

Southern Ute Tribe to Build New Casino

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe issued a news release on July 11 announcing its plans to build a new casino north of Ignacio to open in the spring of 2008. The 45,000 square foot casino will contain up to 700 slot machines and 20 table games. The casino complex will also feature a 200-seat bingo hall, 150-room hotel and convention space for up to 2,000 people, among other amenities. The new facility will replace the tribe's existing casino, which is located just south of the proposed site.

Phil Dinan Retires

Phil Dinan, agent in charge of the Division's Central City office, retired June 30 after nearly 13 years of service to the Division. Lad Sullivan, formerly an investigative supervisor in Cripple Creek, replaces Dinan as the Central City/Black Hawk agent in charge.

Commission Action

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

- Re-elected James Alderden as Commission chair and Florence Hunt as vice chair for fiscal year 2007
- Renewed the manufacturer/distributor licenses of Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.; Bally Gaming and Systems; IGT; and Royal Bell, Ltd.
- Renewed the operator licenses of Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.; Bally Gaming and Systems; and IGT

Tax Revenues Top \$100 Million

Colorado casinos paid a record \$106.1 million in gaming taxes in fiscal year 2006, which ended June 30. The record taxes were paid on a fiscal year record \$765.4 million in AGP earned by gaming establishments statewide. Tax proceeds for fiscal year 2006 were 7.1 percent higher than the \$99.0 million paid the previous year, the previous high. Meanwhile, casino revenues grew by 2.9 percent from \$743.8 million the previous year.

Casinos statewide reported \$63.4 million in AGP in June, down 3.3 percent from \$65.6 million in May, but up 1.8 percent from \$62.3 million in June 2005. Black Hawk's 21 casinos generated \$44.9 million in AGP in June to cap \$543.5 million in AGP in fiscal year 2006, a 3.0 percent increase over the previous year. Cripple Creek's 19 casinos produced \$13.0 million in AGP in June for a fiscal year total of \$152.9 million, a 1.6 percent spike. Central City's six casinos totaled \$5.4 million in AGP in June to bring their fiscal year total to \$68.9 million, a 5.1 percent annual hike.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Colorado Legislature has not made any major changes to the limited gaming act over the past few years that impact the regulation of the gaming industry. That doesn't mean that the casino industry has been immune to legislative action.

One of the most controversial bills in this year's legislative regular session was the Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act, better known as the statewide smoking ban. The casino industry became a focal point of the bill because of a provision in the act that exempts the "retail floor plan, as defined in section 12-47.1-509, C.R.S., of a licensed casino." According to that statute, retail floor plan "means a physical layout of the inside of the building in which limited gaming will take place." I present these cites for informational purposes only. The Division was not involved in the legislation, nor is it involved in the enforcement of the smoking ban.

We will be involved, however, in distributing the Limited Gaming Fund in accordance with two pieces of legislation that reallocate a big portion of the State General Fund share of gaming revenues. HB 1201 and HB 1360 provide \$19 million to the Colorado travel and tourism promotion fund, \$1.5 million to the state council of the arts cash fund, \$500,000 to the film incentives cash fund, \$3 million to the new jobs incentives cash fund and \$2 million to the bioscience discovery evaluation cash fund. We are thankful that we do not have to administer that last fund; however, we will have a challenge every year by having to figure out the rate of inflation and applying it to each of these funds.

Finally, in early July the legislature reconvened in special session to discuss and pass bills addressing illegal immigration. The Division is currently reviewing that legislative package to determine its impact, if any, on the Division's licensing and enforcement activities.



