



# DELTA<sup>TM</sup> DOWNS

RACETRACK ♦ CASINO ♦ HOTEL

**2008-2009 RACING MEDIA GUIDE**



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# 2008-2009 Live Racing Schedule

Thoroughbred Season

88 Race Days

October 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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23 <sup>30</sup>	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2008						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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January 2009						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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March 2009						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

October 29, 2008 through March 28, 2009 Post Time 6:30pm (CST)

**5** Delta Jackpot

**7** Louisiana Premier Night

## Quarter Horse Season

52 Race Days

April 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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June 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2009						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April 16, 2009 through July 12, 2009 Post Time 6:30pm (CST)

**11** Showcase Night

**4** Firecracker Futurity

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# HISTORY OF DELTA DOWNS RACETRACK CASINO & HOTEL

The original Delta Downs was located in St. Joseph, La. and was opened in 1964. It was built by Lee Berwick, who loved American Quarter Horses and wanted a place for him and other owners to compete.

Berwick purchased 240 acres of land in Vinton, La. in the early 1970's and began to build a new racetrack. Featuring a six-furlong oval, the track was designed to accommodate mainly Quarter Horses. It included 1,200 stalls and opened to public on Sept. 20, 1973.

Throughout the years, Delta Downs' Quarter Horse season has drawn some of the sport's top athletes. AQHA champions like Mr Jess Perry, Develop a Plan, Johnny Vittoro, Kool Kue Baby, Oak Tree Special and Vals Fortune have all competed at Delta Downs.

Berwick owned and operated Delta Downs until 1999, when it was sold to Shawn Scott and a group of investors.

Scott and other horseracing interests lobbied the state to get slot machines legalized at racetracks in order to boost horseracing purses. In a relatively short period of time, the law was changed and plans were made to place a casino at Delta Downs.

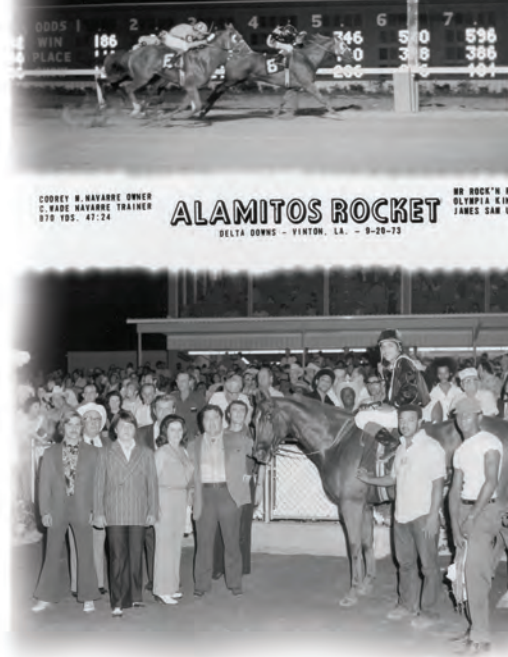
Before the new casino opened its doors, Delta Downs was sold once again, this time to Boyd Gaming Corporation. The company took over operation of Delta Downs in 2001 and opened the casino, with nearly 1,500 slot machines, in mid-February of 2002.

The new casino generated record purses at Delta Downs. During the upcoming 2008-2009 Thoroughbred Meeting, the track plans to offer over \$200,000 in daily purse money during its 88-day season.

The increase in purses has allowed Delta Downs to develop one of the nation's richest events, Boyd Gaming's \$750,000 Delta Jackpot Stakes.

The Delta Jackpot, which will be renewed for the sixth time on Friday, Dec. 5, became the first graded Thoroughbred race ever contested at Delta Downs after the North American Graded Stakes Committee granted the event grade III status in 2005.

The annual Jackpot program will take on even more importance this year as Boyd Gaming's \$500,000 Delta Princess Stakes Power by Youbet.com will also carry grade III status for the first time in its six-year history. The Princess is a one-mile test for 2-year-old fillies which draws top equine talent from coast to coast each year.



# Horseracing Organizations and Publications

## Louisiana State Racing Commission

320 North Carrollton Avenue  
Suite 2-B  
New Orleans, LA 70119-5100  
504-483-4000  
<http://horseracing.la.gov>

## Louisiana Thoroughbred Breeders' Association

1751 Gentilly Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
800-772-1195  
[www.louisianabred.com](http://www.louisianabred.com)

## Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association

National Horse Center  
4063 Ironworks Parkway  
Building B, Suite 2  
Lexington, KY 40511-8905  
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[www.hbpa.org](http://www.hbpa.org)

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1535 Gentilly Blvd.  
New Orleans, LA 70119  
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800 Third Avenue,  
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New York, NY 10022  
212-230-9500  
[www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com)

## Breeders' Cup Limited

P.O. Box 4230  
Lexington, KY 40544-4230  
859-223-5444  
[www.breederscup.com](http://www.breederscup.com)

## The Jockey Club

40 East 52nd Street  
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[www.jockeyclub.com](http://www.jockeyclub.com)

## American Quarter Horse Association

P.O. Box 200  
Amarillo, TX 79168  
806-376-4811  
[www.aqha.com](http://www.aqha.com)

## Race Track Chaplaincy of America

P.O. Box 91640  
Los Angeles, CA 90009  
310-419-1642  
[www.racetrackchaplaincy.org](http://www.racetrackchaplaincy.org)

## Daily Racing Form

1-800-306-FORM (3676)  
[www.drf.com](http://www.drf.com)

## Thoroughbred Times

P.O. Box 8237  
Lexington, KY 40533  
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[www.thoroughbredtimes.com](http://www.thoroughbredtimes.com)

## The Blood Horse

3101 Beaumont Centre Circle  
Lexington, KY 40513  
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## The Speedhorse Magazine

P.O. Box 1000  
Norman, OK 73070  
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## Quarter Horse Track Magazine

P.O. 222  
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# Facility Fact Sheet

**Promotions:** Prize giveaways, handicapping tournaments, Prime Rewards membership for comps including cash back, and special discount days.

**Parking:** Free

**Admission:** Free

**Location:** On Delta Downs Drive in Vinton, La. From Lake Charles, take exit 7 north off I-10 and follow the signs. From Texas, take exit 4 north off I-10 and follow the signs. Approximately three miles north of I-10.

**Opened:** Sept. 20, 1973

**Racing Breeds:** Thoroughbreds and American Quarter Horses

**Live Race Dates for 2008/2009:** October 29, 2008 - March 28, 2009 Thoroughbreds; April 16 - July 12, 2009 American Quarter Horses.

**Days Open For Live Racing:** Wednesdays through Saturdays for Thoroughbred Meeting; Thursdays through Sundays for American Quarter Horse Meeting.

**Post Time:** 6:30 p.m. (CST)

**Simulcasting:** 364 days a year (Closed Christmas Day). Wagering via simulcast on events from coast to coast and around the world in the state of the art OTB.

**Amenities:** Covered track patio seating; covered seating in paddock, OTB with glass enclosed non-smoking area; climate controlled grandstand with reserved seating; Lookout Restaurant above the track; Delta Vista Grill on track level east; Event Center for concerts and special gatherings; 203-room hotel with swimming pool; Triple Crown Buffet; Food Court; Gator Lounge with live entertainment nightly; Valet Parking; Casino promotions and giveaways with membership in the B Connected Club.

## General Racetrack Information

### Racetrack Dimensions:

Six-furlong oval with two chutes; a 550-yard (QH)/ 1 1/16-mile (TB), and a five-furlong chute.

### Surface:

Comprised of a mixture of sand from the Sabine River, clay and top soil on top of a limestone base.

### Length of Stretch:

660 feet.

### Width of Homestretch:

80 feet.

### Width of Backstretch and Turns:

70 feet.

