

Our Mission

To regulate and build a strong and credible horse racing industry which ensures honesty and integrity through the promulgation of rules to govern the conduct of licensed personnel, promoters and race meetings, thereby protecting the interest of the racing public.

**THE JAMAICA RACING COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT
2009/2010**

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This report summarizes, in terms of Section 12 of the Jamaica Racing Commission Act, the activities of the Jamaica Racing Commission in the Financial Year 2009/2010, in fulfilling the regulatory, financial, judicial and administrative functions assigned by the Act.

The report also presents the audited financial statements of the Commission and data indicating performances and trends in the horse racing industry.

**THE JAMAICA RACING COMMISSION ACT
(ACT 3 OF 1972 AMENDED BY ACT 4 OF 1979)**

The Jamaica Racing Commission was established under the Jamaica Racing Commission Act, 1972:

- to regulate and control horseracing and the operation of racecourses in the island;
- to grant such licenses and permits as may be required by virtue of the provisions of the Act;
- to recommend to the Minister the method of utilizing sums, under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act, for assistance to breeders of horses and horse racing generally;
- to introduce and implement, or to assist in or undertake the implementation of any scheme for the development of the horse racing industry.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2009/2010

The Commission's Annual Report for the review year fulsomely presents the wide ranging activities it undertook in fulfilling its mandate functions. Once again it was my privilege to lead the Commission.

Horse-racing is an international activity and one prime area of focus in the year under review was in the international arena. Newly appointed State Minister for racing, Senator the Hon. Arthur Williams, had the opportunity of seeing first-hand modern international horse racing operations at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, Canada and at Gulfstream Park, Hallandale, Florida. He also visited the impressive Palm Meadows training facility in Boca Raton, Florida, built by Magna Corporation to provide additional stabling and accommodation for horses taking entry at its Gulfstream Park meet and shipping in. The facility is state of the art; has both dirt and grass tracks, dormitories for Trainers and Grooms and boasts its own unit for composting bedding, and a bio-digester for the processing of waste.

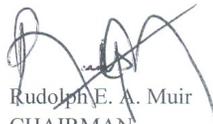
The visit to the Woodbine facility proved to be particularly instructive because that racetrack was built around the same year as Caymanas Park (1959) and thus the responses of the Canadian authorities to fairly similar challenges faced by Jamaica viz: the maintenance and improvement of an aging facility, provided useful insights. Also eye-opening were the plans for the further modernization of the facility, presented in scalar model, integrating shopping malls, dwelling and town houses with dining and entertainment offerings within a 500 acre complex. This development is scheduled to commence in 2010.

The international focus continued in the year with the accreditation of two (2) of the Commission's Operations' Stewards; participation by Officers in meetings of the Caribbean Racing Confederation and attendance by the General Manager and the Chairman at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Association of Racing Commissioners' International (ARCI) which coincided with the annual Symposium on racing held in Arizona, USA in the first week in December.

The activities presented in this report attest to the robustness of the Commission's role and function, much of which is outside of public view. However we dare not rest on our laurels because keeping abreast with scientific developments in the quest to thwart the efforts of those who would wish to influence the results of races by means of the administration of the latest drug requires our consistent efforts and committed expenditure as it does in the Commission's other approaches to regulation.

In this regard the strides being made in the area of the Commission's drug testing laboratory are particularly pleasing. Equally pleasing were the Hall of Fame inductions which took place in this year.

Thanks go out to the dedicated Officers and staff; Commissioners, Tribunal and Committee Members, without whom none of the Commissions' achievements would have been possible.



Rudolph E. A. Muir
CHAIRMAN

COMMISSIONERS:

Rudolph Muir - Chairman
Graham Brown (Dr.)
Edison Chai
Mark Croskery
Kenneth Gooden
Bruce Levy
Robert Martin

OFFICIALS:

Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland - General Manager
Douglas Walker - Director, Finance Administration
Lloyd A. Cobran - Director, Racing
St. Aubyn Bartlett (Dr.) - Senior Veterinary Officer
Andrew Davidson - Information Technology Manager
Alva Belnavis - Finance Manager
Haldene Johansen - Operations Steward
Desmond Riley - Operations Steward
Eustace Williams - Operations Steward
Ian Lawrence - Administrator/Welfare & Training
Sophia Ramlal (Dr.) - Veterinary Officer

DELEGATEES:

(1) Operations Stewards

(2) The First Instance Tribunal:

- Carlton Williams - Chairman
- Walter Campbell
- George McPherson
- Colin Ifill
- Audrie McNab (Dr.)
- Derrick White
- Operations Stewards

SUB-COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Robert Martin	-	Commissioner
Edison Chai	-	Commissioner
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Douglas Walker	-	Director, Finance & Administration
Alva Belnavis	-	Financial Manager
Beverley Adams	-	Personnel & Administrative Officer

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Robert Martin	-	Chairman
Rudolph Muir	-	Commissioner
Edison Chai	-	Commissioner
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Alva Belnavis	-	Financial Manager
Douglas Walker	-	Director, Finance & Administration

OBSERVATION COMMITTEE

Walter Campbell	-	Chairman
Mark Croskery	-	Member
Bruce Levy	-	Member
George Lawson	-	Member
Lloyd McFarlane	-	Member

EQUINE DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Graham Brown (Dr.)	-	Member
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	Member
St. Aubyn Bartlett (Dr.)	-	Member
Sophia Ramlal (Dr)	-	Member
Racing Chemists	-	Member
Racing Analyst	-	Member

HALL OF FAME TRUSTEES

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Walter Campbell	-	Trustee
Vincent Edwards	-	Trustee
Kenneth Gooden	-	Trustee
Najeeb Haddad (Dr.)	-	Trustee
Denzil Miller Jnr.	-	Trustee

