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Pari-Mutuel Racing for 70 Years”*

Michigan



2003 Annual Report



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COMMISSIONER

April 14, 2004

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor of the State of Michigan
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:

In accordance with section 6(3) of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1995, the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, the 2003 Annual Report of the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is hereby submitted.

In 2003, seven Michigan tracks presented a combined 2,244 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. Racing attracted over 1.3 million fans, who wagered \$346.6 million. As compared to wagering levels of the previous year, this marks a 5.1% decline.

Despite the recent declines in wagering, the ORC is currently reviewing five racetrack applications and fielding several inquiries for the construction of new racing facilities. Pending the outcome of the proposed Agriculture Enhancement Package, our office will exercise due diligence in determining the eligibility and fitness of the respective applicants under the licensing conditions and requirements set forth in the law.

As in the past, our office will continue to work with industry leaders to maintain a strong regulatory presence in the horse racing industry.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Robert Geake
Racing Commissioner

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NOTE: As of January 2004

What Horse Racing Means to Michigan

Michigan horse racing is a \$1.2 billion industry responsible for the creation of 26,200 jobs, \$142 million in personal income, and economic output of \$443 million each year. The industry also generates about \$23.5 million annually in state tax revenues, and supports capital facilities worth an estimated \$570 million, according to a December 2002 study released by Public Sector Consultants, Inc., of Lansing.

There are an estimated 77,000 racing breed equine in the state. Horse racing is a labor-intensive activity and creates jobs on and off the tracks for trainers, drivers, jockeys, blacksmiths, grooms, veterinarians, racing officials, pari-mutuel clerks, guards, admission clerks, concessions workers, and numerous other personnel. With the addition of full-card simulcasting, Michigan tracks now offer year-round entertainment opportunities for horse racing fans, meaning that seasonal work has turned into full-time employment for track employees.

Michigan's horse racing industry reaches far beyond the grandstands of Michigan's pari-mutuel tracks. Horse racing provides economic support to many fairs through purse revenues for those fairs that offer non-betting horse racing.

An important part of the state's economy, horse racing interests pay local property taxes on the tracks, and on breeding and training facilities. The tracks also contribute to the economy of the surrounding communities by purchasing goods and services.

Indirectly, racing interests provide employment for farmers, transportation workers, restaurant and hotel personnel employed near the tracks, the media representatives who report on racing, and the workers who build and repair the training or track facilities, among others. Their collective contribution to the Michigan economy is substantial.

In many of the rural areas of our state, supplying

the needs of race horses represents much of the local economy and helps support and preserve the rural character of smaller communities. Farmers grow and sell the feed required by our state's race horse population. Grain elevator operations make sure that feed is available year-round. Barns and training facilities are available to horsemen on a year-round basis, supplying needed employment opportunities for Michigan citizens.

Pari-mutuel horse racing began in Michigan in September, 1933, with 31 days of Thoroughbred racing offered at the Michigan State Fairgrounds track in Detroit. The inaugural season attracted 101,227 fans who wagered over \$3.5 million and generated \$123,783 in state wagering tax.

Today, Michigan has seven licensed pari-mutuel race tracks, including five harness racetracks, one Thoroughbred track and one mixed breed track. The two largest tracks are located in the Detroit metropolitan area, with the other five distributed across the lower half of the state's lower peninsula. In 2003, the tracks presented a combined 2,244 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. This racing attracted over 1.3 million fans, who wagered \$346.6 million, generating \$11.1 million in state wagering tax revenue. Local communities received over \$1.6 million to defray the costs of police and fire protection required at all pari-mutuel tracks. Financial incentives were offered to the breeders of the best Michigan-bred horses. The incentives included purse supplements and special races for Michigan-bred horses.

As demonstrated above, horse racing's payoff to Michigan is far greater than the dollars seen on the toteboard. Horse racing means jobs; horse racing means revenue; horse racing means entertainment; horse racing means investments; and horse racing means stability and continuity for our state's farming communities.

For more information about the horse racing industry in Michigan, visit our website at www.michigan.gov/horseracing.

The Commissioner's Responsibilities

The Commissioner's primary objective is to maintain the integrity of live horse racing and simulcasting in Michigan. As part of this mission, the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is responsible for regulating the safety and fairness of the horse racing industry through the conduct of regular monitoring, investigations and prosecutions.

The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Michigan's license holders and the authority to regulate racing at the state's seven racetracks. Activities included in the regulation of racing activities are the oversight of pari-mutuel wagering, supervising pari-mutuel operations at all the tracks and granting permits for conducting Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Mixed Breed race meetings in the state. The Commissioner also has jurisdiction over the simulcasting of horse racing activities at these racetracks.

In addition to these responsibilities, the ORC allots annual race dates to race meeting license holders. The ORC licenses, fingerprints, photographs, and screens personnel working for or connected with track operations, including management, owners, trainers and prospective stockholders, to ensure that everyone connected with racing is of suitable character and integrity. The ORC oversees the actual conduct of races, supervises the extraction of fluid and blood specimens from horses for chemical analysis and conducts initial hearings on appeals resulting from disciplinary actions that may lead to judicial proceedings at the appellate level.

