Colorado Division of Gaming

# **GAMING UPDATE**

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## Licensing Needed for Promotion Employees

A support license is required for persons employed at slot promotional booths if their job duties fall within the legal definition of "gaming employee," which includes "slot booth personnel" and "any person involved in the handling, counting, collecting, or exchanging of money, property, checks, credit or any representation of value." Casinos are advised to review Bulletin 45 issued in June 2002 for the Division's position on licensed employees.

### Casino Jobs Increase

Employment at Colorado casinos increased 4.2 percent between July 1, 2004 and July 1, 2005. Casinos employed 8,029 positions in July, up from 7,703 the previous year. Casino jobs increased in Black Hawk from 4,368 in 2004 to 4,449 in 2005. Central City jobs increased from 523 to 793. Cripple Creek employment fell from 2,812 to 2,787.

A county-by-county breakdown shows: Boulder, 41 (45 in July 2004); Clear Creek, 227 (230); Douglas, 34 (25); El Paso, 364 (363); Fremont 162 (149); Gilpin, 727 (737); Grand, 2 (2); Jefferson, 1,836 (1,755); Park, 137 (126); Teller, 2,061 (2,100); and other counties, 2,438 (2,171).

### **Commission Action**

At its meeting on August 18 in Lakewood, the Commission:

- •Renewed the retail license of Black Diamond Casino
- •Renewed the operator and manufacturer/distributor licenses of Mountain Gaming Distributors

# **July AGP Tops All-Time Record**

Colorado casinos recorded their best month ever in July despite the closure of Highway 6 through Clear Creek Canyon, a major route to the Black Hawk and Central City market. Gaming establishments statewide generated \$69.9 million in AGP in July, topping the previous all-time mark of \$67.3 million set in July 2004 by nearly 4.0 percent. The July total was also 12.2 percent higher than the \$62.3 million in AGP tallied in June.

Black Hawk's 21 casinos reported \$47.7 million in AGP in July, down \$5,000 from the record set the previous July and up from \$43.0 million in June. Cripple Creek's 19 casinos produced a record \$15.1 million in AGP in July, up from the previous record of \$15.0 million in July 2004 and from \$13.1 million in June. Central City's seven casinos totaled \$7.0 million in AGP in July, up 57.8 percent from \$4.4 million in July 2004 and up from \$6.2 million in June. July was the first month Central City casinos topped the \$7.0 million plateau since August 1999.

# 2005 Gaming Funds Disbursed

The Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission on August 18 certified the distribution of \$92,930,205 in gaming funds generated during FY2005 ending June 30, up from \$92,401,488 the previous year. The distribution was made based upon constitutional and statutory requirements in which 28 percent is distributed to the State Historical Society, 12 percent to Gilpin and Teller counties in proportion to gaming revenues generated in the respective counties, 10 percent to the three gaming communities in proportion to gaming revenues generated in the respective cities, 0.2 percent to the Colorado Tourism Promotion Fund and 49.8 percent to the State General Fund, of which at least 13 percent goes to the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Fund and an amount to be determined annually goes to the Colorado Dept. of Transportation. No funds were allocated to CDOT for the past two years.

LIMITED GAMING FUND	FY 2004	FY 2005
Limited Gaming Revenues	\$ 98,486,017	\$ 100,571,614
plus previous year's escrow	\$ 4,243,642	\$ 1,859,106
LESS Division and Commission expenses	\$ 8,469,063	\$ 8,379,344
Two months' escrow	\$ 1,859,108	\$ 1,121,171
TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED	\$ 92,401,488	\$ 92,930,205
General Fund	\$ 40,194,647	\$ 40,238,779
Local Gov't Ltd. Gaming Impact Fund	\$ 6,006,097	\$ 6,040,463
Tourism Promotion Fund	\$ 0	\$ 185,860
State Historical Society	\$ 25,872,416	\$ 26,020,457
Gilpin County	\$ 8,825,969	\$ 8,893,755
Teller County	\$ 2,262,210	\$ 2,257,869
Black Hawk	\$ 6,710,104	\$ 6,587,172
Central City	\$ 644,870	\$ 824,291
Cripple Creek	\$ 1,885,175	\$ 1,881,558

