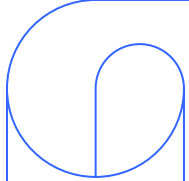


OUR MISSION



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
2005/2006**

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Ministry of Finance and Planning
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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 2005/2006, 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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COMMISSIONERS:

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Walter Campbell		
Michael Coore		
Robert Gore		
Hugh Levy		
Andrew Mighty		
Derrick White		

OFFICIALS:

Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Raphleta Taylor	-	Director, Finance & Administration - to Sept. 2005
Lloyd A. Cobran	-	Director, Racing
St. Aubyn Bartlett	-	Senior Veterinary Officer
Lawrence Brown	-	Information Technology Manager
Collin Berry	-	Finance Manager
Haldene Johansen	-	Operations Steward
Desmond Riley	-	Operations Steward
Eustace Williams	-	Operations Steward
Ina Lawrence	-	Administrator/Welfare & Training
Sophia Ramlal	-	Veterinary Officer

DELEGATEES:

(1) Operations Stewards

(2) The First Instance Tribunal:

-	George H. Bartholomew	-	Chairman	-	To Sept. 2005
-	Alexander V. Hamilton	-			To Sept. 2005
-	Charles Levy	-			To Sept. 2005
-	Mauriston M. T. Trouth	-			To Sept. 2005
-	Lester Woolery	-			
-	Maurice James	-			
-	Operations Stewards	-			
-	Linton Walters	-	Chairman	-	From Sept. 2005
-	Carlton Williams	-			From Sept. 2005
-	Collin Ifill	-			From Sept. 2005
-	George McPherson	-			From Sept. 2005
-	Leslie Hewitt	-			From Sept. 2005

SUB-COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Robert Gore	-	Commissioner
Derrick White	-	Commissioner
Ruth Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Raphleta Taylor	-	Director of Finance & Administration
Collin Berry	-	Finance Manager
Beverley Adams	-	Personnel & Administrative Officer

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Robert Gore	-	Chairman
Rudolph Muir	-	Commissioner
Derrick White	-	Commissioner
Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland	-	General Manager
Raphleta Taylor	-	Director of Finance & Administration
Collin Berry	-	Finance Manager

OBSERVATION COMMITTEE

Walter Campbell	-	Chairman
Hugh A. Levy, Jnr	-	Member
David Levy	-	Member
George Lawson	-	Member
George McPherson	-	Member

EQUINE DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland	-	Member
St. Aubyn Bartlett	-	Member
Sophia Ramlal	-	Member
Racing Chemist	-	Member
Racing Analyst	-	Member

HALL OF FAME TRUSTEES

Rudolph Muir	-	Chairman
Walter Campbell	-	Trustee
Richard Ashenheim	-	Trustee
Vincent Edwards	-	Trustee
David Levy	-	Trustee
Denzil Miller Jnr.	-	Trustee
Leonard McLean	-	Trustee
Howard Hamilton	-	Trustee

RACING INDUSTRY INSURANCE SCHEME COMMITTEE

Michael Coore	-	Chairman
Ruth A. Smith-Sutherland	-	Member
Collin Berry	-	Member
Eustace Williams	-	Member
Ina Lawrence	-	Member
Walford Brown	-	CTL Representative
Gresford Smith	-	Trainers' Representative
Leroy Brown	-	Jockeys' Representative
Paul Pancho	-	Grooms' Representative

EMOLUMENTS SENIOR STAFF 2005/2006

POSITION	ANNUAL BASIC SALARY \$	ANNUAL ALLOWANCES \$	TOTAL \$
General Manager	2,196,691.00	367,220.00	2,563,911.00
Director Finance & Administration	1,560,178.00	356,220.00	1,916,398.00
Director Racing	1,722,145.00	395,670.00	2,117,815.00
Senior Veterinarian	2,555,184.00	735,888.00	3,291,072.00
I.T. Manager	1,347,756.00	180,000.00	1,527,756.00

CHAPTER 1

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The primary goals of the Commission are to build a strong and credible industry and to serve as a 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 to commence preparation of the next volume 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 co-ordinator 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

Horseracing 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 live from the United States.