Investigations

Horse racing in Michigan is a dynamic sport constantly challenged by competitive forces. The ORC employs an in-house investigative unit which works to preserve the integrity of the sport. The unit conducts inquiries on potential licensees, administers license checks at racetracks, investigates complaints, inspects licensed off-track farms where racehorses are stabled, provides testimony in litigated matters, and assists other law enforcement authorities and the track security organizations in conducting their duties.

In 2003, investigators administered alcohol breath tests and drug screens as part of the monitoring program to ensure that no illegal or banned substances are being used.

In addition, investigators completed numerous application investigations and conducted special operations that included searches and surveillance of restricted racetrack areas. 2003 also marked the first year that video surveillance cameras were used to better monitor traffic entering and exiting restricted areas.

Licensing

The ORC continued its annual licensing program for Standardbred, Thoroughbred, and Mixed Breed (Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint). Each type of racing requires a separate license. All applicants must be participants in pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan and must meet the standards and criteria set forth in the laws and regulations. In 2003, the ORC issued 7,532 occupational licenses (see page 4).

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

There were 24 FOIA requests in 2003. All requests were granted and one request was withdrawn by the requestor. The nature of these requests relate to subjects such as racetrack license applications, existing licensees, financial statements and transcripts involving appeals. Of the 24 requests, 6 were billed for a total of \$383.65.

Horse Racing Hotline

The Commissioner remains committed to developing programs directly related to providing a safe and equitable environment for racehorses and industry participants. Individuals who believe that a racehorse is being mistreated have the opportunity to call a 24-hour Hotline (1-800-973-5000) to report each incident. The matter is then investigated by the ORC. The hotline also allows individuals to anonymously inform the ORC of any illegal practices that may be occurring.

2003 ORC Licensees by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Licensees</u>	
ALLEGAN	71	LAPEER 99
ALPENA	3	LEELANAU 1
ANTRIM	1	LENAWEE 123
ARENAC	2	LIVINGSTON 148
BARRY	33	MACOMB 257
BAY	18	MARQUETTE 1
BERRIEN	22	MASON 5
BRANCH	31	MECOSTA 75
CALHOUN	66	MIDLAND 28
CASS	6	MISSAUKEE 1
CHEBOYGAN	1	MONROE 136
CLARE	48	MONTCALM 64
CLINTON	16	MUSKEGON 419
CRAWFORD	6	NEWAYGO 31
DELTA	8	OAKLAND 518
EATON	55	OCEANA 13
EMMET	9	OGEMAW 5
GENESEE	359	OSCEOLA 12
GLADWIN	17	OSCODA 3
GRAND TRAVERSE	6	OTSEGO 2
GRATIOT	49	OTTAWA 85
HILLSDALE	67	ROSCOMMON 5
HURON	22	SAGINAW 81
INGHAM	123	SANILAC 53
IONIA	34	SHIAWASSEE 108
IOSCO	7	ST CLAIR 52
IRON	1	ST JOSEPH 48
ISABELLA	110	TUSCOLA 91
JACKSON	236	VAN BUREN 26
KALAMAZOO	29	WASHTENAW 109
KENT	97	WAYNE 603
LAKE	1	WEXFORD 4

A total of **4,760** licensees permanently reside in Michigan. Additionally, the ORC licensed approximately 2,000 individuals that did not indentify Michigan as their permanent address.

Sampling and Testing for Equines and Humans

The Office of Racing Commissioner's (ORC) equine and human blood/urine testing programs are important parts of the Commissioner's regulatory functions. The programs are conducted by the ORC and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Equine Drug Testing Laboratory. The program involves the post-race collection of urine and/or blood samples from every pari-mutuel horse race conducted in Michigan and human testing for drugs and alcohol.

Equine samples are collected by ORC field staff from the winner of every race, and any other horse designated for testing by officials. The samples are then tested by the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory to detect any prohibited drugs or foreign substances present.

Any drug or other substance not naturally present in the horse's system may either enhance or hinder its performance. It is the duty of the Commissioner to ensure the wagering public that drugs or other foreign substances are not administered to or are not present in any race horse, except as authorized by law. The post-race analysis is an important part of this process.

Dr. Brad Skiba, supervisor of the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory, oversees a team of trained and experienced scientists and technicians who analyze each blood, urine or other sample. Utilizing sophisticated testing methods and equipment, this drug detection group represents a valuable link in the Racing Commissioner's regulatory chain.

A total of 19,911 post-race samples were tested during 2003 (13,559 TCO₂; 5,274 urine; 1,054 blood and 24 miscellaneous samples). The total number of positives or instances of permitted medication over the approved level was 33.

As part of its regulatory efforts, the ORC employs a team of stewards, detention crew workers, veterinarians, licensed veterinarians, veterinarian technicians and investigators to ensure the integrity of the horse racing industry. Sample collection workers (usually three per track) collect the blood and urine samples from the horses for testing.

