

## Commission Approves Fiscal Year 10 Budgets

The Gaming Commission on April 16 approved budget requests for FY 2010 for the Division of Gaming, \$9,677,540; the Colorado Bureau of Investigations, \$841,515; Colorado State Patrol, \$2,152,086; the Division of Fire Safety, \$186,931; and Dept. of Local Affairs, \$158,094.

## May Schedule Altered

The Gaming Commission will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20 at the Division of Gaming office in Lakewood starting at 9:15 a.m. The Commission will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 21 for a rulemaking hearing on proposed new Rule 24. That meeting will be held at the Jefferson County Courts & Administration Building, 100 Jefferson Parkway, Golden, starting at 9:30 a.m.

## Commission Action

At its meeting on April 16 in Lakewood, the Colorado Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Black Hawk Station; The Gilpin Hotel Casino, Ltd.; The Lodge Casino at Black Hawk; The Wild Card Saloon; and Wildwood Casino at Cripple Creek
- Renewed the manufacturer/distributor licenses of Atlantic City Coin & Slot Service Company, Inc.; and The Lodge Casino at Black Hawk
- Renewed the operator licenses of Atlantic City Coin & Slot Service Company, Inc., and Merit Cripple Creek, LLC

## March Revenues Hot and Cold

Revenues at Colorado casinos in March cooled off compared to March 2008, but heated up from February. Casinos statewide reported \$60.6 million in AGP in March, down 4.1 percent from \$63.2 million in March 2008, but up 5.8 percent from \$57.2 million in February.

Black Hawk's 20 casinos produced \$43.6 million in AGP in March, down 4.7 percent from \$45.8 million in March 2008, but up 6.0 percent from \$41.1 million in February. Cripple Creek's 16 casinos totaled \$11.6 million in AGP in March, up 1.7 percent from \$11.4 million the previous March and up 5.4 percent from \$11.0 million in February. Central City's six casinos generated \$5.3 million in AGP in March, down 10.6 percent from \$5.9 million in March 2008, but up 4.9 percent from \$5.0 million the previous month.

Casinos statewide paid \$10.2 million in gaming tax proceeds in March, up from \$9.4 million in February.

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the Colorado legislative session comes to a close on May 6, we are closer to knowing the status of several bills affecting the casino industry in Colorado.

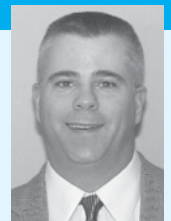
The most noted is House Bill 1272, the enabling legislation for the implementation of Amendment 50. This bill was sent to the governor on April 14 after passing both the House and the Senate. As mentioned last month, this legislation contains a provision that the expenses related to the administration of Amendment 50 will be "determined in accordance with rules of the commission." A hearing on those proposed rules is scheduled for May 21 at the Jefferson County Courts & Administration Building in Golden. As noted in the article on this page, the regular Commission meeting for May will be held on May 20 to accommodate this hearing.

Senate Bill 50 was also sent to the governor on April 14. This bill would require that the citizen member on the Gaming Commission be a resident of Gilpin or Teller counties. We believe this is not sound public policy because of perceived conflict of interest possibilities. Not that it would occur, but the drafters of the original Limited Gaming Act in 1991 were cognizant of this when prohibiting Commissioners from having an interest in property in those two counties. The old adage "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" should apply here, but the Legislature saw differently. We hope the governor agrees with our position, but we will wait to see.

House Bill 1137 is still making its way through the legislative process. This bill would include criminal court restitutions to the Gambling Payment Intercept Act and add an \$85 fee to the amount intercepted.

If and when any or all of these bills become law, the Commission and Division will fulfill their statutory responsibilities to implement them and enforce them.

