

Hearings Condensed

The Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission's annual gaming tax-setting hearing process will conclude in May rather than June, following a condensed two-month schedule rather than three months.

The process will commence April 20 with a presentation on methodology and testimony from the state agencies impacted by gaming that normally would provide information in May. The hearings in May will combine testimony from the local and county governments impacted by gaming and from the Division, the industry and the Commission's independent CPA regarding the financial state of the industry.

Should the Commission need additional time and information to reach a decision, the process may be continued until the June meeting. However, a decision is anticipated at the May meeting, which has been moved to Tuesday, May 30, rather than the customary third Thursday of the month.

Commission Action

At its regular meeting on Feb. 16 in Lakewood, the Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Bullwhackers Casino, Silver Hawk Casino and Bullpen Sports Casino
- Issued new operator license to Atronic Americas LLC
- Issued Order to Show Cause to The Eureka Ltd.!
- Approved Stipulation and Agreement between Division and The Virgin Mule, resulting in one-day closure of casino

Revenues Short in February

Revenues at Colorado casinos fell short in February. Casinos statewide generated \$61.5 million in AGP in February, down 3.7 percent from \$63.9 million in January and down 0.9 percent from \$62.0 million in February 2005.

Black Hawk's 21 casinos produced \$43.9 million in AGP in February, down from \$45.7 million in January and even with the same amount in February 2005. Cripple Creek's 19 casinos totaled \$12.0 million in AGP in February, down slightly from \$12.2 million in January and \$12.1 million the previous year. Central City's six casinos reported nearly \$5.5 million in AGP in February, down from nearly \$5.9 million the previous month and \$6.0 million in February 2005.

Casinos statewide paid \$10.1 million in gaming taxes in February, down from \$10.3 million in January.

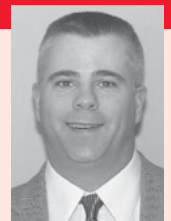
MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of my early goals as director of the Division of Gaming has been to improve efficiencies. This is a goal shared by the Gaming Commission. When the Commission asked me in February to look at condensing the tax-setting process into two months instead of three, I knew Division staff would be up to the challenge. Our primary concern was to ensure all the participants in the process would have ample opportunity to receive and provide the information they needed. The industry has always relied upon the financial statement information provided by the Division and the Commission's independent CPA firm that reviews and analyzes that information. We met with the CPA firm to ensure they could perform their work in time for the May meeting, which has been moved to May 30 to accommodate commissioners' schedules and to provide more time for the financial statement evaluation process. They assured us that they could. We then contacted the Colorado Gaming Association to determine if the industry was comfortable with the new schedule. They were amenable.

The industry's request last year to move the testimony of local and county governments from May to June actually helped facilitate this year's schedule. The May meeting will be a repeat of last year's June meeting, combining local government testimony with presentations on the financial viability of the industry. The April meeting also has a natural progression. April has traditionally been reserved for testimony on methodology, which normally did not take a large amount of time. This year it will be augmented by presentations by state agencies impacted by gaming, including the Department of Local Affairs representing the Local Government Limited Gaming Impact Advisory Committee. Local Affairs will also be presenting its budget request at the April meeting, so its tax hearing testimony on the same day saves time for Local Affairs staff.

In the end, the reduced schedule will save time for everyone involved without sacrificing the integrity of the process. That's what efficiency is all about.