The ORC's veterinarians make sure the horses are sound and capable of racing, and supervise the horse sample collections. ORC veterinarians do not have equine practices of their own. Additional veterinarians, licensed by the ORC for practice in restricted areas at the race tracks, prescribe and administer medications to horses who may be at the tracks but are not scheduled to race. These licensed veterinarians have private equine practices.

Samples collected by the collection technicians are delivered from the race tracks to the MDA Geagley Laboratory in East Lansing by couriers employed by the ORC. Samples are identified only by tag number to ensure confidential testing, while maintaining a chain of evidence. The ORC keeps a copy of each sample tag number and the corresponding horse information (trainer, horse name, race day, track, etc.). If any samples test positive, the Laboratory contacts the ORC for confirmation and possible disciplinary action. The cooperative efforts of the ORC and MDA Geagley Laboratory staff help ensure fairness, honesty and integrity in the horse racing industry for the betting public.

2003: The Year in Review

January

Crain's Detroit Business included a feature article on Michigan's new Racing Commissioner R. Robert Geake, Commissioner Annette Bacola's replacement. The article focused on an economic impact study conducted by Public Sector Consultants. The report indicated that Michigan's horse racing industry experienced an overall economic decline of 19 percent since the last study was conducted in 1993.

March

The fourth Annual Michigan Horse of the Year Awards Ceremony was held at Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan on March 22. Michigan-bred Horse of the Year awards were presented by Commissioner Geake to 2002's top Michigan horses in the categories of Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Standardbred Trotter and Standardbred Pacer. Additionally, Laura Howland of Marshall was named Michigan's fourth Equestrian Princess.

April

On April 27, a motion for a stay of the Horsemen's Simulcast Purse Pool Distribution Order for 2003 was denied by the Muskegon County Circuit Court. The decision upheld the Office of Racing Commissioner's (ORC) order for the distribution of purse pool funds for 2003 among Michigan's seven tracks.

May

House Bills (4609-4612) introduced by State Representative Larry Julian were passed by the Michigan House of Representatives on May 22. The package of bills, referred to as the Agriculture Enhancement Package, would authorize Video Lottery Terminals at horse racing tracks, account wagering and off-track betting in Michigan.

August

The 2003 Michigan State Fair featured the third annual Michigan Horse Racing Exhibit in the Agriculture Building from August 15 through September 1. The exhibit was highlighted by horse racing games and literature, retired racehorse programs, and a special tribute to Seabiscuit.

September

The highlight of harness racing was the Michigan Sire Stakes Million Dollar Night held at Hazel Park Harness Raceway on Saturday, September 27. The combined value of the purses for these and other races on the program was over \$1 million.

October

The highlight of Thoroughbred racing occurred when six Thoroughbred Sire Stakes races were run on October 3 at Great Lakes Downs.

Demolition of the grandstand at Hazel Park Harness Raceway began on October 27. This marked the largest renovation in Hazel Park Harness Raceway history.

On October 27, Hazel Park Harness Raceway and Northville Downs debuted Club Keno games by the Michigan Lottery. In the first week of operation, both tracks led the state in sales.

On October 31, Commissioner Geake signed orders authorizing the 2004 live horse racing dates (see page 28).

December

On December 2, City of Romulus voters approved by 53% a proposal that would allow horse racing, pari-mutuel wagering, and other gaming within the corporate limits of the city, in accordance with the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended. The ballot issue was advisory in nature and did not have any binding authority.

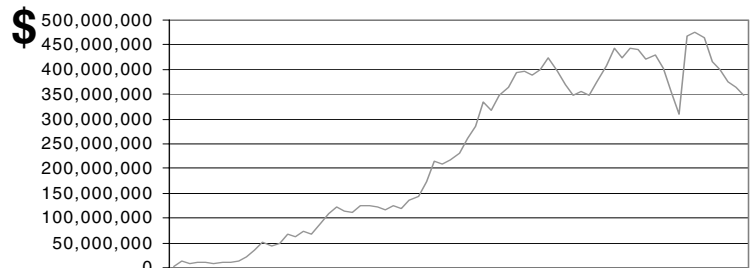
History of Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing in Michigan

The statistical history of pari-mutuel racing in Michigan is as follows:

Year Raced	Days	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Revenue	Year	Days Raced	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Revenue
1933	31	101,227	\$ 3,519,656	\$123,783	1976	645	3,571,312	\$395,703,781	\$27,472,556
1934	123	376,123	12,621,224	423,428	1977	647	3,250,807	387,603,160	26,056,732
1935	66	221,064	7,541,557	266,597	1978	650	3,024,127	398,674,678	27,089,834
1936	68	370,784	10,793,497	265,617	1979	673	3,035,903	425,190,904	28,845,113
1937	62	356,015	10,201,110	167,000	1980	703	3,030,257	396,396,317	27,828,645
1938	62	321,211	8,470,931	156,418	1981	688	2,728,476	368,712,526	24,211,545
1939	69	389,642	10,046,735	185,000	1982	688	2,728,476	347,489,410	22,523,956
1940	65	410,542	9,940,148	178,450	1983	695	2,557,419	355,357,249	22,998,249
1941	70	476,870	12,353,851	186,575	1984	672	2,402,562	347,600,808	22,412,751
1942	97	849,505	23,020,369	253,900	1985	686	2,420,489	375,971,988	24,407,322
1943	95	1,197,594	36,278,761	370,300	1986	743	2,547,474	408,118,864	22,015,578
1944	140	1,008,678	51,012,962	2,235,627	1987	867	2,664,362	441,745,977	22,077,702
1945	142	1,197,594	43,906,185	1,899,444	1988	891	2,506,849	424,145,150	21,221,394
1946	143	1,383,045	49,654,271	2,010,326	1989	918	2,682,457	443,113,234	22,005,832
1947	144	1,309,994	68,100,444	3,354,107	1990	906	2,660,443	440,889,684	21,988,385
1948	144	1,232,485	63,544,845	3,271,911	1991	910	2,577,991	421,382,703	20,988,295
1949	228	1,553,745	72,018,889	3,389,264	1992	918	2,563,334	428,344,299	21,330,433
1950	223	1,486,145	68,374,632	3,652,051	1993	901	2,414,670	401,865,797	19,945,112
1951	246	1,755,597	90,947,510	4,708,772	1994	865	2,065,089	356,694,463	17,834,339
1952	245	1,920,329	108,334,542	5,272,375	1995	827	1,741,325	310,522,945	15,552,692
1953	266	2,100,799	123,457,359	7,131,532	1996*	2,225	2,136,766	467,785,576	9,855,173
1954	261	2,094,627	113,063,730	6,890,294	1997	2,425	2,099,295	474,608,578	14,656,240
1955	253	2,010,795	112,712,977	7,038,099	1998	2,262	1,956,378	463,843,615	13,643,735
1956	271	2,222,256	124,349,974	7,534,306	1999	2,218	1,714,354	416,616,490	13,202,928
1957	270	2,105,540	124,133,569	7,535,106	2000	2,308	1,549,408	399,316,679	13,374,720
1958	269	2,180,516	121,250,928	7,285,377	2001	2,205	1,433,998	374,549,941	11,874,054
1959	279	2,089,199	116,776,923	7,502,281	2002	2,247	1,367,704	365,242,287	11,657,549
1960	291	2,149,416	125,028,322	8,084,554	2003	2,244	1,333,514	\$346,577,964	\$11,086,489
1961	293	2,190,046	120,721,673	7,804,478					
1962	320	2,331,166	135,815,283	8,791,784					
1963	326	2,339,232	144,601,442	11,070,550					
1964	338	2,712,769	173,696,547	13,330,165					
1965	378	3,101,890	215,211,397	16,625,041					
1966	346	2,818,805	209,218,403	16,411,328					
1967	381	2,865,996	217,452,791	16,758,121					
1968	388	2,909,311	231,472,394	17,794,513					
1969	415	3,056,834	260,353,221	19,915,465					
1970	425	3,456,422	285,056,702	21,171,098					
1971	563	3,962,318	333,182,520	24,499,748					
1972	599	3,680,632	317,330,030	24,518,898					
1973	604	3,671,168	347,284,698	26,483,391					
1974	602	3,606,982	363,840,498	27,647,189					
1975	590	3,830,260	394,925,495	28,865,055					

* Full-card simulcasting was authorized with the enactment of the Horse Racing Law of 1995 which allowed Michigan pari-mutuel tracks to conduct live and simulcast wagering year-round. Prior to 1996, "Days Raced" meant days of live racing only. From 1996 on, "Days Raced" indicates tracks operation for live and simulcast racing.

Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering



1933 - 2003

Summary of ORC Revenues

The pari-mutuel racing program in 2003 contributed **\$11,967,802.14** in pari-mutuel taxes and other revenues to the state as follows:

Pari-Mutuel Simulcast Wagering Taxes	\$	11,086,489.00
Occupational License Fees	\$	166,991.00
Outs (money from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets)	\$	676,038.64
Racing Fines	\$	47,960.00
Horse Race Licenses	\$	3,220.00
Fingerprint Fees	\$	6,970.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	12.50
Civil Service Assessment Fee	\$	(19,879.00)
Total State Revenue:	\$	11,967,802.14

Outs are uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets that are deposited into the Agriculture Equine Fund as mandated by Public Act 505(1).

Great Lakes Downs	\$	45,589.48
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$	319,681.95
Jackson Harness Raceway	\$	26,484.63
Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$	10,068.80
Northville Downs	\$	102,368.60
Northville Racing Corporation	\$	72,570.48
Saginaw Harness Raceway	\$	29,420.15
Sports Creek Raceway	\$	69,854.55
Total Outs Revenue to Agriculture Equine Fund	\$	676,038.64⁽²⁾

(1) Public Act 505 of 1998 amended the law covering the distribution of funds from outstanding uncashed winning tickets (Outs). Patrons have 60 days after the close of a race meeting to redeem any uncashed winning ticket. After 60 days, the race meeting licensee retains 50% of the Outs for track operations and deposits the other 50% into the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund established under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended.