RACING INDUSTRY INSURANCE SCHEME COMMITTEE

Bruce Levy	-	Chairman
Edison Chai	-	Member
Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland	-	Member
Alva Belnavis	-	Member
Haldene Johansen	-	Member
Ina Lawrence	-	Member
Maurice Russell	-	CTL Representative
Richard Todd	-	United Racehorse Trainers' Representative
Robert Darby Snr.	-	United Racehorse Trainers' Representative
Ian Spence	-	Jockeys' Representative
Gary Santos	-	Jockeys' Representative
Paul Pancho	-	Grooms' Representative

JOCKEYS' TRAINING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth Gooden	-	Chairman
Edison Chai	-	Member
Hugh Levy	-	Member
Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland	-	Member
Desmond Riley	-	Member
Ina Lawrence	-	Member

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION 2009/2010

Position of Senior Executive	Salary (\$)	Gratuity or Performance Incentive (\$)	Travelling Allowance or Value of Assignment of Motor Vehicle (\$)	Pension or Other Retirement Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
General Manager	3,465,035.04	204,516.00	796,500.00	366,955.20	4,833,006.24
Director, Racing	2,523,964.49	139,718.33	869,400.00	174,573.87	3,707,656.69
Director, Finance & Administration	1,995,832.07	-	649,388.54	26,893.73	2,669,803.04
Information Technology Manager	1,825,086.31	-	426,300.00	80,635.63	2,328,251.11
Senior Veterinarian	4,883,852.88	189,936.97	632,496.00	485,957.76	6,192,243.61
Total	\$14,693,770.79	\$534,171.30	\$3,374,084.54	\$1,135,016.19	\$19,730,960.69

CHAPTER 1

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary goals of the Commission are to build a strong and credible industry and to serve as the central racing body on which the industry and the public can depend to preserve and maintain high standards of sport, honesty and fair play, and to promote the health and safety of the animals and personnel involved in racing.

The Commission's main objectives during the year under review were to:

- maintain the development of horseracing in Jamaica
- maintain close supervision of the operations of race meetings to assure the public and the competing owners of horses and other participants that race meetings are conducted fairly by responsible management;
- ensure proper registration and identification of horses in conformity with international standards, to institute measures to protect animal health and welfare and the production of the Jamaica Stud Book;
- continue welfare and training programmes for persons in the industry and ensure the maintenance of a comprehensive Insurance Scheme for persons holding occupational permits;
- improve the standard of professionalism in racing by providing training courses for future jockeys and trainers;
- ensure that horses are fit to race and are allowed to run on their merit;
- prevent and detect the use of prohibited substances in competing horses;
- establish criteria and grant occupational permits/licenses;
- ensure that applicants for registration as racehorse owners are of good character and with sufficient means to maintain their horses in training;

- advise Government on the extent of subsidies in support of horse racing and breeding and administer subsidies approved;
- act as coordinator between the various groups in the industry and adjudicate on complaints, objections and appeals received from persons in relation to horse racing;
- maintain racing and breeding statistics and disseminate them to the public locally and internationally;
- maintain and strengthen links with the Caribbean racing countries and other racing jurisdictions.

CHAPTER 2

2.1 PUBLIC SUPPORT

Horsereading promoted locally by Caymanas Track limited (CTL) at the single racetrack on the island continued to attract wide public support. The promoter not only put on local race meetings but simulcasted races from the United States and the United Kingdom and transmitted these races local and overseas via satellite to their sixty-six off-track Betting Parlours across the island.

During the period under review CTL conducted eighty (80) local race meets and Three Hundred and Eight (308) days of simulcast races.

CTL held two Sunday race meetings one in November and the other in December 2009 which saw huge crowds in attendance. On November 29, 16,000 were in attendance contributing a handle of \$17.9M from 8 races with no contribution from CTL's. Sixty-three Off Track Betting (OTB) parlors which were not allowed to open. As the OTB's normally contribute approximately 70% of the company's overall sales during a race meet it was not considered feasible to continue with the Sunday racing experiment.

2.2. RACES AND PURSES

Table 1 below provides details on racing activities and purse earnings over the past five years for comparison:

TABLE 1

	2009/2010	2008/2009	2007/2008	2006/2007	2005/2006
RACEDAYS	80	82	80	83	81
NO. OF RACES	814	850	846	871	849
TOTAL NO. OF RUNNERS/STARTS	7424	7689	7465	8261	7976
AVERAGE NO. OF STARTERS PER RACE	9.12	9.05	8.82	9.48	9.39
RACEDAY SALES BY PROMOTER (LOCAL RACING)	2,535,982,988	2,755,324,306	\$2,834,021,621	\$2,185,770,000	\$1,918,740,750
RACEDAY SALES BY PROMOTER (SIMULCAST)	2,220,611,012	2,065,329,786	\$1,888,791,938	\$1,776,112,000	\$1,493,190,000
TOTAL PURSE MONEY PAID OUT	488,933,920	\$430,143,615	\$386,343,750	\$351,310,050	\$319,937,731

In October 2009 purses were increased by \$110 million.

2.3 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRY

TABLE II GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO RACING

	2009/2010	2008/2009	2007/2008	2006/2007	2005/2006
Lab Analyses and repairs to equipment	23,907,547	18,761,104	12,694,127	11,220,337	10,411,863
Publication of Racing Year in Jamaica	260,650	182,000	177,662	166,977	504,023
Other Development Projects (See notes in Financial Statement)	9,497,582	14,323,378	17,434,703	17,930,875	17,602,361
Total Subsidies	33,665,779	33,266,482	30,306,492	29,318,189	28,513,247

CHAPTER 3

ACTIVITIES

The Commission's activities over the year comprised.

3.1 FINANCE

- advising the Government on the allocation of funds for the various purposes under the Bookmakers' Levy Schemes;
- administering the Schemes and monitoring the expenditure of funds in relation thereto; and
- preparing annual estimates of revenue and expenditure, and monitoring the expenditure of funds.

3.1.1 ACCOUNTS

The Commission's Annual Statements of Accounts for 2009/2010 and the Auditor's report thereon are attached.

3.2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY

Advising the Minister on the necessity to have a retooling and modernization of all physical aspects of racing, to garner more customer support, increase throughput, improve bloodstock, enliven the atmosphere and produce a horse friendly environment.