### Banking:

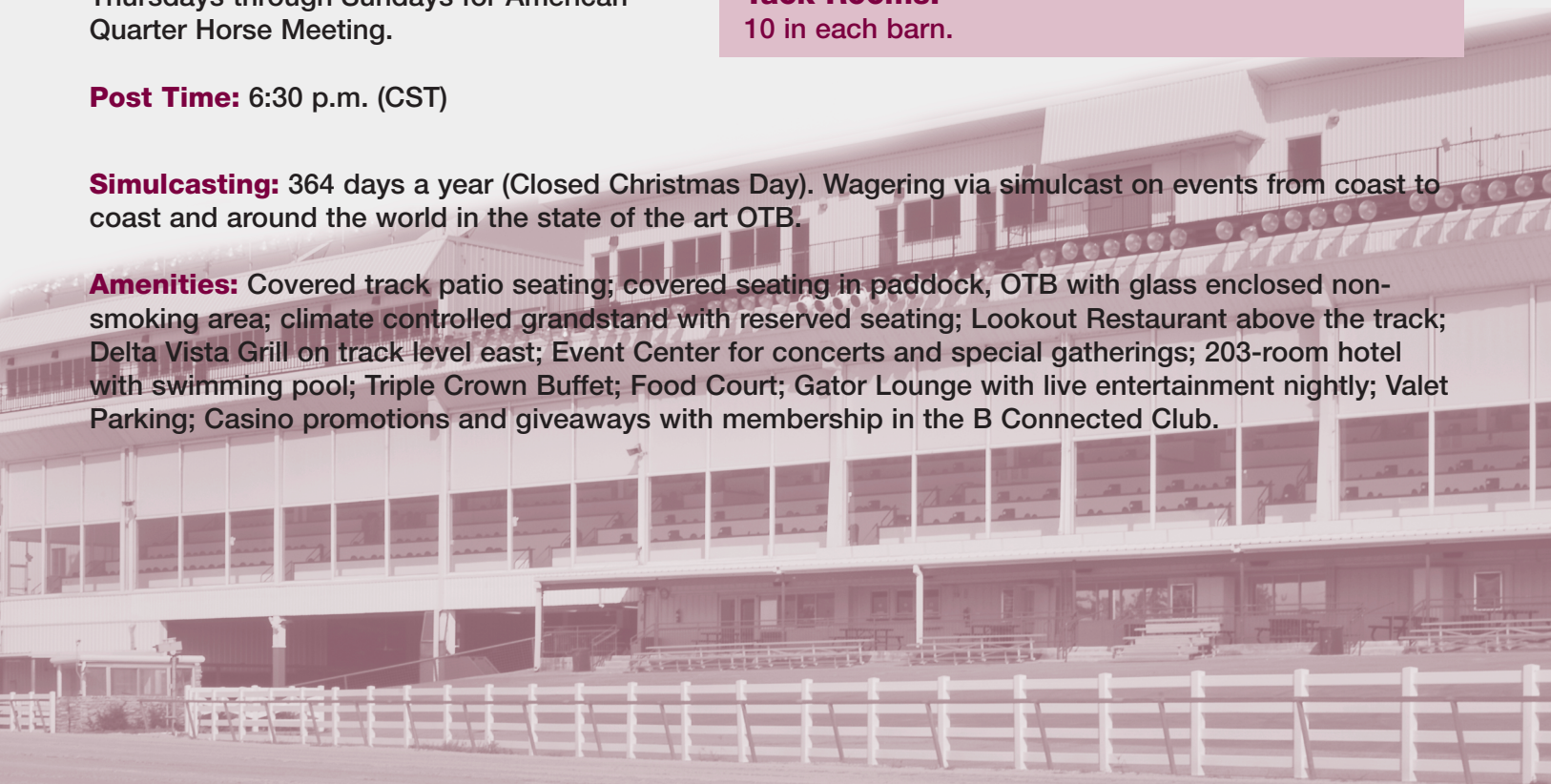
5 percent in homestretch and backstretch; 10 percent on turns.

### Barns:

22 with 60 stalls in each.

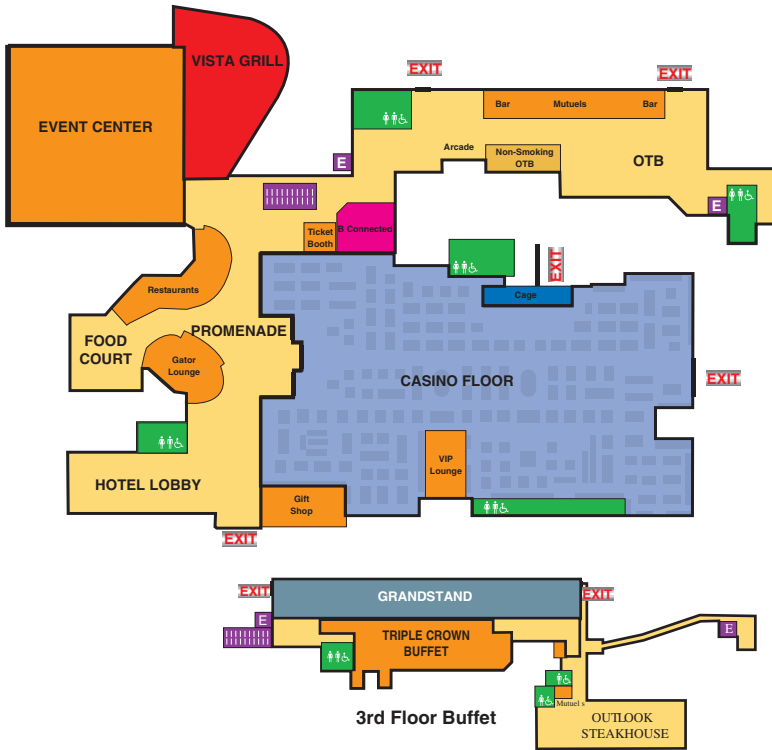
### Tack Rooms:

10 in each barn.

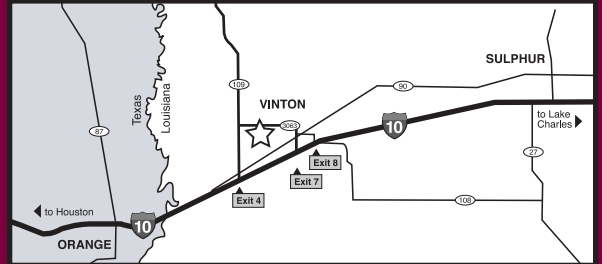


# MAP OF DELTA DOWNS

## FACILITY MAP



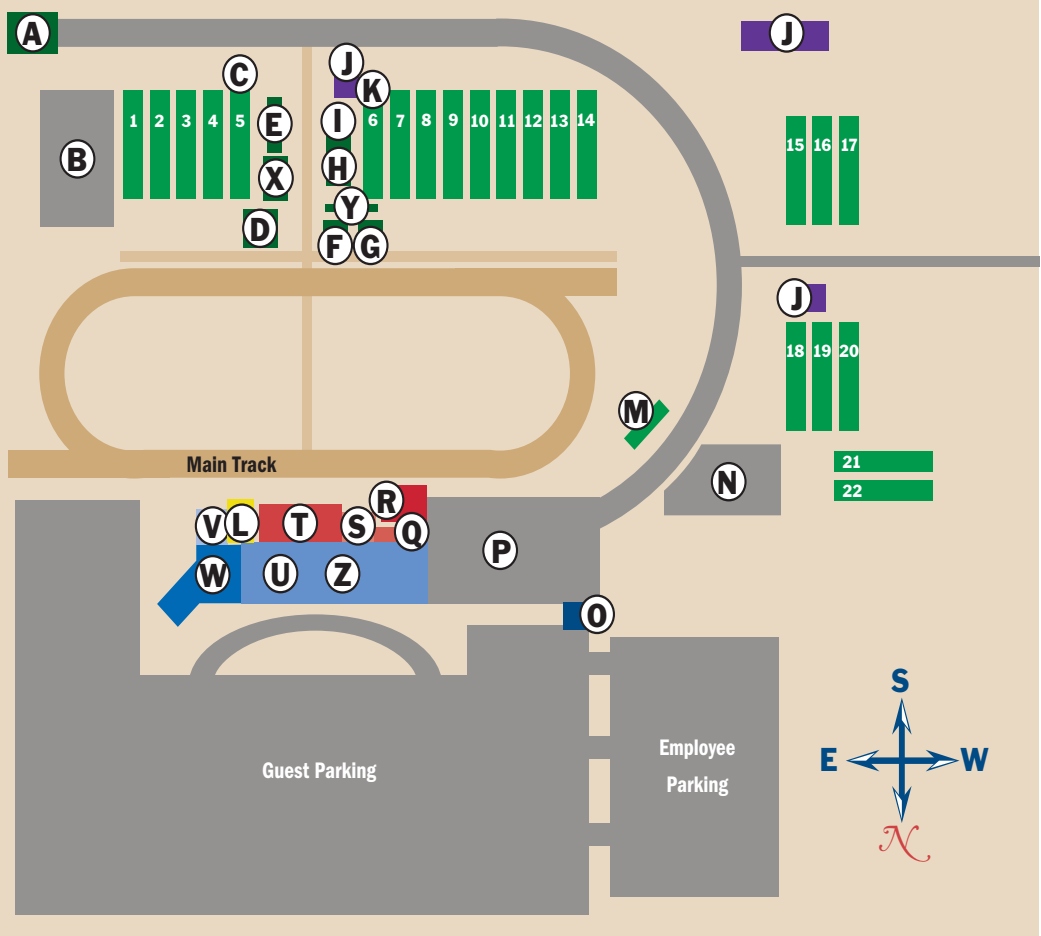
## LOCATION



Delta Downs is located at 2717 Delta Downs Drive in Vinton, Louisiana, just a few minutes from the Louisiana/Texas border.