During the period under review CTL conducted eighty-one local race meets and 307 of simulcast race days with sales of \$5.33B.

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

	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003	2001/2002
RACEDAYS	81	80	87	92	93
NO. OF RACES	849	854	889	997	1003
TOTAL NO. OF RUNNERS/STARTS	8368	8162	8,390	9,639	9,724
AVERAGE NO. OF STARTERS PER RACE	9.85	9.56	9.44	9.66	9.69
RACEDAY SALES BY PROMOTER (LOCAL RACING)	\$1,918,740,750	\$1,650,283,220	\$1,577,737,094	\$1,658,836,137	\$1,805,682,798
RACEDAY SALES BY PROMOTER (SIMULCAST)	\$1,493,190,000	\$1,372,068,222	\$1,268,041,907	\$1,100,334,973	\$1,109,256,288
TOTAL PURSE MONEY PAID OUT	\$310,198,700	\$304,643,970	\$292,494,000	\$253,951,000	\$258,104,000

2.3 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRY

TABLE II

GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION TO RACING

	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004 \$	2002/2003 \$	2001/2002 \$
Horse Breeders' Scheme			1,145,340	4,273,833	6,872,040
Lab Analyses and repairs to equipment	10,411,863	11,258,645	7,746,680	7,064,280	4,514,991
Purse Payments	-	-	14,814,860	57,936,141	67,340,988
Publication of Racing Year in Jamaica	504,023	217,613	260,075	154,977	91,400
Grant for Publication of Jamaica Stud Book	-	-	-	-	-
Other Development Projects (See notes in Financial Statement)	17,602,361	16,229,209	19,643,187	11,756,468	11,735,998
Total Subsidies	28,518,247	27,705,467	43,610,142	81,185,699	90,555,417

CHAPTER 3

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.

A new tax structure was Gazetted effective November 2005, this provided for a Gross Profit Tax to replace the levies on Gross Sales and both the Promoter and the Bookmakers were required to make contributions to Regulation and others as set out below:

<u>Tax Liability of Promoter</u>	<u>Percentage GPT</u>
a) Pool Betting Duty	5%
b) Contributions to Regulation	
from Weekly gross sales	1% to BG&LC
From weekly gross sales	1% to JRC
From weekly gross sales	1% to Benevolent Fund

These contributions from both local and simulcast races.

<u>Tax Liability of Bookmakers</u>	<u>Percentage GPT</u>
a) Levy payable by Bookmakers	16 ½ %
b) Contribution to Regulation	
From weekly gross sales	1% to BG&LC
From weekly gross sales	1% to JRC

These contributions form both local and overseas races.

c) Contribution to Sports	½ %
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This contribution from overseas races only.

The new tax order met with strong resistance from the Promoting Company as well as the Bookmakers. Both parties indicated that there was inadequate or no consultation, that it was their understanding the Gross Profit Tax would replace the previous levies on sales and that there was no mention of any further contributions.

The Promoter said the contributions to the Commissions were totally untenable since they total 3% of gross sales when Caymanas Track Limited (CTL) made profits equivalent to 2% of gross sales. They therefore refused to pay the new tax and asked for a withdrawal of the Order. CTL lobbied for payment of a reduced levy in exchange for the company meeting the total cost of purses. The Bookmakers indicated they were not prepared to make contributions to the JRC from overseas racing and even threatened the cessation of overseas races.

The outcome of the foregoing is that for the period November 2005 to March 2006 the Commission had to receive special subventions by order of the Ministry of Finance to take care of the budgetary deficit resulting from non-payment of the Promoter and Bookmakers.

3.1.1 ACCOUNTS

The Commission's Annual Statements of Accounts for 2005/2006 and the Auditor's report thereon are attached

3.2 DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDUSTRY

The much anticipated divestment of Caymanas Park racetrack by the Government did not materialize. The questions which precipitated the move towards divestment remain unanswered as follows, this even though the year was fairly successful for racing:

- What is the future of the racetrack?
- How will the infrastructure issues be addressed?
- How will security at the racetrack be improved?
- Is there hope for the backstretch?
- What about Purse Increases?
- What is the long term plan for improvement of the racing product?