—Ron Kammerzell



COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>February 2006</u>	<u>January 2006</u>	<u>February 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	4,895	4,704	2,975	34,951
COINS IN	220,028,148.93	218,645,438.97	142,785,252.36	1,634,142,604.93
AGP	18,881,261.03	19,073,932.50	11,639,129.41	140,294,724.48
AVG DAILY AGP	137.76	148.54	143.32	132.40
HOLD %	8.58%	8.72%	8.15%	8.59%
5¢ SLOTS	2,945	2,909	4,184	25,764
COINS IN	114,700,063.08	118,854,345.23	170,600,727.37	1,015,090,344.77
AGP	7,675,024.69	8,024,320.66	11,634,048.38	68,839,674.08
AVG DAILY AGP	93.08	101.05	101.86	88.13
HOLD %	6.69%	6.75%	6.82%	6.78%
25¢ SLOTS	3,480	3,418	3,906	29,038
COINS IN	217,818,384.11	227,406,875.50	255,163,394.34	1,892,391,900.17
AGP	11,073,893.26	11,360,609.33	13,346,836.74	95,050,794.67
AVG DAILY AGP	113.65	121.76	125.17	107.97
HOLD %	5.08%	5.00%	5.23%	5.02%
\$1 SLOTS	2,643	2,651	2,875	21,791
COINS IN	258,424,306.38	271,213,475.30	281,323,044.14	2,206,241,803.14
AGP	12,552,259.30	12,840,771.92	13,565,065.11	104,228,117.20
AVG DAILY AGP	169.62	177.44	172.84	157.77
HOLD %	4.86%	4.73%	4.82%	4.72%
\$5 SLOTS	277	284	312	2,291
COINS IN	38,491,620.00	44,692,990.00	47,470,110.00	351,377,630.00
AGP	1,327,236.06	1,878,231.24	2,306,680.52	14,373,298.05
AVG DAILY AGP	171.12	242.27	270.83	206.94
HOLD %	3.45%	4.20%	4.86%	4.09%
OTHER SLOTS*	2,183	2,190	1,770	16,298
COINS IN	127,225,754.71	136,586,762.46	124,455,978.14	1,016,009,538.14
AGP	7,629,868.72	8,241,159.86	6,603,562.69	61,580,142.68
AVG DAILY AGP	124.83	137.85	136.67	124.63
HOLD %	6.00%	6.03%	5.31%	6.06%
BJ TABLES	79	75	77	619
BJ DROP	3,290,063.10	3,348,161.25	3,685,805.85	28,100,193.14
AGP	685,055.85	683,460.50	753,708.10	5,583,583.39
AVG DAILY AGP	309.70	333.83	358.58	297.53
HOLD %	20.82%	20.41%	20.45%	19.87%
POKER TABLES	139	142	102	1,038
POKER DROP	2,531,661.30	2,519,135.50	2,797,927.35	20,689,509.41
AGP	1,697,969.15	1,795,492.54	1,737,358.35	13,980,561.38
AVG DAILY AGP	436.27	623.97	623.97	444.26
HOLD %	18.10%	18.29%	18.29%	18.96%
TOTAL AGP	61,522,568.06	63,900,333.55	62,081,968.10	503,933,250.93
GAMING TAXES	10,153,390.77	10,319,118.62	9,230,380.75	61,213,443.92
# OF CASINOS	46	46	47	46
AVG. DAYS OPEN	28.00	27.30	27.30	30.32
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>February 2006</u>	<u>January 2006</u>	<u>February 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	1,289	1,286	886	9,477
COINS IN	43,320,980.20	42,145,429.87	30,022,409.43	328,462,153.03
AGP	3,343,396.42	3,349,925.07	2,321,839.48	25,913,334.71
AVG DAILY AGP	92.64	84.03	93.59	90.02
HOLD %	7.72%	7.95%	7.73%	7.89%
5¢ SLOTS	838	845	1,260	7,596
COINS IN	22,452,489.80	23,523,501.26	35,255,654.60	219,411,250.62
AGP	1,443,438.69	1,493,295.07	2,291,756.02	14,306,518.86
AVG DAILY AGP	61.52	57.01	64.96	62.01
HOLD %	6.43%	6.35%	6.50%	6.52%
25¢ SLOTS	971	965	1,103	8,179
COINS IN	43,054,189.50	44,755,318.25	50,712,032.96	395,934,372.38
AGP	2,247,810.16	2,151,305.69	2,579,653.76	19,751,043.26
AVG DAILY AGP	82.68	71.91	83.53	79.50
HOLD %	5.22%	4.81%	5.09%	4.99%
\$1 SLOTS	838	833	899	6,798
COINS IN	58,879,429.00	60,577,814.00	61,677,053.00	509,322,445.00
AGP	2,922,717.70	2,910,369.15	2,904,519.88	24,308,708.08
AVG DAILY AGP	124.56	112.70	115.39	117.72