—Ron Kammerzell

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>June 2006</u>	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>June 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year Total</u>
1¢ SLOTS	5,568	5,459	3,702	56,354
COINS IN	248,636,368.64	252,685,320.72	175,172,924.36	2,619,042,148.04
AGP	21,953,034.16	22,225,575.24	14,994,987.29	227,245,948.48
AVG DAILY AGP	131.42	131.42	135.02	132.73
HOLD %	8.83%	8.80%	8.56%	8.68%
5¢ SLOTS	2,639	2,722	3,784	36,846
COINS IN	103,248,841.14	111,745,709.57	146,419,295.51	1,466,578,018.73
AGP	6,886,681.62	7,365,537.80	10,046,866.23	99,020,975.66
AVG DAILY AGP	86.99	87.35	88.50	88.46
HOLD %	6.67%	6.59%	6.86%	6.75%
25¢ SLOTS	3,451	3,511	3,867	43,077
COINS IN	223,980,942.31	229,105,582.55	252,236,806.83	2,823,653,303.33
AGP	10,989,526.44	11,531,967.40	12,925,062.04	141,095,199.71
AVG DAILY AGP	106.15	106.03	111.41	107.81
HOLD %	4.91%	5.03%	5.12%	5.00%
\$1 SLOTS	2,673	2,718	2,870	32,601
COINS IN	264,303,547.67	277,024,333.34	280,485,271.27	3,311,166,857.47
AGP	11,861,946.86	12,402,418.53	12,997,114.81	154,510,320.16
AVG DAILY AGP	147.92	147.30	150.95	156.00
HOLD %	4.49%	4.48%	4.63%	4.67%
\$5 SLOTS	282	284	290	3,420
COINS IN	39,361,106.00	41,423,677.00	43,816,535.00	520,202,262.61
AGP	1,584,833.35	1,732,656.93	2,107,863.07	21,155,619.77
AVG DAILY AGP	187.33	196.94	242.28	203.61
HOLD %	4.03%	4.18%	4.81%	4.07%
OTHER SLOTS*	2,272	2,262	1,797	25,373
COINS IN	140,067,221.80	140,428,204.25	108,715,732.87	1,575,687,315.19
AGP	7,934,311.67	8,043,992.22	6,486,354.67	93,250,170.63
AVG DAILY AGP	116.41	114.79	120.32	120.97
HOLD %	5.66%	5.73%	5.97%	5.92%
BJ TABLES	72	73	77	915
BJ DROP	3,122,803.50	3,206,765.85	3,567,223.40	41,281,495.65
AGP	597,321.00	623,297.60	683,878.40	8,212,513.90
AVG DAILY AGP	276.54	275.62	296.05	295.43
HOLD %	19.13%	19.44%	19.17%	19.89%
POKER TABLES	144	145	125	1,606
POKER DROP	2,402,967.60	2,476,374.26	2,485,095.10	30,798,290.82
AGP	1,651,482.70	1,710,255.37	1,620,203.35	20,933,055.68
AVG DAILY AGP	382.29	380.74	432.05	429.03
HOLD %	17.42%	19.16%	17.97%	18.79%
TOTAL AGP	63,459,137.80	65,635,701.09	62,347,195.92	765,426,158.99
GAMING TAXES	11,130,723.15	11,268,057.15	10,582,927.55	106,131,460.13
# OF CASINOS	46	47	47	46
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	30.98	30.00	30.38
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>June 2006</u>	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>June 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year Total</u>
1¢ SLOTS	1,323	1,315	1,009	14,695
COINS IN	51,018,916.20	49,365,964.24	36,590,916.77	520,447,186.68
AGP	3,952,437.10	3,828,796.93	2,880,917.15	40,881,137.42
AVG DAILY AGP	99.58	94.08	95.17	91.48
HOLD %	7.75%	7.76%	7.87%	7.86%
5¢ SLOTS	766	786	1,149	10,783
COINS IN	22,959,502.35	26,040,660.10	33,215,160.55	316,086,008.84
AGP	1,542,263.59	1,530,043.39	2,125,211.82	20,506,728.58
AVG DAILY AGP	67.11	62.90	61.65	62.53
HOLD %	6.72%	5.88%	6.40%	6.49%
25¢ SLOTS	956	962	1,106	12,033
COINS IN	48,405,831.75	46,523,485.50	54,677,888.66	581,074,176.75
AGP	2,332,686.18	2,296,608.50	2,840,065.44	28,745,962.47
AVG DAILY AGP	81.33	77.13	85.60	78.55
HOLD %	4.82%	4.94%	5.19%	4.95%
\$1 SLOTS	848	846	873	10,180
COINS IN	65,201,357.50	65,109,970.00	65,344,144.00	769,523,048.50