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS					CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS				
1¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	<u>July 2005</u> 3,866 205,109,818.94 16,922,477.82 143.27 8.25%	June 2005 3,702 175,172,924.36 14,994,987.29 133.66 8.56%	<u>June 2004</u> 2,067 113,079,144.68 8,937,184.39 142.68 7.90%	Tax Year to Date 3,866 205,109,818.94 16,922,477.82 143.27 8.25%	I ¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	July 2005 1,024 43,488,149.91 3,482,456.63 109.70 8.01%	June 2005 1,009 36,590,916.77 2,880,917.15 95.17 7.87%	June 2004 679 26,351,046.36 2,056,211.07 97.85 7.80%	Tax Year to Date 1,024 43,488,149.91 3,482,456.63 109.70 8.01%
	3,636 153,856,932.88 10,671,037.90 96.06 6.94%	3,784 146,419,295.51 10,046,866.23 87.61 6.86%	4,939 232,434,840.75 16,105,714.98 107.61 6.93%	3,636 153,856,932.88 10,671,037.90 96.06 6.94%	5¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,106 36,343,275.70 2,419,879.07 70.58 6.66%	1,149 33,215,160.55 2,125,211.82 61.65 6.40%	1,529 52,384,010.70 3,510,717.53 74.19 6.70%	1,106 36,343,275.70 2,419,879.07 70.58 6.66%
25¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	3,849 277,500,687.77 14,393,909.47 122.40 5.19%	3,867 252,236,806.83 12,925,062.04 110.29 5.12%	4,146 304,946,223.50 15,907,341.02 126.61 5.22%	3,849 277,500,687.77 14,393,909.47 122.40 5.19%	25¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,106 62,904,121.02 3,293,224.29 96.05 5.24%	1,106 54,677,888.66 2,840,065.44 85.60 5.19%	1,168 67,623,906.50 3,549,548.44 98.20 5.25%	1,106 62,904,121.02 3,293,224.29 96.05 5.24%
\$1 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	2,851 307,821,324.12 14,827,460.68 170.22 4.82%	2,870 280,485,271.27 12,997,114.81 149.44 4.63%	2,927 325,040,105.00 15,180,703.35 171.15 4.67%	2,851 307,821,324.12 14,827,460.68 170.22 4.82%	\$1 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	878 74,886,136.00 3,614,729.32 132.81 4.83%	873 65,344,144.00 3,204,547.32 122.36 4,90%	897 79,104,732.50 3,656,755.12 131.73 4.62%	878 74,886,136.00 3,614,729.32 132.81 4.83%
\$5 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	290 49,121,440.00 1,687,402.98 190.44 3.44%	290 43,816,535.00 2,107,863.07 239.85 4.81%	301 53,513,620.00 2,326,962.49 255.10 4.35%	290 49,121,440.00 1,687,402.98 190.44 3.44%		66 7,120,190.00 244,654.80 119.58 3.44%	66 5,057,645.00 350,695.25 177.12 6.93%	75 6,614,090.00 440,284.75 189.69 6.66%	66 7,120,190.00 244,654.80 119.58 3.44%
AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,872 132,771,990.54 8,802,585.72 153.90 6.63%	6,971,220.73 120.82 6.00%	1,360 104,902,202.83 6,150,566.60 149.24 5.86%	1,872 132,771,990.54 8,802,585.72 153.90 6.63%	AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	26,652,356.71 1,641,803.63 94.57 6.16%	592 22,908,572.84 1,298,898.27 73.14 5.67%	483 21,743,021.22 1,295,956.32 86.70 5.96%	560 26,652,356.71 1,641,803.63 94.57 6.16%
	77 4,174,966.21 792,585.96 336.90 18.98%	77 3,567,223.40 683,878.40 293.08 19.17%	83 4,842,891.18 908,773.93 361.30 18.77%	77 4,174,966.21 792,585.96 336.90 18.98%	BJ DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP	17 760,945.51 125,510.01 238.16 16.49%	17 589,792.50 110,180.25 216.04 18.68%	18 936,592.01 195,233.51 350.48 20.85%	17 760,945.51 125,510.01 238.16 16.49%
POKER TABLES POKER DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	127 2,998,454.75 1,887,652.50 486.48 17.97%	125 2,485,095.10 1,620,203.35 648.57 17.71%	91 3,065,120.80 1,788,545.10 648.57 17.71%	127 2,998,454.75 1,887,652.50 486.48 17.97%	POKER TABLES POKER DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	29 344,996.50 343,156.25 381.71 22.00%	28 266,278.00 289,083.50 344.15 23.27%	20 373,842.75 370,437.05 598.50 26.10%	29 344,996.50 343,156.25 381.71 22.00%
TOTAL AGP	69,985,113.03	62,347,195.92	67,305,791.86	69,985,113.03	TOTAL AGP	15,165,414.00	13,099,599.00	15,075,143.79	15,165,414.00
GAMING TAXES	1,491,445.18	10,582,927.55	1,385,933.21	1,491,445.18	GAMING TAXES	43,636.36	1,802,020.25	46,219.72	43,636.36
# OF CASINOS	47	47	46	47	# OF CASINOS	19	19	19	19
AVG. DAYS OPEN		30.30	30.30	30.55	AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	30.00	30.95	31.00
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and	Multi-Denominati	on Slots			

