

Commission Action

At its meeting on December 16 in Lakewood, the Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Wild Horse Casino, Uncle Sam's Casino, Gold Rush Hotel & Casino, Gold Digger's Casino, Mardi Gras Casino, Golden Gulch Casino, Canyon Casino, Grand Plateau Casino
- Renewed the manufacturer/distributor licenses of Millennium Gaming, Inc., and Universal Gaming Resources, LLC
- Approved change of ownership for Millenium Gaming, Inc.
- Issued new manufacturer/distributor license to American Gaming & Electronics, Inc.
- Issued new operator licenses to Ameristar Casino Black Hawk, Inc.; Casino Vision Management (U.S.), Inc.; Casinopartners Management (U.S.), Inc.
- Approved new retail licenses for Legends Gaming, LLC, dba Fitzgeralds Casino, Black Hawk; Ameristar Casino Black Hawk, Inc., dba Mountain High Casino, Black Hawk; Scarlet's Casino, Inc., dba Scarlet's Casino, Central City; Teller House Casino, Inc., dba Teller House Casino, Central City

ICMPs Revised Jan. 1

Due in large part to changes in Gaming Rule 10 that go into effect Dec. 30, the Blackjack, Poker, Drop & Count and Accounting sections of the Internal Control Minimum Procedures have been revised effective Jan. 1, 2005. The revisions will be available online before Dec. 30.

November Revenues Go Cold

Colorado casino revenues dropped along with the temperatures and the snowfall in November, with casinos statewide reporting \$53.2 million in AGP, down 15.3 percent from \$62.9 million in October and down 3.3 percent from \$55.1 million in November 2003. Central City casinos bucked the large statewide downward trend due to interest generated by the Nov. 20 opening of the Central City Parkway, which connects the town with I-70 at the Hidden Valley exit. Central City's five casinos generated \$4.5 million in AGP in November, less than a \$20,000 decline from the previous month and up from \$3.8 million in November 2003. Tax revenues statewide also fell from \$8.5 million in October to \$8.0 million in November.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



The law enforcement representative position on the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission had been vacant since July 1. Larimer County Sheriff James Alderden was appointed last month to fill the position formerly held by Phil Walter before he resigned in June.

Jim's presence at the December Commission meeting was a welcomed sight. He was greeted at his first meeting with investigative reports for 11 renewals, eight new licenses and a change of ownership. That's usually three to four months' worth of reports in one meeting. But Jim is familiar with background investigative reports for gaming license applicants. He used to write them. Before being elected to his first term as Larimer County Sheriff in 1998, Jim had worked six years as an agent with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. During his first year with CBI, Jim worked in the Gaming Unit, conducting background and other investigations, before moving on to the Major Crimes Unit. My experiences with Jim as a co-worker and fellow law enforcement official have given me a lot of respect for him. He is one of the most honest people I know.

Jim's law enforcement career spans three decades. He started his career with the Colorado State University Police Department and his career has taken him to positions with the Estes Park Police Department, the Steamboat Springs Police Department and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office before joining CBI. He is currently the president of County Sheriffs of Colorado and serves as the Legislative Committee co-Chair.

Jim's appointment leaves one vacancy on the Commission. Shirley Harris had been serving as the public member of the Commission since her second term ended in June. Prior to the December meeting, Gov. Bill Owens appointed a replacement, but he withdrew his nomination prior to the meeting because scheduling problems prevented him from being able to attend the monthly meetings on a regular basis.

Both the Division of Gaming and the Commission are looking forward to having a full Commission again soon. Until then, we are thankful that Jim has joined the Commission and look forward to his input and expertise.