The Commission continued dialogue with the Minister of Finance and the Caymanas Track Limited Board on these issues in an attempt to find solutions.

3.3 REGULATORY

Areas that received special attention during the period include the following.

The continuous administration of the Jamaica Racing Commission Racing Rules 1977, including the amendments to existing and the establishment, of new ones. These amendments are set out below.

Rule 109	~	to establish a requirement for reporting the castration of any Native-bred, Barbados-bred or Trinidad-bred horse. This should be done not later than 30 days after operation is completed or a fine of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) may be imposed.
Rule 128	~	to establish the maximum number of starters allowable in races over 1000, 1100, 1800 and 1820 metres on the round course.
Rule 151 (i)	~	to increase the riding fee payable to a jockey to One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) per ride in addition to any purse earned by the horse he rides, save and except where such horse finished or is placed first (1 st) in a race, in which case the jockey would only be entitled to ten percent of the purse earned by the horse.
(ii)		to establish a fee to be paid to a Jockey or an Exercise Rider in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per horse/per mount.
Rule 247A	~	to provide that any person who uses abusive, indecent or calumnious language towards any member of the Commission or any of its delegates, would have breached the Rules and would therefore be liable to be fined an amount not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
Rule 257 (12)	~	to establish the level of the Furosemide found in a post race urine and blood sample, at which the Racing Chemist will declare it a positive finding.

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The Commission as empowered under section 26 of the Act revoked the delegation of functions of the Chairman, General Manager and Director of Finance and Administration dated October 21st, 1993 and replaced with one dated 24th March, 2005. This amendment stipulated who can be empowered or appointed by the Chairman, General Manager, and The Director of Finance and Administration.

Similarly the delegation instrument to the First Instance Tribunal was revoked and replaced with another dated 5th September, 2005. Those appointed were Linton Walters (Chairman), Carlton Williams, Collin Ifill, George McPherson, Lester Wollery, Maurice James, Leslie Hewitt and the Operations Stewards.

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 licences and permits.

3.4 REGISTRATION/LICENCES/PERMITS

At 31st March, 2006, a total of 604 permits and licenses for members of the occupational groups had been issued. This is broken down as follows:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	2005/2006	2004/2005
Trainers	116	114
Assistant Trainers	48	29
Jockeys	76	84
Grooms	322	322
Stable Assistants	15	6
Exercise Riders	27	33

The total number of owners registered for the period 1st February, 2006 to 31st March 2006, is as follows:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS	2005/2006	2004/2005
Owners (Individuals)	508	669
Owners (Registered Companies)	4	9
Owners' Agents	6	1

Although the number of owners registered was much less than the previous report it is to be noted that the registration period for this group is actually 1st February, 2006 to 31st January, 2008 (a two (2) year period). This report therefore only covers the first (2) months of the registration period, hence the lower total.

3.5 PROMOTING COMPANY

3.5.1 Racedays

Caymanas Track Limited the Promoters met the deadline for the application and approval of racing dates for the 2006 season. They applied for a total of eighty two (82) racedays, the same number approved for the previous year.

3.5.2 Review of Racing Programmes

The Operations Stewards maintained their role of monitors, ensuring that all horses and persons intending to participate in races were eligible. This process ensures fairness and adherence to the Rules of Racing.

3.6 VETERINARY

3.6.1 Race day Medication

The use of the race day medication again increased with a total of 4299 doses of Salix being administered to horses, compared to 3083 the previous period.

3.6.2 Veterinary “On Call” System

The Veterinary “On Call” systems (which was introduced by the Commission in the 1990’s) continued to ensure that horses declared to race and had to be withdrawn on racedays were legitimate. The system requires that all such horses be examined by the Commission’s Vets, who report his or her finding to the Stewards, with appropriate recommendations. During the period under review a total of 42 such horses were examined.

3.7 REVIEW OF RACEDAY FILMS

The Stewards continued to review raceday films and conducted weekly hearings into riding infringements as well as investigated reports of breaches of the Rules. These totals are as follows indicating the actions taken.