## LAYOUT OF PROPERTY

- A** East Gate Stable Entrance
- B** Long Term Trailer Parking
- C** Receiving Barn/Stall Office
- D** Test Barn
- E** Equine Spa
- F** Holding Barn
- G** Equiciser
- H** Tack Shop
- I** Track Kitchen
- J** Restrooms/Showers
- K** Stakes Barn
- L** Vista Grill
- M** Maintenance Shop
- N** Trainer Parking
- O** North Gate Security
- P** Restricted Parking
- Q** LSRC/Bookkeeper
- R** Racing Office/Stewards
- S** Paddock
- T** Grandstand/OTB
- U** Casino
- V** Event Center
- W** Hotel
- X** Chaplain's Trailer
- Y** HBPA Trailer
- Z** Lookout Restaurant 4th Floor
- 1-22** Bams





## THOROUGHBRED TRACK RECORDS

Mrs Deville	02/19/76	2 1/2 - Fur	:27.00
Rock Afire	12/10/94	4 - Fur	:46.20
Raisable Adversary	02/15/92	4 1/2 - Fur	:51.00
All Wired Up	10/19/07	5 - Fur	:57.24
Chief Okie Dokie	02/08/02	6 1/2 - Fur	1:18.76
No It's Not	01/24/03	7 - Fur	1:24.31
Junior Gent	03/14/74	7 1/2 - Fur	1:33.20
Freon Flier	03/10/02	1M	1:37.52
Thriller	09/27/73	1M 70y	1:42.40
Norms Promise	03/23/75	1M 1/16	1:43.20
Lucky Silence	02/18/94	1M 1/8	1:55.40
Ponderosa Lark	10/31/75	1M 3/16	2:03.60
Shy Bull	11/03/74	1M 1/4	2:10.20
Gentleman Mike	12/01/74	1M 5/16	2:17.60
Surrogates Wish	03/22/03	1M 3/8	2:23.52
Art Work	01/11/74	1M 1/2	2:41.20
Golden Foil	03/27/04	1M 9/16	2:46.86
Can Em	12/10/88	2M	3:42.80

**All Wired Up winning Zydeco Stakes while setting a new 5 furlong track record on October 19, 2007.**



# BIOS and STANDINGS

## '07-'08 LEADING THOROUGHBRED JOCKEY



### Gerard Melancon

Birthdate: May 19, 1967

Resides: Scott, Louisiana

Earned his first Delta Downs riding title in 2007-2008 with a record 146 wins from 518 mounts...His total of \$2,815,690 in mount earnings also established a new record, surpassing the old mark of \$2,415,745 set by Tracy Hebert in 2006-2007...Rode seven stakes winners last year including a score with Golden Yank in the \$150,000 Jean Lafitte Stakes...Won first race of his career at Evangeline Downs in 1984...Has ridden in two

Breeders' Cup races finishing 10th aboard Bonapaw in the 2002 Sprint and ninth with Fantastic Cat in the 2004 Classic...Notched his 3,000th career victory on April 19, 2007 while riding at Evangeline Downs, where he's earned multiple leading rider titles over the years...Son Jansen is following in his father's footsteps by riding American Quarter Horses during Delta Downs' annual sprint season each summer.

### Boyd Era Thoroughbred Leading Jockeys at Delta Downs:

'07-'08:

Gerard Melancon, 146 wins, 518 mounts, \$2,815,690 in earnings.

'06-'07:

Tracy Hebert, 121 wins, 485 mounts, \$2,415,745 in earnings.

'05-'06:

\*\*\*Season cancelled due to damage from Hurricane Rita.

'04-'05:

Guy Smith, 121 wins, 604 Mounts, \$2,060,753 in earnings.

'03-'04:

Steve Bourque, 120 wins, 516 mounts, \$2,138,344 in earnings.

'02-'03:

Steve Bourque, 116 wins, 534 mounts, \$1,836,007 in earnings.

'01-'02:

Steve Bourque, 113 wins, 454 mounts, \$814,587 in earnings.

## DELTA DOWNS

From 10/19/2007 To 03/29/2008

### Current Meet Leading Jockeys

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Gerard Melancon	518	146	94	72	28	60	\$2,815,690
Colby J. Hernandez	546	95	62	71	17	42	\$1,612,768
Donald Edward Simington	385	70	56	58	18	48	\$1,503,495
Marlon St. Julien	336	41	44	35	12	36	\$767,520
Todd James Dupuis	412	39	47	38	9	30	\$720,775
Cody Meche	283	39	42	28	14	39	\$796,759
Kerwin D. Clark	257	39	36	22	15	38	\$848,745
Carlos Lozada	246	36	27	33	15	39	\$600,430
Shane Laviolette	361	35	58	50	10	40	\$824,495
Ricky J. Faul	326	30	37	29	9	29	\$573,994

### Current Meet Leading Trainers

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Keith G. Bourgeois	327	88	45	49	27	56	\$1,377,080
Sam Breux	285	59	47	39	21	51	\$1,065,320
Terry W. Vance	119	22	15	14	18	43	\$340,265
Jerry K. Hardin	102	20	19	15	20	53	\$355,255
Steven M. Asmussen	65	20	12	13	31	69	\$600,440
Brandon Marks	90	17	17	8	19	47	\$375,770
Chad Hassenpflug	104	17	15	15	16	45	\$305,730
Jerry D. Cart	87	17	10	16	20	49	\$267,585
Doris Hebert	120	16	20	17	13	44	\$328,565
James C. Hudson	83	16	15	13	19	53	\$553,135

### Current Meet Leading Owners

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
K. A. T. Racing Stable (K. Bourgeois, A. Distefano & T. Williams)	48	25	8	2	52	73	\$306,540
Heiligbrodt Racing Stable (L. William & C. C. Heiligbrodt)	78	19	15	16	24	64	\$668,205
Whispering Oaks Farm LLC (Carrol Castille)	62	14	10	7	23	50	\$291,600
2 Blondes, Inc. (Bill Stevin)	30	12	2	4	40	60	\$81,755
S and S Stables LLC (Howard W. & Elvera Scarberry)	69	11	8	7	16	38	\$162,060
Doris Hebert	50	8	10	6	16	48	\$152,295
Maggi Moss	18	8	5	2	44	83	\$116,860
Gerald L. Averett, Sr.	54	7	8	9	13	44	\$168,360
Olivo I. Inirio	33	6	4	3	18	39	\$53,595
Larry J. Romero	11	6	0	2	55	73	\$134,245



## BIOS and STANDINGS

### '07-'08 LEADING THOROUGHBRED TRAINER



**Keith Bourgeois:**

Birthdate: May 22, 1963

Resides: Lafayette, Louisiana

Notched his fifth consecutive leading trainer title at Delta Downs in 2007-2008 by saddling a record 88 winners from 327 starters...Also smashed his own single-season record for total earnings in a Thoroughbred meeting with a staggering mark of \$1,377,080...Sent out three stakes winners last year headed by Bandido in the \$65,400 Cocodrie Stakes with leading rider Gerard Melancon in the saddle...First career win as a trainer came in 1993...Won national titles for rodeo bareback riding in 1979 and 1980...Competes mainly on the southern Louisiana circuit at Delta Downs, Evangeline Downs and the Fair Grounds...Ranked 11th among trainers nationally in 2007 with 160 wins from 699 starts...Finished in the top 12 among trainers at the Fair Grounds for eight straight seasons from 1996-2004.

**Boyd Era Thoroughbred Leading Trainers at Delta Downs:**

'07-'08: Keith Bourgeois, 88 wins, 327 starts, \$1,377,080 in earnings.

'06-'07: Keith Bourgeois, 55 wins, 278 starts, \$947,525 in earnings.

'05-'06: \*\*\*Season cancelled due to damage from Hurricane Rita.

'04-'05: Keith Bourgeois, 55 wins, 317 starts, \$762,843 in earnings.

'03-'04: Keith Bourgeois, 61 wins, 311 starts, \$899,876 in earnings.

'02-'03: Doris Hebert, 55 wins, 241 starts, \$793,679 in earnings.

Keith Bourgeois, 55 wins, 270 starts, \$946,365 in earnings.

'01-'02: Doris Hebert, 43 wins, 145 starts, \$300,916 in earnings.

