

Commission Action

At its meeting on November 29 in Lakewood, the Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Ameristar Casino Black Hawk, Grand Plateau Casino, and Canyon Casino
- Renewed the operator licenses of Ameristar Casino Black Hawk and Universal Gaming Resources, LLC
- Renewed the manufacturer/distributor licenses of American Gaming & Electronics, Inc., and Universal Gaming Resources, LLC
- Issued a new manufacturer/distributor license to Ameristar Casino Black Hawk, Inc.
- Approved a change of ownership in Fortune Valley Hotel and Casino
- Directed the Division of Gaming to draft a notice of denial for the renewal application of The Eureka! Ltd. and present the notice to the Commission at its Dec. 20 meeting
- Approved a stipulation and agreement with Legends Casino, resulting in a \$7,000 fine as settlement for an order to show cause issued in July
- Approved proposed changes to Rule 10, authorizing the poker variation game Longhorn Hold'em, and to Rule 12, dealing with "take or risk" bonus selections



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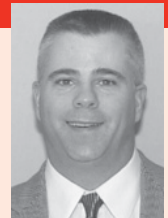
from the Division of Gaming

October AGP Up and Down

Revenues at Colorado casinos went on a roller coaster ride in October. Gaming establishments statewide reported \$65.8 million in AGP in October, down 9.8 percent from nearly \$73.0 million in September, but up 1.7 percent from \$64.7 million in October 2006.

Black Hawk's 20 casinos produced \$47.4 million in AGP in October, down from \$51.4 million in August, but up from \$45.4 million in October 2006. Cripple Creek's 15 casinos totaled \$12.3 million in AGP in October, down from \$14.2 million in September, but up slightly from \$12.2 million the previous year. Central City's six casinos generated \$6.1 million in AGP in October, down from \$7.3 million the previous month and \$7.0 million in October 2006.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



I normally don't write about legislation in the winter because the legislative session ends in May. However, two pieces of legislation passed earlier this year will have a dramatic impact on the casino industry over the next seven months and beyond.

The first is the elimination of the casino exemption in the Colorado Clean Air Act, also known as the statewide smoking ban, which goes into effect Jan. 1. The casino exemption was one of three exemptions included in the original act passed in 2006, joining "cigar bars" and smoking lounges at Denver International Airport. Although the smoking ban is a state law, the local municipalities are responsible for enforcement. What that means is that the Division of Gaming is not going to be the "smoking police." However, that does not mean that the Division is not concerned about casinos complying with the ban. Casinos are required to comply with all federal, state, county and local laws. Any repeated violations of the smoking ban could reflect negatively on a casino's suitability to maintain its license.

The second is the Gambling Payment Intercept Act, which goes into effect July 1, 2008. Under that act, casinos and parimutuel tracks would be required to check a registry created and maintained by the Department of Revenue (DOR) to determine if the winner of a cash award that requires a W-2G is delinquent in child support payments. If so, the casino will withhold the amount of the delinquency from the jackpot and submit the funds to the registry to be transferred to the Department of Human Services to be applied to the delinquency. The law contemplated this would be accomplished through a telephone based system. However, DOR is working with the state web portal to develop a web-based application to process the inquiries and handle any payments to the registry. In the near future, I will be reaching out to the industry to provide further information on this process and to receive feedback on possible concerns and considerations. We realize this may be a major inconvenience, but we are trying to make it as painless as possible.

