permit Lone Star Park to send its simulcast signal to four advanced deposit wagering entities and then the Florida division of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association denied permission for Calder Race Course, owned by Churchill Downs Inc., to send its simulcast signal out of state.

The battle over equal splits of simulcast revenue, particularly when the signal is going to an advanced deposit wagering outlet, escalated significantly on Thursday when Churchill Downs Inc., Calder Race Course and Churchill Downs Technology Initiatives Company filed suit against the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Group, the Florida HBPA, and the officers of each organization alleging violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act.

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**Lone Star cuts purses, cancels Alysheba Stakes**  
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Lone Star Park near Dallas announced on Sunday that overnight purses would be cut 6 percent beginning May 22 due to a "downward trend" in handle figures at the meet that runs through July 26. The move will put purses, which are averaging \$179,000 a day, at \$169,000 a day, according to Drew Shubeck, president of Lone Star.

Lone Star has also canceled the \$50,000 Alysheba Stakes for 3-year-olds at a mile June 27, and reduced the purses of three \$100,000 stakes, the Assault, Silver Spur, and Middleground, to \$75,000 each. The Assault is for Texas-breds, while the Silver Spur and Middleground are staples for 2-year-olds on closing weekend at Lone Star.

"We are extremely disappointed, but like all other tracks in North America, we are experiencing a downward trend in handle across the board that requires us to make these cuts," Shubeck said. "Unfortunately, the conjoined soft local and national economy makes this necessary."

Shubeck said handle on Lone Star's races ontrack is down 10 percent from the corresponding dates in 2008, while betting on the track's signal offsite has been off 8 percent. Attendance this meet has been down 6 percent.

**Attendance, Wagering Down at Lone Star Park**  
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Lone Star Park ended its 2009 spring Thoroughbred meet, which was run from April 9 through July 26, with decreases in both attendance and handle.

Average daily attendance decreased by 7.7% to 6,883 in 2009 compared with 7,460 last year. Overall, 447,426 people attended the meet, 37,453 fewer than the 484,879 a year ago.

All-sources wagering slipped 12.8% from \$146.3 million last year to \$127.5 million in 2009. On track, wagering on live racing was \$20.8 million down from last year's \$26.3 million, while handle on imported simulcast racing decreased by 14.4% from \$40.3 million to \$34.5 million.

**Wagering on Lone Star Park live races off track was \$72.1 million, a 9.4% drop from last year's \$79.6 million.**

**"These are obviously disappointing results," said Lone Star Park president and general manager Drew Shubeck. "The biggest reason for the decreases in both attendance and handle is the global economic downturn that has negatively impacted the local Dallas/Ft. Worth economy. Our racing fans didn't come out as often and wagered less money when they were here.**

**"In addition, two major challenges to racing at Lone Star Park, the purse structure and a lack of a level playing field, continue to have a significant negative impact on our business," added Shubeck. "Higher purses in the surrounding states continue to draw horsemen and their better horses out of Texas, which impairs our quality of racing. As well, illegal internet wagering platforms are coming into our market attracting wagering dollars resulting in a reduction in the percentage of contributions to our purses and reducing our live on-track attendance.**

**"While we are disappointed with our results, we would like to thank our dedicated and loyal horsemen and employees who continue to create winning experiences for our customers as evidenced by our big event days, which indicate that our product offering is still an attractive entertainment value in a very competitive market even with the current economic conditions," concluded Shubeck.**

On the track, there were a total of 5,387 runners in 616 races during the 65-day, 2009 Lone Star Park meet for an average field size of 8.7 per race, a decrease of 0.4 from last year's average of 9.1 when 5,776 starters ran in 632 races.

Newcomer Chris Landeros, who turned 21 on July 12, battled all-time Lone Star Park leading jockey Cliff Berry, who has three previous riding titles (2008, 2006 and 2005), into the last week of the meet before pulling away to win the title with 97 victories, nine more than Berry's 88. Lone Star Park's all-time stakes winning jockey Eddie Martin, Jr. was third with 57 wins.

Lone Star Park's all-time training leader Steve Asmussen shattered the previous record of 98 wins in a single season set by Cole Norman in 2003 with 117 trips to the winner's circle to win his 11th training title. His record-breaking 99th victory came on July 11 with Big Texas Daddy in the \$125,000 Texas Stallion Stakes (Staunch Avenger Division). Bret Calhoun was the runner up with 59 wins and Danny Pish finished third with 51.

The owner's race was won by Tom Durant, who previously won the award in 2008 and in 2005 and tied for leading owner during the 2004 Fall meet, with 26 wins, more than twice as many as his nearest rival. The battle for second came down to the last week with the duo of Wayne Sanders and Larry Hirsch's 12 victories edging Nelson Bunker Hunt, and Heiligbrodt Racing Stable, who each finished tied for third with 11 wins.

## Andrea Young

Sam Houston Race Park

Andrea Young brought a background in professional sports to a leadership position in racing when she became chief operating officer of Sam Houston Race Park in Houston in 2007.

