

Oregon Racing Commission Annual Report

1998-99 FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES

RACES AND PURSES FOR HORSES AND GREYHOUNDS

During the 1998-99 fiscal year there were 2,894 live pari-mutuel races run in the state of Oregon. Of these races 1,734 were for greyhounds and 1,160 were for horses. In addition to the races that were run live in Oregon, there were an additional 45,095 simulcast races brought in from other states. 26,592 of these races were greyhound races and 18,503 were horse races. Of the simulcast races Multnomah Greyhound Park brought in 20,491 of the races (13,241 greyhound and 7,250 horse); Portland Meadows brought in 24,604 of the races (13,351 greyhound and 11,253 horse). On the Summer Fair circuit there were 386 live races, 293 of which were simulcast to off track sites in the state.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

Of the twelve regularly scheduled commission meetings for the fiscal year 1998-99, eleven were held in the Portland area. The June 1999 meeting was held in Grants Pass during the Southern Oregon Horse Racing Association meet.

CONFERENCES AND NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

During the 1998-99 fiscal year the executive Director attended the North American Pari-Mutuel Regulators' Association Fall and Spring Conferences. This is a new association of racing commissions that was incorporated in June of 1997 to more fully address the needs of racing commissions. In less than one year the association grew from the original 13 members to 19 members and at present stands at 22 member jurisdictions.

LEGISLATION RELATED TO RACING

HB 3425 was introduced by the Oregon Racing Industry and sets forth the method to be used for the distribution of the pari-mutuel tax received from Multi-jurisdictional Simulcasting and Interactive Totalizator Hubs which are licensed in Oregon. This bill was passed and signed by the Governor.

SB 229 which was pre-session filed and then amended to address the problems being experienced in the allocation of simulcasting days was passed, but then vetoed by the Governor.