—Ron Kammerzell

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>October 2007</u>	<u>September 2007</u>	<u>October 2006</u>	<u>Tax Year To Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	7,075	7,252	6,130	28,568
COINS IN	308,442,184.08	341,023,958.51	263,603,436.54	1,328,303,907.00
AGP	28,928,078.55	31,274,477.95	24,110,122.23	123,134,995.51
AVG DAILY AGP	131.90	143.75	126.96	142.02
HOLD %	9.38%	9.17%	9.15%	9.27%
5¢ SLOTS	1,705	1,774	2,353	7,232
COINS IN	71,256,824.66	78,659,415.01	87,609,338.23	316,860,108.60
AGP	4,726,830.57	5,258,474.89	5,963,958.23	20,989,873.82
AVG DAILY AGP	89.43	98.81	81.82	95.63
HOLD %	6.63%	6.69%	6.81%	6.62%
25¢ SLOTS	2,717	2,773	3,244	11,125
COINS IN	169,441,988.15	184,247,131.05	194,234,496.41	738,069,892.35
AGP	8,613,602.21	9,804,620.22	9,814,990.73	39,020,294.45
AVG DAILY AGP	102.27	117.86	97.67	115.57
HOLD %	5.08%	5.32%	5.05%	5.29%
\$1 SLOTS	2,407	2,443	2,593	9,803
COINS IN	235,498,053.00	258,671,296.91	245,859,016.65	1,031,515,238.32
AGP	11,307,060.37	13,037,319.16	11,813,573.39	51,183,518.89
AVG DAILY AGP	151.53	177.89	147.07	172.03
HOLD %	4.80%	5.04%	4.81%	4.96%
\$5 SLOTS	245	232	265	997
COINS IN	40,900,650.00	43,367,205.00	39,248,094.00	162,557,979.79
AGP	1,515,215.56	2,156,602.30	2,123,429.53	7,404,155.89
AVG DAILY AGP	199.50	309.86	258.66	244.69
HOLD %	3.70%	4.97%	5.41%	4.55%
OTHER SLOTS*	2,189	2,161	2,396	8,626
COINS IN	149,190,396.42	157,180,333.08	145,798,443.49	631,257,825.11
AGP	8,249,487.63	8,778,644.46	8,682,747.49	35,034,053.57
AVG DAILY AGP	121.57	135.41	116.98	133.82
HOLD %	5.53%	5.59%	5.96%	5.55%
BJ TABLES	66	67	70	268
BJ DROP	2,963,735.85	3,327,680.85	2,977,923.65	13,261,424.20
AGP	592,800.85	692,814.35	544,663.90	2,573,726.70
AVG DAILY AGP	289.74	344.68	251.17	316.42
HOLD %	20.00%	20.82%	18.29%	19.41%
POKER TABLES	152	151	145	612
POKER DROP	2,409,953.50	2,748,936.50	2,422,166.80	10,931,771.30
AGP	1,918,004.00	1,985,190.75	1,717,719.05	8,041,035.85
AVG DAILY AGP	407.05	407.05	382.41	432.91
HOLD %	23.79%	23.79%	19.69%	22.99%
TOTAL AGP	65,851,079.74	72,988,144.08	64,771,204.55	287,381,654.68
GAMING TAXES	9,120,165.19	9,113,730.65	8,809,472.68	26,752,003.59
# OF CASINOS	41	43	46	44
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	30.00	30.98	30.35
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>October 2007</u>	<u>September 2007</u>	<u>October 2006</u>	<u>Tax Year To Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	1,654	1,723	1,394	6,712
COINS IN	59,302,052.82	67,037,914.68	47,019,264.99	257,942,101.82
AGP	4,874,135.85	5,507,259.59	3,800,094.06	21,441,454.82
AVG DAILY AGP	95.06	106.54	88.09	105.26
HOLD %	8.22%	8.22%	8.08%	8.31%
5¢ SLOTS	400	479	695	1,911
COINS IN	13,528,284.35	15,828,520.10	18,148,992.20	62,627,813.85
AGP	842,427.24	958,684.22	1,261,923.37	3,969,506.39
AVG DAILY AGP	67.94	66.71	58.67	68.44
HOLD %	6.23%	6.06%	6.95%	6.34%
25¢ SLOTS	735	847	932	3,296
COINS IN	39,639,221.00	46,874,505.75	41,386,489.75	181,528,067.50
AGP	1,731,629.66	2,312,293.14	1,970,990.45	8,705,240.42
AVG DAILY AGP	76.00	91.00	68.34	87.02
HOLD %	4.37%	4.93%	4.76%	4.80%
\$1 SLOTS	789	850	875	3,369
COINS IN	58,943,784.00	66,316,358.49	58,636,956.00	263,350,168.31
AGP	2,627,953.84	3,134,062.92	2,875,657.19	12,738,178.50
AVG DAILY AGP	107.44	122.90	106.20	124.58