Young said people are too down on racing's outlook and she believes the sport could pick up through a reduction in the number of races run.

"This is an industry that still has a lot of interest and potential," Young said. "I am quick to dismiss anyone that thinks it is dead. However, there is too much product for the level of demand.

"In [professional basketball or hockey], there are 41 home games in each of the 30 markets each season. That's the equivalent of about 12,300 horse races each year. Last year, there were [more than] 50,000 races run. With that type of supply, our product is suffering."

Young, who said she is still working on the biggest achievement of her career, would like to see more tracks upgrade their facilities to provide customers with a better environment to enjoy the sport.

"We need to focus on delivering a quality product, which includes the product on the track and the consumer experience at the racetracks," Young said. "These problems will take time to address, but I am encouraged by some of the more recent efforts being made throughout the industry."

On January 12, 2009, Young was named president of Sam Houston while she continued in her chief operating officer position. She also serves as president and chief operating officer of Valley Race Park, a Harlingen, Texas, greyhound track.

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## Horseplayers Association of North America

From H.A.N.A. website:

Who are we and what do we want?

H.A.N.A. is a grass roots Non Profit organization made up of horseplayers just like you. Simply put, we are not happy with track management and horsemen's groups. We are less than thrilled with what they are doing to the game that we love.

Instead of promoting awareness of the sport and growing handle they have become bogged down with industry infighting and have completely forgotten something: The importance of the customer.

We are tired of the signal wars, exclusive ADW deals, excessive takeouts, breakage, trainers who are rewarded for cheating, an obsolete tote system, and an attitude that smacks of entitlement.

We want open access to all track signals for all ADWs, takeouts that are competitive with other forms of gambling, the abolishment of breakage, severe penalties for trainers who cheat, and odds updates in real time. But most of all we want those who run racing to recognize us. The player matters. ~~The player is a stakeholder too. Without money bet by us players the game would cease to exist.~~

We can effect change. We can bring racing back to the prominence it once held in people's hearts on a national level. But it won't be easy and it won't come overnight. It's going to take vision, commitment, and effort. But change IS possible... IF we band together in numbers.

We are an independent grass roots player's organization that desires change.

### Our Goals:

**ADW Signal Availability** - All track signals available to all licensed ADWs all the time. No exceptions and no blackouts. Ever.

**Takeout** - Takeout needs to be lowered significantly and lowered NOW. We believe 9 or 10 percent takeout every pool - every track - every race - every day - marketed in the right way as the greatest gambling game on the planet will create an upward explosion in handle and generate new massive interest about the game among the millions of gambling customers racing has failed to reach for almost a generation and has absolutely no chance of reaching under the status quo.

**Drugs** - It's time for a national drug policy with teeth. The game needs to be regulated in such a way that there are absolutely no questions whatsoever about the integrity of the game.

**Pool Integrity** - Odds changes after the bell, outright theft through abuse of the cancel delay, failure to close and merge pools when the gate opens, and an industry that knowingly allows this to keep happening is simply unacceptable.

The game needs a modern secure tote system fast enough to render odds and payoffs in real time.

We repeat: The game needs to be regulated in such a way that there are absolutely no questions whatsoever about the integrity of the game.

**Quality of the Product** - Large competitive fields please.

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typical elasticity of -2.3 found in this study.<sup>4</sup> Of course, if the host track fee is lowered in proportion to the change in takeout rate, revenue for all parties (host track, racetrack-racebook, horsemen) will increase in the same proportion.

Median own-elasticities with respect to number of races and average field size were found to be 0.64 and 0.58, respectively. There is no prior study to gauge the magnitudes of these elasticities but it seems wagering is moderately responsive to changes in number of races or field size. Finally, median average purse elasticity was found to be 0.06 which is considerably smaller than elasticity with respect to takeout rate, number of races or field size. This average purse elasticity is quite small and it suggests, for example that wagering would increase by only 6% if purse were doubled. This is a surprising finding considering the importance that is attached to the purse variable in all major policy decisions to increase the wagering in this industry.

The cross-elasticities are, in most cases statistically insignificant and, with the exception of cross-race elasticity, when they are significant they are relatively small compared to their corresponding own-elasticities. The median cross-race elasticity of -0.41 is, however, relatively large. This suggests that competing racetrack groups are moderate substitutes for the subject racetrack group.

#### **Impacts Of Special Factors - Live Racing, ITW Racing, Stakes Races**

The remaining estimation results pertain to two sets of control variables, (1) live racing (Garden State Park) and intra-state (ITW) simulcast races among the competing racetrack groups and (2) special stakes (high purse) races such as the Kentucky Derby. The presence of live thoroughbred racing on a given day among the competing racetrack groups was found, in general, to have an insignificant effect on wagering on races of a subject racetrack group. This effect was found to be significant and positive for only two full-card subject racetrack groups both of which conducted simulcast harness racing. The presence of live harness racing in the competing racetrack group was found to be significant and negative for only three full-card subject racetrack groups, two harness and one thoroughbred.