HOLD %	4.96%	4.80%	4.71%	4.77%
\$5 SLOTS	58	62	77	510
COINS IN	5,145,865.00	6,151,090.00	5,067,625.00	47,722,715.00
AGP	191,973.77	304,929.50	281,529.35	2,144,409.12
AVG DAILY AGP	118.21	158.65	130.58	138.43
HOLD %	3.73%	4.96%	5.56%	4.49%
OTHER SLOTS*	770	779	561	5,336
COINS IN	26,281,340.11	27,374,267.29	20,137,653.28	201,395,432.98
AGP	1,579,484.74	1,641,173.41	1,303,178.05	12,174,572.87
AVG DAILY AGP	73.26	67.96	82.96	75.11
HOLD %	6.01%	6.00%	6.47%	6.05%
BJ TABLES	17	17	15	134
BJ DROP	462,941.25	441,806.25	529,333.50	4,419,371.87
AGP	100,415.25	85,032.75	101,850.75	806,076.37
AVG DAILY AGP	210.96	161.35	242.50	198.04
HOLD %	21.69%	19.25%	19.24%	18.24%
POKER TABLES	28	30	23	223
POKER DROP	271,847.50	254,715.50	290,382.50	2,257,075.50
AGP	255,136.50	278,618.00	322,461.00	2,291,624.75
AVG DAILY AGP	325.43	299.59	500.72	338.32
HOLD %	19.26%	25.46%	23.85%	21.63%
TOTAL AGP	12,084,373.23	12,214,648.64	12,106,788.29	101,696,288.02
GAMING TAXES	1,305,679.62	1,103,354.12	1,277,514.72	5,195,611.22
# OF CASINOS	19	19	19	19
AVG. DAYS OPEN	28.00	31.00	28.00	30.38
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BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>February 2006</u>	<u>January 2006</u>	<u>February 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	2,915	2,736	1,602	20,211
COINS IN	151,766,884.46	149,726,572.31	94,479,782.40	1,109,902,280.33
AGP	13,489,168.39	13,557,179.46	7,893,201.25	98,730,109.20
AVG DAILY AGP	165.27	159.84	175.97	160.82
HOLD %	8.89%	9.05%	8.35%	8.90%
5¢ SLOTS	1,719	1,673	2,341	14,666
COINS IN	83,922,495.68	86,397,852.06	119,297,098.51	715,556,128.00
AGP	5,672,629.67	5,958,073.67	8,176,560.31	48,955,317.18
AVG DAILY AGP	117.86	114.88	124.74	109.89
HOLD %	6.76%	6.90%	6.85%	6.84%
25¢ SLOTS	2,039	1,981	2,312	16,920
COINS IN	152,270,391.86	159,168,409.75	177,943,658.66	1,307,321,401.64
AGP	7,770,807.31	7,947,225.50	9,299,132.01	65,355,993.42
AVG DAILY AGP	136.11	129.41	143.65	127.17
HOLD %	5.10%	4.99%	5.23%	5.00%
\$1 SLOTS	1,527	1,528	1,608	12,565
COINS IN	174,602,479.38	182,769,378.30	192,744,067.00	1,496,157,916.14
AGP	8,636,333.71	8,862,349.69	9,520,877.48	71,156,990.66
AVG DAILY AGP	201.99	187.10	211.46	186.44
HOLD %	4.95%	4.85%	4.94%	4.76%
\$5 SLOTS	199	202	204	1,621
COINS IN	31,414,565.00	36,537,815.00	39,862,035.00	287,517,285.00
AGP	1,012,562.29	1,448,901.74	1,926,484.42	11,267,701.93
AVG DAILY AGP	181.72	231.38	337.27	228.84
HOLD %	3.22%	3.97%	4.83%	3.92%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,291	1,294	1,209	10,026
COINS IN	91,728,017.17	99,251,916.69	104,318,324.86	747,039,912.70
AGP	5,542,003.67	6,108,829.05	5,300,384.64	45,668,427.31
AVG DAILY AGP	153.31	152.29	156.58	149.96
HOLD %	6.04%	6.15%	5.08%	6.11%
BJ TABLES	50	49	54	406
BJ DROP	2,598,231.85	2,692,952.50	2,902,957.35	21,647,299.52
AGP	547,834.85	569,259.75	612,276.10	4,455,197.02
AVG DAILY AGP	391.31	374.76	404.94	361.26
HOLD %	21.08%	21.14%	21.09%	20.58%
POKER TABLES	94	95	64	684
POKER DROP	2,009,216.30	2,035,499.00	2,180,859.10	16,425,729.35
AGP	1,271,259.65	1,339,070.04	1,214,291.60	10,115,659.57
AVG DAILY AGP	483.00	454.69	677.62	486.88
HOLD %	18.07%	18.09%	18.02%	18.34%
TOTAL AGP	43,942,599.54	45,790,888.90	43,943,207.81	355,705,396.29