**Boyd Era Thoroughbred Leading Owners at Delta Downs:**

'07-'08: K.A.T. Racing Stable, 25 wins, 48 starts, \$306,540 in earnings.

'06-'07: K.A.T. Racing Stable, 11 wins, 37 starts, \$171,280 in earnings.

'05-'06: \*\*Season cancelled due to damage from Hurricane Rita.

'04-'05: Carrol Castille, 18 wins, 62 starts, \$217,275 in earnings.

'03-'04: Doris Hebert, 17 wins, 37 starts, \$182,316 in earnings.

'02-'03: Thoroughbred Acadiana LLC, 12 wins, 35 starts, \$136,785 in earnings.

'01-'02: John Franks, 13 wins, 48 starts, \$149,925 in earnings.

# 2008-2009 Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule

Date	Race Name	Age	Breed	Dist.	Purse
Fri., Oct. 31, 2008	.Gardenia**	.fm3+	.La.	.7f	.\$60,000 guar
Fri., Oct. 31, 2008	.Cocodrie**	.3+	.La.	.7f	.\$60,000 guar
Sat., Nov. 1, 2008	.Mademoiselle	.fm3+		.5f	.\$50,000 guar
Sat., Nov. 1, 2008	.Zydeco	.3+		.5f	.\$50,000 guar



My Trusty Cat '07 Winner  
Miss Missile



Jean Lafitte '07 Winner  
Golden Yank

## DELTA JACKPOT PREVIEW NIGHT

Fri., Nov. 7, 2008	.My Trusty Cat	.f2		.7f	.\$100,000 guar
Fri., Nov. 7, 2008	.Jean Lafitte	.2yr		.1m	.\$150,000 guar
Fri., Nov. 7, 2008	.Golden Triangle	.fm3+		.7 1/2f	.\$50,000 guar
Fri., Nov. 7, 2008	.Marshland	.3+		.7 1/2f	.\$50,000 guar



Sam's Town '07 Winner  
Jonesboro



Delta Princess '07 Winner  
By the Light



Delta Jackpot '07 Winner  
Z Humor & Turf War

## DELTA JACKPOT NIGHT

Fri., Dec. 5, 2008	.Orleans**	.f3		.7f	.\$50,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 5, 2008	.Sam's Town**	.3+		.7f	.\$50,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 5, 2008	.Delta Mile	.3+		.1m	.\$100,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 5, 2008	.Treasure Chest	.fm3+		.1m	.\$100,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 5, 2008	.Delta Princess Powered by Youbet.com (Gr. III)	.f2		.1m	.\$500,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 5, 2008	.Boyd Gaming's Delta Jackpot (Gr. III)	.2yr		.1m 1/16	.\$750,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 27, 2008	.Calcasieu	.2yr	.La.	.5f	.\$60,000 guar
Fri., Dec. 27, 2008	.Crème De La Crème	.f2	.La.	.5f	.\$60,000 guar
Sat., Jan. 3, 2009	.Camelia	.fm4+	.La.	.1m	.\$75,000 guar
Sat., Jan. 3, 2009	.Cypress	.4+	.La.	.1m	.\$75,000 guar
Fri, Jan. 16, 2009	.Genesis	.f3		.7f	.\$50,000 guar
Fri, Jan. 16, 2009	.Triple Sec	.3		.7f	.\$50,000 guar



# 2008-2009 Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule

Date	Race Name	Age	Breed	Dist.	Purse
<b>LOUISIANA PREMIER NIGHT</b>					
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Bon Temps Starter	fm4+	.La.	.5f	.\$45,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Ragin Cajun Starter	4+	.La.	.5f	.\$45,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Ladies Starter	fm4+	.La.	.1m	.\$55,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Gentlemen Starter	4+	.La.	.1m 1/16	.\$55,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Starlet	f3	.La.	.7f	.\$125,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Prince	3yr	.La.	.7f	.\$125,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Matron	fm4+	.La.	.5f	.\$100,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Sprint	4+	.La.	.5f	.\$100,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Distaff	fm4+	.La.	.1m	.\$150,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 7, 2009	.La. Premier Night Championship	4+	.La.	.1m 1/16	.\$200,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 28, 2009	.Goddess	fm4+		.1m 1/16	.\$75,000 guar
Sat., Feb. 28, 2009	.Gulf Coast Classic	4+		.1m 1/16	.\$75,000 guar
Fri., Mar. 6, 2009	.Magnolia	fm4+	.La.	.7f	.\$75,000 guar
Fri., Mar. 6, 2009	.Gold Cup	4+	.La.	.7f	.\$75,000 guar
Fri., Mar. 20, 2009	.Green Oaks	f3		.1m	.\$75,000 guar
Fri., Mar. 20, 2009	.Sportman's Paradise	3yr		.1m	.\$75,000 guar
Fri., Mar. 28, 2009	.B-Connected**	3+		.1m	.\$50,000 guar
Fri., Mar. 28, 2009	.Lookout**	fm3+		.1m	.\$50,000 guar

**\*\*Restricted:** Horses which have not won a sweepstakes.



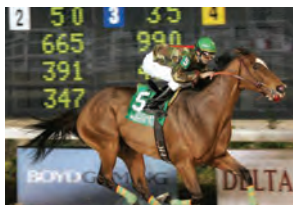
LAPN Starlet '08 Winner  
Superior Storm



LAPN Prince '08 Winner  
Doble Quebrado



LAPN Matron '08 Winner  
Smitty's Sunshine



LAPN Sprint '08 Winner  
All Wired Up



LAPN Distaff '08 Winner  
Zarb's Ballerina



LAPN Championship '08 Winner  
Magic Sunset

# TWO FOR THE MONEY IN JACKPOT

The 2007 edition of Boyd Gaming's \$1 Million Delta Jackpot Stakes (Grade III) featured one of the most exciting and dramatic finishes of the year in Thoroughbred racing. After 1-1/16 miles of grueling competition, Z Humor and Turf War were inseparable at the wire and wound up in a dead heat for the win.

After facing eventual Eclipse Award winning Champion 2-year-old War Pass in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile just five weeks earlier, Zayat Stables' Z Humor was sent to Delta Downs along with Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott and nationally prominent jockey Garrett Gomez. The trio was poised for success and the wagering public agreed, making the Kentucky-bred son of Distorted Humor a short price of just 3-2 on the toteboard.

At the other end of the pari-mutuel spectrum was Turf War, who was dismissed by race fans at 39-1 after making a lengthy sojourn to Vinton from Toronto, Canada, where he had most recently competed at Woodbine racetrack. The property of Woodford Racing LLC did have a local connection however, as Louisiana native and Kentucky Derby winning rider Calvin Borel had accepted the Jackpot mount from trainer Mark Casse.

Not only were the eventual winners sent off at very different odds, they also took completely opposite paths to the finish line during the race. Z Humor broke sharply and was intent on staying close to pacesetter St. Joe until he reached the homestretch. Turf War was taken back to last by Borel and ran nearly 17 lengths behind the leader early on.

As the field approached the top of the lane, Gomez and Z Humor were well placed while saving ground on the inside. Their journey to victory seemed almost complete with only an eighth of a mile to go. In contrast, Borel's work on Turf War had just begun with a sustained rally from far behind. But a wall of horses still stood between them and the finish line while precious time was beginning to run out.

In a desperate move to keep his mount rolling, Borel guided Turf War to the middle of the racetrack, nearly eight paths off the rail entering the stretch. For a jockey who had made a name for himself by taking the short way home, this had to feel awkward, but desperate times were calling for desperate measures.

As the field straightened away in the final strides, it became clear that this would be no walk in the park for either Z Humor or Turf War, as eventual Delta Downs leading rider and record breaker Gerard Melancon burst on the scene with Jean Lafitte hero Golden Yank. The pair finally got clear sailing after being bottled up for nearly a quarter of a mile around the far turn.

With a little more than a sixteenth of a mile to race the stage was set for a breathtaking finish. Z Humor had grabbed a one-length lead before Golden Yank appeared to his outside and Turf War started to bear down in the center of the track while drifting in through the stretch. Gomez, Melancon and Borel each knew victory was within their grasp, but neither was gaining an advantage as the finish line drew ever closer.

About fifty feet from the wire, the trio came together and ran nearly shoulder to shoulder until they reached the finish line. Their close proximity only served to strengthen each horse's resolve, and the pitched battle continued right to the end.

Just a few short moments after the race, the photo finish sign went up on the toteboard and the placing judges began their job of inspecting the ultra tight finish. It was pretty clear that Golden Yank had finished third, but it was impossible to tell if either Z Humor or Turf War had stretched out their nose enough to earn the \$600,000 first-place paycheck.