<sup>4</sup> Net revenue maximizing elasticity =  $-t/(t-c)$ .

## The Final Furlong?

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By Matt Felder Field Editor

Everything, they say, is bigger in Texas, a fact in which most Texans take great pride. But that boast may no longer hold true for one of the Lone Star State's iconic images. In fact, industry statistics show that horses—particularly the premier stallions, mares and colts which feed the long standing traditions tied to racing—may become a relic of the state's illustrious past.

"It's already started," said Turner Coats, an East Texas thoroughbred owner and trainer. "People send horses here that aren't good enough to win anywhere else."

Coats and his business partner run a race training operation of about 20 horses in Henderson County. They send their best ponies to Louisiana, where Coats says incentives are stronger and purses fatter.

The grim reality? It's not the track records that are drawing attention these days in Texas. It's the record pace in which the racehorse industry has uprooted and moved to greener pastures.

"We're losing horses to neighboring states because they have more prize money, more purse money, more breed incentive money to participate in than what we have here in Texas," Coats said.

Five years ago some of the most prominent racehorse breeders were found in Texas, including 13 of the nation's top 40. That's hardly the case today, said Dave Hooper, executive director of the Texas Thoroughbred Association (TTA).

According to numbers obtained from the Jockey Club, the registry for thoroughbred horses in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, there has been a 50 percent drop in the number of thoroughbred mares bred annually in Texas. States with richer venues show mare population increases of up to 90 percent. The number of active thoroughbred stallions in Texas is down as well.

"There are breeding farms that are leaving the state right now in droves," said Drew Schubeck, president of Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. "They're going to states where there are state laws beneficial to horsemen. They're going to Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico."

The annual purse for thoroughbred racing in each of those states easily doubles what Texas tracks hand out every year.

California is the national leader in purse money with \$160 million annually. Louisiana's purse is around \$80 million. Texas is a mere \$30 million.

In quarter horse racing, Texas tracks offer about half of what industry leaders California and New Mexico do on an annual basis.

The trend continues for maiden races, those races especially designed for horses that have never won at the track. Louisiana racetracks hand out an average of \$16,000 in winnings for maiden races. The Lone Star State's average is about a third of that, at \$5,000. With trainers such as Coats spending from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to train a horse, staying out of the red proves quite difficult.

"It's kind of a Catch-22. The states with the bigger purses, they get the better horses, and there's more money bet on those races because people like to bet on better horses," he said.

The economics of horse racing in Texas today don't justify the breeding, raising and selling of top quality stock, said Cedarcrest Farm & Equine Clinic owner Dr. Steve Hicks.

"When the purses go down, the stud fees drop, the yearling prices go down and the returns on your breeding are just not there," the veterinarian said.

Hicks once ran a program that bred 100-300 mares annually. When considering winnings earned from the offspring of his program, his was once ranked in the Top 50 in the country. Now those breeders have moved their horses to other states, forcing him to shut that operation down.

Less bang for the buck has created not only a shortage of top quality race-horses in Texas, but fewer horses altogether, forcing one of the state's premier parks to cut back.

"We gave up five days of racing a week about four years ago here at Lone Star Park," Schubeck said. "That means there are fewer customers, less money bet per race and less money for horsemen in terms of winnings."

As a result, Texas finds itself a state of second rate racing. And with that comes a ripple effect throughout all of agriculture.

Bobby Kelley, a hay producer in Athens, has lost much of his business the past two years. Many hay growers find bigger profits producing high quality square bales specifically for the horse market. Kelley's square bale operation is a thing of the past, along with the mega contracts that once were the foundation of his business.

"I'm losing horse customers due to the fact that they're selling their horses and moving them out of state," he said.

The horse industry adds value across the board to Texas agriculture, not only through hay and feed sales but by supporting the businesses—equipment dealers, fence builders, veterinarians, and others—that are vital to the economic health of rural Texas.

"Agriculture always seems to be the hidden part of our economy," said Robert Wallace, owner of Southside Feed & Supply. "In Henderson County, it's the number one industry, with horses making up a big part of it. It has shrunk considerably and our economy has suffered because of it."

Texans still play the ponies, but not like they used to. Revitalization is the industry buzzword and in Austin awaits a bill that advocates say could not only turn around the foundering race business, but benefit all facets of the industry to help Texas regain its status as the premier equine state.

*Editor's Note: Part 2 will look at legislation expected to be introduced in Austin with a goal of making Texas racing regionally competitive in three years and nationally competitive in six years. The Texas Horse Tradition Preservation Act is expected to not only explore ways to supplement purses and offer breeding incentives for race horses, but create a performance horse development fund that would distribute funds to the many non-racing horse organizations that compete in Texas.*

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## Retama Looks to Maintain Big Fields

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Retama Park's focus on turf racing, 2-year-old racing, and Texas-bred racing helped the San Antonio-area track achieve one of the nation's highest field-size averages last year. The lofty number was 9.6 starters per race, and it is one Retama officials would love to match again this year during the 32-night meet that opens Friday and runs through Nov. 7.

