

Release Warns Against Illegal Gaming Events

A news release issued jointly by the Gaming Commission and the Colorado Attorney General's Office on Aug. 31 warns Colorado residents against participating in illegal gambling activities.

The release provides the Commission's and the Attorney General's joint position on the legalities of internet gaming, telephone sports books, poker tournaments outside casinos and social gambling. The release can be viewed online on the News & Information page on the Division of Gaming web site.

System, ICMP Forms Now Available Online

New system testing forms and revised internal control minimum procedure sections that went into effect Sept. 5 are now available online by accessing the Publications & Form page on the Division of Gaming web site.

Commission Action

At its meeting on September 15 in Cripple Creek, the Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Bull Durham Saloon & Casino; Doc Holliday, LLC; Dostal Alley; Isle of Capri Casino; Fitzgeralds Casino; Colorado Central Station Casino, Inc.
- Renewed the manufacturer/distributor license of IOC-Black Hawk Distribution Company, Inc.
- Renewed the operator licenses of Fitzgeralds Casino and Colorado Central Station Casino, Inc.

August Revenues Cool Down

Revenues at Colorado casinos cooled off in August after a record high in July. Casinos statewide reported \$63.8 million in AGP in August, down more than 8.7 percent from an all-time high of \$69.9 million in July, but up nearly 2.1 percent from \$62.5 million in August 2004. Black Hawk's 21 casinos produced nearly \$43.7 million in AGP in August; Cripple Creek's 19 casinos, more than \$13.9 million; and Central City's six casinos, \$6.1 million. Casinos paid nearly \$5.2 million in gaming taxes in August, with 29 casinos at the 0.25 percent level, seven at 2 percent, one at 4 percent, six at 11 percent and three at the upper 16 percent or 20 percent levels.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I have mentioned the Central City Parkway numerous times in the past year for a reason. The Parkway has revitalized the Central City casino market because of one vital commodity in the history of gaming in Colorado—access. In fact, before it was officially named, the road was commonly referred to as the Southern Access Road.



The value of access has been evident since day one of Colorado gaming. In the early days, Highway 67 leading into Cripple Creek featured a one-lane tunnel that caused access problems, especially when the tunnel was forced to close and a two-lane bypass was quickly carved in the hill around it. You have to know where to look to see the old tunnel, but it is still there as a reminder of how gaming has changed the roads leading to the three gaming communities.

The industry is also reminded of the value of access every time a winter storm—or even the forecast of a storm—hits the gaming areas. Almost every little dip in revenues during winter months can be attributable to a snow or ice event, especially if the bad weather falls on a weekend.

Access has also impacted the industry this summer. Highway 6 through Clear Creek Canyon was closed June 21 because of a rock slide. At first, the Colorado Dept. of Transportation thought the road would reopen a few weeks later. Because the hillside turned out to be more unstable than anticipated, the highway ended up being closed until Sept. 19, almost three months after it closed. Although July's record high numbers didn't reflect the impact of the highway's closing since July had five weekends, the August numbers told the tale. Revenues in Black Hawk, which is directly accessed by Highway 6, were down 1.25 percent over the previous year. Although revenues in Central City were up 27.72 percent over August 2004, they were not near the 57.81 percent annual growth earned in July, largely due to another access problem encountered in August, a rock slide along Interstate 70 near Idaho Springs that backed traffic up past the Central City Parkway exit.

When analyzing historical trends in casino gaming revenues in Colorado, one of the first variables you must consider is access. It has been that way since the beginning and will continue as long as people have to drive to the mountains.

