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THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA

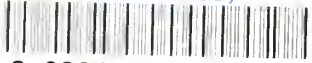
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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, TIM BABCOCK,
GOVERNOR OF MONTANA:

The Montana Horse Racing Commission respectfully wishes to transmit the following account of its' stewardship for the calendar year, January 1, 1968 through December 31, 1968, in accordance with section 62-504, Chapter 196, Laws of Montana 1965.

The 1968 Racing Season was comprised of sixty-two (62) racing days and resulted in a total mutuel handle of \$1,461,287.00 representing an increase of 15.70% over the year 1967. The following racing dates were granted and track licenses issued by the Commission for the 1968 Racing Season:

NAME	DATES
Cow Capital Turf Club, Inc., Miles City	May 11, 12, 18, 19.
North Central Racing Assoc., Fort Benton	June 2, 9, 16, 23, 29, 30, July 4.
Capital City Horse Racing Assoc., Helena	July 6, 7, 13, 14.
Marias Fair, Shelby	July 18, 19, 20, 21.
Central Montana Fair, Lewistown	July 25, 26.
State Fair, Great Falls	July 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3.
Midland Empire State Fair, Billings	Aug. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.
Northeast Montana Fair, Glasgow	Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10.
Tri County Fair, Deer Lodge	Aug. 10, 11.
Rosebud County Fair, Forsyth	Aug. 12, 13, 14.
Northwest Montana Fair, Kalispell	Aug. 15, 16, 17, 18.
Fallon County Fair, Baker	Aug. 17, 18.
Western Montana Fair, Missoula	Aug. 21, 22, 23, 24.
Dawson County Fair, Glendive	Aug. 24, 25.
Chouteau County Fair, Fort Benton	Aug. 24, 25.
Ravalli County Fair, Hamilton	Aug. 29, 30, 31.

The Central Montana Fair held its first two day race meet under the supervision of the Montana Horse Racing Commission and reported a successful meet. They have applied for an additional day for their 1969 race meet.

A total of 723 persons were employed by Racing Associations; the total attendance was 126,530 and the sum of \$164,784.15 was paid to horsemen. A large percentage of the money paid to horsemen is retained in Montana for payment of transportation, lodging and food, and largest of all is the money spent by everyone who derives his income from racing in simple purchases which he must make every day from which our local citizens benefit and profit.

A total of 1302 licenses were issued to persons connected with racing, 16 track licenses and 9 stable names were registered, yielding a total of \$5,822.00. Before such persons were issued a license they were thoroughly screened. Nine persons were fined for violation of the law or rules and regulations and one person was denied a license due to a suspension against him in the State of Washington.

The following is a summary of registration and licenses issued:

Owners	296	\$1,480.00	
Trainers	65	325.00	
Owner-Trainer	165	1,650.00	
Jockeys	61	305.00	
Jockey Agents	3	30.00	
Apprentice Jockeys	7	35.00	
Officials	74	346.00	
Occupational	629	1,559.00	
Reissue	2	2.00	
Track	16	None	\$5,732.00
Registration of Stable Names	9		90.00
Total License and Registration Fees			<u>\$5,822.00</u>

It is with pleasure that we report the continuing increase of the racing program and are indeed proud of the fact that the Montana citizen attending racing events at which there is pari-mutuel wagering may do so with complete confidence that every possible protection is afforded to the public interest under the close scrutiny of competent and qualified personnel.

The Commission is further proud of the fact that pari-mutuel wagering in Montana contributes a substantial financial support to the Fairs, also to the encouragement of the breeding industry. A total of 208 races or forty per cent of all races in 1968 were won by Montana bred horses, resulting in payment of \$3,114.17 to the breeders of such horses.

The use of Photo Finish was expanded to twelve tracks and Film Patrol to seven tracks in 1968, and again proved its value as a great aid to the Stewards in determining the finishing positions and infractions during the running of races.

In its efforts to protect the public by preventing illegal drugging of race horses, the Montana Livestock Sanitary Board Diagnostic Laboratory of Bozeman analyzed 520 samples. Seven official positives were reported to the Commission which took appropriate action.