AGP	2,829,860.77	2,895,676.92	3,204,547.32	35,917,622.86
AVG DAILY AGP	111.24	110.59	122.36	116.01
HOLD %	4.34%	4.45%	4.90%	4.67%
\$5 SLOTS	55	55	66	731
COINS IN	5,576,881.00	5,453,390.00	5,057,645.00	69,814,826.00
AGP	251,755.30	251,861.35	350,695.25	3,212,518.17
AVG DAILY AGP	152.58	147.96	177.12	144.50
HOLD %	4.51%	4.62%	6.93%	4.60%
OTHER SLOTS*	783	781	592	8,490
COINS IN	31,149,239.62	29,437,304.26	22,908,572.84	318,682,386.67
AGP	1,766,326.72	1,809,881.11	1,298,898.27	19,088,656.40
AVG DAILY AGP	75.19	74.88	73.14	73.93
HOLD %	5.67%	6.15%	5.67%	5.99%
BJ TABLES	17	17	17	202
BJ DROP	508,678.50	490,065.25	589,792.50	6,371,864.87
AGP	84,396.00	79,060.75	110,180.25	1,173,181.37
AVG DAILY AGP	165.48	150.26	216.04	190.97
HOLD %	16.59%	16.13%	18.68%	18.41%
POKER TABLES	30	30	28	341
POKER DROP	284,017.50	292,102.00	266,278.00	3,377,222.50
AGP	302,867.25	276,940.00	289,083.50	3,412,218.50
AVG DAILY AGP	336.52	298.27	344.15	329.03
HOLD %	22.61%	20.91%	23.27%	21.06%
TOTAL AGP	13,062,592.91	12,968,868.95	13,099,599.00	152,938,025.77
GAMING TAXES	1,843,817.02	1,628,749.26	1,802,020.25	11,678,290.05
# OF CASINOS	19	20	19	19
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	30.95	30.00	30.41
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>June 2006</u>	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>June 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year Total</u>
1¢ SLOTS	3,536	3,419	2,057	33,538
COINS IN	170,008,290.32	175,544,776.95	114,357,950.40	1,793,689,357.99
AGP	15,838,363.59	16,197,959.02	10,173,663.44	161,988,800.75
AVG DAILY AGP	149.31	152.83	164.86	158.75
HOLD %	9.32%	9.23%	8.90%	9.03%
5¢ SLOTS	1,507	1,557	2,067	21,055
COINS IN	72,364,611.49	77,096,438.07	98,849,250.21	1,036,181,284.54
AGP	4,832,792.35	5,258,155.89	6,928,152.04	70,704,079.26
AVG DAILY AGP	106.90	108.94	111.73	110.37
HOLD %	6.68%	6.82%	7.01%	6.82%
25¢ SLOTS	2,057	2,088	2,210	25,273
COINS IN	154,802,585.06	160,901,621.30	171,340,345.72	1,964,834,781.93
AGP	7,580,124.80	8,120,154.00	8,711,834.61	97,766,476.68
AVG DAILY AGP	122.83	125.45	131.40	127.15
HOLD %	4.90%	5.05%	5.08%	4.98%
\$1 SLOTS	1,559	1,610	1,627	18,942
COINS IN	177,357,547.17	186,688,031.34	190,253,749.27	2,245,040,898.92
AGP	8,138,765.60	8,563,649.17	8,723,430.23	105,899,037.26
AVG DAILY AGP	174.02	171.58	178.72	183.75
HOLD %	4.59%	4.59%	4.59%	4.72%
\$5 SLOTS	207	209	199	2,449
COINS IN	32,138,085.00	34,409,177.00	36,762,500.00	427,177,046.61
AGP	1,219,828.05	1,392,288.58	1,648,721.77	16,603,674.60
AVG DAILY AGP	196.43	214.89	276.17	222.83
HOLD %	3.80%	4.05%	4.48%	3.89%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,333	1,358	1,205	15,410
COINS IN	99,860,473.79	102,409,292.15	85,807,160.03	1,154,014,701.43
AGP	5,714,318.73	5,807,999.23	5,187,456.40	68,699,740.51
AVG DAILY AGP	142.89	137.96	143.50	146.53
HOLD %	5.72%	5.67%	6.05%	5.95%
BJ TABLES	43	44	52	585
BJ DROP	2,410,567.50	2,504,385.60	2,688,066.15	31,972,770.78
AGP	482,113.50	513,143.35	517,785.90	6,576,780.28
AVG DAILY AGP	373.73	376.20	331.91	369.51
HOLD %	20.00%	20.49%	19.26%	20.57%
POKER TABLES	97	98	81	1,064
POKER DROP	1,865,850.85	1,958,553.76	1,965,176.35	24,428,350.51
AGP	1,179,901.70	1,260,665.37	1,150,412.10	15,258,512.37
