

## Imhoff Reappointed

Gov. Bill Owens has appointed Gaming Commissioner Patty Imhoff to a full four-year term as the Commission's business member. Imhoff was originally appointed to the Commission in January to finish out the term of former Commission Chair Natalie Meyer that expired June 30.

## Hourly Rate Increased

The Gaming Commission on June 15 approved a \$63 per hour rate for background investigations for fiscal year 2007, up from \$59 per hour the current fiscal year. The fiscal year 2007 license fee for new support applications remains at \$100; new key application, \$250; renewal support application, \$60; and key renewals, \$200.

## Commission Action

At its regular meeting on June 15 in Lakewood, the Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Brass Ass Casino, J.P. McGill's Hotel & Casino, Midnight Rose Hotel & Casino, Gold Creek Casino, Double Eagle Hotel & Casino, Creeker's Casino, Colorado Grande Casino, Womacks Casino, Legends Casino, and Richman Casino
- Renewed the operator license of Colorado Casino Resorts, Inc.
- Approved change of ownership for Fortune Valley Hotel & Casino and PDS Gaming Corporation-Colorado
- Approved proposed changes to Rule 10, amending the rules of play for Boston 5 Stud Poker

## Revenues in May Fall Slightly

Revenues at Colorado casinos fell slightly in May. Gaming establishments statewide reported \$65.6 million in AGP in May, down from \$65.8 million in April and \$66.2 million in May 2005.

Black Hawk's 21 casinos recorded \$47.1 million in AGP in May, down from \$47.9 million in April, but up from \$46.6 million in May 2005. Cripple Creek's 19 casinos totaled \$12.9 million in AGP in May, up from \$12.3 million in April and even with the same amount produced the previous year. Central City's six casinos generated \$5.5 million in AGP in May, even with the previous month, but down from \$6.6 million in May 2005.

Casinos statewide paid \$11.2 million in gaming taxes in May, with six casinos reporting revenues in the 0.25 percent bracket, nine at 2 percent, eight at 4 percent, seven at 11 percent, four at 16 percent and 12 at the top 20 percent level.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

For the past few months I have been emphasizing changes taking place at the Division and with the Commission. A key ingredient to any type of change is flexibility. Even the best made plans are subject to change.

A perfect example of this is the transfer of the tax revenue auditing process to the Colorado Division of Tax Auditing and Compliance (TAC) that I wrote about two months ago. The concept behind the move was sound—tap into the expertise of a group of tax examiners who could perform “one-stop-shopping” by combining the gaming tax revenue audit with the other tax audits performed by the department. However, the logistics of the administrative accounting of time and resources between two divisions proved to be too big of a hurdle to overcome. The cost simply outweighed the benefit.

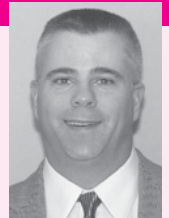
The entire effort, however, was not in vain. In going through the process of exploring how best to conduct the three components of the Division's audit process—compliance reviews, system audits and revenue audits—we discovered new ways to streamline the process without sacrificing the integrity of our audits.

The result is even more change. We discovered that the systems audit process, which has taken on a life of its own over the past few years, was larger than the two systems specialists the Division employed in our emerging technologies section could ever be expected to handle. As a result, the Division has created a five-member systems team to conduct system audits. That team will report to Brenda Davis, the Division's director of administration, until its duties and processes can be refined. Once that takes place, the unit will become part of the Audit Section.

The Division is also looking to tackle the recruitment and retention problem in the Audit Section caused by the commute to the Black Hawk/Central City area by locating more auditors out of the Lakewood office.

These changes, of course, are subject to change. We will keep you posted.