Meanwhile, while Melancon was pulling up his mount after the race, he felt as though his mount was compromised while racing in tight quarters nearing the finish. He immediately claimed foul against both of his rivals. That action caused even more drama because the winner was yet to be determined and the stewards would have to scrutinize the drive to the wire by means of video tape.

The placing judges eventually took down the photo finish sign and a dead heat was announced. The stewards also disallowed the claim of foul and the race was declared official.

Relieved and exalted, the winning connections celebrated their accomplishment on the track apron while Gomez and Borel both smiled and offered high fives to each other while waiting to have their pictures taken in the winner's circle.

There may never be another finish that matches the excitement of last year's Delta Jackpot Stakes, but you never know. This year's big race will take place on Friday, December 5 along with Boyd Gaming's \$500,000 Delta Princess Stakes Powered by Youbet.com (Grade III) and four other added money events.



# 2007 DELTA JACKPOT DEAD HEAT FINISH

**Z Humor** (yellow cap)

JOCKEY **GARRETT GOMEZ** TRAINER **WILLIAM MOTT** OWNER **ZAYAT STABLES**

**Turf War** (teal cap)

JOCKEY **CALVIN BOREL** TRAINER **MARK CASSE** OWNER **WOODFORD RACING LLC**





## **BY THE LIGHT DOMINATES; PRINCESS TO CARRY GRADE III STATUS IN 2008**

The 2007 running of Boyd Gaming's \$300,000 Delta Princess Stakes Powered by Youbet.com turned into a runaway for East Coast invader By the Light, who proved too much to handle for nine rivals in the one-mile affair.

Under jockey Rafael Bejarano, the New York-bred daughter of Malibu Moon stalked a rapid pace set by Miss Missile and rider Justin Shepherd, who had traveled the first quarter-mile in :22.23 and the initial half-mile in :46.78.

The taxing pace took its toll on Miss Missile, who had entered the richest annual offering for females at Delta Downs off a resounding score in the \$100,000 My Trusty Cat Stakes just four weeks earlier.

When the field entered the homestretch, Bejarano was sitting on a missile of his own, as By the Light hit her best stride with 1/8th of a mile to race and proceeded to blow by her front-running rival with ease.

Bejarano knew a win was inevitable as the final yards melted away. His bay mount increased her margin to 5-1/4 lengths at the finish line while Miss Missile held second by 1-1/2 lengths over late-running Lady On Holiday. The final time for eight furlongs over a fast track was 1:40.21.

By the Light's victory at Delta Downs proved to be the richest victory of her career, as she banked at tidy sum of \$180,000 for the effort. It also turned out to be her first win against unrestricted competition. During the first three tallies of her career she defeated horses in her home state at Belmont Park and Finger Lakes while racing against New York-breds only.

By the Light was saddled by trainer Richard, Dutrow, Jr., who would eventually saddle 2008 Kentucky Derby hero Big Brown.

Dutrow has been very selective while mapping out By the Light's career. Since her trip to Vinton last December, the talented runner has won two more stakes in New York and finished second to Eclipse Award winning filly Indian Blessing in the Grade I \$250,000 Prioress Stakes on July 5 at Saratoga.

The Princess Stakes was granted grade III status and the purse was increased to \$500,000 for 2008. Those changes will mean an even stronger race card on Friday, December 5 when the track also hosts Boyd Gaming's \$750,000 Delta Jackpot (Gr. III), and four other added-money events on a night that will feature total purse money of more than \$1.6 million.





# MAJOR THOROUGHBRED STAKES WINNERS IN THE BOYD GAMING ERA AT DELTA DOWNS

## **\$100,000 My Trusty Cat (Friday, November 7, 2008)**

'07-'08 Winner: Miss Missile. Jockey: Justin Shepherd. Trainer: Charles E. Smith. Owner: Charles E. Smith.

'06-'07 Winner: Meadow Breeze. Jockey: Steve Bourque. Trainer: C. J. Deville. Owner: Willow Rock Stable LLC.

## **\$150,000 Jean Lafitte (Friday, November 7, 2008)**

'07-'08 Winner: Golden Yank. Jockey: Gerard Melancon. Trainer: Gary A. Thomas. Owner: Millard R. Seldin Revocable Trust.

'06-'07 Winner: Tortuga Straits. Jockey: Luis Quinonez. Trainer: R. Irwin. Owner: Karla Balensiefen

'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).

'04-'05 Winner: Leaving On My Mind. Jockey: Roman Chapa. Trainer: Danny Pish. Owner: George A. Wolff.

'03-'04 Winner: Joe Six Pack. Jockey: Carlos Gonzalez. Trainer: Cole Norman. Owner: Gary & Mary West

'02-'03 Winner: Comic Truth. Jockey: Jamie Theriot. Trainer: Cole Norman. Owner: K. K. & Vilasini Jayaraman

'01-'02 Winner: Knight of the Mt. Jockey: Jerri Nichols. Trainer: W. Thomas. Owner: John Franks.

## **\$100,000 Sam's Town (Friday, December 5, 2008)**

'07-'08 Winner: Jonesboro. Jockey: Calvin Borel. Trainer: Randy Morse. Owner: Michael Langford.

'06-'07 Winner: Jonesboro. Jockey: Donnie Meche. Trainer: Randy Morse. Owner: Michael Langford.

'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).

'04-'05 Winner: Intelligent Male. Jockey: Tracy Hebert. Trainer: Cole Norman. Owner: Kaegle Brothers, Inc.

## **\$100,000 Treasure Chest (Friday, December 5, 2008)**

'07-'08 Winner: Coolwind. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Greg Geier. Owner: Jim Tafel, LLC.

'06-'07 Winner: Baileys Affair. Jockey: Rico Flores. Trainer: Howard Scarberry. Owner: S & S Stables, LLC.

'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).

'04-'05 Winner: So Much More. Jockey: Guy Smith. Trainer: Josie Carrol. Owner: William Schetine.

## **\$500,000 Boyd Gaming's Delta Princess Powered by Yobet.com, Grade III (Friday, December 5, 2008):**

'07-'08 Winner: By the Light. Jockey: Rafael Bejarano. Trainer: Richard Dutrow, Jr. Owner: Jay Em Ess Stable.

'06-'07 Winner: Miss Atlantic City. Jockey: Kent Desormeaux. Trainer: Keith Desormeaux. Owner: Peter Cantrell.

'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).

'04-'05 Winner: Punch Appeal. Jockey: Donnie Meche. Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Heiligbrodt Stable & Burning Day Farm.

'03-'04 Winner: Salty Romance. Jockey: Mike Smith. Trainer: Patrick Biancone. Owner: Flying Zee Stable.

'02-'03 Winner: My Trusty Cat. Jockey: Terry Thompson. Trainer: David R. Vance. Owner: Carl Pollard.

'07-'08 Winners (Dead Heat). Z Humor. Jockey: Garrett Gomez. Trainer: William Mott. Owner: Zayat Stables, LLC. --

Turf War. Jockey: Calvin Borel. Trainer: Mark Casse. Owner: Woodford Racing, LLC.

'06-'07 Winner: Birdbirdistheword. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Kenneth McPeck. Owner: Raymond Cottrell, Sr.

'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).

'04-'05 Winner: Texcess. Jockey: Victor Espinoza. Trainer: Paul Aguirre. Owners: Paul Aguirre & Omar Aldabbaugh.

'03-'04 Winner: Mr. Jester. Jockey: Roman Chapa. Trainer: Steve Wren. Owner: Kaaren & Hays Biggs.

'02-'03 Winner: Outta Here. Jockey: Kent Desormeaux. Trainer: William Currin. Owners: William Currin & Alvin Eisman.

'07-'08 Winner: Superior Storm. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Richard Jackson. Owner: Jac Mac Stable, LLC.

'06-'07 Winner: My Friend Bele. Jockey: Tracy Hebert. Trainer: James Hudson. Owner: Heiligbrodt Racing Stable.

'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).

'04-'05 Winner: Sweet Macaroni. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Troy Young. Owner: Five Star Stables.

'03-'04 Winner: Placid Star. Jockey: Gerard Melancon. Trainer: Sam B. David, Jr. Owner: James Mc Curry & Sam B. David, Jr.

'02-'03 Winner: Itsmybag. Jockey: Kirk LeBlanc. Trainer: J. Keith Desormeaux. Owner: Acadiana Thoroughbreds, LLC.