"I'm hoping to get close," said Retama racing secretary James Leatherman, who is off to a good start after drawing 102 horses for the nine-race Friday card.

Leatherman said that during the corresponding meet a year ago, Retama averaged three turf races a day and ran 59 races for 2-year-olds and 84 races for Texas-breds. The field size also was helped by an agreeable climate that enabled turf races to stay on turf.

"The nice thing horseplayers find about our racing is not only do we have a lot of starters per race, but our races seem to be pretty competitive," said Bryan Brown, chief executive officer of Retama. "We don't seem to have many 1-5 shots."

Retama's backstretch will be made up of a diverse mix of stables, with new barns coming from Arapahoe in Colorado, Canterbury in Minnesota, and Colonial Downs in Virginia. Larry Donlin is due in next weekend from Canterbury with a 22-horse division, Leatherman said. Shawn Davis has brought in horses from Arapahoe, while those in from Colonial include Thomas Cooper and Hilton Werneth Jr.

Danny Pish, who has won the last 10 training titles at Retama, is back, as is defending riding champ Eguard Tejera.

Purses for the meet are projected to be \$80,000 a day, the same as last year, Brown said. In order to maintain that purse structure, the decision was made to reduce this meet's stakes calendar to four major races. There will be two \$125,000 divisions of the Texas Stallion Stakes for 2-year-olds at six furlongs Sept. 26, while the \$100,000 El Joven and \$100,000 La Senorita for 2-year-olds at a mile on turf will be run Oct. 24.

"We felt it was important to put as much money as we could into our overnight races, so the horsemen that have been with us for many years and depend on that overnight money are given the bulk of our purse money," Brown said. "Our overnight purses per race will be the same as last year. That was important to the horsemen."

This meet represents a return to normalcy for Retama, which following its fall season a year ago picked up 43 dates from Sam Houston after that track was forced to cancel its meet because of damage from Hurricane Ike. The continuous season ended Feb. 28. Sam Houston then picked up Retama's spring meet for Quarter Horses, so Friday will be the first live card at the track since February.

Brown said Retama will again offer a reduced, 12 percent takeout on its rolling pick-three wagers. He also said inductions into the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame will be held during a gala at the track Oct. 10.

## Local group's Holly Lynne reminds us what horse racing is all about

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By GARY WEST

GRAND PRAIRIE – They converged on the winner's circle in streams from all directions. They brought their smiles and children with them, maybe some grandchildren, too. Like lizards to the sun, these owners have become accustomed to all this winning. Even so, this was special, and it made horse racing special.

Eighteen people in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, many of them horse racing novices, and not a billionaire or a mogul or a pasha in the group, bought Holly Lynne for \$12,500 in March. As investments go, it was modest – \$694.44 each, plus expenses. Since then, Holly Lynne has won three of her five races and earned \$59,167.

And Saturday at Lone Star Park, after she won the \$50,000 Valor Farm Stakes, she was surrounded by a throng that included 18 adoring owners who, although not unique, became a conspicuous reminder of what, more than anything, sets horse racing apart: It's the most democratic of sports. These owners didn't need hundreds of millions of dollars to get into the game, they didn't have to wait for a bankruptcy court to decide their horse's fate and they didn't have to watch ESPN anxiously to see if Holly Lynne was going to remain with their group or bolt for a flashier stable in Florida.

No, these owners have been able to participate in a major league sport at a high level and, at the same time, purchase a season ticket to the winner's circle, all for \$694.44, plus expenses.

"This is what makes horse racing terrific," said Gordon Jago, the owner at the center of the winner's circle after Holly Lynne's victory Saturday. "We do this for the fun. But this is our biggest win."

And the classy Englishman, as you probably know, has considerable experience in big wins. A former English Association football player and manager, Jago coached and managed the Dallas Sidekicks for many years, winning three championships, before becoming president of the World Indoor Soccer League. Since 2002, he has been the executive director of the Dallas Cup, and in 2006, Queen Elizabeth II made him a Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Several of Holly Lynne's owners, Jago said, have worked for the Sidekicks or the Dallas Mavericks. And although partners have come and gone over the years, a core group has owned horses at Lone Star since the track opened in 1997. This year's incarnation of the group, calling itself the N 2 Win Partnership, also owns Valid I.D., who has won two races this season.

The owners, Jago explained, focus on the Lone Star season. And while their objective may be fun and entertainment, this year, thanks largely to Holly Lynne, they'll also have some memorable moments and photos and, of course, profits to show for their investment. Dave Appleton, Lone Star's paddock host, found Holly Lynne, a Texas-bred racing in Louisiana, for them. And Saturday she became a stakes winner and a reminder of what makes the sport special.