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS				CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS					
1¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	<u>July 2005</u> 2,181 133,963,957.79 11,273,684.17 166.74 8.42%	June 2005 2,057 114,357,950.40 10,173,663.44 164.86 8.90%	June 2004 1,208 77,222,851.42 6,162,672.38 172.40 7.98%	Tax Year to Date 2,181 133,963,957.79 11,273,684.17 166.74 8.42%	I ¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	July 2005 661 27,657,711.24 2,166,337.02 117.05 7.83%	June 2005 636 24,224,057.19 1,940,406.70 101.70 8.01%	June 2004 180 9,505,246.90 718,300.94 128.73 7.56%	Tax Year to Date 661 27,657,711.24 2,166,337.02 117.05 7.83%
5¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	2,003 103,167,768.03 7,193,623.95 115.85 6.97%	2,067 98,849,250.21 6,928,152.04 111.73 7.01%	2,775 163,202,511.85 11,308,500.24 137.72 6.93%	2,003 103,167,768.03 7,193,623.95 115.85 6.97%	5¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	527 14,345,889.15 1,057,534.88 71.67 7.37%	568 14,354,884.75 993,502.37 58.30 6.92%	635 16,848,318.20 1,286,497.21 65.35 7.64%	527 14,345,889.15 1,057,534.88 71.67 7.37%
	2,198 186,270,954.75 9,517,459.83 139.68 5.11%	2,210 171,340,345.72 8,711,834.61 131.40 5.08%	2,565 215,526,486.50 11,146,787.07 146.86 5.17%	2,198 186,270,954.75 9,517,459.83 139.68 5.11%	25¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	545 28,325,612.00 1,583,225.35 103.75 5.59%	551 26,218,572.45 1,373,161.99 83.07 5.24%	413 21,795,830.50 1,211,005.51 94.59 5.56%	545 28,325,612.00 1,583,225.35 103.75 5.59%
	1,628 206,987,296.12 9,900,344.82 196.17 4.78%	1,627 190,253,749.27 8,723,430.23 178.72 4.59%	1,748 223,556,623.50 10,544,891.62 203.86 4.72%	1,628 206,987,296.12 9,900,344.82 196.17 4.78%	\$1 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	345 25,947,892.00 1,312,386.54 135.86 5.06%	370 24,887,378.00 1,069,137.26 96.32 4.30%	282 22,378,749.00 979,056.61 111.99 4.37%	345 25,947,892.00 1,312,386.54 135.86 5.06%
\$5 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	204 39,432,490.00 1,338,964.18 211.73 3.40%	199 36,762,500.00 1,648,721.77 276.17 4.48%	205 45,334,420.00 1,795,710.74 296.02 3.96%	204 39,432,490.00 1,338,964.18 211.73 3.40%	\$5 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	20 2,568,760.00 103,784.00 185.33 4.04%	25 1,996,390.00 108,446.05 144.59 5.43%	21 1,565,110.00 90,967.00 139.73 5.81%	20 2,568,760.00 103,784.00 185.33 4.04%
OTHER SLOTS* COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,203 97,462,367.36 6,612,676.74 177.32 6.78%	1,205 85,807,160.03 5,187,456.40 143.50 6.05%	877 83,159,181.61 4,854,610.28 187.07 5.84%	1,203 97,462,367.36 6,612,676.74 177.32 6.78%	OTHER SLOTS* COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	109 8,657,266.47 548,105.35 179.59 6.33%	107 7,494,731.52 484,866.06 151.05 6.47%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	109 8,657,266.47 548,105.35 179.59 6.33%