—Mark L. Wilson

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

| | <u>August 2005</u> | <u>July 2005</u> | <u>August 2004</u> | <u>Tax Year to Date</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1¢ SLOTS | 3,942 | 3,866 | 2,190 | 7,808 |
| COINS IN | 189,987,022.47 | 205,109,818.94 | 115,737,109.69 | 395,096,841.41 |
| AGP | 16,316,296.23 | 16,922,477.82 | 9,200,259.50 | 33,238,774.05 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 133.52 | 141.20 | 135.52 | 139.33 |
| HOLD % | 8.59% | 8.25% | 7.95% | 8.41% |
| 5¢ SLOTS | 3,452 | 3,636 | 4,810 | 7,088 |
| COINS IN | 136,442,652.59 | 153,856,932.88 | 212,100,351.25 | 290,299,585.47 |
| AGP | 9,171,039.98 | 10,671,037.90 | 14,136,597.76 | 19,842,077.88 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 85.70 | 94.67 | 94.81 | 91.62 |
| HOLD % | 6.72% | 6.94% | 6.67% | 6.84% |
| 25¢ SLOTS | 3,752 | 3,849 | 4,072 | 7,601 |
| COINS IN | 253,839,900.73 | 277,500,687.77 | 285,953,822.50 | 531,340,588.50 |
| AGP | 12,987,444.48 | 14,393,909.47 | 14,806,615.87 | 27,381,353.95 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 111.66 | 120.63 | 117.30 | 117.90 |
| HOLD % | 5.12% | 5.19% | 5.18% | 5.15% |
| \$1 SLOTS | 2,802 | 2,851 | 2,915 | 5,653 |
| COINS IN | 285,755,656.51 | 307,821,324.12 | 311,672,629.50 | 593,576,980.63 |
| AGP | 13,622,884.34 | 14,827,460.68 | 14,104,686.97 | 28,450,345.02 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 156.83 | 167.77 | 156.09 | 164.72 |
| HOLD % | 4.77% | 4.82% | 4.53% | 4.79% |
| \$5 SLOTS | 290 | 290 | 302 | 580 |
| COINS IN | 45,565,740.00 | 49,121,440.00 | 49,888,240.00 | 94,687,180.00 |
| AGP | 2,095,684.37 | 1,687,402.98 | 1,932,766.47 | 3,783,087.35 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 233.11 | 187.70 | 206.45 | 213.48 |
| HOLD % | 4.60% | 3.44% | 3.87% | 4.00% |
| OTHER SLOTS* | 1,911 | 1,872 | 1,377 | 3,783 |
| COINS IN | 125,749,291.94 | 132,771,990.54 | 100,351,289.25 | 258,521,282.48 |
| AGP | 7,263,922.38 | 8,802,585.72 | 5,874,754.76 | 16,066,508.10 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 122.62 | 151.69 | 137.62 | 139.00 |
| HOLD % | 5.78% | 6.63% | 5.85% | 6.21% |
| BJ TABLES | 77 | 77 | 84 | 154 |
| BJ DROP | 3,644,860.17 | 4,174,966.21 | 4,321,456.25 | 7,819,826.38 |
| AGP | 681,580.67 | 792,585.96 | 822,356.00 | 1,474,166.63 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 285.54 | 332.04 | 315.80 | 313.31 |
| HOLD % | 18.70% | 18.98% | 19.03% | 18.85% |
| POKER TABLES | 123 | 127 | 90 | 250 |
| POKER DROP | 2,558,874.25 | 2,998,454.75 | 2,751,636.05 | 5,557,329.00 |
| AGP | 1,715,687.25 | 1,887,652.50 | 1,684,091.65 | 3,603,339.75 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 449.96 | 603.62 | 603.62 | 471.75 |
| HOLD % | 18.97% | 18.37% | 18.37% | 18.43% |
| TOTAL AGP | 63,854,539.70 | 69,985,113.03 | 62,562,128.98 | 133,839,652.73 |
| GAMING TAXES | 5,179,832.14 | 1,491,445.18 | 4,973,143.25 | 6,671,277.32 |
| # OF CASINOS | 46 | 47 | 45 | 47 |
| AVG. DAYS OPEN | 31.00 | 31.00 | 31.00 | 30.55 |
| *10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots | | | | |

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

| | <u>August 2005</u> | <u>July 2005</u> | <u>August 2004</u> | <u>Tax Year to Date</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1¢ SLOTS | 1,056 | 1,024 | 733 | 2,080 |
| COINS IN | 40,796,291.34 | 43,488,149.91 | 25,804,909.73 | 84,284,441.25 |
| AGP | 3,217,051.25 | 3,482,456.63 | 1,997,004.75 | 6,699,507.88 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 98.27 | 109.70 | 87.88 | 103.90 |
| HOLD % | 7.89% | 8.01% | 7.74% | 7.95% |
| 5¢ SLOTS | 1,058 | 1,106 | 1,502 | 2,164 |
| COINS IN | 33,122,384.57 | 36,343,275.70 | 46,582,683.80 | 69,465,660.27 |
| AGP | 2,156,135.06 | 2,419,879.07 | 2,929,629.56 | 4,576,014.13 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 65.74 | 70.58 | 62.92 | 68.21 |
| HOLD % | 6.51% | 6.66% | 6.29% | 6.59% |
| 25¢ SLOTS | 1,085 | 1,106 | 1,156 | 2,191 |
| COINS IN | 58,982,109.23 | 62,904,121.02 | 62,616,646.00 | 121,886,230.25 |
| AGP | 2,929,378.27 | 3,293,224.29 | 3,193,212.78 | 6,222,602.56 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 87.09 | 96.05 | 89.11 | 91.62 |
| HOLD % | 4.97% | 5.24% | 5.10% | 5.11% |
| \$1 SLOTS | 874 | 878 | 904 | 1,752 |
| COINS IN | 69,675,200.00 | 74,886,136.00 | 72,493,096.50 | 144,561,336.00 |
| AGP | 3,245,293.25 | 3,614,729.32 | 3,417,567.22 | 6,860,022.57 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 119.78 | 132.81 | 121.95 | 126.31 |
| HOLD % | 4.66% | 4.83% | 4.71% | 4.75% |
| \$5 SLOTS | 66 | 66 | 73 | 132 |
| COINS IN | 6,204,360.00 | 7,120,190.00 | 6,506,040.00 | 13,324,550.00 |
| AGP | 414,567.65 | 244,654.80 | 257,554.15 | 659,222.45 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 202.62 | 119.58 | 113.81 | 161.10 |
| HOLD % | 6.68% | 3.44% | 3.96% | 4.95% |
| OTHER SLOTS* | 561 | 560 | 453 | 1,121 |
| COINS IN | 25,894,137.36 | 26,652,356.71 | 18,475,757.03 | 52,546,494.07 |
| AGP | 1,580,712.61 | 1,641,803.63 | 1,197,725.58 | 3,222,516.24 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 90.89 | 94.57 | 85.29 | 92.73 |
| HOLD % | 6.10% | 6.16% | 6.48% | 6.13% |
| BJ TABLES | 17 | 17 | 19 | 34 |
| BJ DROP | 682,481.76 | 760,945.51 | 799,773.25 | 1,443,427.27 |
| AGP | 100,392.26 | 125,510.01 | 143,806.25 | 225,902.27 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 190.50 | 238.16 | 244.15 | 214.33 |
| HOLD % | 14.71% | 16.49% | 17.98% | 15.65% |
| POKER TABLES | 25 | 29 | 20 | 54 |
| POKER DROP | 326,433.00 | 344,996.50 | 329,993.75 | 671,429.50 |
| AGP | 322,100.50 | 343,156.25 | 325,560.35 | 665,256.75 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 415.61 | 381.71 | 525.10 | 397.41 |
| HOLD % | 22.16% | 22.00% | 20.84% | 22.08% |
| TOTAL AGP | 13,965,630.85 | 15,165,414.00 | 13,462,060.64 | 29,131,044.85 |
| GAMING TAXES | 139,261.29 | 43,636.36 | 133,538.72 | 182,897.65 |
| # OF CASINOS | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| AVG. DAYS OPEN | 31.00 | 31.00 | 31.00 | 31.00 |
| *10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots | | | | |

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

| | <u>August 2005</u> | <u>July 2005</u> | <u>August 2004</u> | <u>Tax Year to Date</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1¢ SLOTS | 2,285 | 2,181 | 1,240 | 4,466 |
| COINS IN | 125,134,182.20 | 133,963,957.79 | 77,073,671.23 | 259,098,139.99 |
| AGP | 11,169,286.81 | 11,273,684.17 | 6,256,220.78 | 22,442,970.98 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 157.68 | 166.74 | 162.75 | 162.11 |
| HOLD % | 8.93% | 8.42% | 8.12% | 8.66% |
| 5¢ SLOTS | 1,926 | 2,003 | 2,686 | 3,929 |
| COINS IN | 91,717,473.53 | 103,167,768.03 | 147,845,181.45 | 194,885,241.56 |
| AGP | 6,156,754.94 | 7,193,623.95 | 9,920,928.61 | 13,350,378.89 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 103.12 | 115.85 | 119.15 | 109.61 |
| HOLD % | 6.71% | 6.97% | 6.71% | 6.85% |
| 25¢ SLOTS | 2,172 | 2,198 | 2,509 | 4,370 |
| COINS IN | 168,870,947.00 | 186,270,954.75 | 200,000,319.00 | 355,141,901.75 |
| AGP | 8,632,552.91 | 9,517,459.83 | 10,286,513.04 | 18,150,012.74 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 128.21 | 139.68 | 132.25 | 133.98 |
| HOLD % | 5.11% | 5.11% | 5.14% | 5.11% |
| \$1 SLOTS | 1,618 | 1,628 | 1,735 | 3,246 |
| COINS IN | 190,673,095.51 | 206,987,296.12 | 215,545,046.00 | 397,660,391.63 |
| AGP | 9,253,631.27 | 9,900,344.82 | 9,686,142.18 | 19,153,976.09 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 184.49 | 196.17 | 180.09 | 190.35 |
| HOLD % | 4.85% | 4.78% | 4.49% | 4.82% |
| \$5 SLOTS | 204 | 204 | 206 | 408 |
| COINS IN | 37,282,600.00 | 39,432,490.00 | 41,528,105.00 | 76,715,090.00 |
| AGP | 1,534,966.72 | 1,338,964.18 | 1,558,411.32 | 2,873,930.90 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 242.72 | 211.73 | 244.04 | 227.22 |
| HOLD % | 4.12% | 3.40% | 3.75% | 3.75% |
| OTHER SLOTS* | 1,232 | 1,203 | 924 | 2,435 |
| COINS IN | 91,309,719.40 | 97,462,367.36 | 81,875,532.22 | 188,772,086.76 |
| AGP | 5,236,303.44 | 6,612,676.74 | 4,677,029.18 | 11,848,980.18 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 137.10 | 177.32 | 163.28 | 156.97 |
| HOLD % | 5.73% | 6.78% | 5.71% | 6.28% |
| BJ TABLES | 51 | 51 | 56 | 102 |
| BJ DROP | 2,665,619.41 | 3,056,198.45 | 3,402,860.50 | 5,721,817.86 |
| AGP | 535,714.91 | 601,397.20 | 661,899.50 | 1,137,112.11 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 338.85 | 380.39 | 381.28 | 359.62 |
| HOLD % | 20.10% | 19.68% | 19.45% | 19.87% |
| POKER TABLES | 82 | 82 | 56 | 164 |
| POKER DROP | 1,966,145.25 | 2,328,205.25 | 2,178,843.30 | 4,294,350.50 |
| AGP | 1,176,286.25 | 1,299,839.75 | 1,203,529.30 | 2,476,126.00 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 462.74 | 511.35 | 693.28 | 487.04 |
| HOLD % | 17.97% | 17.09% | 18.20% | 17.49% |
| TOTAL AGP | 43,695,497.25 | 47,737,990.64 | 44,250,673.91 | 91,433,487.89 |
| GAMING TAXES | 4,563,722.22 | 1,360,370.32 | 4,514,771.84 | 5,924,092.54 |
| # OF CASINOS | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 |
| AVG. DAYS OPEN | 31.00 | 31.00 | 31.00 | 31.00 |
| *10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots | | | | |

CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

| | <u>August 2005</u> | <u>July 2005</u> | <u>August 2004</u> | <u>Tax Year to Date</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1¢ SLOTS | 601 | 661 | 217 | 1,262 |
| COINS IN | 24,056,548.93 | 27,657,711.24 | 12,858,528.73 | 51,714,260.17 |
| AGP | 1,929,958.17 | 2,166,337.02 | 947,033.97 | 4,096,295.19 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 103.59 | 117.05 | 140.78 | 110.03 |
| HOLD % | 8.02% | 7.83% | 7.37% | 7.92% |
| 5¢ SLOTS | 468 | 527 | 622 | 995 |
| COINS IN | 11,602,794.49 | 14,345,889.15 | 17,672,486.00 | 25,948,683.64 |
| AGP | 858,149.98 | 1,057,534.88 | 1,286,039.59 | 1,915,684.86 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 59.15 | 71.67 | 66.70 | 65.26 |
| HOLD % | 7.40% | 7.37% | 7.28% | 7.38% |
| 25¢ SLOTS | 495 | 545 | 407 | 1,040 |
| COINS IN | 25,986,844.50 | 28,325,612.00 | 23,336,857.50 | 54,312,456.50 |
| AGP | 1,425,513.30 | 1,583,225.35 | 1,326,890.05 | 3,008,738.65 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 92.90 | 103.75 | 105.17 | 98.07 |
| HOLD % | 5.49% | 5.59% | 5.69% | 5.54% |
| \$1 SLOTS | 310 | 345 | 276 | 655 |
| COINS IN | 25,407,361.00 | 25,947,892.00 | 23,634,487.00 | 51,355,253.00 |
| AGP | 1,123,959.82 | 1,312,386.54 | 1,000,977.57 | 2,436,346.36 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 116.96 | 135.86 | 116.99 | 126.09 |
| HOLD % | 4.42% | 5.06% | 4.24% | 4.74% |
| \$5 SLOTS | 20 | 20 | 23 | 40 |
| COINS IN | 2,078,780.00 | 2,568,760.00 | 1,854,095.00 | 4,647,540.00 |
| AGP | 146,150.00 | 103,784.00 | 116,801.00 | 249,934.00 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 235.73 | 185.33 | 163.82 | 211.81 |
| HOLD % | 7.03% | 4.04% | 6.30% | 5.38% |
| OTHER SLOTS* | 118 | 109 | 0 | 227 |
| COINS IN | 8,545,435.18 | 8,657,266.47 | 0.00 | 17,202,701.65 |
| AGP | 446,906.33 | 548,105.35 | 0.00 | 995,011.68 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 122.17 | 179.59 | 0.00 | 148.59 |
| HOLD % | 5.23% | 6.33% | 0.00% | 5.78% |
| BJ TABLES | 9 | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| BJ DROP | 296,759.00 | 357,822.25 | 118,822.50 | 654,581.25 |
| AGP | 45,473.50 | 65,678.75 | 16,650.25 | 111,152.25 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 162.99 | 260.63 | 59.68 | 209.33 |
| HOLD % | 15.32% | 18.36% | 14.01% | 16.98% |
| POKER TABLES | 16 | 16 | 14 | 32 |
| POKER DROP | 266,296.00 | 325,253.00 | 242,799.00 | 591,549.00 |
| AGP | 217,300.50 | 244,656.50 | 155,002.00 | 461,957.00 |
| AVG DAILY AGP | 438.11 | 546.11 | 357.15 | 489.36 |
| HOLD % | 22.40% | 19.93% | 16.57% | 21.04% |
| TOTAL AGP | 6,193,411.60 | 7,081,708.39 | 4,849,394.43 | 13,275,119.99 |
| GAMING TAXES | 476,848.63 | 87,438.50 | 324,832.69 | 564,287.13 |
| # OF CASINOS | 6 | 7 | 5 | 7 |
| AVG. DAYS OPEN | 31.00 | 28.00 | 31.00 | 29.50 |
| *10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots | | | | |

AUGUST AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

| <u>Device</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>AGP</u> | <u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u> | <u>Hold %</u> |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Slots | 16,149 | \$61,457,272 | \$122.76 | 5.92% |
| Tables | 200 | \$2,397,268 | \$386.66 | 18.81% |
| TOTAL | 16,349 | \$63,854,540 | \$125.99 | 6.11% |

Cripple Creek

| <u>Device</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>AGP</u> | <u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u> | <u>Hold %</u> |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Slots | 4,700 | \$13,543,138 | \$92.95 | 5.77% |
| Tables | 42 | \$422,493 | \$324.50 | 17.12% |
| TOTAL | 4,742 | \$13,965,631 | \$95.00 | 5.93% |

Black Hawk

| <u>Device</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>AGP</u> | <u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u> | <u>Hold %</u> |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Slots | 9,437 | \$41,983,496 | \$143.51 | 5.96% |
| Tables | 133 | \$1,712,001 | \$415.23 | 19.19% |
| TOTAL | 9,570 | \$43,695,497 | \$147.29 | 6.16% |

Central City

| <u>Device</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>AGP</u> | <u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u> | <u>Hold %</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Slots | 2,012 | \$5,930,638 | \$95.08 | 6.07% |
| Tables | 25 | \$262,774 | \$339.06 | 18.67% |
| TOTAL | 2,037 | \$6,193,412 | \$98.08 | 6.30% |

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

GAMING ♦ UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ October 10 • Columbus Day, Division offices closed
- ✓ October 17 • September gaming tax returns due
- ✓ October 20 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood

OCTOBER 2005

COLORADO DEPT OF REVENUE
DIVISION OF GAMING
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LAKEWOOD CO 80214-1496