—Ron Kammerzell



## COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	5,459	5,249	3,555	50,786
COINS IN	252,685,320.72	245,663,724.38	177,832,843.58	2,370,405,779.40
AGP	22,225,575.24	21,679,760.59	15,184,766.46	205,292,914.32
AVG DAILY AGP	131.42	137.68	137.79	132.90
HOLD %	8.80%	8.82%	8.54%	8.66%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	2,722	2,801	3,927	34,207
COINS IN	111,745,709.57	117,382,383.79	160,391,646.40	1,363,329,177.59
AGP	7,365,537.80	7,825,423.55	10,774,748.52	92,134,294.04
AVG DAILY AGP	87.35	93.13	88.51	88.55
HOLD %	6.59%	6.67%	6.72%	6.76%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	3,511	3,518	3,846	39,626
COINS IN	229,105,582.55	236,669,036.52	268,553,269.16	2,599,672,361.02
AGP	11,531,967.40	11,817,147.37	13,753,351.34	130,105,673.27
AVG DAILY AGP	106.03	111.97	115.36	107.94
HOLD %	5.03%	4.99%	5.12%	5.00%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	2,718	2,718	2,854	29,928
COINS IN	277,024,333.34	283,468,789.38	295,956,571.77	3,046,863,309.80
AGP	12,402,418.53	12,954,460.58	14,252,760.93	142,648,373.30
AVG DAILY AGP	147.30	158.87	161.10	156.70
HOLD %	4.48%	4.57%	4.82%	4.68%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	284	283	299	3,138
COINS IN	41,423,677.00	44,231,360.04	49,127,224.67	480,841,156.61
AGP	1,732,656.93	1,454,870.76	2,186,500.45	19,570,786.42
AVG DAILY AGP	196.94	171.36	235.89	205.04
HOLD %	4.18%	3.29%	4.45%	4.07%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	2,262	2,286	1,725	23,101
COINS IN	140,428,204.25	142,305,127.22	115,792,214.37	1,435,620,093.39
AGP	8,043,992.22	7,559,497.86	7,014,996.48	85,315,858.96
AVG DAILY AGP	114.79	110.23	131.18	121.42
HOLD %	5.73%	5.31%	6.06%	5.94%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	73	75	86	843
BJ DROP	3,206,765.85	3,413,335.15	3,816,216.56	38,158,692.15
AGP	623,297.60	732,974.40	725,933.86	7,615,192.90
AVG DAILY AGP	275.62	325.77	272.29	296.99
HOLD %	19.44%	21.47%	19.02%	19.96%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	145	138	131	1,462
POKER DROP	2,476,374.26	2,610,461.30	2,725,125.35	28,395,323.22
AGP	1,710,255.37	1,816,194.63	1,772,917.90	19,281,572.98
AVG DAILY AGP	380.74	438.69	436.57	433.59
HOLD %	19.16%	19.72%	20.09%	18.90%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	65,635,701.09	65,840,329.74	66,212,148.98	701,967,021.19
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	11,268,057.15	11,243,324.42	11,242,480.64	95,000,736.98
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	47	46	47	46
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	30.98	30.00	31.00	30.42
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	1,315	1,288	968	13,372
COINS IN	49,365,964.24	45,800,625.36	35,858,179.84	469,428,270.48
AGP	3,828,796.93	3,534,054.48	2,812,796.05	36,928,700.32
AVG DAILY AGP	94.08	91.46	93.73	90.70
HOLD %	7.76%	7.72%	7.84%	7.87%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	786	810	1,195	10,017
COINS IN	26,040,660.10	23,792,589.00	33,641,422.80	293,126,506.49
AGP	1,530,043.39	1,548,389.75	2,168,217.36	18,964,464.99
AVG DAILY AGP	62.90	63.72	58.53	62.18
HOLD %	5.88%	6.51%	6.45%	6.47%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	962	965	1,091	11,077
COINS IN	46,523,485.50	45,438,693.35	54,106,375.75	532,668,345.00
AGP	2,296,608.50	2,165,307.08	2,657,776.65	26,413,276.29
AVG DAILY AGP	77.13	74.79	78.58	78.31
HOLD %	4.94%	4.77%	4.91%	4.96%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	846	844	873	9,332
COINS IN	65,109,970.00	66,138,990.00	68,677,214.00	704,321,691.00
AGP	2,895,676.92	2,841,297.44	3,296,016.88	33,087,762.09
AVG DAILY AGP	110.59	112.22	121.79	116.44
HOLD %	4.45%	4.30%	4.80%	4.70%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	55	55	72	676
