

## ***Division to Propose Slot Approval Change***

The Division of Gaming will be presenting proposed changes to Gaming Rule 12 to the Gaming Commission on March 16. The changes primarily involve the shifting of the approval process for slot machine games prior to their use in casinos from the Division to gaming licensees. The proposed changes can be viewed on the Division's web site on the News & Information page. Public comment should be directed to Ray Cherhoniak at the Division of Gaming prior to March 1.

## ***Commission Action***

At its meeting on January 19 in Lakewood, the Commission:

- Renewed the retailer licenses of Johnny Nolon's Casino, Mardi Gras Casino, Golden Gates Casino and Golden Gulch Casino

- Renewed the operator licenses of Mardi Gras Casino, Golden Gates Casino and Golden Gulch Casino

- Approved changes of ownership for Johnny Nolon's Casino; The Lodge Casino at Black Hawk; The Gilpin Hotel Casino, Inc.; Bronco Billy's Sports Bar & Casino; and Buffalo Billy's Casino
- Issued new operator license to Legends Gaming, LLC

- Approved proposed changes to gaming regulations 47.1-424, authorizing 366 days of gaming during leap years, and 47.1-1304, reducing the publishing requirement by closed casinos regarding chip and token redemption.

## **Up Year Finishes on Down Note**

Colorado casinos ended a record high year for revenues on a low note in December. Casinos statewide produced nearly \$755.5 million in AGP in 2005, up 4.1 percent from \$725.9 million in calendar 2004. The year ended with declining revenues in December, however; with casinos posting \$57.4 million in AGP, down 3.6 percent from \$59.5 million in November and down 3.8 percent from \$59.7 million in December 2004.

Black Hawk's 21 casinos totaled \$531.8 million in AGP in 2005, up 1.5 percent from \$524.0 million in 2004. Cripple Creek's 19 casinos generated \$151.0 million in AGP in 2005, up 1.6 percent from \$148.6 million the previous year. Central City's six casinos reported \$72.6 million in AGP in 2005, up 36.5 percent from \$53.1 million in 2004. In December, Black Hawk casinos accounted for 72.4 percent of the statewide market, with \$41.5 million in AGP; Cripple Creek gaming establishments, 18.9 percent, with \$10.8 million in AGP; and Central City casinos, 8.7 percent, with nearly \$5.0 million in AGP.

	STATEWIDE		% Chg	CRIPPLE CREEK		% Chg
1991	\$	23,128,786		\$	6,020,467	
1992	\$	180,093,096		\$	52,513,939	
1993	\$	259,910,122	44.3%	\$	68,786,024	31.0%
1994	\$	325,684,641	25.3%	\$	82,279,673	19.6%
1995	\$	384,342,947	18.0%	\$	94,018,959	14.3%
1996	\$	411,666,442	7.1%	\$	102,885,444	9.4%
1997	\$	430,901,211	4.7%	\$	108,879,335	5.8%
1998	\$	479,217,577	11.2%	\$	113,230,209	4.0%
1999	\$	551,319,150	15.0%	\$	122,611,399	8.3%
2000	\$	631,852,112	14.6%	\$	134,630,255	9.8%
2001	\$	676,674,192	7.1%	\$	138,617,688	3.0%
2002	\$	719,701,404	6.4%	\$	142,436,212	2.8%
2003	\$	698,285,082	-3.0%	\$	142,525,101	0.1%
2004	\$	725,903,556	4.0%	\$	148,689,335	4.3%
2005	\$	755,499,720	4.1%	\$	151,011,042	1.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,254,180,038</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,609,135,084</b>	
	BLACK HAWK		% Chg	CENTRAL CITY		% Chg
1991	\$	6,560,615		\$	10,547,704	
1992	\$	56,210,733		\$	71,368,424	
1993	\$	112,146,891	99.5%	\$	78,977,206	10.7%
1994	\$	173,703,259	54.9%	\$	69,701,708	-11.7%
1995	\$	195,855,638	12.8%	\$	94,468,349	35.5%
1996	\$	219,911,097	12.3%	\$	88,869,900	-5.9%
1997	\$	234,631,114	6.7%	\$	87,390,762	-1.7%
1998	\$	272,007,738	15.9%	\$	93,979,630	7.5%
1999	\$	354,913,835	30.5%	\$	73,793,917	-21.5%
2000	\$	433,768,948	22.2%	\$	63,452,908	-14.0%
2001	\$	478,326,427	10.3%	\$	59,730,077	-5.9%
2002	\$	524,464,856	9.6%	\$	52,800,335	-11.6%
2003	\$	505,851,055	-3.5%	\$	49,908,926	-5.5%
2004	\$	524,035,343	3.6%	\$	53,178,879	6.6%
2005	\$	531,878,276	1.5%	\$	72,610,402	36.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,624,265,826</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,020,779,128</b>	

## COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>November 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	4,658	4,463	2,480	25,352
COINS IN	199,551,947.54	198,611,629.63	127,840,998.72	1,195,469,017.03
AGP	17,269,566.78	17,167,881.75	10,047,371.91	102,339,530.95
AVG DAILY AGP	119.60	126.85	133.59	131.96
HOLD %	8.65%	8.64%	7.86%	8.56%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	3,047	3,110	4,352	19,910
COINS IN	110,025,207.29	118,583,256.22	177,215,392.06	781,535,936.46
AGP	7,442,369.29	7,924,251.80	12,229,717.47	53,140,328.73
AVG DAILY AGP	78.79	84.02	92.66	87.25
HOLD %	6.76%	6.68%	6.90%	6.80%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	3,539	3,594	3,989	22,140
COINS IN	208,446,602.24	220,835,215.86	252,329,095.00	1,447,166,640.56
AGP	9,816,126.55	11,019,680.74	12,783,801.23	72,616,292.08
AVG DAILY AGP	89.47	101.11	105.68	107.22
HOLD %	4.71%	4.99%	5.07%	5.02%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	2,658	2,682	2,926	16,497
COINS IN	248,638,747.79	264,023,255.34	285,390,379.00	1,676,604,021.46
AGP	11,570,170.77	12,120,279.49	13,287,279.74	78,835,085.98
AVG DAILY AGP	140.42	149.02	149.74	156.22
HOLD %	4.65%	4.59%	4.66%	4.70%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	285	289	296	1,730
COINS IN	41,645,060.00	41,884,775.00	48,095,210.00	268,193,020.00
AGP	1,716,800.72	1,747,091.46	2,217,826.05	11,167,830.75
AVG DAILY AGP	194.32	199.34	247.07	211.03
HOLD %	4.12%	4.17%	4.61%	4.16%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	2,124	2,076	1,511	11,925
COINS IN	118,857,498.40	122,392,551.14	100,252,365.83	752,197,020.97
AGP	7,173,104.08	7,213,372.96	6,373,333.12	45,709,114.10
AVG DAILY AGP	108.94	114.58	139.09	125.30
HOLD %	6.04%	5.89%	6.36%	6.08%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	81	75	80	465
BJ DROP	3,293,588.15	3,347,997.41	3,796,916.16	21,461,968.79
AGP	703,815.90	634,792.66	773,503.16	4,215,067.04
AVG DAILY AGP	280.29	279.10	318.83	296.33
HOLD %	21.37%	18.96%	20.37%	19.64%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	141	125	100	757
POKER DROP	2,424,533.80	2,495,178.76	2,681,428.70	15,638,712.61
AGP	1,737,336.11	1,767,969.82	1,675,909.80	10,487,099.69
AVG DAILY AGP	397.47	552.63	552.63	452.88
HOLD %	19.45%	16.65%	16.65%	19.10%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	57,429,290.20	59,595,320.68	59,725,209.53	378,510,349.32
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	9,122,690.35	8,926,632.79	8,942,857.19	40,740,934.53
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	46	46	46	46
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	30.33	30.33	30.59
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>November 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	1,295	1,239	840	6,902
COINS IN	39,151,279.04	37,185,680.65	27,867,899.64	242,995,742.96
AGP	3,107,899.65	2,981,008.97	2,111,694.51	19,220,013.22
AVG DAILY AGP	77.42	80.20	81.09	90.81
HOLD %	7.94%	8.02%	7.58%	7.91%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	864	907	1,334	5,913
COINS IN	20,964,094.95	23,475,786.40	36,153,107.10	173,435,259.56
AGP	1,357,438.71	1,483,549.50	2,267,167.74	11,369,785.10
AVG DAILY AGP	50.68	54.52	54.82	62.70
HOLD %	6.48%	6.32%	6.27%	6.56%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	982	985	1,151	6,243
COINS IN	39,803,677.75	42,046,961.50	51,148,301.00	308,124,864.63
AGP	1,860,926.88	2,069,008.06	2,529,850.79	15,351,927.41
AVG DAILY AGP	61.13	70.02	70.90	80.19
HOLD %	4.68%	4.92%	4.95%	4.98%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	835	838	934	5,127
COINS IN	53,992,275.00	58,593,534.00	61,467,911.00	389,865,202.00
AGP	2,619,314.89	2,850,266.43	2,901,390.35	18,475,621.23
AVG DAILY AGP	101.19	113.38	100.21	117.51