3.3 REGULATORY

Some areas that received special attention during the period include the following:

- (1) The continuous administration of the Jamaica Racing Commission Racing Rules 1977 including amendments to the existing ones. Some amendments which had been made in the previous year were this year repealed following protests from horsemen. The new additions were, rules numbered 33, 87 and 92L while those repealed were 19, 34(3), 80(a), 94 (4), 117(4), 142, 150, 157, 158, 161A (iii), 161A (v), 240, 253 (i), 253 (ii), 253(iii), 253 (iv), 253 (v), 253(vii), 253 (viii), 253 (ix), 253 (x) and 253 (xii).

These are explained below:

New Amendments

- Rule 33 To provide that handicaps are released no less than five (5) working days prior to the day for entry to the race.
- Rule 87 To provide that (a) a claimed horse which finished 1st or 2nd runs for a tag of no less than 20% more than the amount for which it was claimed, during the first fifteen (15) days following the claim and (b) should the said horse not race within fifteen (15) days after being claimed then during the next fifteen (15) days, if it races, it must (on the first occasion) race for a tag of no less than that for which it was claimed.
- Rule 92L To provide that any trainer or Owner may run a maximum of four (4) horses in any claiming race.

Amendments Repealed

- Rule 19 The fee to lodge a complaint was reduced from \$4,000.00 back to \$2,000.00.
- Rule 34(3) The fee for an appeal against the Handicapping Committee was reduced from \$3,000.00 back to \$1,500.00.
- Rule 80(a) The fee for a Certificate of Eligibility to Claim was reduced from \$5,000.00 back to \$4,000.00.

- Rule 94 (4) The increase in the minimum and maximum fines in respect of late applications for the registration of horses was reduced to the former levels.
- Rule 117 (4) The application fee for a racehorse owner's registration was reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00.
- Rule 142 (i) The fee for a Jockeys licence was reduced from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Rule 142 (ii) The fee for an Apprentice Jockey's licence was reduced from \$1,100.00 to \$750.00.
- Rule 142 (iii) The Jockey's day licence fee was reduced from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Rule 157 (i) The fee for a Trainer's licence was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00
- Rule 157 (ii) The fee for an Assistant Trainer's licence was reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.
- Rule 158 The fee for a Stable employee's licence was reduced from \$500.00 to \$400.00.
- Rule 161A(iii) The fee for registering a Training Agreement was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,000.00.
- Rule 161A (v) The fee for lodging a complaint was reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$2,000.00.
- Rule 240 The fee for the lodging of an objection was reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.
- Rule 253 (i) The fee for the registration of an Owner's Agent was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,500.00.
- 253 (ii) The fee for the registration of an assumed name was reduced from \$3,000.00 to \$2,000.00.
- 253 (iii) The fee for the registration of a transfer or successful claim was reduced from \$3,000.00 to \$2,000.00.

- 253 (iv) The fee for the registration of colours was reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$3,000.00.
- 253 (v) The fee for the registration of a change of name of an untried horse was reduced from \$1,500.00 to \$500.00.
- 253 (vii) The fee for the registration of an agreement with a jockey was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,500.00.
- 253 (viii) The fee for the registration of a contingency was reduced from \$2,000.00 to \$1,500.00.
- 253 (ix) The fee for the registration of a foal was reduced from \$4,000.00 to \$3,500.00.
- 253 (x) The fee for the registration of a Stud Book Certification was reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.
- 253 (xii) The fee for a performance record was reduced from \$1,000.00 to \$500.00.

These amendments were gazetted and became effective on January 1, 2010.

3.4 REGISTRATION/LICENCES/PERMITS

The Commission continued to discharge its responsibility under the Jamaica Racing Commission act 1972 and the Jamaica Racing Commission Racing Rules 1977 in relation to the issuing of licenses and permits. At March 31, 2010 a total of 527 permits and licenses for members of the occupational group had been issued. This is broken down as follows:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	2009/2010	2008/2009
Trainers	135	111
Assistant Trainers	35	40
Jockeys	77	63
Apprentice Jockeys	2	1
Grooms	241	248
Stable Assistants	14	8
Exercise Rider	10	27
Farriers	9	-
Assistant Farriers	4	-

The total number of owners registered at the end of the period was as follows:

OWNERS	2009/2010	2008/2009
Owners (Individuals)	486	659
Owners (Registered Companies)	8	8
Owners (Veterinarians)	4	0
Owners' Agents	6	7

When compared with the previous year the total for individuals is much less (486 as opposed to 659). This is however normal as March 31, 2010 represents the end of month two (2) of a 24 month licensing period and some owners do not renew their registration unless they have a horse in training.

3.5 PROMOTING COMPANY

3.5.1 Racedays

The promoter, Caymanas Track Limited again applied for permission to conduct races on 82 days, which the Commission approved.

3.5.2 Review of Racing Programmes

The Operations Stewards to whom the Commission delegated the responsibility to monitor, and ensure that all horses and persons who participated in races were eligible, performed their duties in a judicious manner. This task (which is very critical in the management of race meetings) ensured fairness and adherence to the Rules of Racing 1977.

3.6 VETERINARY

3.6.1 Veterinary “On Call” System

The veterinary “on call” system (introduced by the Commission in the 1990s) continued to ensure that horses declared to race, were legitimately withdrawn on racedays. The system requires that all declared horses which become sick or lame subsequent to the close of entries, be examined by that Jamaica Racing Commission Veterinarian, who would then report his or her finding to the Stewards of the meeting, along with appropriate recommendations. During the period under review a total of 96 such visits were made.

3.7 REVIEW OF RACEDAY FILMS

The Stewards continued their weekly review of races and conducted hearings into riding infringements as well as investigations into breaches or possible breaches of the rules. Below is a table of hearings with jockeys conducted and the actions taken.