AVG DAILY AGP	405.46	414.97	473.42	471.34
HOLD %	15.95%	18.20%	17.72%	18.17%
TOTAL AGP	44,986,208.32	47,114,014.61	43,041,456.49	543,497,101.71
GAMING TAXES	8,447,156.23	8,794,983.07	7,887,801.09	85,717,854.83
# OF CASINOS	21	21	21	21
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.43
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>June 2006</u>	<u>May 2006</u>	<u>June 2005</u>	<u>Tax Year Total</u>
1¢ SLOTS	709	725	636	8,121
COINS IN	27,609,162.12	27,774,579.53	24,224,057.19	304,905,603.37
AGP	2,162,233.47	2,198,819.29	1,940,406.70	24,376,010.31
AVG DAILY AGP	101.66	97.83	101.70	99.67
HOLD %	7.83%	7.92%	8.01%	7.99%
5¢ SLOTS	366	379	568	5,008
COINS IN	7,924,727.30	8,608,611.40	14,354,884.75	114,310,725.35
AGP	511,625.68	577,338.52	993,502.37	7,810,167.82
AVG DAILY AGP	46.60	49.14	58.30	51.79
HOLD %	6.46%	6.71%	6.92%	6.83%
25¢ SLOTS	438	461	551	5,771
COINS IN	20,772,525.50	21,680,475.75	26,218,572.45	277,744,344.65
AGP	1,076,715.46	1,115,204.90	1,373,161.99	14,582,760.56
AVG DAILY AGP	81.94	78.04	83.07	83.91
HOLD %	5.18%	5.14%	5.24%	5.25%
\$1 SLOTS	266	262	370	3,479
COINS IN	21,744,643.00	25,226,332.00	24,887,378.00	296,602,910.05
AGP	893,320.49	943,092.44	1,069,137.26	12,693,660.04
AVG DAILY AGP	111.94	116.12	96.32	121.16
HOLD %	4.11%	3.74%	4.30%	4.28%
\$5 SLOTS	20	20	25	240
COINS IN	1,646,140.00	1,561,110.00	1,996,390.00	23,210,390.00
AGP	113,250.00	88,507.00	108,446.05	1,339,427.00
AVG DAILY AGP	188.75	142.75	144.59	185.33
HOLD %	6.88%	5.67%	5.43%	5.77%
OTHER SLOTS*	156	123	0	1,473
COINS IN	9,057,508.39	8,581,607.84	0.00	102,990,227.09
AGP	453,666.22	426,111.88	0.00	5,461,773.72
AVG DAILY AGP	96.94	111.75	0.00	123.13
HOLD %	5.01%	4.97%	0.00%	5.30%
BJ TABLES	12	12	8	128
BJ DROP	203,557.50	212,315.00	289,364.75	2,936,860.00
AGP	30,811.50	31,093.50	55,912.25	462,552.25
AVG DAILY AGP	85.59	83.58	232.97	120.00
HOLD %	15.14%	14.64%	19.32%	15.75%
POKER TABLES	17	17	16	201
POKER DROP	253,099.25	225,718.50	253,640.75	2,992,717.81
AGP	168,713.75	172,650.00	180,707.75	2,262,324.81
AVG DAILY AGP	330.81	327.61	376.47	373.75
HOLD %	22.41%	25.28%	14.37%	21.27%
TOTAL AGP	5,410,336.57	5,552,817.53	6,206,140.43	68,991,031.51
GAMING TAXES	839,749.90	844,324.82	893,106.21	8,735,315.25
# OF CASINOS	6	6	7	6
AVG. DAYS OPEN	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.11
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

JUNE AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	16,885	\$61,210,334	\$120.84	6.00%
Tables	216	\$2,248,804	\$347.04	18.38%
TOTAL	17,101	\$63,459,138	\$123.69	6.18%

Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,731	\$12,675,330	\$89.31	5.65%
Tables	47	\$387,263	\$274.65	18.75%
TOTAL	4,778	\$13,062,593	\$91.13	5.80%

Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	10,199	\$43,324,193	\$141.60	6.13%
Tables	140	\$1,662,015	\$395.72	18.23%
TOTAL	10,339	\$44,986,208	\$145.04	6.33%

Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	1,955	\$5,210,811	\$88.85	5.87%
Tables	29	\$199,525	\$229.34	19.17%
TOTAL	1,984	\$5,410,337	\$90.90	6.06%

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ August 15 • July gaming tax returns due
- ✓ August 17 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood

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