CATEGORY	NO. OF SUMMONS ISSUED	PENALTIES		TOTAL REFERRED TO COMMISSION
		Total Suspension	Total Fines	
Jockeys	136	177 days	\$187,000.00	1
Trainers	1	-	-	1
Others	1	-	-	1
Total	138	177 days	\$187,000.00	3

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 Equine Sample Collection Centre, known as the Testing Barn, at Caymanas Park, was again professionally managed by the Commission's Veterinary Department. This centre, a very crucial element in ensuring the integrity of horse racing in Jamaica, collected 1740 urine and 1308 blood samples during the period under review. From these totals 14 were reported by the Racing Chemist to contain prohibited substances under the Rules of Racing.

3.10 REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

The Operations Stewards in their management of the Registration Department continued to seek to improve procedures within the department. A tally at the end of the period under review revealed the following:

- (a) 333 Native Bred horses were registered with 22 applications pending.
- (b) 49 imported horses were registered with 15 applications pending.
- (c) 453 samples were sent to the laboratory for DNA and Blood Typing as well as Parentage Verification, while 175 horses were awaiting sampling.
- (d) 255 Lip Tattoos were affixed with 51 pending.
- (e) 319 names of horses were approved, 13 were denied while 18 were still being processed.

- (f) 64 applications for the registration of racing colours were approved.
- (g) 98 registrations of the death of horses were received.
- (h) 21 applications for Nom-de Plumes/Syndicates names were received and approved.
- (i) 568 applications for transfer of ownership of horses were approved.
- (j) 624 applications for the Training Agreements were approved.

3.11 JAMAICA STUD BOOK

Having acquired “approval” status in the preceding year, the Jamaica Stud Book Volume XII was published. Preparations also began for the production of Volume XIII which is proposed to be done in-house.

CHAPTER 4

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

The examination of horses (both “pre and post race”) by the Commission and Track Veterinarians continued to assist in identifying lameness and other chronic problems. This resulted in additional protection to the horses, owners, trainers, jockeys as well as punters by helping in the prevention of some serious injuries to both horses and their riders, which ultimately meant financial savings to all parties.

4.1 COMPULSORY VACCINATION

The Commission’s Veterinarians and Operations Stewards continued to be vigilant in monitoring the program of compulsory vaccination for all horses entering and being housed at Caymanas Park.

4.2 CULLING

These same Veterinarians also conducted periodical examinations on horses in general as a further effort in identifying chronically lame horses. These along with horses aged eight years and older, which had not earned a purse in the preceding twenty four (24) months, were culled from racing as at 31st December 2005. The number was 18 which is less than the thirty (30) culled at 31st December 2004.

4.3 HORSE WELFARE

Reports of horses being abandoned were less than the previous year. This could be attributed to the effect of investigations held by the Commission in the previous year, as well as the periodic publication of notices advising owners how to treat horses that were no longer able to race.

4.4 MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR JOCKEYS & EXERCISE RIDERS

Drug testing of all Jockeys and Exercise riders, as a condition of their obtaining a permit was continued. This was also extended to the individuals selected to the Jamaica Racing Commission Jockey’s Training School Programme. The Welfare Officer along with the Caymanas Track Limited surgeons were also able to offer counseling on the benefits of a healthy and drug free lifestyle.

4.5 SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR JOCKEYS

The wearing of safety helmets, vests as well as boots was rigidly monitored by the Stewards and the Welfare officer, the latter who regularly held sessions with the various occupational groups. She advised them of the benefits of using same, as well as how it impacted on the cost and benefits to the compulsory insurance scheme.

CHAPTER 5

JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to Appeals and Investigations conducted by the Commission; during the year the First Instance Tribunal, delegates of the Commission continued to hold investigations into the reports of Positive Findings, by the Racing Chemist, for prohibited substances. For the period under Review 11 cases were heard with penalties being imposed in all instances.

5.1 DELEGATION

There were no referrals of cases to the Commission by the Security Tribunal during the period.