BJ TABLES BJ DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	51 3,056,198.45 601,397.20 380.39 19.68%	52 2,688,066.15 517,785.90 331.91 19.26%	56 3,770,612.67 694,737.92 419.25 18.43%	51 3,056,198.45 601,397.20 380.39 19.68%	BJ TABLES BJ DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	9 357,822.25 65,678.75 260.63 18.36%	8 289,364.75 55,912.25 232.97 19.32%	9 135,686.50 18,802.50 67.39 13.86%	9 357,822.25 65,678.75 260.63 18.36%
POKER TABLES POKER DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	82 2,328,205.25 1,299,839.75 511.35 17.09%	81 1,965,176.35 1,150,412.10 473.42 17.72%	57 2,418,942.05 1,235,108.55 732.27 16.05%	82 2,328,205.25 1,299,839.75 511.35 17.09%	POKER TABLES POKER DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	16 325,253.00 244,656.50 546.11 19.93%	16 253,640.75 180,707.75 376.47 14.37%	14 272,336.00 182,999.50 421.66 20.90%	16 325,253.00 244,656.50 546.11 19.93%
TOTAL AGP	47,737,990.64	43,041,456.49	47,743,018.80	47,737,990.64	TOTAL AGP	7,081,708.39	6,206,140.43	4,487,629.27	7,081,708.39
GAMING TAXES	1,360,370.32	7,887,801.09	1,300,864.55	1,360,370.32	GAMING TAXES	87,438.50	893,106.21	38,848.94	87,438.50
# OF CASINOS	21	21	22	21	# OF CASINOS	7	7	5	7
AVG. DAYS OPEN		30.00	29.59	31.00	AVG. DAYS OPEN	28.00	30.00	31.00	28.00
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#### **JULY AGP BY DEVICE Statewide Cripple Creek** Avg. Daily Avg. Daily **Device Number** <u>AGP</u> AGP/Device Hold % Device **Number AGP** AGP/Device Hold % Slots 16,364 \$67,304,875 \$134.62 5.98% Slots 4,740 \$14,696,748 \$100.02 5.85% Tables Tables 204 \$2,680,238 \$430.02 18.56%46 \$468,666 \$328.66 18.21% TOTAL 16,568 \$69,985,113 \$138.25 6.17% TOTAL 4,786 \$15,165,414 \$102.22 6.01% **Black Hawk Central City** Avg. Daily Avg. Daily AGP/Device Hold % **Device** Number **AGP** AGP/Device Hold % **Device** Number **AGP** Slots 9,417 \$45,836,754 \$157.01 5.97% Slots 2,207 \$6,771,373 \$109.58 6.30% Tables 25 19.11% Tables 133 \$1,901,237 \$461.13 18.56% \$310,335 \$443.34

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 July. Hold percentage does not include player-banked poker tables.

6.18%

TOTAL

2.232

\$7,081,708

\$113.31

6.55%

# **GAMING\*UPDATE**

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

\$47,737,991

✓ September 5 • Labor Day, Division offices closed

\$161.25

- ✓ September 15 August gaming tax returns due
- ✓ September 15 Gaming Commission meeting, Cripple Creek

SEPTEMBER 2005

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TOTAL

9,550