HOLD %	4.85%	4.86%	4.72%	4.74%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	62	66	71	390
COINS IN	6,334,750.00	6,006,730.00	4,715,615.00	36,425,760.00
AGP	228,705.98	192,382.25	222,225.80	1,647,505.85
AVG DAILY AGP	118.99	97.16	100.97	137.75
HOLD %	3.61%	3.20%	4.71%	4.52%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	734	690	465	3,787
COINS IN	23,022,505.62	23,613,152.78	17,164,171.20	147,739,825.58
AGP	1,341,154.67	1,336,718.76	1,132,170.75	8,953,914.72
AVG DAILY AGP	58.94	64.58	78.54	77.10
HOLD %	5.83%	5.66%	6.60%	6.06%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	17	17	16	100
BJ DROP	459,029.50	466,061.75	556,775.75	3,514,624.37
AGP	96,781.50	86,344.25	129,097.50	620,628.37
AVG DAILY AGP	183.65	169.30	260.28	202.38
HOLD %	21.08%	18.53%	23.19%	17.66%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	30	29	23	165
POKER DROP	259,104.50	237,197.50	256,336.00	1,730,512.50
AGP	259,049.00	271,137.50	290,499.35	1,757,870.25
AVG DAILY AGP	278.55	311.65	407.43	347.41
HOLD %	19.87%	22.57%	16.46%	21.44%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	10,871,271.28	11,270,415.72	11,584,096.79	77,397,266.15
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	866,380.97	748,664.78	885,130.98	2,786,577.48
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	19	19	19	19
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	30.00	31.00	30.67
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>November 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	2,696	2,572	1,396	14,560
COINS IN	137,715,696.88	137,249,429.70	85,816,128.25	808,408,823.56
AGP	12,374,032.53	12,321,722.18	6,866,989.33	71,683,761.35
AVG DAILY AGP	148.06	159.69	166.24	160.54
HOLD %	8.99%	8.98%	8.00%	8.87%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	1,769	1,790	2,491	11,274
COINS IN	81,311,948.44	86,252,879.40	125,486,395.91	545,235,780.26
AGP	5,561,260.78	5,851,122.94	8,813,611.82	37,324,613.84
AVG DAILY AGP	101.41	108.96	119.57	107.96
HOLD %	6.84%	6.78%	7.02%	6.85%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	2,088	2,129	2,400	12,900
COINS IN	148,730,377.84	156,113,752.86	177,971,630.75	995,882,600.03
AGP	7,002,065.21	7,784,917.50	9,008,932.92	49,637,960.61
AVG DAILY AGP	108.18	121.89	126.85	125.48
HOLD %	4.71%	4.99%	5.06%	4.98%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	1,530	1,549	1,708	9,510
COINS IN	171,991,772.79	181,115,134.34	200,382,326.00	1,138,786,058.46
AGP	7,988,660.18	8,188,152.01	9,256,026.21	53,658,307.26
AVG DAILY AGP	168.43	176.20	183.14	183.99
HOLD %	4.64%	4.52%	4.62%	4.71%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	203	203	205	1,220
COINS IN	33,505,515.00	33,959,095.00	41,423,785.00	219,564,905.00
AGP	1,403,291.74	1,385,034.21	1,907,432.30	8,806,237.90
AVG DAILY AGP	222.99	227.43	314.44	235.38
HOLD %	4.19%	4.08%	4.60%	4.01%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	1,271	1,267	1,046	7,441
COINS IN	87,685,574.37	90,925,381.43	83,088,194.63	556,059,978.84
AGP	5,366,904.87	5,449,086.63	5,241,162.37	34,017,594.59
AVG DAILY AGP	136.21	143.36	169.33	149.08
HOLD %	6.12%	5.99%	6.31%	6.12%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	51	49	56	307
BJ DROP	2,619,313.65	2,646,983.66	3,012,851.76	16,356,115.17
AGP	564,887.15	511,837.16	607,479.01	3,338,102.42
AVG DAILY AGP	357.30	348.19	366.59	354.56
HOLD %	21.57%	19.34%	20.16%	20.41%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	94	80	62	495
POKER DROP	1,944,893.30	2,014,127.50	2,152,518.85	12,381,014.05
AGP	1,299,167.11	1,315,536.56	1,192,854.60	7,505,329.88
AVG DAILY AGP	445.84	548.14	650.19	494.42
HOLD %	18.89%	19.62%	16.45%	18.43%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	41,560,269.57	42,807,409.19	42,894,488.56	265,971,907.85