5.2 APPEALS

The following appeals were heard and determined during the period:

5.2.1 Against the First Instance Tribunal:

DATE	NAME	FINDINGS
15-4-05	Glenville Morrissey	Trainer of SAID I SAID I on 1-1-05 (Decision set aside)
28-7-05	Winchester McIntosh	Trainer of PRIME FURY on 22-1-05 (Appeal dismissed)
23-3-06	Steadman Curtis	Trainer of SIR ABBAS MANGAL on 22-6-05 (Sanction imposed remain but period for payment of fine varied)

5.2.2 Against the Stewards of the Race meetings:

DATE	NAME	FINDINGS
14-7-05	Richard Mitchell	Jockey who rode FORMULA ONE on 22-6-05 (Appeal dismissed)
28-7-05	Quince Plunkett	An Owner for outstanding training fees owing between 2003 and 2004. (Amounts for settlement varied)
3-11-05	Devon Vanriel	Owner of CRIMSON GUIDE on 19-11-05 (Appeal dismissed)
2-12-05	Richard Azan	Owner/Trainer of RAMPAGE on 26-11-05 (Appeal allowed)
23-2-06	Percival Hussey	Trainer of PEACE & LOVE on 18-2-06 (Appeal dismissed)

5.2.3 Against the Handicapping Committee:

DATE	NAME	FINDINGS
14-7-05	Alexander Haber	Owner of LIL' COUNTRY BOY to be raced on 14-5-05 (Appeal allowed)
15-6-05	Phillip Liu	Owner of ROYAL RUN to be raced on 18-6-05 (Appeal allowed)
29-6-05	Francis Barnett	Owner of GOOD COMPANY to be raced on 2-7-05 (Appeal allowed)
22-12-05	Alexander Haber	Owner of FORMALLY GOLD to be raced on 27-12-05 (Appeal dismissed)
16-2-06	Joseph Duany	Owner of MIRACLE MAN to be raced on 18-2-06 (Appeal allowed)

5.3 Investigations by the Commission

During the year, the Commission conducted 4 investigations – 1 into the circumstances surrounding which a horse was declared a late non-starter, 3 into the conduct of racing personnel. All cases were settled.

5.4 Investigations by the First Instance Tribunal

The First Instance Tribunal conducted 11 investigations into reports of positive findings by the Racing Chemist. The substances found were:

SUBSTANCE	NO. OF CASES
Ephedrine	6
Diclofenac	2
Lasix	3
Nikethamide	1

There were 2 substances found in one sample. Penalties were imposed in 10 cases and 1 case was adjourned sine die.

5.5 Suits against the Commission

The suit filed by Dr. Paul Wright vs. Dr. St. Aubyn Bartlett, Jamaica Racing Commission and Jamaica Observer Limited in 2003 is still pending in the court.

During the year, judgement was handed down in respect of an application filed by Romel Wallen for an order of Certiorari to quash the decision of the Commission in relation to a dispute between the applicant and Trainer Patrick Fong. The application was dismissed by the Court.

CHAPTER 6

SPECIAL PROJECTS

6.1 JOCKEYS' TRAINING PROGRAMME

Statistics for (Apprentices) 19 graduates of the Jockeys' Training Programme.

TABLE III

APPRENTICES	2005/2006
Licensed No. of Graduates (apprentices)	19
No. of Rides	2,674
No. of Wins	252
Stakes Earned	\$76,445,600

Tables IV and V below provides data on the performance of jockeys who have graduated from the school.

TABLE IV

Licensed No. of Graduates	59
No. of Rides	6,219
No. of Wins	586
Stakes earned by Mounts	183,858,475.00

TABLE V

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE OF GRADUATES AND NON-GRADUATES

	# Lic.	% Lic. Joc.	# Rides	% Rides	# Wins	% Wins	% Win/Ride s	STAKES EARNED \$	% Total Stakes
GRAD.	59	54.13	6,219	77.99	586	68.78	9.42	183,858,475.00	65.12
NON GRAD	50	45.87	1,755	22.01	266	31.22	15.16	98,459,875.00	34.88
TOTAL	109	100.00	7,974	100.00	852	100.00	24.58	282,318,350.00	100.00

6.2 HALL OF FAME

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

6.2.1 CATEGORY A – HORSES

Racehorse - MENUDO

This outstanding local colt, the chestnut son of THE MEDIC out of MAKING PEACE rose from virtual obscurity to stardom.