The Montana Horse Racing Commission is a member of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners with headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky. The principal purpose of the Association is to serve as a central exchange for all rulings and information on racing activities. The NASRC also encourages the adoption of State Racing Commissions of uniform procedures and reciprocity in enforcing rules, regulations and penalties.

The Montana Horse Racing Commission has been honored by the President of the NASRC who has appointed Mr. Robert B. Murray to the Information and Public Relations Committee and Mr. Hugh Peltz to the Illegal Practices Committee.

The Commission amended and made additions to the rules and regulations, particularly the Veterinarian, Medication and Drug rules which were approved by the Advisory Committee of the Montana Veterinary Medical Association to further control the illegal use of drugs or any foreign substances which may affect the outcome of a race.

Horse Racing in Montana has developed under the jurisdiction of the Racing Commission into a dignified and prosperous enterprise, as well as to one of the most entertaining of all sports.

We present herewith the annual Pari-Mutuel Report and Statement of Financial Position (Exhibit A) and related exhibits, Results of Financial Operations (Exhibit B), Cash Summary (Exhibit C) for the calendar year ended December 31, 1968.

CONCLUSION

It is with extreme pleasure that we, the members of the Commission, extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency Governor Tim Babcock for his kind and patient cooperation and help.

The Commission acknowledges with gratitude the assistance and cooperation of the Attorney General, the State Auditor, the State Treasurer, the Montana Veterinary Medical Association, the Livestock Sanitary Board, the Livestock Commission and other Public Officials, as well as various Racing Persons, the Press and the Public.

It is with sincere feeling of satisfaction that the Racing Commission, being fully cognizant of the broad and demanding obligation of the trust reposed in its supervision of racing in Montana, submits to you this Annual Report. We, who serve as your Commission, governing and regulating horse racing in Montana, realize there must be no lowering of the high standards which make racing the appealing and attractive sport it is.

Respectfully submitted,

MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

Robert B. Murray, Chairman
William H. Cain, Vice Chairman
Hugh Peltz, Commissioner

Herbert H. Schatz
Executive Secretary
and State Steward

ANNUAL PARI-MUTUEL REPORT
1968

Track	Days of Racing	Pari-Mutuel	Daily Average	Track Mutuel	Racing	Track Mutuel	Returned	Percentage
		Handle	Handle	Commission	Commission	Breakage	To Public	To Public
Miles City	4	\$ 28,251.00	\$ 7,062.75	\$ 5,367.69	\$ 282.51	\$ 532.00	\$ 22,127.90	78.33%
Fort Benton	7	77,819.00	11,117.00	12,188.01	778.19	916.10	60,894.40	78.25%
Helena	4	122,723.00	30,680.75	23,317.37	1,227.23	1,846.10	96,289.90	78.46%
Shelby	4	65,750.00	16,437.50	12,492.50	657.50	839.40	51,160.70	77.81%
Lewistown	2	11,234.00	5,617.00	2,132.46	112.34	169.50	8,778.80	78.14%
Great Falls	8	561,223.00	70,152.87	106,632.37	5,612.23	5,663.40	443,315.00	78.99%
Billings	7	376,698.00	53,814.00	71,573.02	3,766.98	4,077.00	296,124.00	78.61%
Glasgow	4	14,826.00	3,706.50	2,965.20	148.26	215.80	11,645.00	78.54%
Deer Lodge	2	5,344.00	2,672.00	1,004.92	53.44	19.10	4,296.50	80.40%
Forsyth	3	7,050.00	2,350.00	1,339.30	70.50	14.20	5,654.40	80.20%
Kalispell	4	46,764.00	15,588.00	9,039.96	467.64	541.30	36,873.50	73.86%
Baker	2	4,854.00	2,427.00	922.26	48.54	(41.95)	3,905.85	80.47%
Missoula	4	93,640.00	23,410.00	17,791.60	936.40	1,263.20	73,006.50	77.97%
Fort Benton Fair	2	7,438.00	3,719.00	1,413.22	74.38	111.00	5,839.40	73.51%
Glendive	2	7,292.00	3,646.00	1,385.48	72.92	87.00	5,696.20	78.12%
Hamilton	3	30,381.00	10,127.00	5,772.39	303.81	518.40	23,778.60	78.27%
TOTAL	62	\$1,461,287.00	\$23,569.14	\$275,337.75	\$14,612.87	\$16,771.55	\$1,149,386.65	78.66%