—Mark L. Wilson

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS					CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS				
	NOV 2004	OCT 2004	NOV 2003	TAX YTD		NOV 2004	OCT 2004	NOV 2003	TAX YTD
1¢ SLOTS	2,346	2,266	1,169	11,105	1¢ SLOTS	778	753	366	3,677
COINS IN	108,649,691.66	121,920,013.89	57,999,056.56	574,910,840.99	COINS IN	23,882,337.08	27,868,281.92	13,996,184.07	130,434,252.99
AGP	8,734,171.43	9,777,958.41	4,570,647.86	45,868,360.23	AGP	1,860,342.63	2,114,500.51	1,057,583.22	10,087,823.28
AVG DAILY AGP	124.10	139.20	130.33	135.60	AVG DAILY AGP	79.71	90.58	96.32	89.69
HOLD %	8.04%	8.02%	7.88%	7.98%	HOLD %	7.79%	7.59%	7.56%	7.73%
5¢ SLOTS	4,504	4,587	5,591	23,551	5¢ SLOTS	1,400	1,436	1,542	7,354
COINS IN	166,474,601.00	200,254,296.29	242,134,320.75	1,013,907,417.74	COINS IN	32,975,265.75	44,458,022.45	48,952,081.70	223,204,874.45
AGP	11,272,502.35	13,855,937.26	16,776,245.99	69,328,848.76	AGP	2,107,444.82	2,942,554.69	3,204,971.62	14,599,720.49
AVG DAILY AGP	83.43	97.44	100.02	96.64	AVG DAILY AGP	50.18	66.10	69.28	64.90
HOLD %	6.77%	6.92%	6.93%	6.84%	HOLD %	6.39%	6.62%	6.55%	6.54%
25¢ SLOTS	4,020	4,056	4,460	20,308	25¢ SLOTS	1,151	1,167	1,213	5,797
COINS IN	230,263,600.25	271,811,225.50	264,583,450.00	1,361,161,956.00	COINS IN	45,263,941.50	59,040,982.25	53,107,316.50	294,291,395.00
AGP	11,442,606.25	13,895,096.05	12,995,323.05	70,010,135.86	AGP	2,109,924.21	3,131,435.57	2,694,156.39	15,162,095.14
AVG DAILY AGP	94.88	110.51	97.12	113.18	AVG DAILY AGP	61.10	86.56	74.04	85.50
HOLD %	4.97%	5.11%	4.91%	5.14%	HOLD %	4.66%	5.30%	5.07%	5.15%
\$1 SLOTS	2,927	2,906	2,998	14,587	\$1 SLOTS	921	908	838	4,538
COINS IN	259,615,894.50	309,381,623.00	283,682,315.00	1,508,853,021.00	COINS IN	54,851,261.50	72,145,634.00	64,936,541.00	349,954,029.50
AGP	11,977,134.08	14,834,885.37	13,387,804.41	69,513,389.94	AGP	2,545,711.86	3,319,238.14	3,002,492.43	15,959,049.38
AVG DAILY AGP	136.40	164.67	148.85	156.44	AVG DAILY AGP	92.14	117.92	119.43	114.97
HOLD %	4.61%	4.80%	4.72%	4.61%	HOLD %	4.64%	4.60%	4.62%	4.56%
\$5 SLOTS	298	297	317	1,500	\$5 SLOTS	72	67	72	359
COINS IN	45,050,485.00	50,756,610.00	48,048,750.00	251,892,110.00	COINS IN	4,018,960.00	6,756,675.00	5,985,875.00	33,257,080.00
AGP	1,816,807.31	1,888,236.48	2,058,653.25	10,309,268.53	AGP	69,005.58	272,921.03	389,235.00	1,431,944.06
AVG DAILY AGP	203.22	205.09	216.47	225.63	AVG DAILY AGP	31.95	131.40	180.20	130.39
HOLD %	4.03%	3.72%	4.28%	4.09%	HOLD %	1.72%	4.04%	6.50%	4.31%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,618	1,476	692	7,439	OTHER SLOTS*	468	453	144	2,321
COINS IN	101,800,750.67	103,680,199.19	58,217,758.12	522,239,037.31	COINS IN	18,984,870.31	20,236,803.54	7,418,624.63	98,704,918.29
AGP	5,877,542.27	6,020,849.25	3,237,721.59	30,040,786.67	AGP	1,017,022.98	1,244,691.38	451,905.14	5,846,263.16
AVG DAILY AGP	121.09	131.59	155.96	132.57	AVG DAILY AGP	72.44	88.63	104.61	82.34
HOLD %	5.77%	5.81%	5.56%	5.75%	HOLD %	5.36%	6.15%	6.09%	5.92%
BJ TABLES	81	85	85	418	BJ TABLES	18	19	16	93
BJ DROP	3,468,234.12	4,136,691.60	3,969,656.10	20,643,078.00	BJ DROP	485,320.01	688,088.80	598,473.80	3,600,323.57
AGP	721,800.87	805,902.85	892,420.60	4,023,159.50	AGP	85,830.01	139,114.80	126,748.80	696,335.57