(2) Outs reported above were generated in 2002. In accordance with P.A. 505, the funds were received as revenue in 2003. Outs generated during 2003 will be received and reported as revenue in the 2004 Annual Report.

Summary of ORC Expenditures

January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003

Salaries, Wages, Retirement & Fringes	\$ 3,096,567.59
Total Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials	\$ 243,070.37
Travel	\$ 110,499.03
Equipment	\$ -0-
Fingerprint Fees	\$ 6,970.00
Grants	\$ 23,821.32
Other	\$ 115,754.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,596,682.49

Summary of Total Wagering

2003

Live Wagering

Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 3,448,860

Mixed Breed

(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 203,483

Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 15,303,702

Jackson Harness Raceway 895,533

Northville Downs 4,111,653

Northville Racing Corp. 2,782,652

Saginaw Harness Raceway 923,984

Sports Creek Raceway 2,153,256

Total Live Wagering

\$ 29,823,123

Simulcast Wagering

Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 12,894,893

Mixed Breed

(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 2,487,383

Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 137,288,742

Jackson Harness Raceway 12,515,252

Northville Downs 65,052,009

Northville Racing Corp. 41,618,129

Saginaw Harness Raceway 12,543,290

Sports Creek Raceway 32,355,143

Total Simulcast Wagering

\$ 316,754,841*

Total Simulcast and Live Racing

\$ 346,577,964

Note: Total Simulcast and Live Wagering for 2002 was \$365,242,287.

*This amount reflects simulcast wagers made at Michigan tracks only. It does not include out of state wagers, which are bets placed on Michigan races received at tracks and other wagering sites outside Michigan. Total out of state wagers on Michigan races were \$60,659,818 in 2003.

Summary of State Tax

	2003	2002
Thoroughbred:		
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 451,334	\$ 527,804
Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint)		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 87,065	\$ 91,257
Standardbred:		
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 4,805,106	\$ 5,037,305
Jackson Harness Raceway	438,034	457,943
Northville Downs	2,276,831	2,399,883
Northville Racing Corporation	1,456,642	1,564,209
Saginaw Harness Raceway	439,029	459,759
Sports Creek Raceway	1,132,448	1,119,389
Standardbred Totals	\$ 10,548,090	\$ 11,038,488
Total State Tax on Simulcast Wagering:	\$ 11,086,489	\$ 11,657,549

Purse Pool Distribution

Michigan pari-mutuel horse racing associations endeavor to promote the best in racing. Purses paid by the licensed associations are largely responsible for accomplishing this task. The 2003 amounts exclude supplements and fees provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). In 2003, MDA reported \$3.9 million provided by the Agriculture Equine Fund directly to the pari-mutuel purse pool for supplements.

	2003
Thoroughbred:	
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 7,333,325
Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)	
Mount Pleasant	\$ 1,064,959
Standardbred:	
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 6,825,117
Jackson Harness Raceway	513,927
Northville Downs	2,769,810
Northville Racing Corporation	1,804,192
Saginaw Harness Raceway	528,800
Sports Creek Raceway	1,260,811
 Standardbred Totals:	 \$ 13,702,657
 Total Purse Distribution:	 \$ 22,100,941

Distribution of Pari-Mutuel Wagering Revenues to Cities/Townships

	2003	2002
Hazel Park:		
*Revenue	\$ 650,492.00	\$ 752,468.00
**Expenditures	650,492.00	752,468.00
Jackson:		
*Revenue	\$ 69,180.73	\$ 60,581.38
**Expenditures	26,833.87	27,363.45
Isabella Township (Mount Pleasant):		
*Revenue	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,800.00
**Expenditures	8,085.00	4,650.00
Fruitport Township (Great Lakes Downs):		
*Revenue	\$ 70,233.61	\$ 75,358.09
**Expenditures	39,635.60	31,232.20
Northville:		
*Revenue	\$ 529,680.00	\$ 552,036.91
**Expenditures	283,536.11	196,796.00
Saginaw:		
*Revenue	\$ 56,491.93	\$ 58,196.24
**Expenditures	139,302.98	128,455.02
Swartz Creek:		
*Revenue	\$ 160,979.77	\$ 169,324.35
**Expenditures	48,084.76	29,879.56
Total:		
*Revenue	\$ 1,542,258.04	\$ 1,675,764.97
**Expenditures	\$ 1,195,970.32	\$ 1,170,844.23

All figures are for the calendar year.

* Revenue equals all breakage generated during the calendar year.

** Expenditures represent the amount of money reported by local units of government to the ORC for services provided pursuant to Section 21 of the Horse Racing Law of 1995.