MENUDO, a late bloomer rose to fame after winning the inaugural running of the West Indian Thoroughbred Racing Association (WITRA) Classic in 1999. That year he was also to put his stamp on the Red Stripe Superstakes when as a three-year-old he met and conquered other three-year-olds as well as older horses. He went on to win the Superstakes for four consecutive years.

His accolades include Champion Stayer 2000 to 2002, Horse of the Year 2000 and 2001 and runner up in 1999 and 2002. Over MENUDO'S relatively short career of five years this outstanding thoroughbred has won eighteen races from forty-five starts with earnings of \$12.9 million.

6.2.2 CATEGORY C – JOCKEYS

TREVOR MCKENZIE

Trevor McKenzie, son of former Champion Jockey, Reggie McKenzie to whom he was apprenticed, rose to fame while still a teenager. As a fifteen year old in 1965, he won his first jockey's title with 45 wins in his first full season in the saddle as an apprentice. In 1966 he duly followed up with a record 60 winners and completed the triple in 1968 all while still in his teens.

During that era the teenage sensation took Caymanas Park by storm. Trevor not only dominated the jockey's championship against the likes of arch rivals Winston Ellis, Kenneth Mattis, Neville Cousley, Arthur Jones, Donald Andrade and David McKenzie to name a few, but had the distinction of being the first jockey to be nominated for the Carreras Sportsman of the Year award for his achievements in 1966.

His exploits in the saddle that year saw him breaking a 38 year record for most wins which was previously held by the outstanding Billy Pick. McKenzie's brilliant career was cut short however by weight problems by the time he celebrated his 19th birthday.

6.2.3 CATEGORY D – GROOMS

CECIL JAMES CHAMBERS (AKA 'Bengo D')

Cecil Chambers entered the racing industry in 1960 when employed to Trainer Fitzgerald Crawford for whom he saddled his first winner, GOLD COIN. Following this there was no turning back as he worked with such outstanding trainers as Laurie Silvera, Oswald Lee, Arthur Sharpe and for the last 25 years Hall of Famer Phillip Feanny.

Over the years Cecil groomed outstanding winners like CREATION for the 1967 Governor's Cup and the Derby, ROYAL PARADE, GLAD TIDINGS, WILL MEET AGAIN, KNEW YOU WELL, MARK ROYAL, CHARLOTTE RUN, RAKKADASH, 1994 Horse of the year EROS and Triple Crown winner I'M SATISFIED among many others.

Prior to entering Phillip Feanny's stables, his spirit of adventure led him to Trinidad, where he did a 3 year stint, honing his skills and grooming one memorable winner QUEEN GATE.

6.2.4 CATEGORY E- OTHER RACING PERSONALITIES

1. HERMAN NEISH (AKA “Shamie”)

One person engaged in the nurture, care and formation of thoroughbreds is Groom Herman Neish, who has dedicated his life to the breeding industry.

In 1959 at the tender age of 14 Herman joined the team at Orange Valley Estates. He was spotted early by proprietor and noted horseman Calvin O’Sullivan who recognized in him the special qualities of patience, gentleness and determination. At the age of 22 he was given the position of stallion groom to ZALEUCUS and BIRNAMWOOD, which to the casual on looker may have seemed like too much responsibility for one so young, but his outstanding talent must have been evident to the managers.

Herman Neish led many of Jamaica’s great racehorses through their first steps. Horses such as REPRIEVE, PICCOLO PETE, CESARIO, ZELL, THE VICEROY, DORVAL, MR. SENSATIONAL, GOOD PROSPECT, SIMPLY MAGIC and others owe their success to his expert nurture.

This quiet, hardworking knowledgeable horseman became Orange Valley’s head groom in the late 1970’s a position he still holds. He has responsibility for over 70 horses and for the training and supervision of all grooms.

2. CECIL CHARLES CHARLTON

Cecil Charlton was first introduced to racing at the age of twelve when he with no money, having grown up with his mother in the Salvation Army , would ask friends to pay for him to go to Little Ascot racetrack in Old Harbour.