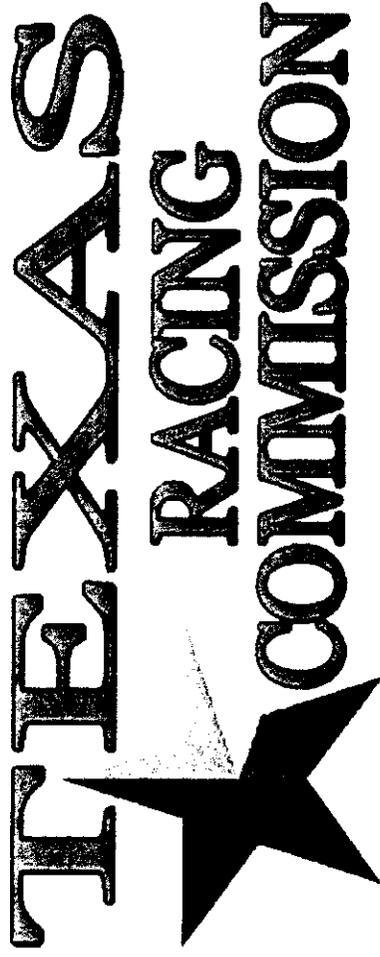
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### ***Civil Disobedience - Part 3 of 3***

Henry David Thoreau

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No man with a genius for legislation has appeared in America. They are rare in the history of the world. There are orators, politicians, and eloquent men, by the thousand; but the speaker has not yet opened his mouth to speak who is capable of settling the much-vexed questions of the day. We love eloquence for its own sake, and not for any truth which it may utter, or any heroism it may inspire. Our legislators have not yet learned the comparative value of free-trade and of freedom, of union, and of rectitude, to a nation. They have no genius or talent for comparatively humble questions of taxation and finance, commerce and manufacturers and agriculture. If we were left solely to the wordy wit of legislators in Congress for our guidance, uncorrected by the seasonable experience and the effectual complaints of the people, America would not long retain her rank among the nations. For eighteen hundred years, though perchance I have no right to say it, the New Testament has been written; yet where is the legislator who has wisdom and practical talent enough to avail himself of the light which it sheds on the science of legislation?



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Two Year Handle Analysis of Texas Racetracks  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Data  
Focusing on the following:

- Handle on Specific Days of the Week,
- Live Day Simulcast, and
- Non-Live Day Simulcast (*Dark Period*)



# Lone Star Park - Handle Analysis

August 4, 2008 - August 23, 2009

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
August 4, 2008 - August 23, 2009								
# of days	29	29	28	28	29	29	29	201
Total Simulcast Handle	\$6,241,965	\$4,116,823	\$7,417,393	\$10,122,634	\$15,746,300	\$20,522,824	\$12,254,208	\$76,422,146
Average Daily	\$215,240	\$141,959	\$264,907	\$361,523	\$542,976	\$707,684	\$422,559	\$380,210

## QUARTER HORSE MEET

September 26, 2008 - November 29, 2008

# of Live QH Days	0	0	3	8	10	10	0	31
# of Simulcast Days	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	70
Live QH Handle	\$0	\$0	\$148,783	\$569,456	\$1,171,865	\$1,697,773	\$0	\$3,587,877
Average Daily			\$49,594	\$71,182	\$117,187	\$169,777		\$115,738

## Export QH Handle

Average Daily	\$0	\$0	\$502,435	\$2,251,480	\$3,825,217	\$3,801,765	\$0	\$10,380,898
			\$167,478	\$281,435	\$382,522	\$380,176		\$334,868

## QH Meet - Simulcast Handle

Average Daily	\$1,771,641	\$1,466,608	\$3,236,996	\$3,683,540	\$6,024,141	\$7,650,626	\$3,863,552	\$27,697,104
	\$177,164	\$146,661	\$323,700	\$368,354	\$602,414	\$765,063	\$386,355	\$395,673

## THOROUGHBRED MEET

April 9, 2009 - July 26, 2009

# of Live TB Days	1	0	0	16	16	16	16	65
# of Simulcast Days	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	112
Live TB Handle	\$832,647	\$0	\$0	\$3,548,439	\$4,840,639	\$7,218,288	\$4,406,055	\$20,846,067
Average Daily	\$832,647			\$221,777	\$302,540	\$451,143	\$275,378	\$320,709

## Export TB Handle

Average Daily	\$2,105,432	\$0	\$0	\$18,142,409	\$20,032,022	\$18,163,023	\$13,655,472	\$72,098,358
	\$2,105,432			\$1,133,901	\$1,252,001	\$1,135,189	\$853,467	\$1,109,206

## TB Meet - Simulcast Handle

Average Daily	\$2,723,811	\$2,127,861	\$3,747,836	\$5,626,712	\$8,637,698	\$13,242,089	\$6,456,023	\$42,562,031
	\$170,238	\$132,991	\$234,240	\$351,670	\$539,856	\$827,631	\$403,501	\$380,018

