

Annual Report
of the
Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission
2007



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INTRODUCTION

The primary goal of the Pari-Mutuel Commission is the protection of the betting public. The Commission strives to achieve this goal through an ongoing effort to improve the quality and integrity of Wyoming Pari-Mutuel events. This includes investigation of applicants for permit to conduct pari-mutuel events as well as applicants for license to participate in these events.

The Wyoming Rules of Racing and Pari-Mutuel Events have been promulgated by the Commission for the control, supervision and direction of permittees; including regulations providing for supervising, disciplining, suspending, fining and barring from events of all persons required to be licensed; and for the holding, conducting and operation of all events at which pari-mutuel wagering is approved including simulcasting of these events.

The Pari-Mutuel Commission operates from 100% augmented revenue and is totally self-supporting.



COMMISSIONERS

The Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission was established in 1967 and is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Members of the Commission for 2007 are as follows

PRESIDENT:

Robert Daniels, Douglas
Term to 03/01/2011
Service from 03/01/03
District 7

VICE PRESIDENT:

Robert Linford, Afton
Term to 03/01/2011
Service from 05/12/03
District 3

MEMBER:

Bill Dobbs, Deaver
Term to 03/01/2010
Service from 05/20/05
District 5

MEMBER:

Joe Tully, Douglas
Term to 03/01/2010
Service from 03/01/06
District 6

MEMBER:

Donald J. Murphy, Torrington
Term to 03/01/2009
Service from 05/11/05
District 1

MEMBER:

Matthew “Lee” Isenberger, Gillette
Term to 03/01/2011
Service from 03/01/03
District 4

MEMBER:

Patrick Sheehan, Baggs
Term to 03/01/2009
Service from 03/01/01
District 2

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: **Frank Lamb**, (307) 777-5928

SIMULCAST SUPERVISOR/
STEWARD: **Susan Barrett**, (307) 789-7814

LICENSING OFFICER/
OFFICE MANAGER: **Holly Allen**, (307) 777-5887

LICENSING CLERK: The Commission is allocated a part-time position, which is filled on a temporary basis for the duration of the racing season.

In total, the Commission has three full-time positions, two part-time positions and seven board positions allocated.

CONTRACT PERSONNEL

Horse racing is undoubtedly the most thoroughly regulated of all sports. To assist the Commission in the task of supervision, three State Stewards, one Investigator, and one Commission Veterinarian are retained on a contract basis for the duration of the meets.

The State Stewards are charged with the duty of enforcing the State of Wyoming Pari-Mutuel Commission Rules of Racing and Pari-Mutuel Events and State Statutes 11-25-101 through 11-25-113.

The Commission Veterinarian is responsible for the administration of the Commission's Drug Testing Policy and the general health of the animals.

The Investigator is retained to assist State Stewards and Commission in the investigative process.

EVENTS

A pari-mutuel event may not be held in any county until the question has been put to the people of the county to accept or reject pari-mutuel betting. If a county election fails, no other pari-mutuel election may be held for two years. However, once voter approval is given to the pari-mutuel proposition that approval is of a continuing nature and need not be voted on in subsequent years.

Counties which have approved pari-mutuel wagering through a proper election include:

ALBANY	FREMONT	NATRONA
SWEETWATER	CAMPBELL	JOHNSON
PLATTE	TETON	CARBON
LARAMIE	SHERIDAN	UINTA
WESTON		

PARI-MUTUEL ACTIVITY PER COUNTY

ALBANY	1967 - 1971 1973 - 1984, 98-07 1976 1989 - 1990	Racing Roping Chariot Racing Simulcasting
CAMPBELL	1981, 1983, 1984 1986 - 1992, 94-96 1995	Roping Racing Simulcasting
FREMONT	1967 - 1969 1989 - 1990	Racing Simulcasting
LARAMIE	1968 - 1972 1989 - 2007	Racing Simulcasting
NATRONA	1969 - 1998 1989 - 2007	Racing Simulcasting
SHERIDAN	1989 - 1990	Simulcasting
SWEETWATER	1982 - 1993 1989 - 2007	Racing Simulcasting
UINTA	1970, 85-2007 1989 - 2007	Racing Simulcasting

PERMITS

Permits are issued for a specific period of up to one year to any Wyoming county, city, incorporated town, county fair board, or any corporation or association which has been approved by the local Board of County Commissioners. The Commission may issue, amend, or refuse to issue permits at its discretion.

2007 PERMITTEES AND EVENTS

SIMULCASTING

WYOMING ENTERTAINMENT, LLC. OFF-TRACK BETTING, INC.

4 State-Wide Locations

363 Simulcast Days

January 1 - December 31

(Except November 29, December 25)

Evansville – Natrona County

4610 E. Yellowstone
Evansville, WY 82636
PH: (307) 234-4801
Fax: (307) 234-4955

Cheyenne – Laramie County

3307 Nationway
Cheyenne, WY 82001
PH: (307) 635-4427
Fax: (307) 635-6233

Evanston – Uinta County

1936 Harrison Drive
Evanston, WY 82930
PH: (307) 789-7830
Fax: (307) 789-7832

Rock Springs – Sweetwater County

1549 Elk Street
Rock Springs, WY 82901
PH: (307) 362-4723
Fax: (307) 362-6527

LIVE RACING

WYOMING ENTERTAINMENT, LLC.