He soon became owner of his own racehorses and from small beginnings grew into one of the largest owners with twenty-eight horses trained by five trainers at one point in his career.

In 1976 he was leading owner with thirty-three races won and again in 1977 with forty-three races won. He owned horses such as BABY V, LOVER BOY CES, CECIL’S BOY, CECIL’S DARLING, DADDY DANCER, WE’LL MEET AGAIN, ANY DAY NOW, I HAVE RETURNED, THREE C’S, MISS MANCHESTER, VERONICA, MR. C, MASS C, HELL A POP and had exceptional successes, one such when he won five out of nine races on one race card at Caymanas Park. He has won The Knutsford Park Cup 1975, The Benson & Hedges Gold Cup, The Jockey Club Stakes, The Ambassador’s Trophy, The Abbie Grannum Memorial Cup and the Alexander Challenge Cup.

CHAPTER 7

WELFARE PROGRAMME

7.1 BENEVOLENT FUND

During the period under review there were seventeen (17) former racing persons enrolled with the Jamaica Racing Commission's Benevolent Fund:

- Lester Holmes
- Donald White
- Renford Baugh
- Byron Binns
- Roy Brown
- Keith Davis
- Warren Flemmings
- Norris Gray
- Roy Hewitt
- Roy Kennedy
- Joseph Levy
- Renford McIntosh
- George Reid
- Manley Sappleton
- Vincent Sappleton
- Barrington Smith
- Ivanhoe Johnson

Deaths:

Two members died during the period:

- Mr. Leslie Wilson – 29th September, 2005
- Mr. Lester Holmes – 2nd March, 2006

New Members:

- Ivanhoe Johnson was added during the year

Benevolent Fund:

Month	Pension Payment \$	Financial Assistance \$	Medical Assistance \$
April 2005	111,000.00	3,000.00	-
May 2005	108,000.00	3,000.00	-
June 2005	162,000.00	3000.00	-
July 2005	108,000.00	3,000.00	-
August 2005	108,000.00	3,000.00	-
September 2005	108,000.00	3000.00	7,940.00
October 2005	153,000.00	-	-
November 2005	105,000.00	6,000.00	-
December 2005	153,000.00	6,000.00	-
January 2006	105,000.00	-	-
February 2006	102,000.00	-	-
March 2006	96,000.00	3,000.00	7,574.00
TOTAL	\$1,419,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$15,514.00

7.2 FUNERAL GRANT

A total of \$50,000.00 was disbursed towards the funeral expenses for Messrs. Leslie Wilson and Lester Holmes who were members of the Benevolent Fund.

7.3 LITERACY TESTS

During this period thirty-six (36) applicants were given the literacy test as set out below:

OCCUPATIONAL GROUP	FAILED	PASSED	TOTAL
Stable Assistants	4	2	6
Grooms	11	7	18
Exercise Riders	6	6	12
TOTAL	21	15	36

7.4 RELATIONS BETWEEN TRAINERS AND STABLE EMPLOYEES

Sixteen disputes were reported to the Welfare Officer by trainers and grooms. Fifteen were settled and one is pending.

7.5 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.

Thirty (30) accidents were reported for the financial year; eleven (11) claims were submitted, and seven were settled.

7.6 DEATHS

NAME	OCCUPATION	DATE OF DEATH
Basil Morgan	Groom	October 2005
Leslie Wilson	Groom	October 2005
Lloyd Smith	Groom	March 2006
Lester Holmes	Groom	March 2006

CHAPTER 8

ADMINISTRATION

8.1 COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Commission convened sixty (48) meetings during the year, which included forty one (41) general meetings of the full Commission, one (1) Audit Committee meeting, one (1) Insurance Committee meeting, one (1) Equine Drug Testing Committee meeting and four (4) extraordinary meetings to consider matters such as the operations of the Racing Industry and Divestment of Caymanas Track Limited.

The Finance and Human Resources sub committee continued to streamline the financial operations of the organization.

8.2 STAFFING

The Commission closed the year with forty (40) members of staff; thirty-four (34) permanent members and six (6) part time members of staff. There were two (2) recruitments during the year.