COINS IN	5,453,390.00	5,747,700.00	5,794,440.67	64,237,945.00
AGP	251,861.35	266,552.40	298,809.80	2,960,762.87
AVG DAILY AGP	147.96	161.55	133.88	143.84
HOLD %	4.62%	4.64%	5.16%	4.61%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	781	784	569	7,707
COINS IN	29,437,304.26	28,209,897.16	23,351,127.59	287,533,147.05
AGP	1,809,881.11	1,574,330.97	1,358,003.05	17,322,329.68
AVG DAILY AGP	74.88	66.94	76.99	73.81
HOLD %	6.15%	5.58%	5.82%	6.02%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	17	17	17	185
BJ DROP	490,065.25	464,313.50	563,801.51	5,863,186.37
AGP	79,060.75	115,903.00	88,377.51	1,088,785.37
AVG DAILY AGP	150.26	227.26	167.70	193.28
HOLD %	16.13%	24.96%	15.68%	18.57%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	30	28	28	311
POKER DROP	292,102.00	265,531.50	284,728.00	3,093,205.00
AGP	276,940.00	268,950.00	283,958.50	3,109,351.25
AVG DAILY AGP	298.27	320.18	327.14	328.34
HOLD %	20.91%	19.27%	20.95%	20.92%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	12,968,868.95	12,314,785.12	12,963,955.80	139,875,432.86
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	1,628,749.26	1,491,038.05	1,663,355.37	9,834,473.03
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	20	19	19	19
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	30.95	30.00	31.00	30.45
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	3,419	3,250	2,001	30,002
COINS IN	175,544,776.95	173,704,907.37	117,940,015.64	1,623,681,067.67
AGP	16,197,959.02	16,004,162.55	10,509,430.53	146,150,437.16
AVG DAILY AGP	152.83	164.15	169.42	159.89
HOLD %	9.23%	9.21%	8.91%	9.00%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	1,557	1,610	2,119	19,548
COINS IN	77,096,438.07	84,770,673.39	111,544,877.50	963,816,673.05
AGP	5,258,155.89	5,702,350.94	7,500,626.56	65,871,286.91
AVG DAILY AGP	108.94	118.06	114.18	110.60
HOLD %	6.82%	6.73%	6.72%	6.83%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	2,088	2,088	2,210	23,216
COINS IN	160,901,621.30	168,934,169.67	187,235,207.66	1,810,032,196.87
AGP	8,120,154.00	8,415,169.48	9,626,729.93	90,186,351.88
AVG DAILY AGP	125.45	134.34	140.52	127.50
HOLD %	5.05%	4.98%	5.14%	4.98%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	1,610	1,614	1,601	17,383
COINS IN	186,688,031.34	193,804,240.38	199,530,047.52	2,067,683,351.75
AGP	8,563,649.17	9,101,812.74	9,740,109.72	97,760,271.66
AVG DAILY AGP	171.58	187.98	196.25	184.59
HOLD %	4.59%	4.70%	4.88%	4.73%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	209	208	201	2,242
COINS IN	34,409,177.00	36,578,485.04	41,088,539.00	395,038,961.61
AGP	1,392,288.58	1,120,456.36	1,728,448.40	15,383,846.55
AVG DAILY AGP	214.89	179.56	277.40	225.21
HOLD %	4.05%	3.06%	4.21%	3.89%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	1,358	1,370	1,156	14,077
COINS IN	102,409,292.15	105,824,609.59	92,441,086.78	1,054,154,227.64
AGP	5,807,999.23	5,630,642.64	5,656,993.43	62,985,421.78
AVG DAILY AGP	137.96	137.00	157.86	146.85
HOLD %	5.67%	5.32%	6.12%	5.97%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	44	45	60	542
BJ DROP	2,504,385.60	2,722,008.90	3,000,657.05	29,562,203.28
AGP	513,143.35	576,856.15	599,379.10	6,094,666.78
AVG DAILY AGP	376.20	427.30	322.25	369.07
HOLD %	20.49%	21.19%	19.97%	20.62%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	98	92	88	967
POKER DROP	1,958,553.76	2,097,852.30	2,159,190.35	22,562,499.66
AGP	1,260,665.37	1,384,461.13	1,273,675.90	14,078,610.67
AVG DAILY AGP	414.97	501.62	466.89	477.85
HOLD %	18.20%	19.89%	19.77%	18.35%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	47,114,014.61	47,935,911.99	46,635,393.57	498,510,893.39
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	8,794,983.07	8,915,274.75	8,581,189.65	77,270,698.60