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	7,475,819.50	7,366,280.71	7,228,617.78	34,400,314.73
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	21	21	22	21
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	30.00	29.59	30.67
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>November 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	667	652	244	3,890
COINS IN	22,684,971.62	24,176,519.28	14,156,970.83	144,064,450.51
AGP	1,787,634.60	1,865,150.60	1,068,688.07	11,435,756.38
AVG DAILY AGP	86.46	95.36	141.29	97.89
HOLD %	7.88%	7.71%	7.55%	7.94%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	414	413	527	2,723
COINS IN	7,749,163.90	8,854,590.42	15,575,889.05	62,864,896.64
AGP	523,669.80	589,579.36	1,148,937.91	4,445,929.79
AVG DAILY AGP	40.80	47.59	70.33	54.37
HOLD %	6.76%	6.66%	7.38%	7.07%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	469	480	438	2,997
COINS IN	19,912,546.65	22,674,501.50	23,209,163.25	143,159,175.90
AGP	953,134.46	1,165,755.18	1,245,017.52	7,626,404.06
AVG DAILY AGP	65.56	80.96	91.69	84.74
HOLD %	4.79%	5.14%	5.36%	5.33%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	293	295	284	1,860
COINS IN	22,654,700.00	24,314,587.00	23,540,142.00	147,952,761.00
AGP	962,195.70	1,081,861.05	1,129,863.18	6,701,157.49
AVG DAILY AGP	105.93	122.24	128.34	119.97
HOLD %	4.25%	4.45%	4.80%	4.53%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	20	20	20	120
COINS IN	1,804,795.00	1,918,950.00	1,955,810.00	12,202,355.00
AGP	84,803.00	169,675.00	88,167.95	714,087.00
AVG DAILY AGP	136.78	282.79	142.21	198.16
HOLD %	4.70%	8.84%	4.51%	5.85%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	119	119	0	697
COINS IN	8,149,418.41	7,854,016.93	0.00	48,397,216.55
AGP	465,044.54	427,567.57	0.00	2,737,604.79
AVG DAILY AGP	126.06	119.77	0.00	130.79
HOLD %	5.71%	5.44%	0.00%	5.66%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	13	9	8	58
BJ DROP	215,245.00	234,952.00	227,288.65	1,591,229.25
AGP	42,147.25	36,611.25	36,926.65	256,336.25
AVG DAILY AGP	104.58	135.60	148.90	147.17
HOLD %	19.58%	15.58%	16.25%	16.11%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	17	16	15	97
POKER DROP	220,536.00	243,853.76	272,573.85	1,527,186.06
AGP	179,120.00	181,295.76	192,555.85	1,223,899.56
AVG DAILY AGP	339.89	377.70	414.10	420.16
HOLD %	23.92%	20.62%	18.41%	21.88%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	4,997,749.35	5,517,495.77	5,246,624.18	35,141,175.32
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	780,489.88	811,687.30	829,108.43	3,554,042.32
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	6	6	5	6
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	30.00	31.00	30.03
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## DECEMBER AGP BY DEVICE

### Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	16,311	\$54,988,138	\$108.75	5.93%
Tables	222	\$2,441,152	\$354.72	20.56%
TOTAL	16,533	\$57,429,290	\$112.05	6.15%

### Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,772	\$10,515,441	\$71.08	5.74%
Tables	47	\$355,831	\$244.22	20.65%
TOTAL	4,819	\$10,871,271	\$72.77	5.91%

### Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	9,557	\$39,696,215	\$133.99	6.01%
Tables	145	\$1,864,054	\$414.70	20.43%
TOTAL	9,702	\$41,560,270	\$138.18	6.24%

### Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	1,982	\$4,776,482	\$77.74	5.76%
Tables	30	\$221,267	\$237.92	21.78%
TOTAL	2,012	\$4,997,749	\$80.13	5.99%

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

# GAMING ♦ UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ February 15 • January gaming tax returns due
- ✓ February 16 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood
- ✓ February 20 • President's Day, Division offices closed

**FEBRUARY 2006**

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