No. of Summons issued	Penalties	
	Suspension (Racedays)	Fines
150	174	\$131,500.00

3.8 OBSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Observation Committee continued its review of films of races, advising the Stewards of their findings. The Stewards would then, (if not already done) conduct further investigations

3.9 EQUINE DRUG TESTING PROGRAMME

The Veterinary Department continued its professional management of the equine sample collection centre (Testing Barn) which allowed it to maintain the status of being a very critical element in protecting the integrity of horseracing in Jamaica. The centre supervised the collection and preliminary processing of 1,686 urine and 1,452 blood samples. After these were analyzed by the Racing chemist, six (6) were reported as being positive for prohibited substances as under:

Lidocaine	-	2
Ephedrine	-	2
Diclofenac	-	1
Chlorpheniramine	-	1

3.10 REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Operations Stewards in their management of the Registration Department endeavoured to continue the process of improving the ways in which the department functioned. A tally of applications and documents processed by the department during the period is set out below:

(a) applications for the registration of native bred horses

received	-	412
completed	-	412

(b) applications for the registration of imported horses

received	-	87
completed	-	63
pending	-	35 (N.B. 16 c/f from the previous year less 5 dead)

(c) blood and DNA Typing

received	-	526
shipped to lab.	-	459
pending	-	292 (N.B. 231 c/f from the previous year less 6 dead)

(d) Micro-chipping of horses		
received	-	322
completed	-	348
pending	-	61 (N.B. 91 c/f from the previous year less 4 dead)
(e) Naming of horses		
received	-	418
approved	-	412
pending	-	12 (N.B. 13 c/f from the previous year)
denied	-	7
(f) Racing colours		
received	-	98
approved	-	98
(g) Death Certificates		
received	-	242
(h) Nom-de-plumes		
received	-	41
approved	-	41
(i) Transfers of ownership		
received	-	671
completed	-	671
(j) Training Agreements		
received	-	753
completed	-	753

3.11 JAMAICA STUD BOOK

Work on volume XV continued throughout the year and was scheduled for completion by 31st December, 2010.

CHAPTER 4

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The Commission and Track Veterinarians continued to be vigilant in the area of “pre and post race” examination of all horses declared to race, with a view to detecting lameness and other chronic problems present. This offered additional protection to the horses, owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms as well as punters, by assisting in the prevention of serious injuries to man and beast. This ultimately amounted to financial savings for all parties.

4.1 CULLING

These veterinarians also conducted other examinations (periodically) of the horse population at Caymanas Park, to identify chronically lame horses. These in addition to horses aged eight years and older, that have not earned any purse in the preceding twenty-four (24) months, were culled from racing at December 31, 2009. The number culled for this period was nineteen (19).

4.2 VACCINATION

The Commission’s Veterinarians and Operations Stewards maintained their vigilance in the monitoring of the program which seeks to ensure that each horse entering and those housed at Caymanas Park, have been properly vaccinated, and that the expiry date of each vaccination has not been exceeded.

4.3 HORSE WELFARE

There were no reports, during the period under review, of any horse being abandoned. This may be attributed to the Jamaica Racing Commission publishing on a regular basis; advisories on how to retire or re-home horses that were no longer able to race.

4.4 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR JOCKEYS AND EXERCISE RIDERS

The Welfare Officer with the assistance of Caymanas Track Limited’s surgeons and other presenters continued to counsel members of the Occupational Group on the benefits of a healthy and drug free lifestyle. Drug testing of all Jockeys and Exercise Riders was also continued. The use of safety helmets, vests and boots was continuously monitored by the Stewards, Welfare Officer as well as Caymanas Track Limited’s race day and non-race day officials.

CHAPTER 5

VETERINARY SERVICES

Three significant events characterized the success of the Veterinary Department for the 2009/2010 financial year:

1. Completion of the Trainers' Training Programme for the class of 2009.
2. Recommendations on cost recovery measures to finance the Drug Testing Programme.
3. Hosting of the Association of Official Racing Chemist (AORC) International Conference in October at Sandals Grande in Ocho Rios.

Apart from these major events, the year was mostly uneventful. Two events which began in earnest in 2008 continued with the same level of success. In the case of micro chipping of all horses and the random sampling of horses for the Drug Testing Programme which has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of positives reported during the period under review.

5.1 REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

5.1.1 LASIX

The rate of Lasix administration increased significantly by 6% (7,074 doses in 2009/2010 compared to 6,662 in 2008/2009.)

There was a marked reduction in the number of positive findings, 5 in 2009 compared to 10 in 2008.

5.1.2 TRAINERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

Nineteen Assistant trainers completed Part 2 of the Commission's two-part Trainers' Training Programme and graduated in August 2009.

CHAPTER 6

JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES

The Commission continues to discharge its responsibility under the Jamaica Racing Commission Act 1972 and the Jamaica Racing Commission Rules 1977.

6.1 DELEGATION

The Operations Stewards in their role as stewards of race meeting and delegates of the Commission continued to conduct hearings into race day infringements and into complaints and disputes between racing personnel during the year.

The First Instance Tribunal, appointed as delegates of the Commission, continued to investigate cases involving the use of prohibited substances.

Another Tribunal was appointed in January 2010 as delegates of the Commission to conduct investigations into breaches of the Jamaica Racing Commission (Racecourse) Regulations 1981. This Tribunal called “the Security Tribunal” was empowered to impose fines not exceeding \$10,000 upon any person found guilty of a breach of the Regulations and may report any matter to the Commission which it considers to require some fine or punishment in excess or different from that which it may impose.

6.2 INVESTIGATIONS

The Commission conducted a total of 8 investigations – two into the conditions of a horse, five into conduct of racing personnel and one against Caymanas Track Limited.

The Security Tribunal did not conduct any investigations during the period under review.

The First Instance Tribunal conducted 6 investigations into reports of Positive Findings:

SUBSTANCE	NO OF CASES
CHLORPHENIRAMINE	1
DICLOFENAC	1
LIDOCAINE	2
EPHEDRINE	2

Note: Penalties were imposed in all except one case.