Note: Breakage is the amount that is subtracted from wager payout calculations when they are rounded down to the nearest dime (or nickel in a minus pool situation). For example, if a winning bet is computed to pay \$3.11 the bettor receives \$3.10 and the \$.01 in breakage is distributed to cities and/or townships in which the track is located.

Race Meeting Summary - All Race Meetings (live and simulcast)

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	567	567
Live Dates Run	559	562
Live Dates Not Run	8	5
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	2,244	2,247
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,333,514	1,367,704
Daily Average	594	608
Live Wagering Total	\$ 29,823,123	\$ 32,171,461
Simulcast Wagering Total	316,754,841	333,070,826
Combined Wagering Total	346,577,964	365,242,287
Daily Average	154,447	162,547
Per Capita	260	267
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 231,145,352	\$281,930,627
Daily Average	103,006	125,470
State Revenue Total	\$ 11,086,489	\$ 11,657,549
Daily Average	4,941	5,188
* Purse Total	\$ 22,100,941	\$ 23,350,173
Daily Average	39,537	41,548
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 52,796,973	\$ 55,902,426
Daily Average	23,528	24,879

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Race Meeting Summary - Harness Totals

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	411	415
Live Dates Run	403	410
Live Dates Not Run	8	5
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	1,682	1,682
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,250,996	1,277,225
Daily Average	744	759
Live Wagering Total	\$ 26,170,780	\$ 28,349,674
Simulcast Wagering Total	301,372,565	315,383,935
Combined Wagering Total	327,543,345	343,733,609
Daily Average	194,735	204,360
Per Capita	262	269
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$216,582,410	\$265,428,600
Daily Average	128,765	157,805
State Revenue Total	\$ 10,548,090	\$ 11,038,488
Daily Average	6,271	6,563
* Purse Total	\$ 13,702,657	\$ 14,487,837
Daily Average	34,002	35,336
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 49,790,087	\$ 52,569,279
Daily Average	29,602	31,254

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Track Summaries - Great Lakes Downs

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	118	118
Live Dates Run	118	118
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	312	313
Live & Simulcast Attendance	63,418	75,277
Daily Average	203	241
Live Wagering Total	\$ 3,448,860	\$ 3,475,023
Simulcast Wagering Total	12,894,893	15,079,760
Combined Wagering Total	16,343,753	18,554,783
Daily Average	52,384	59,281
Per Capita	258	247
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 12,492,898	\$ 14,286,785
Daily Average	40,041	45,645
State Revenue Total	\$ 451,334	\$ 527,804
Daily Average	1,447	1,686
* Purse Total	\$ 7,333,325	\$ 7,824,606
Daily Average	62,147	66,310
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,640,974	\$ 2,969,980
Daily Average	8,465	9,489

Great Lakes Downs raced 118 dates in 2003 from April 26 through October 28.
Great Lakes Downs raced 118 dates from April 29 through October 29 in 2002.

Note: The Track Summary of Great Lakes Downs represents the Thoroughbred Race Meeting Summary. Great Lakes Downs is the only all-Thoroughbred track in Michigan.

Track Summaries - Hazel Park Harness Raceway

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	140	140
Live Dates Run	137	140
Live Dates Not Run	3	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	360	361
Live & Simulcast Attendance	702,547	629,411
Daily Average	1,952	1,744
Live Wagering Total	\$ 15,303,702	\$ 16,806,599
Simulcast Wagering Total	137,288,742	143,923,009
Combined Wagering Total	152,592,444	160,729,608
Daily Average	423,868	445,234
Per Capita	217	255
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$117,967,136	\$123,455,580
Daily Average	327,687	341,982
State Revenue Total	\$ 4,805,106	\$ 5,037,305
Daily Average	13,348	13,954
* Purse Total	\$ 6,825,117	\$ 7,426,473
Daily Average	49,818	53,046
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 23,318,816	\$ 24,696,670
Daily Average	64,775	68,412

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 137 dates in 2003, from April 7 through October 18. Opening day was cancelled due to inclement weather and two allocated dates were cancelled in August due to the Blackout. Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 140 dates in 2002, from April 1 through October 12.

Track Summaries - Jackson Harness Raceway

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	24	24
Live Dates Run	23	24
Live Dates Not Run	1	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	243	239
Live & Simulcast Attendance	83,616	82,791
Daily Average	344	346
Live Wagering Total	\$ 895,533	\$ 954,593
Simulcast Wagering Total	12,515,252	13,084,062
Combined Wagering Total	13,410,785	14,038,655
Daily Average	55,188	58,739
Per Capita	160	170
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$10,278,579	\$10,754,264
Daily Average	42,299	44,997
State Revenue Total	\$ 438,034	\$ 457,943
Daily Average	1,803	1,916
* Purse Total	\$ 513,927	\$ 501,292
Daily Average	22,345	20,887
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,024,584	\$ 2,156,799
Daily Average	8,332	9,024

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Jackson Harness Raceway (JHR) presented 23 live race dates in 2003 from April 16 through June 7. One allocated race on April 19 was cancelled due to a shortage in horse supply. In 2002, JHR ran 24 live race dates from April 17 through June 8.