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	21	21	21	21
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	30.00	31.00	30.47
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>May 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	725	711	586	7,412
COINS IN	27,774,579.53	26,158,191.65	24,034,648.10	277,296,441.25
AGP	2,198,819.29	2,141,543.56	1,862,539.88	22,213,776.84
AVG DAILY AGP	97.83	100.40	102.53	99.49
HOLD %	7.92%	8.19%	7.75%	8.01%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	379	381	613	4,642
COINS IN	8,608,611.40	8,819,121.40	15,205,346.10	106,385,998.05
AGP	577,338.52	574,682.86	1,105,904.60	7,298,542.14
AVG DAILY AGP	49.14	50.28	58.20	52.19
HOLD %	6.71%	6.52%	7.27%	6.86%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	461	465	545	5,333
COINS IN	21,680,475.75	22,296,173.50	27,211,685.75	256,971,819.15
AGP	1,115,204.90	1,236,670.81	1,468,844.76	13,506,045.10
AVG DAILY AGP	78.04	88.65	86.94	84.07
HOLD %	5.14%	5.55%	5.40%	5.26%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	262	260	380	3,213
COINS IN	25,226,332.00	23,525,559.00	27,749,310.25	274,858,267.05
AGP	943,092.44	1,011,350.40	1,216,634.33	11,800,339.55
AVG DAILY AGP	116.12	129.66	103.28	121.91
HOLD %	3.74%	4.30%	4.38%	4.29%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	20	20	26	220
COINS IN	1,561,110.00	1,905,175.00	2,244,245.00	21,564,250.00
AGP	88,507.00	67,862.00	159,242.25	1,226,177.00
AVG DAILY AGP	142.75	113.10	197.57	185.01
HOLD %	5.67%	3.56%	7.10%	5.69%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	123	132	0	1,317
COINS IN	8,581,607.84	8,270,620.47	0.00	93,932,718.70
AGP	426,111.88	354,524.25	0.00	5,008,107.50
AVG DAILY AGP	111.75	89.53	0.00	126.23
HOLD %	4.97%	4.29%	0.00%	5.33%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	12	13	9	116
BJ DROP	212,315.00	227,012.75	251,758.00	2,733,302.50
AGP	31,093.50	40,215.25	38,177.25	431,740.75
AVG DAILY AGP	83.58	103.12	136.84	123.55
HOLD %	14.64%	17.71%	15.16%	15.80%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	17	18	15	184
POKER DROP	225,718.50	247,077.50	281,207.00	2,739,618.56
AGP	172,650.00	162,783.50	215,283.50	2,093,611.06
AVG DAILY AGP	327.61	301.45	462.98	377.70
HOLD %	25.28%	18.73%	21.67%	21.16%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	5,552,817.53	5,589,632.63	6,612,799.61	63,580,694.94
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	844,324.82	837,011.62	997,935.62	7,895,565.35
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	6	6	7	6
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	30.00	31.00	30.13
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## MAY AGP BY DEVICE

### Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	16,956	\$63,302,148	\$120.51	6.01%
Tables	218	\$2,333,553	\$345.54	19.32%
TOTAL	17,174	\$65,635,701	\$123.37	6.20%

### Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,745	\$12,612,868	\$85.89	5.68%
Tables	47	\$356,001	\$244.75	17.92%
TOTAL	4,792	\$12,968,869	\$87.45	5.82%

### Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	10,241	\$45,340,206	\$142.82	6.15%
Tables	142	\$1,773,809	\$402.96	19.48%
TOTAL	10,383	\$47,114,015	\$146.37	6.35%

### Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	1,970	\$5,349,074	\$87.59	5.73%
Tables	29	\$203,744	\$226.63	20.12%
TOTAL	1,999	\$5,552,818	\$89.61	5.92%

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

# GAMING ♦ UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ June 4 • Independence Day, Division offices closed
- ✓ July 17 • June gaming tax returns due
- ✓ July 20 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood

JULY 2006

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