6.3 APPEALS

The following appeals were heard and determined during the year:

6.3.1 Against the Stewards of the Race Meeting

DATE	NAME	FINDING
9 th April, 2009	Paul Ramsay	Rider of Red Lion on 28/3/09 (Suspension reduced from two race days to one race day)
9 th April, 2009	Omar Walker	Rider of Miss Eileen on 25/3/09. (Two days suspension imposed by the Stewards was removed)
14 th May, 2009	Harry Parsard	Trainer of Posse Train on 2/5/09. (Appeal dismissed)
9 th July, 2009	Clive Lynch	Rider of Tobago on 20/6/09. (Appeal dismissed)
30 th July, 2009	Richard Mitchell	Rider of Vonalmighty on 21/7/09. Three days suspension imposed by the Stewards was reduced to one day.
5 th August, 2009	Shane Ellis	Rider of Designed For Luck. (10 days suspension imposed by the Stewards was set aside and instead imposed a fine of \$20,000)
20 th August, 2009	Terrence McWhinny	Trainer of Lady Camille. (Appeal allowed and Stewards decision reversed)
10 th December, 2009	Stanford Champagne	Owner of Latent Power. (Appeal Dismissed)
17 th December, 2009	Lawrence Freemantle	Trainer of Lady Wales. (Appeal Dismissed)
5 th November, 2009	Ryan Darby	Trainer of Rajput on 28/10/09. Appeal Dismissed)
18 th February, 2009	Percival Hussey	Trainer of Milestone on 3/2/10. (Appeal Dismissed)
18 th March, 2010	Richard Azan	Trainer of Jim Cee on 3/3/10. (Appeal Dismissed)
1 st April, 2010	Wesley Henry	Rider of Cio Moto on 17/3/10 (2 days suspension imposed by the Stewards was set aside and instead imposed a fine of \$10,000)

6.3.2. Against the First Instance Tribunal

DATE	NAME	FINDING
9 th July, 2009	Purcell Keith	Appeal Dismissed (period in which fine to be paid extended)

6.4 COURT CASES

6.4.1. Suits by the Commission

A claim was filed by the Jamaica Racing Commission against Dr. Paul Wright for restitution/unjust enrichment for a maximum of \$2,000,000.00 arising out of a breach of settlement agreement entered in by the parties in November 2008. The matter went to mediation but there was no agreement for a settlement. A date is to be scheduled by the court for a case management conference.

The under mentioned horses returned a positive finding of prohibited substances:

1. We Will See
2. Enchanting Eyes
3. Make Them Laff
4. My Baby Girl
5. Prime Possession

The Commission sought an interpretation of Rule 14 of the Racing Rules (made under the Act) prior to its amendment on 15th October 2007. The Rule required the Racing Chemist to analyze samples of blood and urine taken from the five horses listed above. The matter was heard by the court on February 3, 2010. The judge reserved his decision until a later date.

The Commission has filed a law suit against Owner Romel Wallen for libelous statements he made on TVJ (the matter is still pending)

CHAPTER 7

SPECIAL PROJECTS

7.1 JOCKEYS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

The 2009 Jockeys Training School started on 2nd February, 2009 and ended on 24th July, 2009.

Twenty students were enrolled, nineteen male, and one female). One student was withdrawn from the programme and one was readmitted from the batch of 2006.

Jockey Emilio Rodriquez conducted the race riding part of the course.

Graduation was held on 27th August, 2009. Outgoing batch of apprentice 2006 received their 3-year savings. Jockey Omar Walker was twice champion jockey during his tenure as apprentice and was on his way to a third championship when he was injured on October 31, 2009. At that time he was leading by 15 wins.

7.2 HALL OF FAME

During the year the following inductions to the Hall of Fame of Thoroughbred Racing were announced:

7.2.1 CATEGORY A – HORSES

i) RACEHORSE

MIRACLE MAN - LAW OF THE SEA (USA) – HYA

This outstanding Racehorse MIRACLE MAN was bred by LAW OF THE SEA of HYA by THE MEDIC at Hammark Farms.

MIRACLE MAN won 14 graded stakes races. His lifetime Local career shows 24 starts, 16 wins, 5 seconds and 2 third place finishes for stakes of J\$16.33 million; but his overall lifetime career shows 26 starts, 17 wins, 5 second and 2 third, place finishes for overall life time career stakes earnings of J\$20.46 million.

Among his successes were the Governor's Cup, Jamaica Derby, Jamaica St. Ledger and the Red Stripe Superstakes.

MIRACLE MAN became the first Jamaican horse to win an international race, scoring a consummate but famous victory in the Confraternity Classic in Puerto Rico in December 2006 when ridden perfectly by Panamanian Jockey Cecelio Penalba. He returned, like a true champion to the scene of his greatest triumph in Puerto Rico, but placed fourth in the Confraternity Classic in 2007. His total earnings for 2006 was J\$6.5 million.

ii) **STALLION**

ROYAL MINISTER (USA) 1991 Chestnut Horse +DEPUTY MINISTER (CAN.) - +HALO'S PRINCESS (CAN.)

This imported horse entered the breeding shed in 1997 and produced 373 offspring. The total number of wins by ROYAL MINISTER'S progenies was 825, with stakes of more than \$300 million dollars and of the 825 wins, 62 were graded stakes victories.

ROYAL MINISTER had three starts in the U.S.A. at age 2, winning at Saratoga, and was 5th in the Popular Hopeful Stakes. At age 3 he raced 5 times and won at Hialeah and Aqueduct, while finishing 3rd in the Fairmont Derby. At age 4, he ran 9 times and had 2 third place finishes, and ended his racing career with two more third place finishes in 9 starts at age 5

His career yielded 26 starts and stakes of US\$75,186.

7.2.2. **CATEGORY B – TRAINERS**

WAYNE ANTHONY DACOSTA

A good racehorse trainer is one who has the skill, patience and ability to teach a wide array of horses with differing personalities using both traditional and non-traditional techniques. He must also be able to communicate effectively with horses and human beings, have professional qualities and keen business acumen. These are the distinctive qualities of the extraordinary trainer Wayne Anthony DaCosta, who was granted his Trainers' permit in 1976.

He began his career as an assistant to Philip Feanny 1973-1976 and got his first real taste of success not as a trainer, but as an owner, when HIS WINDSOR, trained by Feanny, won a week after the purchase.