AVG DAILY AGP	297.04	305.85	349.97	315.97	AVG DAILY AGP	158.94	236.19	264.06	244.77
HOLD %	20.81%	19.48%	22.48%	19.49%	HOLD %	17.69%	20.22%	21.18%	19.34%
POKER TABLES	92	90	68	453	POKER TABLES	21	20	13	101
POKER DROP	2,257,173.25	2,630,582.00	2,344,263.55	13,207,989.60	POKER DROP	229,024.50	317,519.75	179,208.50	1,574,448.25
AGP	1,450,589.55	1,576,745.00	1,218,370.35	8,027,342.25	AGP	275,200.30	282,701.75	200,607.80	1,545,405.65
AVG DAILY AGP	525.58	565.14	597.24	581.74	AVG DAILY AGP	436.83	455.97	514.38	500.21
HOLD %	17.26%	15.83%	16.37%	17.36%	HOLD %	25.15%	14.27%	18.86%	20.56%
TOTAL AGP	53,293,154.11	62,946,701.27	55,137,187.10	307,121,291.74	TOTAL AGP	10,070,482.39	13,447,157.87	11,127,700.40	65,328,636.73
GAMING TAXES	8,043,461.08	8,513,392.57	8,310,533.75	29,810,844.74	GAMING TAXES	642,085.01	615,292.59	801,015.23	1,840,332.05
# OF ACCOUNTS	45	45	44	45	# OF ACCOUNTS	19	19	17	19
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.46	AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.59
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots					*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	NOV 2004	OCT 2004	NOV 2003	TAX YTD
1¢ SLOTS	1,336	1,300	767	6,347
COINS IN	75,478,687.21	82,992,807.35	41,936,379.97	388,603,038.00
AGP	6,082,630.17	6,778,687.21	3,343,410.13	31,539,894.91
AVG DAILY AGP	151.76	168.21	145.30	163.90
HOLD %	8.06%	8.17%	7.97%	8.12%
5¢ SLOTS	2,559	2,593	3,351	13,256
COINS IN	119,382,524.95	140,936,157.04	174,633,801.95	713,020,996.19
AGP	8,134,462.08	9,790,354.90	12,138,697.88	48,946,154.07
AVG DAILY AGP	105.96	121.80	120.75	121.79
HOLD %	6.81%	6.95%	6.95%	6.86%
25¢ SLOTS	2,445	2,466	2,763	12,473
COINS IN	164,687,786.25	191,395,635.00	190,980,971.50	960,947,862.75
AGP	8,253,901.84	9,654,916.01	9,248,428.40	49,088,486.81
AVG DAILY AGP	112.53	126.30	111.57	129.81
HOLD %	5.01%	5.04%	4.84%	5.11%
\$1 SLOTS	1,730	1,724	1,814	8,669
COINS IN	183,287,083.00	214,950,738.00	199,666,414.00	1,048,211,678.50
AGP	8,395,675.46	10,572,006.26	9,476,453.45	48,711,663.84
AVG DAILY AGP	161.77	197.81	174.14	185.34
HOLD %	4.58%	4.92%	4.75%	4.65%
\$5 SLOTS	203	207	221	1,028
COINS IN	39,263,680.00	42,304,710.00	40,587,420.00	210,050,855.00
AGP	1,695,074.06	1,575,540.20	1,551,397.17	8,489,068.55
AVG DAILY AGP	278.34	245.53	234.00	272.37
HOLD %	4.32%	3.72%	3.82%	4.04%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,044	1,023	533	4,845
COINS IN	75,645,553.89	83,443,395.65	50,348,360.09	407,397,978.32
AGP	4,457,153.29	4,776,157.87	2,751,358.37	23,218,639.92
AVG DAILY AGP	142.31	150.61	172.07	158.07
HOLD %	5.89%	5.72%	5.46%	5.70%
BJ TABLES	54	57	60	280
BJ DROP	2,805,246.86	3,314,125.45	3,283,566.30	16,359,466.83
AGP	611,495.86	644,995.45	750,682.55	3,224,189.58
AVG DAILY AGP	377.47	365.02	417.05	379.80
HOLD %	21.80%	19.46%	22.86%	19.71%
POKER TABLES	57	56	45	282
POKER DROP	1,832,584.25	2,082,338.50	1,954,828.80	10,482,459.35
AGP	1,020,067.25	1,115,762.25	891,933.30	5,659,613.85
AVG DAILY AGP	596.53	642.72	660.69	661.96
HOLD %	16.10%	15.32%	15.23%	16.68%
TOTAL AGP	38,650,460.01	44,908,420.15	40,152,361.25	218,877,711.53
GAMING TAXES	6,685,724.81	7,310,526.83	6,892,375.12	25,866,766.05
# OF ACCOUNTS	21	21	22	21
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.32
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	NOV 2004	OCT 2004	NOV 2003	TAX YTD