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# Lone Star Park - Handle Analysis

August 24, 2009 - August 1, 2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
August 24, 2009 - August 1, 2010								
# of days	24	24	24	23	23	24	24	166
Total Simulcast Handle	\$4,172,049	\$2,788,546	\$5,563,030	\$6,451,033	\$9,980,444	\$13,989,714	\$7,795,882	\$50,740,697
Average Daily	\$173,835	\$116,189	\$231,793	\$280,480	\$433,932	\$582,905	\$324,828	\$305,667

## QUARTER HORSE MEET

September 25, 2008 - November 28, 2008

# of Live QH Days	0	0	0	8	10	10	0	28
# of Simulcast Days	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	70
Live QH Handle	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$458,989	\$858,196	\$1,166,464	0	\$2,483,649
Average Daily				\$57,374	\$85,820	\$116,646		\$88,702
Export QH Handle	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,873,328	\$2,985,622	\$3,198,827	\$0	\$8,057,777
Average Daily				\$234,166	\$298,562	\$319,883		\$287,778
QH Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$1,519,030	\$1,312,572	\$2,144,785	\$2,650,984	\$4,766,280	\$5,894,122	\$2,907,772	\$21,195,547
Average Daily	\$151,903	\$131,257	\$214,479	\$265,098	\$476,628	\$589,412	\$290,777	\$302,794

## THOROUGHBRED MEET

April 8, 2010 - July 18, 2010

# of Live TB Days	1	0	0	14	15	15	15	60
# of Simulcast Days	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	105
Live TB Handle	\$723,724	\$0	\$0	\$2,705,690	\$3,527,596	\$6,379,484	\$4,097,651	\$17,434,145
Average Daily	\$723,724			\$193,264	\$235,173	\$425,299	\$273,177	\$290,569
Export TB Handle	\$1,155,865	\$0	\$0	\$12,890,134	\$12,861,229	\$12,219,870	\$10,907,558	\$50,034,656
Average Daily	1,155,865			920,724	857,415	814,658	727,171	833,911
TB Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$2,721,381	\$1,838,411	\$3,405,452	\$4,810,413	\$7,575,644	\$11,885,979	\$5,878,086	\$38,115,365
Average Daily	\$181,425	\$122,561	\$227,030	\$320,694	\$505,043	\$792,399	\$391,872	\$363,003

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**Retama Park - Handle Analysis**  
August 4, 2008 - August 23, 2009

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
August 4, 2008 - August 23, 2009								
# of days	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	196
Total Simulcast Handle	\$1,705,652	\$1,727,887	\$2,464,557	\$3,520,898	\$5,088,525	\$8,219,609	\$3,796,506	\$26,523,634
Average Daily	\$60,916	\$61,710	\$88,020	\$125,746	\$181,733	\$293,557	\$135,589	\$135,325

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>THOROUGHBRED MEET</b>								
August 25, 2008 - March 1, 2009								
# of Live TB Days	0	0	0	24	27	27	0	78
# of Simulcast Days	27	27	26	26	27	27	27	187

Live TB Handle	0	0	0	\$928,902	\$1,881,433	\$2,431,158	0	\$5,241,493
Average Daily				\$38,704	\$69,683	\$90,043		\$67,199
Export TB Handle	0	0	0	\$17,227,935	\$23,665,446	\$20,342,981	0	\$61,236,363
Average Daily				\$717,831	\$876,498	\$753,444		\$785,082
TB Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$1,907,228	\$1,704,749	\$2,448,439	\$3,111,123	\$4,870,235	\$6,205,054	\$3,675,939	\$23,922,767
Average Daily	\$70,638	\$63,139	\$94,171	\$119,659	\$180,379	\$229,817	\$136,146	\$127,929

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## Retama Park - Handle Analysis

August 24, 2009 - August 1, 2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
November 9, 2009 - August 1, 2010								
# of days	38	38	38	37	37	38	38	264
Total Simulcast Handle	\$2,511,403	\$2,229,719	\$3,221,036	\$3,695,013	\$5,688,893	\$8,906,321	\$4,332,265	\$30,584,649
Average Daily	\$66,090	\$58,677	\$84,764	\$99,865	\$153,754	\$234,377	\$114,007	\$115,851

### THOROUGHBRED MEET

August 24, 2009 - November 8, 2009

# of Live TB Days	0	0	0	10	11	11	0	32
# of Simulcast Days	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	77
Live TB Handle	0	0	0	\$397,554	\$722,899	\$1,107,925	0	\$2,228,377
Average Daily				\$39,755	\$65,718	\$100,720		\$69,637
Export TB Handle	0	0	0	\$5,600,353	\$6,630,022	\$6,547,613	0	\$18,777,988
Average Daily				\$560,035	\$602,729	\$595,238		\$586,812
TB Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$796,271	\$682,868	\$936,686	\$1,292,723	\$1,787,492	\$2,389,162	\$1,238,376	\$9,123,577
Average Daily	\$72,388	\$62,079	\$85,153	\$117,520	\$162,499	\$217,197	\$112,580	\$118,488

