

Revisions Planned for Casino EZ File System

The Department of Revenue is in the process of revising the Division of Gaming's Casino EZ File system with a new look and uniform design, along with minor enhancements to the tax filing, personnel and device tracking and financial statement reporting modules. Implementation is scheduled for December. The Division will provide training on the system for casino users in January.

Bulletin 49 Issued

The Division of Gaming has issued Gaming Industry Bulletin 49 addressing involvement with illegal gambling by persons and businesses licensed in the Colorado gaming industry. The bulletin can be viewed online at the Division web site.

Commission Action

At its meeting on October 20 in Lakewood, the Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Easy Street Casino, The Famous Bonanza Casino Corp., Riviera Black Hawk Casino
- Renewed the operator and manufacturer/distributor licenses of Vista Gaming Corp.
- Issued a new manufacturer/distributor license to NRT Technology Corp.
- Approved the orders of summary suspension for Barbara Jean Hosanna, support license number 26790; Columbus Neou, support license number 29250; and William Lee Gregory, support license number 20390

Mixed Reviews for Revenues

Colorado casinos experienced mixed revenue results in September. Gaming establishments statewide reported \$63.6 million in AGP in September, down slightly from \$63.8 million in August, but up 4.3 percent from \$61.0 million in September 2004. Black Hawk's 21 casinos totaled \$44.6 million in AGP in September; Cripple Creek's 19 casinos, \$13.3 million; and Central City's five casinos, \$5.6 million.

Casinos paid \$7.3 million in gaming tax proceeds to the state in September, up from \$5.1 million in August. During September, 26 casinos reported AGP at the 0.25 percent tax level, seven at 2 percent, two at 4 percent, five at 11 percent, three at 16 percent and three at 20 percent.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



When the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes of Oklahoma voted to abandon plans to pursue a tribal casino in Pueblo, another chapter in efforts to place a tribal casino outside reservation land in Colorado came to a close. The efforts by a land developer on behalf of the Oklahoma tribes has been the most aggressive and highly publicized to date—first proposed as a 500-acre development near Denver International Airport as settlement for a 27-million acre land claim—but the project was not the first proposed by out-of-state reservations. Tribal representatives have approached civic leaders in other communities in the past offering the carrot of tourism dollars and jobs.

What the developer of the Oklahoma tribe project and other out-of-state tribes fail to mention when pitching their proposals is that the national Indian Gaming Regulatory Act envisioned such land grabs for tribal gaming purposes. Under federal statute, tribal gaming cannot be conducted on land put into trust after Oct. 17, 1988, unless specific exceptions are met. One exception is if the Secretary of Interior, after consultation with the tribe, state and local officials and other nearby Indian tribes, determines a gaming establishment on the newly acquired land would be in the best interest of the tribe and its members, and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community, but only if the governor concurs with the Secretary's determination. Another exception is if the land is taken into trust as part of a settlement of a land claim. In the case of the Oklahoma tribes, they lay claim to 27 million acres of Colorado land and have dropped efforts to settle these claims with land for tribal gaming purposes to pursue the land and water claims by other means.

The Arapaho-Cheyenne proposal brought to the forefront many issues, including should voters, both statewide and local, have a say in the expansion of gaming through tribes obtaining trust land to build casinos in light of the state constitutional amendment requiring local approval for casino expansion and the rejection of casino expansion in the past. That issue may never have to be resolved because of the federal legislation making it difficult for out-of-state tribes to do so.