HOLD %	4.46%	4.73%	4.90%	4.84%
\$5 SLOTS	34	34	43	136
COINS IN	5,235,295.00	6,208,120.00	4,472,945.00	21,991,860.00
AGP	265,761.55	243,817.58	306,195.68	1,045,276.53
AVG DAILY AGP	252.15	239.04	230.09	253.24
HOLD %	5.08%	3.93%	6.85%	4.75%
OTHER SLOTS*	630	644	778	2,607
COINS IN	29,435,025.65	31,806,164.44	29,037,155.03	126,768,716.33
AGP	1,655,059.75	1,742,013.73	1,722,846.95	6,876,533.61
AVG DAILY AGP	84.74	90.17	71.56	86.91
HOLD %	5.62%	5.48%	5.93%	5.42%
BJ TABLES	16	17	19	68
BJ DROP	360,578.25	479,579.50	416,385.05	1,878,736.50
AGP	73,177.25	79,167.50	68,794.05	325,313.50
AVG DAILY AGP	147.53	155.23	117.00	157.63
HOLD %	20.29%	16.51%	16.52%	17.32%
POKER TABLES	31	30	28	130
POKER DROP	306,634.50	373,907.50	231,446.00	1,368,958.50
AGP	245,475.50	285,585.50	246,085.00	1,140,799.00
AVG DAILY AGP	255.44	317.32	283.99	289.14
HOLD %	18.03%	18.08%	20.39%	19.18%
TOTAL AGP	12,315,620.64	14,262,884.18	12,252,586.75	56,242,302.77
GAMING TAXES	620,656.84	453,504.18	533,722.00	1,272,054.92
# OF CASINOS	15	17	19	18
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	30.00	30.95	30.35
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BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>October 2007</u>	<u>September 2007</u>	<u>October 2006</u>	<u>Tax Year To Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	4,530	4,475	3,894	17,900
COINS IN	217,872,859.85	227,430,744.88	177,650,264.82	898,921,165.24
AGP	21,141,243.69	21,990,142.21	16,838,073.02	87,084,440.33
AVG DAILY AGP	150.55	163.80	139.49	159.98
HOLD %	9.70%	9.67%	9.48%	9.69%
5¢ SLOTS	1,014	1,010	1,281	4,112
COINS IN	50,936,616.25	55,165,215.25	60,692,223.03	224,166,089.14
AGP	3,409,234.70	3,798,908.21	4,111,807.44	14,984,376.95
AVG DAILY AGP	108.46	125.38	103.54	119.83
HOLD %	6.69%	6.89%	6.77%	6.68%
25¢ SLOTS	1,583	1,578	1,827	6,360
COINS IN	113,308,053.40	123,395,273.05	131,766,004.41	495,446,015.35
AGP	6,062,235.61	6,623,110.74	6,779,642.49	26,935,139.97
AVG DAILY AGP	123.54	139.91	119.70	139.27
HOLD %	5.35%	5.37%	5.15%	5.44%
\$1 SLOTS	1,318	1,328	1,389	5,310
COINS IN	152,480,326.00	165,900,732.42	161,586,886.65	664,099,776.01
AGP	7,722,690.00	8,721,548.16	7,863,336.59	34,051,100.65
AVG DAILY AGP	189.01	218.91	182.62	210.87
HOLD %	5.06%	5.26%	4.87%	5.13%
\$5 SLOTS	174	178	197	707
COINS IN	33,549,990.00	35,785,325.00	32,938,659.00	134,191,664.79
AGP	1,149,223.73	1,855,569.42	1,688,035.85	6,031,456.55
AVG DAILY AGP	213.06	347.48	276.41	280.53
HOLD %	3.43%	5.19%	5.12%	4.49%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,299	1,314	1,485	5,221
COINS IN	106,066,499.40	111,643,671.66	109,136,125.64	450,335,155.64
AGP	5,941,356.68	6,327,700.96	6,504,581.02	25,487,581.15
AVG DAILY AGP	147.54	160.52	141.30	160.53
HOLD %	5.60%	5.67%	5.96%	5.66%
BJ TABLES	40	40	42	160
BJ DROP	2,292,313.60	2,492,632.85	2,266,804.25	9,979,493.10
AGP	484,842.85	555,534.35	439,721.25	2,055,302.10
AVG DAILY AGP	391.00	462.95	337.73	422.41
HOLD %	21.15%	22.29%	19.40%	20.60%
POKER TABLES	101	101	96	402
POKER DROP	1,863,771.50	2,087,068.25	1,879,633.75	8,406,737.30
AGP	1,510,999.50	1,531,281.75	1,273,754.00	6,189,131.30
AVG DAILY AGP	482.59	505.37	428.01	506.28
HOLD %	24.36%	23.46%	19.19%	23.59%
TOTAL AGP	47,421,826.76	51,403,795.80	45,498,951.66	202,818,529.00