DaCosta himself might tell you his greatest training feat was THORNBIRD's 4th place finish by 2 ½ lengths in the Caribbean Classic in Panama in 1984, 25 years ago. A eight time Champion Trainer who holds the record of most wins in a season that of 108 set in 2002 and second best total of 98 wins in 2003.

Wayne DaCosta has earned the most stakes in local horse racing history up to Saturday, June 6, 2009. He has posted 5769 starts, with 1,465 wins, 2nd on the all time list of wins among trainers in local history.

7.2.3. CATEGORY C – JOCKEYS

HUBERT RAY BARTLEY

Hubert is correctly regarded as one of the best jockeys to ride at Caymanas Park. His streak of top-five finishes in the jockeys' standings is testimony to the talent and success of Bartley as one of Jamaica's premier jockeys. To date, his win total stands at Seven Hundred and Fifty placing him 6th all-time amongst jockeys in Jamaica.

Amongst his most noteworthy achievements is his victory in the Jamaica Derby in 1991 with "Poor Little Rich Girl" and also in the 1997 Derby with "Mr. Lover Lover". He also has the distinction of winning the Jamaica St. Leger six times including 4 years in a row (1983-1986) astride "Our Secret", "My Apology", "D's A Legend" and "Persian Invader", respectively. He has also won the 1000 Guineas on four occasions. This internationally recognized jockey also rode in Barbados and Toronto, Canada.

7.2.4 CATEGORY D – GROOMS

RAPHAEL ‘PINTO’ SMITH

Born on July 19, 1939, Mr. Raphael Smith has spent the greater part of his life serving in the field of horse racing. He started in racing as a jockey in 1955 at Knutsford Park and also raced at Little Ascot in Old Harbour. As an apprentice to trainer Aston Cammock that year he finished joint-5th with Neville Cousley in the jockey’s standings behind champion jockey Barrington Smith. The beginning for Raphael Smith was promising

In 1958, he finished 3rd in the jockey standings for that year, behind champion Barrington Smith. Raphael Smith rode some of the most renowned horses at Knutsford Park, Little Ascot and at Caymanas Park. Noteworthy among these was “Cardigan”, winner of the Nursery Handicap of 1958 and “Father Christmas” with whom he won the two 2-Year Old stakes of 1958 and the 2000 Guineas of 1959, which was the first classic race to be run at Caymanas Park.

It is said that through setbacks one’s perseverance is tested and proven. Raphael Smith was an extremely competent rider and could have gone further in his riding career, had he not faced challenges with his health. He decided to remain in the sport he loved despite looming personal setbacks and eventually became a groom, first being associated with trainer Larry Silvera and also worked with the likes of Kingsley Rose, Dennis Sasso, Jackson Hong, Dennis Lee and now Vin Edwards.

“Pinto” has faithfully and successfully groomed some outstanding horses such as “Flash Point” to worthwhile victory. “Flash Point” was victorious some 25 times while being cared for by Smith. Pinto was also the groom of the 1986 Jamaica Oaks winner “Manuscript”.

7.2.5. CATEGORY E – OTHER RACING PERSONALITIES

i) RITA HYACINTH MCKENZIE

Women have always played an important role in racing even though it is traditionally considered a male-dominated sport. Mrs. Rita Hyacinth McKenzie is one woman whose strength and perseverance is noteworthy. Her achievements and tenacity have made her renowned and highly respected personality in Jamaica's racing community. For five decades she has contributed immensely to the industry. It is difficult to decipher when she started her racing career for she truly was born into the sport. A lover of horses herself, she holds fond memories of going to the stables as a young girl. Her affection for horses was fostered through her father and brother who both had careers in the sport.

Rita McKenzie is today the matriarch of one of Jamaica's oldest racing families. It is through horse racing that her entire family has made their living. Mrs. McKenzie is the widow of the late Alty McKenzie who trained horses at multiple tracks in Jamaica with some success. Rita has the enviable distinction of being the premier racing "mother" of the backstretch of Jamaica's horse racing industry.

The achievement of impact however, of this renowned racing personality may well be her contribution as a top class seamstress. She began sewing colours for jockeys as a hobby but it soon became a staple for the racing fraternity to employ her to produce racing colours, thus a further career in racing was born, which she has faithfully executed for over fifty years and continues to do so today. During the decades from the 1950's, to 1990's, there was almost not a horse to race or a jockey to ride at Caymanas whose colours were not crafted by Mrs. Rita McKenzie. She valued her repute for quality, efficiency and precision and so did her many colleagues

Rita McKenzie continues her unwavering and dedicated service to the horse racing industry. Notwithstanding her individual achievements, she regards the achievements of her four sons her greatest success. This is testament to the claim that she is the mother of horse racing in Jamaica, which will be her legacy.

ii) HUGH ABEL LEVY

His love of racing began in 1947 when he started watching early morning gallops at Knutsford Park. This fascination with the grace and power of the thoroughbred racehorse in action, resulted firstly in his faithful attendance on racedays whether at Knutsford Park or Little Ascot then later at Caymanas Park.

The attraction soon moved him from the status of observer to owner in 1958. Among the horses raced by Mr. Levy were HIALEAH, GULF STREAM, ANDANTE, XANADU, OLYMPIC GOLD, AQUEDUCT, DESERT QUEEN, PRIMAVERA, SANTA ANITA, MISS JAMAICA, PRINCESS LANCASTER, with his winningest horse being PURPLE REIN (over 20 wins) and more recently SEDUCTION, INEVITABLE and TOUCHDOWN.

Mr. Levy soon moved from the rank of owner to breeder as most of the horses raced by him were progenies of his previous runners. This talented and distinguished Jamaican, Attorney-at-Law by profession, was not just content with enjoying the sport he loves but gave and is still giving his time and experience to the administration of the racing industry by serving in various capacities.