1¢ SLOTS	232	213	36	1,081
COINS IN	9,288,667.37	11,058,924.62	2,066,492.52	55,873,550.00
AGP	791,198.63	884,770.69	169,654.51	4,240,642.04
AVG DAILY AGP	113.68	134.00	157.09	128.20
HOLD %	8.52%	8.00%	8.21%	7.59%
5¢ SLOTS	545	558	698	2,941
COINS IN	14,116,810.30	14,860,116.80	18,548,437.10	77,681,547.10
AGP	1,030,595.45	1,123,027.67	1,432,576.49	5,782,974.20
AVG DAILY AGP	63.03	64.92	68.41	64.26
HOLD %	7.30%	7.56%	7.72%	7.44%
25¢ SLOTS	424	423	484	2,038
COINS IN	20,311,872.50	21,374,608.25	20,495,162.00	105,922,698.25
AGP	1,078,780.20	1,108,744.47	1,052,738.26	5,759,553.91
AVG DAILY AGP	84.81	84.55	72.50	92.36
HOLD %	5.31%	5.19%	5.14%	5.44%
\$1 SLOTS	276	274	346	1,380
COINS IN	21,477,550.00	22,285,251.00	19,079,360.00	110,687,313.00
AGP	1,035,746.76	943,640.97	908,858.53	4,842,676.72
AVG DAILY AGP	125.09	111.10	87.56	114.68
HOLD %	4.82%	4.23%	4.76%	4.38%
\$5 SLOTS	23	23	24	113
COINS IN	1,767,845.00	1,695,225.00	1,475,455.00	8,584,175.00
AGP	52,727.67	39,775.25	118,021.08	388,255.92
AVG DAILY AGP	76.42	55.79	163.92	112.28
HOLD %	2.98%	2.35%	8.00%	4.52%
OTHER SLOTS*	106	0	15	273
COINS IN	7,170,326.47	0.00	450,773.40	16,136,140.70
AGP	403,366.00	0.00	34,458.08	975,883.59
AVG DAILY AGP	126.84	0.00	76.57	116.82
HOLD %	5.63%	0.00%	7.64%	6.05%
BJ TABLES	9	9	9	45
BJ DROP	177,667.25	134,477.35	87,616.00	683,287.60
AGP	24,475.00	21,792.60	14,989.25	102,634.35
AVG DAILY AGP	90.65	78.11	55.52	74.53
HOLD %	13.78%	16.21%	17.11%	15.02%
POKER TABLES	14	14	10	70
POKER DROP	195,564.50	230,723.75	210,226.25	1,151,082.00
AGP	155,322.00	178,281.00	125,829.25	822,322.75
AVG DAILY AGP	369.81	410.79	419.43	383.90
HOLD %	18.83%	22.60%	24.84%	19.18%
TOTAL AGP	4,572,211.71	4,591,123.25	3,857,125.45	22,914,943.48
GAMING TAXES	715,651.26	587,573.15	617,143.40	2,103,746.64
# OF ACCOUNTS	5	5	5	5
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.60
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

NOVEMBER AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	15,713	\$51,120,764	\$108.45	5.61%
Tables	173	\$2,172,390	\$418.57	19.41%
TOTAL	15,886	\$53,293,154	\$111.82	5.80%

Cripple Creek

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	4,790	\$9,709,452	\$67.57	5.39%
Tables	39	\$361,030	\$308.57	20.08%
TOTAL	4,829	\$10,070,482	\$69.51	5.57%

Black Hawk

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	9,317	\$37,018,897	\$132.44	5.63%
Tables	111	\$1,631,563	\$489.96	19.55%
TOTAL	9,428	\$38,650,460	\$136.65	5.84%

Central City

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	1,606	\$4,392,415	\$91.17	5.93%
Tables	23	\$179,797	\$260.58	16.43%
TOTAL	1,629	\$4,572,212	\$93.56	6.14%

Average daily AGP per device is calculated by dividing the total AGP by the number of devices, further divided by the average number of days open for all establishments open in November. Hold percentage does not include player-banked poker tables.

GAMING ♦ UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ January 17 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Division of Gaming offices closed
- ✓ January 18 • December gaming tax returns due
- ✓ January 20 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood

JANUARY 2005

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