—Mark L. Wilson

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>September 2005</u>	<u>August 2005</u>	<u>September 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	4,094	3,942	2,236	11,902
COINS IN	195,860,371.02	189,987,022.47	115,524,881.07	590,957,212.43
AGP	16,817,567.60	16,316,296.23	9,218,786.50	50,056,341.65
AVG DAILY AGP	136.93	137.97	137.43	137.81
HOLD %	8.59%	8.59%	7.98%	8.47%
5¢ SLOTS	3,403	3,452	4,711	10,491
COINS IN	133,940,697.63	136,442,652.59	202,643,328.45	424,240,283.10
AGP	9,297,774.79	9,171,039.98	13,958,096.41	29,139,852.67
AVG DAILY AGP	91.07	88.56	98.76	91.02
HOLD %	6.94%	6.72%	6.89%	6.87%
25¢ SLOTS	3,734	3,752	4,014	11,335
COINS IN	248,427,927.80	253,839,900.73	268,187,084.25	779,768,516.30
AGP	12,237,435.38	12,987,444.48	13,958,476.67	39,618,789.33
AVG DAILY AGP	109.24	115.38	115.91	114.53
HOLD %	4.93%	5.12%	5.20%	5.08%
\$1 SLOTS	2,787	2,802	2,912	8,440
COINS IN	286,332,500.64	285,755,656.51	303,142,769.00	879,909,481.27
AGP	13,280,367.07	13,622,884.34	13,415,980.17	41,730,712.09
AVG DAILY AGP	158.84	162.06	153.57	162.02
HOLD %	4.64%	4.77%	4.43%	4.74%
\$5 SLOTS	290	290	302	870
COINS IN	46,531,750.00	45,565,740.00	52,683,155.00	141,218,930.00
AGP	2,185,633.75	2,095,684.37	2,344,495.78	5,968,721.10
AVG DAILY AGP	251.22	240.88	258.77	224.81
HOLD %	4.70%	4.60%	4.45%	4.23%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,938	1,911	1,441	5,721
COINS IN	122,864,446.85	125,749,291.94	102,538,781.14	381,385,729.33
AGP	7,483,579.85	7,263,922.38	5,544,556.20	23,550,087.95
AVG DAILY AGP	128.72	126.70	128.26	134.89
HOLD %	6.09%	5.78%	5.41%	6.17%
BJ TABLES	79	77	85	233
BJ DROP	3,480,333.10	3,644,860.17	3,873,804.85	11,300,159.48
AGP	674,525.10	681,580.67	764,325.85	2,148,691.73
AVG DAILY AGP	284.61	295.06	299.74	302.18
HOLD %	19.38%	18.70%	19.73%	19.01%
POKER TABLES	120	123	90	370
POKER DROP	2,582,262.75	2,558,874.25	2,503,477.50	8,139,591.75
AGP	1,672,621.15	1,715,687.25	1,527,370.95	5,275,960.90
AVG DAILY AGP	464.62	565.69	565.69	467.24
HOLD %	19.43%	17.51%	17.51%	18.74%
TOTAL AGP	63,649,504.69	63,854,539.70	61,013,515.52	197,489,157.42
GAMING TAXES	7,326,778.05	5,179,832.14	6,894,914.63	13,998,055.37
# OF CASINOS	46	46	45	46
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.52
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>September 2005</u>	<u>August 2005</u>	<u>September 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	1,082	1,056	734	3,162
COINS IN	41,686,896.12	40,796,291.34	26,527,677.90	125,971,337.37
AGP	3,247,929.34	3,217,051.25	2,059,764.32	9,947,437.22
AVG DAILY AGP	100.06	98.27	93.54	102.58
HOLD %	7.79%	7.89%	7.76%	7.90%
5¢ SLOTS	1,026	1,058	1,487	3,190
COINS IN	31,356,392.18	33,122,384.57	46,804,891.75	100,822,052.45
AGP	2,121,575.80	2,156,135.06	3,109,373.89	6,697,589.93
AVG DAILY AGP	68.93	65.74	69.70	68.46
HOLD %	6.77%	6.51%	6.64%	6.64%
25¢ SLOTS	1,065	1,085	1,155	3,256
COINS IN	54,782,693.30	58,982,109.23	59,745,918.75	176,668,923.55
AGP	2,683,805.96	2,929,378.27	3,177,974.14	8,906,408.52
AVG DAILY AGP	84.00	87.09	91.72	89.20
HOLD %	4.90%	4.97%	5.32%	5.04%
\$1 SLOTS	865	874	908	2,617
COINS IN	67,629,775.00	69,675,200.00	71,359,305.00	212,191,111.00
AGP	3,142,932.90	3,245,293.25	3,019,777.04	10,002,955.47
AVG DAILY AGP	121.11	119.78	110.86	124.64