He first became a member of the Jockey Club of Jamaica in 1972, which until the advent of the Jamaica Racing Commission, had the responsibility for the management of horseracing in Jamaica. His loyalty to the club continued and in 1984 he was elected a Steward of the Jockey Club. This distinguished and dedicated service next saw him being accorded the status of President of the Jockey Club in 1992, the position which he currently holds.

During this period his dedicated and unselfish service to horseracing in Jamaica, has seen him serving as the Chairman of Racing Promotions Limited and as a member of the Jamaica Racing Commission.

CHAPTER 8

WELFARE PROGRAMME

8.1 BENEVOLENT FUND

At the beginning of the period under review there were FIFTEEN (15) former racing personnel enrolled in the Jamaica Racing Commission's Benevolent Fund. One person Mr. Enos Moore was added during the year.

Beneficiaries at the end of the period totaled sixteen (16) persons:

- Donald Beswick
- Byron Binns
- Roy Brown
- Keith Davis
- Garfield Dwyer
- Lloyd Ennis
- Warren Flemmings
- Norris Gray
- Roy Hewitt
- Ivanhoe Johnson
- Joseph Levy
- Enos Moore
- George Reid
- Manley Sappleton
- Vincent Sappleton
- Barrington Smith

Below is a table which sets out payments from the Fund during the period under review.

8.1.1 Benevolent Fund Payments

MONTH	PENSION \$	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE \$	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE \$	TOTAL
April 2009	155,000.00		3,000.00	158,001.00
May 2009	145,000.00	25,850.00	3,000.00	173,851.20
June 2009	150,000.00		3,000.00	153,486.00
July 2009	150,000.00		3,000.00	153,001.00
August 2009	225,000.00		3,000.00	228,001.20
September 2009	148,000.00		3,000.00	151,001.04
October 2009	152,000.00	31,010.00	3,000.00	186,010.80
November 2009	150,000.00		3,000.00	168,001.20
December 2009	225,000.00		3,000.00	228,001.20
January 2010	150,000.00		3,000.00	153,000.80
February 2010	160,000.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	162,501.20
March 2010	240,000.00		3,000.00	246,001.40
TOTAL	2,050,000.00	59,360.00	36,000.00	2,160,858.40

8.2 RACING INDUSTRY INSURANCE SCHEME

The Racing Industry Insurance Scheme provides Health, Accident and Life insurance benefits to all persons licensed in the occupational groups. Individual participation in this scheme is compulsory for all occupational licensees who contribute approximately 30% of the total annual premium.

Eighteen accidents were reported for the financial year, nine claims were submitted and six settled at the end of the period under the Racing industry Insurance Scheme

8.2.1 Accidents:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	NO.
Trainer	1
Jockeys	6
Grooms	9
Exercise Riders	4
TOTAL	20

8.2.2 Claims submitted:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	NO.
Jockeys	3
Grooms	2
Exercise Rider	2
TOTAL	7

8.2.3 Disputes:

Sixteen disputes were reported by grooms to the Welfare Officer. Fifteen were settled and one groom who was told to return to the Welfare officer did not return.

8.2.4 Literacy Programme:

Despite the financial threat to the operations of the literacy programme, classes continues and to date six students have sat and passed the literacy test set by the Jamaica Racing Commission.

CHAPTER 9

ADMINISTRATION

9.1 COMMISSION'S MEETINGS

The Commission convened 45 meetings during the year, which included 33 general meetings of the full Commission, 1 Finance Committee Meeting, 2 Insurance Committee Meetings, 3 meetings of the Jockeys Training School Committee, 1 Equine Drug Testing Committee, 1 Audit Committee meeting, 3 extraordinary meetings with Directors of Caymanas Track Limited and Minister with responsibility for Racing Senator the Hon. Arthur Williams.

9.2 STAFFING

The Commission closed the year with 44 members of staff; thirty-six (36) permanent members and eight (8) part-time members. Two (2) members of staff were separated from the Commission and two (2) were recruited during the year.

9.3 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Commission continued to improve the capabilities of staff by facilitating their participation in various training programmes. These included: Records Management (Senior Secretaries), Time Management (Senior Secretary), Taxation (Finance Manager) Project Management (Director, Finance & Administration) and Leadership (General Manager).

In addition, the I.T. Manager participated in the Annual Regional Summit hosted by Communications and Information Technology Ontario (CITO).

During the period under review one Operations Steward attended a continuing education course for accredited stewards at the University of Louisville, Kentucky in order to maintain his accreditation as a Racetrack Steward.

Five (5) members of staff participated in the Public Sector Skills Training Programme as indicated below:

Events Planning	- 2	(Senior Secretary, Accounting Clerk/Cashier)
Computer Graphics	- 1	(Caretaker/Handyman)
Computer Fundamentals	- 1	(Courier)
Professional Make-up	- 1	(Stenotype Writer)

9.4 PUBLICATIONS

During the year the annual racing year was published.

CHAPTER 10

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

10.1 MEMBERSHIP/ ASSOCIATIONS

Jamaica's participation internationally in several thoroughbred horseracing organizations continues. The level of involvement varies from organization to organization.

We hold membership in the following international and regional organizations namely:

- Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)
- Caribbean Racing Confederation (CRC)
- Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC)

These organizations provide the avenue for the exchange of racing information and ideas for improvement in the administration and management of horseracing and breeding. In addition, organizations such as CRC promote international horseracing events to which member countries are invited thus providing the opportunity to gain international racing exposure derived from international participation this adding great value to our racing and in particular our breeding industry.

The Commission, in an effort to remain relevant and to keep abreast of international developments in racing must also interface with several racing organizations, namely:

- The Jockey Club of North America
- Weatherbys – Great Britain
- The International Stud Book Committee (ISBC)
- International Cataloguing Standard Committee – France
- International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA)
- The Jockey Club Information System
- Bloodstock Research Information Services Inc.
- Equibase Company
- Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority (TTRA)
- Barbados Turf Club (BTC)
- American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP)
- Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC)
- Racing Commissions Regulators of North American States, Britain and Ireland

In addition to numerous racetracks and racing regulators/Commissions in other racing jurisdictions throughout the world, from time to time.