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# Sam Houston Race Park - Handle Analysis

August 4, 2008 - August 30, 2009

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
September 8, 2008 - April 26, 2009								
# of days	32	32	31	31	31	32	32	221
Total Simulcast Handle	\$4,858,640	\$4,379,519	\$6,996,961	\$8,115,439	\$13,056,579	\$17,396,554	\$9,827,622	\$64,631,314
Average Daily	\$151,832	\$136,860	\$225,708	\$261,788	\$421,180	\$543,642	\$307,113	\$292,449

## QUARTER HORSE MEET

August 4, 2008 - September 7, 2008

# of Live QH Days	1	0	0	4	5	5	1	16
# of Simulcast Days	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	35
Live QH Handle	\$114,972	0	0	\$252,698	\$536,331	\$627,899	\$76,819	\$1,608,719
Average Daily	\$114,972			\$63,175	\$107,266	\$125,580	\$76,819	\$100,545
Export QH Handle	\$65,825	0	0	\$999,430	\$1,409,723	\$911,008	\$171,306	\$3,557,292
Average Daily	\$65,825			\$249,858	\$281,945	\$182,202	\$171,306	\$222,331
QH Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$1,055,972	\$656,356	\$1,052,671	\$1,209,087	\$1,921,868	\$2,633,790	\$1,562,568	\$10,092,310
Average Daily	\$211,194	\$131,271	\$210,534	\$241,817	\$384,374	\$526,758	\$312,514	\$288,352

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## QUARTER HORSE MEET

April 27, 2009 - August 30, 2009

# of Live QH Days	1	0	0	12	18	18	5	54
# of Simulcast Days	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	126
Live QH Handle	\$110,180	0	0	\$698,652	\$1,578,487	\$2,382,067	\$300,732	\$5,070,118
Average Daily	\$110,180			\$58,221	\$87,694	\$132,337	\$60,146	\$93,891
Export QH Handle	\$66,065	0	0	\$2,997,129	\$3,584,921	\$2,563,542	\$324,377	\$9,536,034
Average Daily	\$66,065			\$249,761	\$199,162	\$142,419	\$64,875	\$176,593
QH Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$2,497,297	\$2,046,380	\$3,553,956	\$4,660,129	\$7,071,197	\$10,910,204	\$5,381,861	\$36,121,022
Average Daily	\$138,739	\$113,688	\$197,442	\$258,896	\$392,844	\$606,122	\$298,992	\$286,675



# Sam Houston Race Park - Handle Analysis

August 31, 2009 - August 1, 2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
August 31, 2009 - April 25, 2010								
# of days	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	105
Total Simulcast Handle	\$2,074,647	\$1,707,551	\$2,972,677	\$3,361,934	\$5,524,779	\$7,084,879	\$3,554,569	\$26,281,035
Average Daily	\$138,310	\$113,837	\$198,178	\$224,129	\$368,319	\$472,325	\$236,971	\$250,296

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Thoroughbred Meet</b>								
November 23, 2009 - April 4, 2010								
# of Live TB Days	4	0	0	17	17	17	7	62
# of Simulcast Days	19	19	19	18	18	19	19	131
Live TB Handle	\$222,125	0	0	\$848,370	\$1,346,247	\$1,975,032	\$318,366	\$4,710,140
Average Daily	\$55,531	\$0	\$0	\$49,904	\$79,191	\$116,178	\$45,481	\$75,970
Export TB Handle	\$4,724,576	0	0	\$18,072,729	\$22,084,265	\$22,361,859	\$6,430,759	\$73,674,188
Average Daily	\$1,181,144	\$0	\$0	\$1,063,102	\$1,299,074	\$1,315,403	\$918,680	\$1,188,293
TB Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$2,676,916	\$2,231,784	\$3,876,197	\$3,929,316	\$6,110,841	\$8,952,544	\$4,805,921	\$32,583,518
Average Daily	\$140,890	\$117,462	\$204,010	\$218,295	\$339,491	\$471,187	\$252,943	\$248,729

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>QUARTER HORSE MEET</b>								
April 26, 2010 - August 1, 2010								
# of Live QH Days	1	0	0	8	12	14	3	38
# of Simulcast Days	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	98
Live QH Handle	\$103,938	0	0	\$350,391	\$998,776	\$1,382,259	\$300,119	\$3,135,482
Average Daily	\$103,938	\$0	\$0	\$43,799	\$83,231	\$98,733	\$100,040	\$82,513
Export QH Handle	\$ 77,848	0	0	\$ 1,297,156	\$ 2,514,326	\$ 1,618,628	\$ 354,271	\$ 5,862,228
Average Daily	\$ 77,848	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 162,145	\$ 209,527	\$ 115,616	\$ 118,090	\$ 154,269
QH Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$1,972,954	\$1,586,866	\$2,392,645	\$3,036,373	\$5,037,020	\$8,680,536	\$3,956,598	\$26,662,990
Average Daily	\$140,925	\$113,348	\$170,903	\$216,884	\$359,787	\$620,038	\$282,614	\$272,071