# MAJOR THOROUGHBRED STAKES WINNERS IN THE BOYD GAMING ERA AT DELTA DOWNS

## **\$125,000 Louisiana Premier Night Prince (Saturday, February 7, 2009)**

'07-'08 Winner: Doble Quebrado. Jockey: Cody Meche. Trainer: James Hodges. Owner: Ruben Valdes.  
'06-'07 Winner: Tortuga Straits. Jockey: Luis Quinonez. Trainer: R. Irwin. Owner: Karla Balensiefen.  
'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).  
'04-'05 Winner: Crimson Stag. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Dallas Stewart. Owner: West Point Thoroughbreds, LLC.  
'03-'04 Winner: Old Lee. Jockey: Elvis J. Perrodin. Trainer: Sam B. David, Jr. Owner: Frank Fletcher Racing Operations, Inc.

## **\$100,000 Louisiana Premier Night Matron (Saturday, February 7, 2009)**

'07-'08 Winner: Smitty's Sunshine. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Morris Nicks. Owner: Roger Smith.  
'06-'07 Winner: Indigo Girl. Jockey: Kerwin Clark. Trainer: Samuel Breaux. Owner: R. Davis and Associates.  
'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).  
'04-'05 Winner: Where Is My Daddy. Jockey: Carlos Gonzalez. Trainer: Cole Norman. Owner: Terry Bailey & Jim Donnan.  
'03-'04 Winner: Leslie's Love. Jockey: Gerard Melancon. Trainer: Troy Young. Owner: Donald Foret.

## **\$100,000 Louisiana Premier Night Sprint (Saturday, February 7, 2009)**

'07-'08 Winner: All Wired Up. Jockey: Joseph Patin. Trainer: Brandon Marks. Owner: Whispering Oaks Farm, LLC.  
'06-'07 Winner: Brother Bean. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Victor Arceneaux. Owner: Brittlyn Stable, Inc.  
'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).  
'04-'05 Winner: Lac Laronge. Jockey: Lonnie Meche. Trainer: Troy Young. Owner: Valene Farms.  
'03-'04 Winner: Zarb's Luck. Jockey: Shane Sellers. Trainer: Edward Johnston. Owner: Boudreaux & Johnston.  
'02-'03 Winner: Zarb's Luck. Jockey: Guy Smith. Trainer: Edward Johnston. Owner: Eddie Johnston et al.

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'07-'08 Winner: Zarb's Ballerina. Jockey: Lonnie Meche. Trainer: Danny Whited. Owner: Triple R. Stable (Robinson)  
'06-'07 Winner: Raspberry Wine. Jockey: Kerwin Clark. Trainer: Albert Stall. Owner: Sport of Kings Racing, LLC.  
'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).  
'04-'05 Winner: Destiny Calls. Jockey: Robby Albarado. Trainer: Gary Palmisano. Owner: Vicki Krantz.  
'03-'04 Winner: Destiny Calls. Jockey: Shane Sellers. Trainer: Gary Palmisano. Owner: Vicki Krantz  
'02-'03 Winner: Prized Amberpro. Jockey: C. J. Woodley. Trainer: John Charles Gelner. Owner: Linda Patch & Joseph K. Thomas.

'07-'08 Winner: Magic Sunset. Jockey: Donald Simington. Trainer: James Hudson. Owner: Heiligbrodt Racing Stable.  
'06-'07 Winner: Costa Rising. Jockey: Mario Reyes. Trainer: Joseph Boxie. Owner: Charles Castille, Jr.  
'05-'06 Winner: (Season cancelled due to Hurricane Rita).  
'04-'05 Winner: Nitro Chip. Jockey: Steve Bourque. Trainer: Samuel Breaux. Owner: Emmitt Pickett.  
'03-'04 Winner: Spritely Walker. Jockey: Shane Sellers. Trainer: Steve Asmussen. Owner: Heiligbrodt Racing Stable.  
'02-'03 Winner: Walk in the Snow. Jockey: Kirk LeBlanc. Trainer: H. R. Taylor. Owner: Ginger Taylor.

# LOUISIANA PREMIER NIGHT

One of the most exciting race programs each year at Delta Downs is Louisiana Premier Night, which will enjoy its fifth renewal on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Louisiana Premier Night brings together the best Louisiana-bred horses to compete in 10 stakes races with combined purse money of \$1 million. The annual event celebrates equine talent from the Bayou State while attracting large crowds who enjoy heart-pounding athletic competition.

Last year's edition of Louisiana Premier Night featured a sharp performance in the Championship, another victory by a track record holder in the Sprint, and a dead heat to wrap up the night in the Gentlemen Starter.

Heiligbrodt Racing Stables' Magic Sunset proved best in the \$200,000 LAPN Championship with jockey Donald Simington in the saddle. The James Hudson trainee was sent to the post at odds of 4-5 along with entry-mate Hallway.

Magic Sunset did not disappoint as he stalked the pace early before running down the leaders turning for home. His winning margin turned out to be 1-3/4 lengths over Z Storm, who was attempting to win his second consecutive LAPN event after scoring a big win in the 2006 Gentlemen Starter.

Whispering Oaks Farm, LLC's All Wired Up was also favored when he stepped onto the track for last year's LAPN Sprint. The Brandon Marks trainee earned his favoritism by setting a track record of :57.24 for five furlongs while taking the \$50,000 Zydeco Stakes on opening night of the meeting and recording four wins from five previous starts in Vinton, Louisiana.

Under jockey Joseph Patin, All Wired up burst from post position four and immediately took command by over a length heading into the far turn. When the field reached the top of the stretch, he was in total command and just needed to hold off a late charge by Myoldmansam, who only got within a length of the winner at the finish line.

With nine of the 10 LAPN races in the books, only the \$55,000 Gentlemen Starter was left on program. But fans who stuck around witnessed the most thrilling stretch drive of the evening as Robert Asaro Enterprises, Inc.'s Simma Down and D. L. M. Racing, Darrin & L. Menard's Joe's Majesty battled tooth and nail before hitting the finish line in a dead heat.

The exhilarating climax to the Gentlemen Starter proved that Louisiana is a hotbed of Thoroughbred racing and Delta Downs becomes its center stage each February.

Magic Sunset



All Wired Up



Simma Down / Joe's Majesty (Dead Heat)





## QUARTER HORSE TRACK RECORDS

250 yards	.....Hell Yea lam Fast	.....7-1-07	.....:12.831
300 yards	.....Burrs Warrior	.....6-30-02	.....:15.257
330 yards	.....First Dashin Bye	.....5-5-07	.....:16.524
350 yards	.....First Down Corona	.....6-5-04	.....:17.335
400 yards	.....Toastin Dash	.....6-16-07	.....:19.545
440 yards	.....Hesa Passem Magic	.....7-17-05	.....:21.410
550 yards	.....Alabama School Boy	.....5-11-03	.....:26.873
870 yards	.....Seminole Injun	.....5-21-06	.....:45.405

### 330-Yard Track Record Holder First Dashin Bye



## BIOS and STANDINGS

### 2008 LEADING QUARTER HORSE JOCKEY



#### **Alfonso Lujan**

Born: January 3, 1978

Resides: Elgin, Texas

After taking his first riding title at Delta Downs in 2007, Lujan wrapped up his second crown in 2008 by notching 80 wins and rolling up a record \$1,396,410 in mount earnings...He is the only Quarter Horse rider in track history to surpass the seven-digit mark in mount earnings at Delta Downs...In 2007 his mounts put \$1,177,345 in their bankrolls...Won seven stakes races for the second season in a row at Delta Downs in 2008...His richest tally of the season came in the \$277,500 Louisiana Laddie Futurity aboard Jack Platinum...Has been riding at Delta Downs regularly since 2003 and also competes at other racetracks in the region such as Sam Houston, Retama and Lone Star Park each year...Lujan makes his home in Texas along with his wife and two children.

#### **Boyd Era Quarter Horse Leading Jockeys at Delta Downs:**

2007: Alfonso Lujan, 71 wins, 383 mounts, \$1,177,345 in earnings.

2006: Danny Lavergne, 71 wins, 383 mounts, \$912,495 in earnings.

2005: Gilbert Ortiz, 81 wins, 283 mounts, \$966,709 in earnings.

2004: Gilbert Ortiz, 81 wins, 348 mounts, \$881,787 in earnings.

2003: Nickey Laws, 66 wins, 336 mounts, \$773,765 in earnings.

2002: Gilbert Ortiz, 55 wins, 246 mounts, \$522,291 in earnings.

2001: Charles McMahan, 32 wins, 198 mounts, \$187,767 in earnings.