HOLD %	4.65%	4.66%	4.23%	4.71%
\$5 SLOTS	66	66	72	198
COINS IN	5,098,875.00	6,204,360.00	9,361,315.00	18,423,425.00
AGP	283,767.00	414,567.65	392,178.55	942,989.45
AVG DAILY AGP	143.32	202.62	181.56	155.30
HOLD %	5.57%	6.68%	4.19%	5.12%
OTHER SLOTS*	610	561	464	1,731
COINS IN	23,918,132.02	25,894,137.36	19,264,466.19	76,464,626.09
AGP	1,504,425.61	1,580,712.61	1,090,866.90	4,726,941.85
AVG DAILY AGP	82.21	90.89	78.37	89.05
HOLD %	6.29%	6.10%	5.66%	6.18%
BJ TABLES	16	17	19	50
BJ DROP	603,901.50	682,481.76	690,549.50	2,047,328.77
AGP	106,678.50	100,392.26	132,351.00	332,580.77
AVG DAILY AGP	222.25	190.50	232.19	216.90
HOLD %	17.66%	14.71%	19.17%	16.24%
POKER TABLES	26	25	20	80
POKER DROP	277,236.00	326,433.00	324,067.50	948,665.50
AGP	280,557.50	322,100.50	291,506.20	945,814.25
AVG DAILY AGP	359.69	415.61	485.84	385.52
HOLD %	18.97%	22.16%	16.82%	21.17%
TOTAL AGP	13,371,672.61	13,965,630.85	13,273,792.04	42,502,717.46
GAMING TAXES	392,609.13	139,261.29	403,196.01	575,506.78
# OF CASINOS	19	19	19	19
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.67
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>September 2005</u>	<u>August 2005</u>	<u>September 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	2,392	2,285	1,263	6,858
COINS IN	132,107,488.70	125,134,182.20	75,835,020.79	391,205,628.69
AGP	11,828,366.15	11,169,286.81	6,259,684.37	34,271,337.13
AVG DAILY AGP	164.83	157.68	165.21	162.95
HOLD %	8.95%	8.93%	8.25%	8.76%
5¢ SLOTS	1,922	1,926	2,643	5,851
COINS IN	91,959,935.10	91,717,473.53	141,654,620.90	286,845,176.66
AGP	6,416,562.27	6,156,754.94	9,791,908.24	19,766,941.16
AVG DAILY AGP	111.28	103.12	123.49	110.16
HOLD %	6.98%	6.71%	6.91%	6.89%
25¢ SLOTS	2,171	2,172	2,488	6,541
COINS IN	169,984,106.50	168,870,947.00	189,337,636.00	525,126,008.25
AGP	8,290,896.07	8,632,552.91	9,746,368.85	26,440,908.81
AVG DAILY AGP	127.30	128.21	130.58	131.82
HOLD %	4.88%	5.11%	5.15%	5.04%
\$1 SLOTS	1,611	1,618	1,732	4,857
COINS IN	194,034,900.64	190,673,095.51	210,872,188.00	591,695,292.27
AGP	9,028,730.54	9,253,631.27	9,512,948.32	28,182,706.63
AVG DAILY AGP	186.81	184.49	183.08	189.21
HOLD %	4.65%	4.85%	4.51%	4.76%
\$5 SLOTS	204	204	207	612
COINS IN	39,643,965.00	37,282,600.00	41,619,940.00	116,359,055.00
AGP	1,786,201.75	1,534,966.72	1,864,332.23	4,660,132.65
AVG DAILY AGP	291.86	242.72	300.21	248.30
HOLD %	4.51%	4.12%	4.48%	4.00%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,212	1,232	977	3,647
COINS IN	91,781,121.14	91,309,719.40	83,274,314.95	280,553,207.90
AGP	5,537,954.47	5,236,303.44	4,453,689.30	17,386,934.65
AVG DAILY AGP	152.31	137.10	151.95	155.46
HOLD %	6.03%	5.73%	5.35%	6.20%
BJ TABLES	54	51	57	156
BJ DROP	2,631,203.10	2,665,619.41	3,066,621.35	8,353,020.96
AGP	530,976.85	535,714.91	611,060.85	1,668,088.96
AVG DAILY AGP	327.76	338.85	357.35	348.68
HOLD %	20.18%	20.10%	19.93%	19.97%
POKER TABLES	78	82	56	242
POKER DROP	2,075,089.50	1,966,145.25	1,969,751.25	6,369,440.00
AGP	1,188,852.90	1,176,286.25	1,085,146.50	3,664,978.90
AVG DAILY AGP	508.06	462.74	645.92	493.84
HOLD %	19.02%	17.97%	17.72%	17.99%
TOTAL AGP	44,608,541.00	43,695,497.25	43,325,138.66	136,042,028.89
GAMING TAXES	6,299,166.27	4,563,722.22	6,054,878.02	12,223,258.81
# OF CASINOS	21	21	21	21
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.67