GAMING TAXES	7,767,391.91	7,951,252.53	7,424,826.24	23,543,420.31
# OF CASINOS	20	20	21	20
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	30.00	31.00	30.41
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CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>October 2007</u>	<u>September 2007</u>	<u>October 2006</u>	<u>Tax Year To Date</u>
1¢ SLOTS	891	1,054	842	3,956
COINS IN	31,267,271.41	46,555,298.95	38,933,906.73	171,440,639.94
AGP	2,912,699.01	3,777,076.15	3,471,955.15	14,609,100.36
AVG DAILY AGP	105.45	119.45	133.01	122.69
HOLD %	9.32%	8.11%	8.92%	8.52%
5¢ SLOTS	291	285	377	1,209
COINS IN	6,791,924.06	7,665,679.66	8,768,123.00	30,066,205.61
AGP	475,168.63	500,882.46	590,227.42	2,035,990.48
AVG DAILY AGP	52.67	58.58	50.50	55.95
HOLD %	7.00%	6.53%	6.73%	6.77%
25¢ SLOTS	399	348	485	1,469
COINS IN	16,494,713.75	13,977,352.25	21,082,002.25	61,095,809.50
AGP	819,736.94	869,216.34	1,064,357.79	3,379,914.06
AVG DAILY AGP	66.27	83.26	70.79	76.44
HOLD %	4.97%	6.22%	5.05%	5.53%
\$1 SLOTS	300	265	329	1,124
COINS IN	24,073,943.00	26,454,206.00	25,635,174.00	104,065,294.00
AGP	956,416.53	1,181,708.08	1,074,579.61	4,394,239.74
AVG DAILY AGP	102.84	148.64	105.36	129.88
HOLD %	3.97%	4.47%	4.19%	4.22%
\$5 SLOTS	37	20	25	154
COINS IN	2,115,365.00	1,373,760.00	1,836,490.00	6,374,455.00
AGP	100,230.28	57,215.30	129,198.00	327,422.81
AVG DAILY AGP	87.38	95.36	166.71	70.64
HOLD %	4.74%	4.16%	7.04%	5.14%
OTHER SLOTS	260	203	133	798
COINS IN	13,688,871.37	13,730,496.98	7,625,162.82	54,153,953.14
AGP	653,071.20	708,929.77	455,319.52	2,669,938.81
AVG DAILY AGP	81.03	116.41	110.43	111.16
HOLD %	4.77%	5.16%	5.97%	4.93%
BJ TABLES	10	10	9	40
BJ DROP	310,844.00	355,468.50	294,734.35	1,403,194.60
AGP	34,780.75	58,112.50	36,148.60	193,111.10
AVG DAILY AGP	112.20	193.71	129.56	160.39
HOLD %	11.19%	16.35%	12.26%	13.76%
POKER TABLES	20	20	21	80
POKER DROP	239,547.50	287,960.75	311,087.05	1,156,075.50
AGP	161,529.00	168,323.50	197,880.05	711,105.55
AVG DAILY AGP	260.53	280.54	303.96	295.31
HOLD %	26.74%	21.17%	22.15%	23.19%
TOTAL AGP	6,113,632.34	7,321,464.10	7,019,666.14	28,320,822.91
GAMING TAXES	732,116.44	708,973.94	850,924.44	1,936,528.36
# OF CASINOS	6	6	6	6
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	30.00	31.00	30.10
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OCTOBER AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	16,338	\$63,340,275	\$127.26	6.50%
Tables	218	\$2,510,805	\$378.07	21.70%
TOTAL	16,556	\$65,851,080	\$130.57	6.71%

Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,242	\$11,996,968	\$91.23	5.82%
Tables	47	\$318,653	\$218.70	19.25%
TOTAL	4,289	\$12,315,621	\$92.63	5.96%

Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	9,918	\$45,425,984	\$147.75	6.74%
Tables	141	\$1,995,842	\$456.61	22.59%
TOTAL	10,059	\$47,421,826	\$152.08	6.99%

Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	2,178	\$5,917,323	\$99.44	6.27%
Tables	30	\$196,310	\$239.40	17.96%
TOTAL	2,208	\$6,113,633	\$101.30	6.44%

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ December 17 • November gaming tax returns due
- ✓ December 20 • Gaming Commission meeting, Lakewood
- ✓ December 25 • Christmas Day, Division offices closed

DECEMBER 2007

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