### 2008 CO-LEADING QUARTER HORSE TRAINER



#### **M. Heath Taylor**

Born: March 9, 1970

Resides: Ledbetter, Texas

Finished in a tie with Janet Van Bebber for leading Quarter Horse trainer at Delta Downs in 2008 with 32 wins from 152 starts and \$687,698 in earnings...It marked the fifth consecutive training title at Delta Downs for Taylor...His trainees were impressive in stakes competition by scoring three wins, including victories with Zazoom in the Grade II \$93,700 Firecracker Derby, McM Dozen Dasher in the Grade III \$40,000 John Alleman Memorial, and Diamond Tres Seis in the \$25,000 Develop a Plan...Zazoom's victory marked Taylor's fourth straight Firecracker Derby win...Won his first All American Futurity on September 1 when Stolis Winner took the sport's richest and most prestigious event at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico...First career win as a trainer came in 1994...Conditioned 2003 AQHA Champion 2-year-old Vals Fortune, who became the 40th Quarter Horse in history to eclipse the \$1 million mark for career earnings...Makes his home in Texas along with his wife Tracy and two sons, Michael and Jordan.

# BIOS and STANDINGS

## 2008 CO-LEADING QUARTER HORSE TRAINER



### Janet Van Bebber

Born: November 3, 1965  
Resides: Ledbetter, Texas

Finished in a tie with Heath Taylor for leading Quarter Horse trainer at Delta Downs in 2008 with 32 wins from 203 starts to notch her first trainer title in Vinton, Louisiana...Her trainees earned \$476,851 during the meet...Tallied her only local stakes win in 2008 with A Lil Tres Seis in the Grade III \$49,500 Ford East Juvenile Challenge...Won Fair Grounds' first ever Quarter Horse training title during that racetrack's five-day meeting in August, 2008...Has trained two AQHA World Champions, Tailor Fit in 2001 and Co-World Champion Streakin Sin Tacha in 2002...Her late husband Steve Van Bebber won the first seven Quarter Horse leading trainer titles at Sam Houston Race Park between 1994-2000 before Janet reeled off five of her own from 2001-2005...Is the proud mother of 10-year-old daughter Taylor Anne...

### Boyd Era Quarter Horse Leading Trainers at Delta Downs:

2007:  
M. Heath Taylor, 37 wins, 159 starts, \$907,269 in earnings.  
2006:  
M. Heath Taylor, 59 wins, 383 starts, \$912,495 in earnings.  
2005:  
M. Heath Taylor, 68 wins, 229 starts, \$1,113,666 in earnings.  
2004:  
M. Heath Taylor, 64 wins, 262 starts, \$731,561 in earnings.  
2003:  
Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr., 63 wins, 271 starts, \$792,535 in earnings.  
2002:  
Kenneth L. Roberts, Sr., 49 wins, 165 starts, \$460,489 in earnings.  
2001:  
K. C. Carden, 23 wins, 72 starts, \$84,582 in earnings.

### Boyd Era Quarter Horse Leading Owners at Delta Downs:

2008:  
(Tie) Henry L. Padgett, 9 wins, 30 starts, \$152,385 in earnings.  
M. C. Morris, 9 wins, 36 starts, \$224,169 in earnings.  
2007:  
M. C. Morris, 14 wins, 80 starts, \$273,917 in earnings.  
2006:  
M. C. Morris, 18 wins, 57 starts, \$260,968 in earnings.  
2005:  
Teddy Abrams, Jr., 16 wins, 48 starts, \$244,930 in earnings.  
2004:  
Teddy Abrams, Jr., 19 wins, 66 starts, \$299,396 in earnings.  
2003:  
Teddy Abrams, Jr., 13 wins, 74 starts, \$267,874 in earnings.  
2002:  
Teddy Abrams, Jr., 10 wins, 27 starts, \$103,357 in earnings.  
2001:  
Jackie Sessions, 7 wins, 13 starts, \$49,241 in earnings.

### DELTA DOWNS

From 04/17/2008 To 07/14/2008

#### Current Meet Leading Jockeys

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Alfonso Lujan	388	80	57	51	21	48	\$1,396,410
Orlando Baldillez	278	49	43	46	18	50	\$855,792
Gilbert Ortiz	316	46	31	59	15	43	\$854,673
John Hamilton	368	44	51	33	12	35	\$812,581
Danny J. Lavergne	336	44	36	38	13	35	\$794,188
Jose Vega	187	34	19	19	18	39	\$785,319
Nickey M. Laws	156	26	19	16	17	39	\$451,603
Ray Mayo	262	23	34	20	9	29	\$499,165
Jarrod Deschamp	144	21	22	30	15	51	\$465,165
Jerry Lee Yoakum	149	17	18	20	11	37	\$315,927

#### Current Meet Leading Trainers

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Janet A. Van Bebber	203	32	29	21	16	40	\$476,851
M. Heath Taylor	152	32	23	34	21	59	\$687,698
Danny Joe Eldridge	107	26	19	17	24	58	\$632,886
Joseph D. Manucy	97	24	16	14	25	56	\$442,046
Alvin Smith, Jr.	116	18	16	20	16	47	\$278,369
Ray Robbins	124	17	17	12	14	37	\$308,033
Paul R. Rigdon	50	16	9	5	32	60	\$272,711
Frank Cavazos	46	13	7	5	28	54	\$353,253
Elroy Potts, Sr.	73	12	17	6	16	48	\$231,205
Roy Roberts	85	12	7	9	14	33	\$254,801

#### Current Meet Leading Owners

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Henry L. Padgett	30	9	5	8	30	73	\$152,385
M. C. Morris	36	9	2	13	25	67	\$224,169
Pete A. Scarmardo	41	7	5	6	17	44	\$112,492
David Lee Vance	24	7	5	5	29	71	\$131,220
Catarino Renteria	13	7	2	0	54	69	\$89,960
Michael W. Franklin	51	6	7	5	12	35	\$83,410
Geral Dewitt	72	6	6	2	8	19	\$92,038
JLS Speed Horse Ranch Inc. (John L. Soileau)	20	6	2	2	30	50	\$107,378
Elroy Potts, Jr.	19	5	6	0	26	58	\$79,120
Karen Brown	35	5	4	6	14	43	\$90,770

#### Current Meet Leading Horses

Name	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Win%	\$%	Purses
Mpb Shiney Magic	5	3	1	0	60	80	\$48,460
Ab Hope for Cash	4	3	1	0	75	100	\$111,800
Such Easy Magic	4	3	1	0	75	100	\$41,600
Quick and Breezy	5	3	0	1	60	80	\$29,244
Jack Platinum	4	3	0	0	75	75	\$175,391
Swingin N Ease	4	3	0	0	75	75	\$116,100
My King Jewel	4	3	0	0	75	75	\$34,800
First Dashin Bye	3	3	0	0	100	100	\$111,810
Chase Me to the End	3	3	0	0	100	100	\$44,700
Dashin Diego	3	3	0	0	100	100	\$38,955



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**Devons Secret**

## **Louisiana Lassie Futurity (RG-2):**

2008 Winner: Devons Secret. Jockey: Ray Mayo. Trainer: Roy Roberts. Owner: Flying G. Ranch.  
 2007 Winner: First Dashin Bye. Jockey: J. R. Ramirez. Trainer: Jeff Acuna. Owner: Jorge Meraz.  
 2006 Winner: Logans Game. Jockey: Alfonso Lujan. Trainer: Danny Joe Eldridge. Owner: David Vance.  
 2005 Winner: Shes Lils FG. Jockey: Alfonso Lujan. Trainer: Danny Joe Eldridge. Owner: Chris C. Dunn.  
 2004 Winner: Redneck Patriot. Jockey: Stevie Gillum. Trainer: Kenneth Roberts, Sr. Owner: Tommy F. Bass.  
 2003 Winner: Cool Eleanor. Jockey: Darrell Constantin. Trainer: Mike Lyles. Owner: Gini Taylor.  
 2002 Winner: Adios Miss Jess. Jockey: Leroy McClurg. Trainer: Charles Lyles. Owner: Charles Lyles.



**Jack Platinum**

## **Louisiana Laddie Futurity (RG-2):**

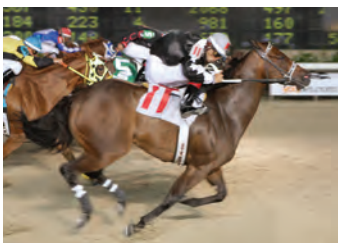
2008 Winner: Jack Platinum. Jockey: Alfonso Lujan. Trainer: Danny Joe Eldridge. Owner: Wayne Gordon.  
 2007 Winner: Native Shine. Jockey: J. R. Ramirez. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Noe & Starla Martinez, Jr.  
 2006 Winner: Lights Out Lidge. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Robin Bavar.  
 2005 Winner: Get It Reb. Jockey: Todd Dupuis. Trainer: Darrel Soileau. Owner: JLS Speedhorse Ranch, Inc.  
 2004 Winner: Warrior Winner. Jockey: Darrell Constantin. Trainer: Janet Van Bebber. Owner: Teddy Abrams, Jr.  
 2003 Winner: Vals Fortune. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Teddy Abrams, Jr.  
 2002 Winner: Heros Effort. Jockey: Robert Lingo, Jr. Trainer: Robert Menard. Owner: Arthur Lopez.