Track Summaries - Mount Pleasant Meadows

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	38	34
Live Dates Run	38	34
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	250	252
Live & Simulcast Attendance	19,100	14,572
Daily Average	76	58
Live Wagering Total	\$ 203,483	\$ 225,989
Simulcast Wagering Total	2,487,383	2,607,131
Combined Wagering Total	2,690,866	2,833,120
Daily Average	10,764	11,243
Per Capita	141	194
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$2,070,044	\$2,215,242
Daily Average	8,280	8,791
State Revenue Total	\$ 87,065	\$ 91,257
Daily Average	348	362
* Purse Total	\$ 1,064,959	\$1,037,730
Daily Average	28,025	30,522
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 365,912	\$ 394,716
Daily Average	1,464	1,566

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Mount Pleasant Meadows raced 38 dates in 2003, from May 3 through September 28, and 34 dates in 2002, from May 4 to September 28.

Note: The Track Summary of Mount Pleasant Meadows represents the Mixed Breed Race Meeting Summary. Mixed Breed race horses include Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint.

Track Summaries - Northville Downs

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	69	70
Live Dates Run	67	66
Live Dates Not Run	2	4
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	210	210
Live & Simulcast Attendance	161,193	211,870
Daily Average	768	1,009
Live Wagering Total	\$ 4,111,653	\$ 4,034,692
Simulcast Wagering Total	65,052,009	68,567,796
Combined Wagering Total	69,163,662	75,602,488
Daily Average	329,351	345,726
Per Capita	429	343
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$53,821,266	\$56,676,516
Daily Average	256,292	269,888
State Revenue Total	\$ 2,276,831	\$ 2,399,883
Daily Average	10,842	11,428
* Purse Total	\$ 2,769,810	\$ 2,853,232
Daily Average	41,341	43,231
** Track Share Commission Total	\$10,301,813	\$10,857,971
Daily Average	49,056	51,705

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Northville Downs raced 67 dates in 2003 from January 2 through April 5. Two dates were cancelled due to inclement weather. Northville Downs raced 66 dates in 2002 from January 3 through March 30. Four allotted dates were cancelled in 2002 due to inclement weather.

Track Summaries - Northville Racing Corporation

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	51	54
Live Dates Run	50	53
Live Dates Not Run	1	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	148	150
Live & Simulcast Attendance	96,936	133,991
Daily Average	655	893
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,782,652	\$ 3,218,032
Simulcast Wagering Total	41,618,129	44,691,470
Combined Wagering Total	44,400,781	47,909,502
Daily Average	300,005	319,397
Per Capita	458	358
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 34,515,429	\$ 37,637,814
Daily Average	233,212	250,919
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,456,642	\$ 1,564,209
Daily Average	9,842	10,428
* Purse Total	\$ 1,804,192	\$ 1,943,508
Daily Average	36,084	36,670
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 6,668,929	\$ 7,227,068
Daily Average	45,060	48,181

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Northville Racing Corporation (NRC) presented 50 dates in 2003, from October 20 through December 30. One allotted date was not run in 2003 due to inclement weather. In 2002, NRC ran 53 live racing dates from October 14 through December 28. One allotted date was not run in 2002 due to inclement weather.

Track Summaries - Saginaw Harness Raceway

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	33	33
Live Dates Run	33	33
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	360	361
Live & Simulcast Attendance	55,327	60,699
Daily Average	154	168
Live Wagering Total	\$ 923,984	\$ 1,083,749
Simulcast Wagering Total	12,543,290	13,135,553
Combined Wagering Total	13,467,274	14,219,302
Daily Average	37,409	39,389
Per Capita	243	234
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$10,066,323	\$ 10,732,225
Daily Average	27,962	29,729
State Revenue Total	\$ 439,029	\$ 459,759
Daily Average	1,220	1,274
* Purse Total	\$ 528,800	\$ 425,119
Daily Average	16,024	12,882
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,112,314	\$ 2,264,795
Daily Average	5,868	6,274

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Saginaw Harness Raceway presented 33 dates in 2003, from June 13 through August 24. Saginaw presented 33 dates of live racing in 2001, from June 14 through August 25. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2003 or 2002.

Track Summaries - Sports Creek Raceway

	2003	2002
Live Dates Allotted	94	94
Live Dates Run	93	94
Live Dates Not Run	1	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	361	361
Live & Simulcast Attendance	151,377	158,463
Daily Average	419	439
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,153,256	\$ 2,252,009
Simulcast Wagering Total	32,355,143	31,982,045
Combined Wagering Total	34,508,399	34,234,054
Daily Average	95,591	94,831
Per Capita	228	216
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$26,155,171	\$26,172,201
Daily Average	72,452	72,499
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,132,448	\$ 1,119,389
Daily Average	3,137	3,101
* Purse Total	\$ 1,260,811	\$ 1,338,213
Daily Average	13,557	14,236
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 5,363,631	\$ 5,334,427
Daily Average	14,858	14,777

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

** Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Sports Creek Raceway presented two separate live race meetings in 2003. The first ran 23 dates, from January 1 through February 9. One allotted date was cancelled on January 14 due to inclement weather. The second ran 70 dates, from August 30 through December 31. Sports Creek Raceway also presented two separate live race meetings in 2002. The first ran 24 dates, from January 2 through February 10. The second race meeting ran 70 dates, from August 31 through December 31.