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MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION
COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

1965 through 1968

	1965	1966	1967	1968
Days of Racing	61	62	60	62
Attendance		105,682	119,762	126,530
Pari-Mutuel Handle	\$ 1,059,992.00	\$ 1,214,927.00	\$ 1,262,970.00	\$ 1,461,287.00
Daily Average Handle	17,376.91	19,595.60	21,049.50	23,569.14
Revenue to Commission	3,800.00	3,700.00	12,629.70	14,612.87
Commission to Track	211,577.44	243,405.50	239,518.50	275,337.75
Breakage to Track	13,407.85	14,629.10	15,303.03	16,771.55
Breakage Percentage	1.26%	1.20%	1.21%	1.15%
Return to Public	832,798.99	955,002.50	994,204.55	1,149,386.65
Percentage to Public	78.57%	78.61%	78.72%	78.66%
Purses Paid Horsemen		129,118.95*	125,291.00*	139,559.95*
Purses/Handle Percentage		10.63%	9.92%	9.55%
Contributed by Horsemen		10,350.00	10,604.50	25,224.20

*Excludes Contributed by Horsemen

MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

EXHIBIT A

December 31, 1968

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 13,056.93
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LIABILITIES

Estimated Accounts Payable (December):		
Communication	\$ 80.00	
Travel	619.00	
Rent	50.00	
Office Supplies	<u>20.00</u>	769.00
Accrued Salary Payable		724.16
Payroll Taxes Payable		<u>59.59</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES		 \$ 1,552.75

UNENCUMBERED BALANCE

Balance Per Report December 31, 1967	\$ 8,413.01	
Less: Adjustment Due to Underestimating		
December 31, 1967	<u>40.82</u>	
Actual Balance January 1, 1968	8,372.19	
Net Income - Exhibit B	<u>3,131.99</u>	
 TOTAL UNENCUMBERED BALANCE		 <u>11,504.18</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE		 \$ 13,056.93



MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

RESULTS OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

EXHIBIT B

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1968

Income Earned:

Mutuel Percentage	\$ 14,612.87	
Underpayments	532.20	
License Fees	5,732.00	
Registration of Stable Names	90.00	
Fines	585.00	
Totalizer Company Fees	75.00	
Rule Books	27.50	
Total Income		\$ 21,654.57

Expenses Incurred:

Employees Salaries	\$ 8,592.46	
Employers Payroll Costs	737.95	
Communications	908.16	
Travel	4,559.54	
Office Supplies and Printing	653.49	
Dues and Subscriptions	755.00	
Contract Services	1,703.98	
Rent	612.00	
Total Expenses		<u>18,522.58</u>
NET INCOME		\$ <u>3,131.99</u>



MONTANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

CASH SUMMARY

EXHIBIT C

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1968

Cash Balance - January 1, 1968		\$ 8,567.15
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>		
Mutuel Percentage	\$ 14,612.87	
Underpayments	532.20	
License Fees	5,732.00	
Registration of Stable Names	90.00	
Fines	585.00	
Totalizer Company Fee	75.00	
Rule Books	27.50	
Overpayment - Mutuel Fee	4.50	
Total Receipts		<u>21,659.07</u>
Total Cash Available		\$ 30,226.22
<u>Cash Disbursements:</u>		
Employees Salaries	\$ 7,868.30	
Employers Payroll Costs	678.36	
Communication	882.37	
Travel	4,031.29	
Office Supplies and Printing	633.49	
Dues and Subscriptions	755.00	
Contract Services	1,703.98	
Rent	612.00	
Refund of Mutuel Percentage Overpayment	4.50	
Total Cash Disbursed		<u>17,169.29</u>
Cash Balance - December 31, 1968		\$ 13,056.93

