

The Caribbean Racing Confederation, of which Jamaica has been a member since the mid 1960's, is an umbrella organization of regional racing countries. The current member countries are: Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago and Venezuela.

The Racing Confederations objectives are:

1. To promote maximized horseracing and the breeding of Thoroughbred race horses in the member countries.
2. To exchange experiences and knowledge with regard to racing, breeding, feeding and related information on thoroughbred racehorses.
3. To promote, at all levels, the development of, the organization, functioning and operation of racetracks in member countries.
4. To foster a commonality of member countries, within a single entity.
5. To foster, using all means necessary, the annual running of the Caribbean Classic as well as other events, for horses native and bred in member countries, with a view to gauge and learn about the comparative progress made in the respective industries on the breeding of thoroughbred race horses.
6. To serve as an on-going channel for addressing issues related to horse racing in the member countries, among members of the Confederation or other countries or third parties.

To ensure these objectives are met, delegates from the Confederation meet regularly in scheduled member countries. Jamaica hosted the mid-year meeting of the Caribbean Racing Confederation for 2011. This was held during the period June 23, 2011 to June 26, 2011 at Sunset Jamaica Grande Resort, Spa and Conference Centre in Ocho Rios, St Ann. Jamaica first hosted a Racing Confederation meeting in the early 1990's.

This year's meeting saw the attendance of thirty-one (31) delegates (24 foreign and 7 local) from all member countries except Dominican Republic. A weekend of activities included a reception, working sessions and a dinner at which an address from the Minister with responsibility for Racing, Senator the Honourable Arthur Williams was read in his absence by Mr. Rudolph Muir, Chairman of the Jamaica Racing Commission.

On Saturday, June 25, 2011 the group travelled into St. Catherine to the Caymanas Track for the day's racing. Eight races on the card were named in honour of each of the member countries with the feature race being run for the Caribbean Racing Confederation (see pictures below).