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CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>September 2005</u>	<u>August 2005</u>	<u>September 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	620	601	239	1,882
COINS IN	22,065,986.20	24,056,548.93	13,162,182.38	73,780,246.37
AGP	1,741,272.11	1,929,958.17	899,337.81	5,837,567.30
AVG DAILY AGP	93.62	103.59	125.43	104.86
HOLD %	7.89%	8.02%	6.83%	7.91%
5¢ SLOTS	455	468	581	1,450
COINS IN	10,624,370.35	11,602,794.49	14,183,815.80	36,573,053.99
AGP	759,636.72	858,149.98	1,056,814.28	2,675,321.58
AVG DAILY AGP	55.65	59.15	60.63	62.38
HOLD %	7.15%	7.40%	7.45%	7.32%
25¢ SLOTS	498	495	371	1,538
COINS IN	23,661,128.00	25,986,844.50	19,103,529.50	77,973,584.50
AGP	1,262,733.35	1,425,513.30	1,034,133.68	4,271,472.00
AVG DAILY AGP	84.52	92.90	92.91	93.89
HOLD %	5.34%	5.49%	5.41%	5.48%
\$1 SLOTS	311	310	272	966
COINS IN	24,667,825.00	25,407,361.00	20,911,276.00	76,023,078.00
AGP	1,108,703.63	1,123,959.82	883,254.81	3,545,049.99
AVG DAILY AGP	118.83	116.96	108.24	124.07
HOLD %	4.49%	4.42%	4.22%	4.66%
\$5 SLOTS	20	20	23	60
COINS IN	1,788,910.00	2,078,780.00	1,701,900.00	6,436,450.00
AGP	115,665.00	146,150.00	87,985.00	365,599.00
AVG DAILY AGP	192.78	235.73	127.51	206.00
HOLD %	6.47%	7.03%	5.17%	5.68%
OTHER SLOTS*	116	118	-	343
COINS IN	7,165,193.69	8,545,435.18	-	24,367,895.34
AGP	441,199.77	446,906.33	-	1,436,211.45
AVG DAILY AGP	126.78	122.17	0.00	141.56
HOLD %	6.16%	5.23%	0.00%	5.89%
BJ TABLES	9	9	9	27
BJ DROP	245,228.50	296,759.00	116,634.00	899,809.75
AGP	36,869.75	45,473.50	20,914.00	148,022.00
AVG DAILY AGP	136.55	162.99	77.46	185.34
HOLD %	15.03%	15.32%	17.93%	16.45%
POKER TABLES	16	16	14	48
POKER DROP	229,937.25	266,296.00	209,658.75	821,486.25
AGP	203,210.75	217,300.50	150,718.25	665,167.75
AVG DAILY AGP	423.36	438.11	358.85	468.50
HOLD %	23.62%	22.40%	16.53%	21.77%
TOTAL AGP	5,669,291.08	6,193,411.60	4,414,584.82	18,944,411.07
GAMING TAXES	635,002.65	476,848.63	436,840.60	1,199,289.78
# OF CASINOS	6	6	5	6
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	29.58
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

SEPTEMBER AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	16,246	\$61,302,358	\$125.78	5.93%
Tables	199	\$2,347,146	\$393.16	19.40%
TOTAL	16,445	\$63,649,505	\$129.01	6.11%

Cripple Creek

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	4,714	\$12,984,437	\$91.81	5.78%
Tables	42	\$387,236	\$307.33	18.08%
TOTAL	4,756	\$13,371,673	\$93.72	5.93%

Black Hawk

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	9,512	\$42,888,711	\$150.30	5.96%
Tables	132	\$1,719,830	\$434.30	19.67%
TOTAL	9,644	\$44,608,541	\$154.18	6.16%

Central City

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	2,020	\$5,429,211	\$89.59	6.03%
Tables	25	\$240,081	\$320.11	19.19%
TOTAL	2,045	\$5,669,291	\$92.41	6.27%

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

GAMING ♦ UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ November 11 • Veterans Day, Division offices closed
- ✓ November 15 • October gaming tax returns due
- ✓ November 17 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood
- ✓ November 24 • Thanksgiving Day, Division offices closed

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