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**Manor Downs - Handle Analysis**  
August 4, 2008 - August 23, 2009

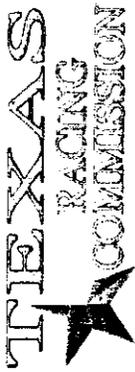
**DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING**  
August 4, 2008 - August 23, 2009

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
# of days	7	0	47	45	48	48	48	243
Total Simulcast Handle	\$395,609	\$0	\$2,186,668	\$2,475,857	\$3,726,362	\$5,056,016	\$2,594,747	\$16,435,258
Average Daily	\$56,516	\$0	\$46,525	\$55,019	\$77,633	\$105,334	\$54,057	\$67,635

**QUARTER HORSE MEET**  
February 23, 2009 - April 20, 2009

# of Live QH Days	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	18
# of Simulcast Days	7	0	7	7	7	7	7	42
Live QH Handle	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$718,892	\$764,214	\$1,483,106
Average Daily						\$79,877	\$84,913	\$82,395
Export QH Handle	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Average Daily								
QH Meet - Simulcast Handle	\$51,600	\$0	\$310,723	\$363,934	\$579,293	\$759,995	\$454,748	\$2,520,292
Average Daily	\$7,371		\$44,389	\$51,991	\$82,756	\$108,571	\$64,964	\$60,007

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**Manor Downs - Handle Analysis**  
August 24, 2009 - August 1, 2010

**DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING**  
August 24, 2009 - August 1, 2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
# of days	3	0	41	39	39	41	41	204
Total Simulcast Handle	\$148,002	\$0	\$1,497,010	\$1,604,957	\$2,731,980	\$3,781,400	\$1,751,829	\$11,515,178
Average Daily	\$49,334	\$0	\$36,512	\$41,153	\$70,051	\$92,229	\$42,728	\$56,447

**QUARTER HORSE MEET**  
March 1, 2010 - April 18, 2010

# of Live QH Days	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	14
# of Simulcast Days	0	0	7	7	7	7	7	35
Live QH Handle	0	0	0	0	0	\$542,411	\$558,299	\$1,100,710
Average Daily						\$77,487	\$79,757	\$78,622
Export QH Handle	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Average Daily								

**QH Meet - Simulcast Handle**  
Average Daily

QH Meet - Simulcast Handle	0	0	\$316,751	\$308,408	\$543,199	\$705,410	\$378,591	\$2,252,359
Average Daily			\$45,250	\$44,058	\$77,600	\$100,773	\$54,084	\$64,353

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# Gillespie County Fair - Handle Analysis

August 3, 2009 - August 1, 2010

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
August 24, 2009 - August 1, 2010								
# of days	2	0	0	46	46	46	46	186
Total Simulcast Handle	\$47,104	0	0	\$556,392	\$731,776	\$1,280,655	\$685,292	\$3,301,220
Average Daily	\$23,552			\$12,095	\$15,908	\$27,840	\$14,898	\$17,748

**MIXED MEET DATES**

August 3 - 23, 2009, June 28 - July 18, 2010

# of Live Days	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	8
# of Simulcast Days	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	24
Live Handle	0	0	0	0	0	\$662,071	\$523,780	\$1,185,851
Average Daily						\$165,518	\$130,945	\$148,231
Export Handle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Daily								

**Mixed Meet Scast Handle**

Average Daily	0	0	0	\$130,428	\$122,069	\$259,090	\$129,440	\$641,027
				\$21,738	\$20,345	\$43,182	\$21,573	\$26,709

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# Gillespie County Fair - Handle Analysis

August 4, 2008 - August 2, 2009

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>DARK PERIOD SIMULCASTING</b>								
August 25, 2008 - August 2, 2009								
# of days	2	0	0	44	46	46	45	183
Total Simulcast Handle	\$70,534	0	0	\$579,500	\$781,898	\$1,505,373	\$682,004	\$3,619,309
Average Daily	\$35,267			\$13,170	\$16,998	\$32,726	\$15,156	\$19,778

**MIXED MEET DATES**

August 4 - 24, 2008 & June 29 - July 19, 2009

# of Live Days	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	8
# of Simulcast Days	0	0	0	6	6	6	6	24
Live Handle	0	0	0	0	0	\$653,209	\$476,116	\$1,129,325
Average Daily						\$163,302	\$119,029	\$141,166
Export Handle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Daily								
Mixed Meet Scast Handle	0	0	0	\$88,950	\$114,668	\$211,005	\$139,777	\$554,401
Average Daily				\$14,825	\$19,111	\$35,168	\$23,296	\$23,100

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