Organizations such as those listed above provide accepted industry standards, information for the movement of horses, authentication of identity and pedigree of horses, drug testing technology and numerous other racing related matters.

The main benefits derived from Jamaica's involvement with those international and regional organizations are in the areas of:

- Training
- Access to information and services
- Access to racing technology

Jamaica's four Stewards have been internationally accredited as Racing Stewards and each attends courses every two year in order to maintain that accreditation.

Jamaica has also fully established itself on the Worldwide Racing Hub website, operated by the Jockey Club Information Services Inc., giving information such as breeding, breeding methods such as nicks, racing and other statistics for all horses running in some twenty-three (23) member countries such as United States, England, Ireland, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Germany, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and now Jamaica.

The Commission also maintains a relationship with organizations which provide specific scientific services to the horseracing industry and to horseracing regulations in particular. These are:

- University of Lexington – Veterinary Science Department
- The Gluck Equine Research Centre – Lexington Kentucky
- University of the West Indies – Chemistry Department
- University of Florida – Laboratory, Gainesville, Florida
- Ohio State University – Laboratory
- University of Louisville, College of Business – Accreditation of Stewards

These organizations provide services in the areas of Bloodtyping, DNA Genetic testing, parentage verification, Equine Drug testing, and Equine Research and training.

The Jamaica Racing Commission is now in the final stages of having its equine drug testing laboratory at the University of the West Indies- Chemistry Department internationally accredited as a drug testing institution. This process is being done through the Jamaica National Agency for Accreditation (JANAAC), an affiliate of the International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) and the Inter-American Accreditation Co-operation (IAAC).

Jamaica, through the efforts of the Jamaica Racing Commission –Veterinary Department was instrumental in hosting the Annual meeting of the Association of Official Racing Chemist (AORC) in Ocho Rios, October 16-19, 2009. The Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC) has membership in countries such as Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Dubai, Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States of America and Jamaica. As a part of this conference, the participants also attended the Jamaica Racing Commission’s Drug Testing Laboratory at the University of the West Indies and the Caymanas Park Racecourse drug testing facility.

The Annual thoroughbred yearling sales conducted by Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association of Jamaica (TOBA) was very successful. Once again members of the Racing Fraternity of the English Speaking Caribbean Islands namely, Barbados and Trinidad were in attendance.

There were 213 foals catalogued for sale of which 190 were eventually offered for sale. However, 171 were finally sold, a decrease of 0.58% over last year’s figure of 172 sold. The number of foals catalogued was 11 less than in 2008, however, the number sold shows a fall off of only 1 foal.

The highest price paid for a yearling is now \$2.8 Million up from last year’s figure of \$2.7 Million. This price was paid for a chestnut colt by *TRADITIONAL (USA) out of MELISSA SONG consigned by HAM Stables Limited and purchased by M.C Sanlalsingh of Trinidad and Tobago.

Gross sales for 2009 Yearling Sales were \$106.60 Million, an increase of 1.69% over the 2008 figures. Average sale price was also up by 2.28% to \$623,392.00 and median price up by 11.11% to \$500,000.00

The usual participation by Caribbean horses in major regional races such as:

- Barbados' Sandy Lane Gold Cup;
- Trinidad's Royal Oak Derby;
- Jamaica's Red Stripe Superstakes;

was limited, however Jamaican horses such as BRUCEONTHELOOSE participated in several races in Trinidad including the Trinidad Derby which he won. This is the second straight year that a Jamaican horse has won the Trinidad Derby and the sixth overall.

Jamaica continues its membership in the Caribbean Racing Confederation however, no Jamaican horse participated in the Caribbean Classic for 3 year olds or the confraternity Cup in December, 2009.

With the final decision taken in June 2009 that the hosting of the Caribbean Classic and its contingent races will now rotate between member countries effective December 2010, commencing with Venezuela in December 2010, an approach has been made to the Jamaica Veterinary Division to review its protocol for our horses to enter and more importantly return from countries such as Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela. This process is currently ongoing.

10.2 SUPERSTAKES

The thirty-first (2009) renewal of the Superstakes Raceday was held on Saturday, 14th November 2009. This raceday was sponsored by Amalgamated Distributor Limited.

Superstakes day saw the running of:

- i The (A.D.L.) Superstakes
A Grade 1 Invitational Race for Native-bred 3 years olds and upwards over a distance of 2000 metres;
- ii The (A.D.L.) Caribbean Sprint Championship
A Grade 1 Invitational Race for Native-bred 3 years olds and upwards over a distance of 1200 metres;
- iii The (A.D.L.) Mile
A Grade 1 Invitational Handicap Race for Imported 3 year olds and upwards over a distance of 1600 metres

iv The (A.D.L.) Claiming Sprint

A claiming race for 3 year olds and upwards who raced for \$160,000 in a specific period over a distance of 1100 metres.

As is usual, the day's racing provided some exciting performances for fans and spectacular performances from horses and Jockeys.

10.3 VISIT ABROAD

During the fiscal year 2009/2010 Jamaica's racing jurisdiction was represented in several international and regional forums, providing needed training information and standards to our racing regulators, these includes:

- (1) Caribbean Racing Confederation
Mid-year Meeting
New York
June 4-6, 2009
- (2) Visit to Woodbine Racetrack and Gulfstream Racetrack by Minister Arthur Williams and Chairman Rudolph Muir
Toronto, Canada and Florida, USA
November 15-24, 2009
- (3) University of Louisville
Continuing Education for Accredited Stewards
Louisville, Kentucky, USA
November 16-17, 2009
- (4) Caribbean Racing Confederation
Annual General Meeting & Caribbean Classic
San Juan, Puerto Rico
December 4-7, 2009
- (5) Racing Commissioners International (RCI)
Symposium on Racing & Gaming
Tucson, Arizona, USA
December 7-10, 2009
- (6) University of Louisville
Continuing Education for Accredited Stewards
Tampa Bay Downs, Tampa, Florida, USA
March 16-17, 2010.

CHAPTER 11

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Commission's Annual Statement of Accounts for 2009/2010 and the Auditor's report are set out at Appendix 1.