Wyoming Downs

16 Day Race Meet

Evanston

June 30 – August 19, 2007

LICENSES

In order that the Commission may protect the integrity of racing and know who is or may be permitted on the grounds of a permittee, all participants of an event are licensed.

Persons holding a license or a permit issued by the Commission are required to comply with all rules and regulations of the Commission and with the Wyoming Statutes as well as with all orders issued by the Commission, its representatives, and the stewards.

Licenses bearing a photo of the licensee are prepared by the Commission office and worn as badges by all participants to gain access to restricted areas and identify official status to the public. License fees are fixed annually by the Commission.

2007 License Distribution

LICENSE TYPE	TOTAL
Assistant Starters	11
Concession Employees	31
Concession Operators	5
Exerciser Riders	4
Grooms	119
Horseman's Bookkeeper	1
Jockeys	36
Mutuel Employees	64
Mutuel Officials	3
Outrider	1
Owners	350
Owner/Trainers	133
Permittee Employees	61
Permittee Officials	10
Platers	6
Pony Riders	16
Racing Secretary	1
Security	15
Stable	30
Starter	1
Equine Therapist	0
Trainers	31
Veternarians Assistants	5
Veternarians	6
Total	940

BREAKDOWN OF LICENSEES BY STATE OF RESIDENCE

	2007	2006
STATE	# OF LICENSEES	# OF LICENSEES
AR	0	1
AZ	1	2
CA	18	12
CO	14	14
ID	115	81
MN	1	1
MT	26	23
ND	1	2
NE	0	1
NM	3	3
NV	8	14
OK	1	3
OR	1	1
SD	4	3
TX	1	4
UT	511	467
VA	0	1
WA	10	5
WY	225	243
TOTAL	940	883



THREE-YEAR LICENSING COMPARISON

LICENSE TYPE	2007	2006	2005
Owner	350	324	501
Owner/Trainer	133	111	138
Trainer	31	36	42
Jockey	36	34	39
Exerciser	4	4	11
Groom	126	104	152
Mutuel Employees & Officials	67	64	80
Outrider	1	1	2
Plater	6	4	7
Pony Rider	16	23	23
Permittee Employees & Officials	91	118	128
Stable	30	15	41
Vets, Vet Assistants, & Equine Therapist	11	9	8
Concession Operators & Employees	36	36	35
Total**	940	883	1,207

****See complete breakdown on page 8.**

STEWARDS RULINGS AND FINES

During the 2007 racing season there were 23 Steward's Rulings resulting in fines totaling \$2,850. All fines are returned annually to the school districts of the county where the infraction occurred.

DRUG SCREENING

During 2007 the Pari-Mutuel Commission spent \$ 7,229.00 on racehorse urine and blood analysis. This analysis is for the detection of illegal and impermissible drugs as well as abuse of permissible medications. During 15 days of racing, 303 samples were submitted (151 urine, 152 blood) to Truesdail Laboratories, Inc., Tustin, California for analysis.

THREE-YEAR LIVE ACTIVITY COMPARISON

	2007	2006	2005
Actual Days of Racing	15	14	19
Total Handle (Wagers)	\$970,994.00	\$974,655.00	\$1,253,405.00
Average Daily Handle	\$64,732.00	\$69,619.00	\$65,969.00
Permittee Commission	\$204,550.98	\$206,064.00	\$264,245.00
Breakage to Permittee	\$9,824.91	\$9,959.00	\$12,188.00
State Commission	\$14,565.00	\$14,319.00	\$18,798.00
Breeder's Award	\$8,032.00	\$8,643.00	\$10,865.00
Returned to Public	\$733,500.49	\$736,587.00	\$947,317.00

STEER ROPING



THE HYDE MERRITT MEMORIAL MOUNTAIN STATES CIRCUIT FINALS

August 25th & 26th, 2007

Laramie, Wyoming.

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
Total Handle	\$32,250	\$22,598	\$38,343	\$39,150	\$38,736	\$47,855	\$54,470	\$40,098
Daily Average	\$16,125	\$11,299	\$19,172	\$19,575	\$19,368	\$23,927	\$27,235	\$20,049

SIMULCAST ANNUAL COMPARISON

	2007	2006	2005
Number of Days Simulcast	363	316	340
Total Handle (Wagers)	\$10,001,124	\$8,970,511	\$9,407,239
Average Daily Handle	\$27,551	\$28,388	\$27,668
Permittee Commission	\$1,537,521	\$1,344,159	\$1,444,366
Breakage to Permittee	\$41,248	\$36,044	\$37,926
State Commission	\$149,278	\$133,983	\$140,530
Breeders Award Contribution	\$63,251	\$53,195	\$58,138
Host Track Commission	\$373,476	\$344,967	\$340,855
Returned to the Public *	\$7,432,433 74%	\$6,664,390 74%	\$7,152,896 76.03%

- These figures reflect the money room adjustments