Track Information

Map of Michigan Racetracks



Great Lakes Downs

Thoroughbred Racing

Location: 4800 S. Harvey Street
Muskegon, MI 49444
231-799-2400
www.greatlakesdowns.com

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile to 1 1/8 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Sand and clay on limestone base

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,350
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 850
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 800

Date of First Track License: February 1, 1984
Date of Inaugural Harness Meeting: May 25, 1989
Date of Inaugural Thoroughbred Mtg: April 23, 1999
Attendance Record:
4,821; May 5, 2001
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$1,104,066; May 5, 2001

Hazel Park Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 1650 East Ten Mile Road
Hazel Park, MI 48030
248-398-1000
www.hazelparkraceway.com

Size of Track:
Length: 5/8 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 9,200
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 3,000
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 1,200

Date of First Track License: August 1949
Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 17, 1949
Attendance Record:
28,726; May 31, 1965
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$2,029,028; July 10, 1977

Jackson Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 200 West Ganson Street
Jackson, MI 49204
517-788-4500

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 70 feet

Soil of Track:
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 6,500
Sulky Lounge Seating Capacity: 250
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 500
Housing Space for Stable Help: 16

Date of First Track License: 1948
Date of Inaugural Meeting: May 28, 1949
Attendance Record:
6,812; August 16, 1975
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$346,557; May 18, 1986

Track Information

Mount Pleasant Meadows

Mixed Breed Racing

Location: 500 North Mission Road
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
989-773-0012

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 60 feet

Soil of Track:
Sandy loam

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,000
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 400
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 300

Date of First Track License: May 1985
Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 21, 1985
Attendance Record:
1,027; May 17, 1986
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$61,463; October 1, 1989

Northville Downs

Harness Racing

Location: 301 South Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-1000
www.northvilledowns.com

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Limestone and stone mix

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,200
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 2,000
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 900
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 493
Housing Space for Stable Help: 80

Date of First Track License: August 1944
Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 4, 1944
Attendance Record:
9,610; May 15, 1950
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$935,067; March 28, 1986

Saginaw Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 2701 East Genesee Street
Saginaw, MI 48601
989-755-3451
www.saginawraceway.com

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 50 feet in backstretch,
70 feet in homestretch

Soil of Track:
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,500
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 1,000
Surrey Room Seating Capacity: 225
Lounge Capacity: 120
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 314

Date of First Track License: May 2, 1979
Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 16, 1980
Attendance Record:
6,000; June 16, 1980
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$471,945; August 18, 1985

Sports Creek Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 4290 Morrish Road
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
810-635-3333

Size of Track:
Length: 5/8 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Clay base, stone dust and limestone
cushion

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 4,500
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 2,000
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 200

Date of First Track License: April, 26, 1984
Date of Inaugural Meeting: November 5, 1986
Attendance Record:
6,111; November 5, 1986
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$626,388; March 11, 1990

2004 Live Racing Schedule

	THOROUGHBRED RACING	
Great Lakes Downs 4800 Harvey Street Muskegon, MI 49444 231-799-2400	April 25 (Sunday) through October 30 (Saturday)	118 Dates
	MIXED BREED RACING	
Mount Pleasant Meadows 500 N. Mission Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-0012	May 1 (Saturday) through September 26 (Sunday)	37 Dates
	Thoroughbred & Mixed Breed Total:	155 Dates
	STANDARD BREED RACING	
Sports Creek Raceway 4290 Morrish Road Swartz Creek, MI 48473 810-635-3333	January 3 (Saturday) through February 8 (Sunday) September 4 (Saturday) through December 31 (Friday)	88 Dates
Northville Downs 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	January 3 (Saturday) through April 3 (Saturday)	66 Dates
Hazel Park Harness Raceway 1650 East Ten Mile Road Hazel Park, MI 48030 248-398-1000	April 5 (Monday) through October 16 (Saturday)	140 Dates
Jackson Harness Raceway 200 W. Ganson Street Box 881 Jackson, MI 49204 517-788-4500	April 21 (Wednesday) through June 12 (Saturday)	24 Dates
Saginaw Harness Raceway 2701 E. Genesee Street Saginaw, MI 48601 989-755-3451	June 18 (Friday) through August 29 (Sunday)	33 Dates
Northville Racing Corp. 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	October 18 (Monday) through December 30 (Thursday)	53 Dates
	Standardbred Total:	404 Dates
	2004 TOTAL:	559 Dates

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