GAMING TAXES	8,001,783.32	8,300,451.55	7,038,268.32	50,702,549.60
# OF CASINOS	21	21	21	21
AVG. DAYS OPEN	28.00	31.00	28.00	30.38
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CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>February 2006</u>	<u>January 2006</u>	<u>February 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	691	682	487	5,263
COINS IN	24,940,284.27	26,773,436.79	18,283,060.53	195,778,171.57
AGP	2,048,696.22	2,166,827.97	1,424,088.68	15,651,280.57
AVG DAILY AGP	105.89	102.49	125.58	99.42
HOLD %	8.21%	8.09%	7.79%	7.99%
5¢ SLOTS	388	391	583	3,502
COINS IN	8,325,077.60	8,932,991.91	16,047,974.26	80,122,966.15
AGP	558,956.33	572,951.92	1,165,732.05	5,577,838.04
AVG DAILY AGP	51.45	47.27	85.87	53.25
HOLD %	6.71%	6.41%	7.26%	6.96%
25¢ SLOTS	470	472	491	3,939
COINS IN	22,493,802.75	23,483,147.50	26,507,702.72	189,136,126.15
AGP	1,055,275.79	1,262,078.14	1,468,050.97	9,943,757.99
AVG DAILY AGP	80.19	86.25	128.40	84.39
HOLD %	4.69%	5.37%	5.54%	5.26%
\$1 SLOTS	278	290	368	2,428
COINS IN	24,942,398.00	27,866,283.00	26,901,924.14	200,761,442.00
AGP	993,207.89	1,068,053.08	1,139,667.75	8,762,418.46
AVG DAILY AGP	127.60	118.80	133.00	120.65
HOLD %	3.98%	3.83%	4.24%	4.36%
\$5 SLOTS	20	20	31	160
COINS IN	1,931,190.00	2,004,085.00	2,540,450.00	16,137,630.00
AGP	122,700.00	124,400.00	98,666.75	961,187.00
AVG DAILY AGP	219.11	200.65	136.68	200.83
HOLD %	6.35%	6.21%	3.88%	5.96%
OTHER SLOTS*	122	117	0	936
COINS IN	9,216,397.43	9,960,578.48	0.00	67,574,192.46
AGP	508,380.31	491,157.40	0.00	3,737,142.50
AVG DAILY AGP	148.82	135.42	0.00	133.48
HOLD %	5.52%	4.93%	0.00%	5.53%
BJ TABLES	12	9	8	79
BJ DROP	228,890.00	213,402.50	253,515.00	2,033,521.75
AGP	36,805.75	29,168.00	39,581.25	322,310.00
AVG DAILY AGP	109.54	104.54	212.48	136.39
HOLD %	16.08%	13.67%	15.61%	15.85%
POKER TABLES	17	17	15	131
POKER DROP	250,597.50	228,921.00	326,685.75	2,006,704.56
AGP	171,573.00	177,804.50	200,605.75	1,573,277.06
AVG DAILY AGP	360.45	337.39	574.33	401.49
HOLD %	17.01%	19.64%	15.13%	21.02%
TOTAL AGP	5,495,595.29	5,894,796.01	6,031,972.00	46,531,566.62
GAMING TAXES	845,927.83	915,312.95	914,597.71	5,315,283.10
# OF CASINOS	6	6	7	6
AVG. DAYS OPEN	28.00	31.00	23.29	29.91
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FEBRUARY AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	16,423	\$59,139,543	\$128.61	6.06%
Tables	218	\$2,383,025	\$390.40	19.64%
TOTAL	16,641	\$61,522,568	\$132.04	6.25%

Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,764	\$11,728,821	\$87.93	5.89%
Tables	45	\$355,552	\$282.18	20.79%
TOTAL	4,809	\$12,084,373	\$89.75	6.05%

Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	9,690	\$42,123,505	\$155.25	6.14%
Tables	144	\$1,819,095	\$451.16	19.77%
TOTAL	9,834	\$43,942,600	\$159.59	6.37%

Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	1,969	\$5,287,217	\$95.90	5.76%
Tables	29	\$208,379	\$256.62	16.57%
TOTAL	1,998	\$5,495,595	\$98.23	5.95%

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

GAMING ♦ UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ April 17 • March gaming tax returns due
- ✓ April 20 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood

APRIL 2006

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