8.3 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

In keeping with the objectives in the Corporate Plan to improve the capabilities of members of staff and to expose members of staff at all levels of the organization to at least eight hours of training, a number of training programmes were implemented over the period.

These were Computer technology for Accounts and support staff, Government Accounting for Accounts staff, Telephone Techniques, Customer Relations and Personal Development for support staff.

8.4 PUBLICATIONS

The 2005 Racing year Book was published.

CHAPTER 9

INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

9.1 MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS

Jamaica participates internationally in several thoroughbred horseracing organizations. The level of involvement however is constrained by the ever increasing cost of participation.

Our membership is with the following international and regional organizations, namely:

- Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)
- West Indian Thoroughbred Racing Association (WITRA)
- Caribbean Racing Confederation (CRC)

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 WITRA and CRC promote international horseracing events to which member countries are invited thus providing the opportunity to gain international exposure and improve experience. The experience and exposure derived from international participation adds great value to our racing and in particular our breeding industry.

The Commission, in an effort to remain relevant and abreast with international development 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)

plus numerous racetracks and Racing Regulators/Commissions throughout North and South America.

Organizations such as those listed above provide accepted industry standards, information for the movement of horses, authentication of identity and pedigree of horses 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 services; and,
- Access to racing technology

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

- University of Lexington ~ Veterinary Science Department
- The Gluck Equine Research Centre ~ Lexington Kentucky
- University of the West Indies ~ Chemistry Department
- Racing Laboratory, University of Florida ~ Gainesville, Florida

These organizations provide services in the areas of Bloodtyping, DNA Genetic testing, Parentage Verification, Equine Drug testing and Equine Research.

The English speaking racing jurisdictions in the Caribbean; namely Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica have established a potentially useful organization namely, West Indian Thoroughbred Racing Association (WITRA) which has as its objectives:

- to provide and stage West Indian Classic and such other races as may constitute a West Indian Classic Day;
- to promote racing and breeding of thoroughbred horses in the member countries;
- to exchange experience and knowledge of breeding improvement, nutrition and all aspects of thoroughbreds and;
- to promote close relations and friendship between the people of member countries as well as other people and countries that practice the sport of thoroughbred horseracing.

However a key component in fulfilling this potential is the ability to move horses freely throughout the Caribbean region. This however is hampered by the lack of reliable transportation and where available its prohibitive cost.

As a consequence, 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 ; and,
- WITRA Classic

is not happening.

The West Indian Thoroughbred Racing Association (WITRA) Classic which was run for the first time as a four year old race and under the stallion/foal subscription scheme in February 2005, was postponed several times in Jamaica due to transportation problems. The race was not run this year but is expected to be run early in the next financial year.

Jamaica continues to maintain associate membership in the Caribbean Racing Confederation. The Commission has expressed its intention to re-enter the Caribbean Racing Confederation as a fully participating member. To this end we will seek a change in our status at the mid-year meeting expected in July of this year.

9.2 VISITS ABROAD

During the fiscal year 2005/2006, Jamaica's racing jurisdiction was represented in several international and regional forums, providing needed training information and standards to our racing regulators, these include:

- Caribbean Racing Confederation
Mid year meeting
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
July 14-17, 2005
- Continuing Education for Accredited Stewards
Louisville Kentucky, USA
November 14-15, 2005
- Racing Commissioners International Inc & The Jockey Club Meetings
Lexington, USA
November 16-19, 2005
- 51st Annual Convention of American Association of Equine Practitioners
Seattle, Washington, USA
December 3-7, 2005
- Stud Book Meeting & Annual Assembly of Caribbean Racing Confederation
San Juan, Puerto Rico
November 30-December 5, 2005
- Racing Consortium
Tucson, Arizona
December 5-9, 2005

- Continuing Education for Accredited Stewards
Wilmington, Delaware
March 13-14, 2006

- Racing Commissioner International Inc. (RCI) Annual Convention
Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA
March 28-31, 2006

CHAPTER 10

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Commission's Annual Statement of Accounts for 2005/2006 and the Auditor's report are set out at Appendix 1.