**First Dashin Bye**

## **Delta Downs Derby (RG-1):**

2008 Winner: First Dashin Bye. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Frank Cavazos. Owner: Jorge Meraz.  
 2007 Winner: Heza Jodys Toast. Jockey: J. R. Ramirez. Trainer: Jeff Acuna. Owner: Frank Cavazos & Warren King.  
 2006 Winner: Angelas Toast. Jockey: John Hamilton. Trainer: Ezekiel Villareal. Owner: Candy Villareal.  
 2005 Winner: Bbs First Beduino. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Arnold J. Trahan.  
 2004 Winner: Vals Fortune. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Teddy Abrams, Jr.  
 2003 Winner: Jess Maid Magic. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Narciso Flores.  
 2002 Winner: Burrs Warrior. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Kenneth Roberts, Sr. Owner: Jeffery Griffin.

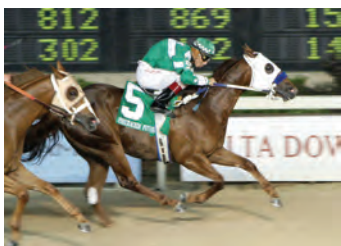


**Heza Fast Classic**

## **Bank of America East Championship Challenge (G2)**

2008 Winner: Heza Fast Classic. Jockey: Alfonso Lujan. Trainer: Erasmo Hernandez. Owner: Rogelio Tristan.  
 2007 Winner: Angelas Toast. Jockey: John Hamilton. Trainer: Ezekiel Villareal. Owner: Candy Villareal.  
 2006 Winner: First Comment. Jockey: Rodrigo Vallejo. Trainer: Jeff Acuna. Owner: J. Owens.  
 2005 Winner: Vals Fortune. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Teddy Abrams, Jr.  
 2004 Winner: Oak Tree Special. Jockey: James Brooks. Trainer: Christian Rubalcava. Owner: Raul Rubalcava.  
 2003 Winner: Can't Stay Gotta Run. Jockey: John Hamilton. Trainer: Kenneth Roberts, Sr. Owner: Tommy Hays & Polly Coleman.  
 2002 Winner: Jess Louisiana Blue. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Clayton, Dutch & John E. Jumonville III.

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Swingin N Ease

## Firecracker Futurity (G2)

2008 Winner: Swingin N Ease. Jockey: Jose Vega. Trainer: Eric Curtis. Owner: Donald Ray Plain, Jr.

2007 Winner: Coronas Leaving You. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Bob & Jerry Gaston

2006 Winner: My First Passion. Jockey: Juan Vasquez. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Jose Cantu.

2005 Winner: Check the Account. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Roger Knight, Jr. & Dave Ward.

2004 Winner: Wings of La Jolla. Jockey: Steve Fuller. Trainer: Beverly McNeely. Owner: Perry & Sharon Pike.

2003 Winner: First Kool Baby. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Ramiro Lopez & Bob Gaston.



Zazoom

## Firecracker Derby (G2)

2008 Winner: Zazoom. Jockey: Jarrod Deschamp. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: M. C. Morris.

2007 Winner: Goinbye. Jockey: Jerry Yoakum. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Narciso Flores.

2006 Winner: St. Pats First. Jockey: Russel Hadley. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Bob & Jerry Gaston.

2005 Winner: Make a Secret. Jockey: Juan Vasquez. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Southwest Racing Partners, LLC.

2004 Winner: Jack Zee Quick. Jockey: Steve Fuller. Trainer: Beverly McNeely. Owner: Dallas Blakely & R. P. Stuart.

2003 Winner: Dash for Yonder. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: SKT Farms, Inc.



Jet Black Patriot

## Lee Berwick Memorial Fururity (RG-1)

2008 Winner: Jet Black Patriot. Jockey: Jose Vega. Trainer: Eric Curtis. Owner: Janelle and Richard Simon.

2007 Winner: Senor Seabolt. Jockey: Alfonso Lujan. Trainer: Danny Joe Eldridge. Owner: Stacey Moak.

2006 Winner: Dynamax. Jockey: Russel Hadley. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Bobby Barnett & Carol Birdwell.

2005 Winner: McM Easy Dasher. Jockey: Nickey Laws. Trainer: Chad Hassenpflug. Owner: M. C. Morris.

2004 Winner: Prevailing Style. Jockey: Alvin Brossette. Trainer: Kenneth Roberts, Sr. Owner: Bill & Julie Pilgrim.

2003 Winner: Vals Fortune. Jockey: Gilbert Ortiz. Trainer: Heath Taylor. Owner: Teddy Abrams, Jr.

2002 Winner: Jess Me Yawl. Jockey: Steve Fuller. Trainer: Ronald Gilmer. Owner: Donald Aymond, David Bates, Jr. & Steve Williams.



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# 2009 QUARTER HORSE SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

## Bank of America East Regional Challenge Night

**Saturday, May 23, 2009 (pending AQHA approval)**

This year's Bank of America East Championship Challenge Night will take place at Delta Downs on Saturday, May 23. The annual event features six stakes races that qualify each winner for the Bank of America Championship Challenge to be held at the end of the calendar year.

The Bank of America East Championship Challenge at Delta Downs offers some of the exciting sprint action anywhere in the country and has traditionally included some of the most talented runners in the business.

Such Quarter Horse stars as 2003 AQHA Champion 2-year-old Vals Fortune and 2003 AQHA World Champion Oak Tree Special among others have taken center stage on the big night by winning the main event.

## Firecracker Futurity and Derby

**Saturday, July 4, 2009**

One of the most anticipated race days each year during the Quarter Horse season is Firecracker Futurity and Derby Night, which will take place next year on Saturday, July 5.

The Firecracker Futurity and Derby offer large purses for open-bred horses. Over the years, the races have produced some of the biggest stars in Quarter Horse racing, like Johnny Vittoro, Royal Bushwacker, Develop a Plan and Hemps Classic Dash.

In recent years the Firecracker races have been dominated by trainer M. Heath Taylor, who swept both races in three consecutive years from 2005 through 2007. Just last year he won his fourth straight Firecracker Derby with Zazoom but was unable to tally another Firecracker Futurity victory.

## Louisiana Showcase Night

**Saturday, July 11, 2009**

The richest program during the Quarter Horse season each year is Louisiana Showcase Night, which takes place on closing weekend. The big night features seven stakes races for horses bred right here in Louisiana.

The richest event on Louisiana Showcase Night, and traditionally the richest race of the season, is the restricted Grade I Lee Berwick Memorial Futurity. The race is named in honor of the man who built Delta Downs and opening it in Vinton, Louisiana back in 1973. Mr. Berwick passed away in 2001.

Last year's Lee Berwick Futurity was worth a staggering \$512,300 and was won by Janelle and Richard Simon's Jet Black Patriot. Later in the year, the Eric Curtis trainee would go on to qualify for the sport's richest event, the Grade I \$2 million All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs. Jet Black Patriot finished second in the All American to the Heath Taylor-trained superstar Stolis Winner on Labor Day.





# Handle Figures

## 2007-2008 Thoroughbred Meet (93 days)

### ON TRACK:

Total On-track Handle .....	\$3,561,029
On-track Daily Average Handle .....	\$38,290

### OFF TRACK:

Total Off-track Handle .....	\$128,211,071
Off-track Daily Average .....	\$1,378,613

### COMBINED HANDLE

Total Handle .....	\$131,772,100
Daily Average .....	\$1,416,904

### LARGEST COMBINED SINGLE DAY HANDLE OF THE MEET:

Friday, December 7, 2007 (Delta Jackpot Night) .....	\$2,458,315
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### ALL-TIME LARGEST LIVE HANDLE:

Friday, December 5, 2003 (Delta Jackpot Night) .....	\$2,477,493
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## 2008 Quarter Horse Meet (52 days)

### ON TRACK:

Total On -track Handle .....	\$2,342,025
On-track Daily Average Handle .....	\$45,038

### OFF TRACK:

Total Off-track Handle .....	\$17,148,622
Off-track Daily Handle .....	\$329,781

### COMBINED HANDLE:

Total Handle .....	\$19,490,647
Daily Average Handle .....	\$374,820

### LARGEST COMBINED SINGLE DAY HANDLE OF THE MEET:

Sunday, July 13, 2008 .....	\$723,191
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### ALL-TIME LARGEST LIVE HANDLE:

Sunday, July 15, 2007 .....	\$868,697
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