—Ron Kammerzell



## COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	7,889	7,891	7,345	71,506
COINS IN	318,453,902.16	301,852,484.75	302,056,281.89	2,702,868,936.06
AGP	29,051,067.45	27,669,160.23	28,569,059.60	248,123,707.76
AVG DAILY AGP	118.79	125.23	128.73	114.11
HOLD %	9.12%	9.17%	9.46%	9.18%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	1,254	1,284	1,432	11,936
COINS IN	47,618,074.10	47,203,163.23	56,971,607.49	437,988,179.10
AGP	3,147,897.79	3,160,229.93	3,845,393.85	29,205,486.26
AVG DAILY AGP	80.98	87.90	88.88	80.46
HOLD %	6.61%	6.69%	6.75%	6.67%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	2,192	2,225	2,502	20,476
COINS IN	115,517,809.71	109,792,094.73	136,521,282.44	1,058,165,248.53
AGP	6,132,984.82	6,043,095.69	7,432,933.89	57,220,287.51
AVG DAILY AGP	90.25	97.00	98.32	91.89
HOLD %	5.31%	5.50%	5.44%	5.41%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	2,321	2,346	2,359	21,863
COINS IN	192,380,322.09	180,653,863.01	214,052,763.27	1,757,124,381.37
AGP	9,757,558.41	8,923,259.18	10,954,692.31	88,023,330.43
AVG DAILY AGP	135.61	135.84	153.70	132.40
HOLD %	5.07%	4.94%	5.12%	5.01%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	233	237	222	2,159
COINS IN	26,927,270.00	24,969,565.00	31,378,085.00	244,903,424.87
AGP	1,519,615.59	1,485,275.23	1,513,086.02	12,046,671.73
AVG DAILY AGP	210.39	223.82	225.58	183.48
HOLD %	5.64%	5.95%	4.82%	4.92%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	2,261	2,266	2,436	21,203
COINS IN	155,354,381.32	143,787,691.49	153,923,639.64	1,355,520,725.58
AGP	8,129,227.89	7,466,483.91	8,205,668.21	71,716,314.55
AVG DAILY AGP	115.98	117.68	111.49	111.23
HOLD %	5.23%	5.19%	5.33%	5.29%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	75	72	67	643
BJ DROP	3,207,400.05	3,045,880.65	3,269,847.20	27,402,522.39
AGP	701,194.55	589,031.40	660,468.45	5,587,537.89
AVG DAILY AGP	301.59	292.18	326.26	285.75
HOLD %	21.86%	19.34%	20.20%	20.39%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	155	159	152	1,430
POKER DROP	2,719,663.75	2,487,952.75	2,716,395.00	23,787,187.73
AGP	2,166,514.75	1,940,114.75	2,011,261.25	18,338,112.36
AVG DAILY AGP	450.89	450.89	437.94	421.70
HOLD %	23.04%	23.04%	21.23%	22.27%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	60,606,061.25	57,276,650.32	63,192,563.58	530,261,448.49
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	10,254,952.29	9,439,997.14	10,809,726.41	64,939,638.38
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	40	40	42	42
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	28.00	30.21	30.41
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	1,960	1,962	1,727	18,439
COINS IN	63,616,146.91	59,722,664.47	56,125,644.46	548,010,409.05
AGP	5,243,737.58	4,886,718.22	4,579,122.12	44,615,404.81
AVG DAILY AGP	86.30	88.95	85.53	79.51
HOLD %	8.24%	8.18%	8.16%	8.14%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	414	414	386	3,787
COINS IN	11,680,360.15	11,290,753.00	12,181,412.25	107,421,965.23
AGP	730,120.06	769,287.90	780,392.56	7,143,740.80
AVG DAILY AGP	56.89	66.36	65.22	61.99
HOLD %	6.25%	6.81%	6.41%	6.65%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	787	777	762	7,096
COINS IN	32,563,079.33	31,169,048.43	33,067,838.97	301,376,915.74
AGP	1,535,570.70	1,506,521.94	1,548,975.91	14,601,035.13
AVG DAILY AGP	62.94	69.25	65.57	67.62
HOLD %	4.72%	4.83%	4.68%	4.84%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	814	825	790	7,620
COINS IN	46,930,744.93	43,386,855.99	50,242,901.00	435,031,250.88
AGP	2,146,901.28	2,031,694.38	2,656,689.23	21,266,578.25
AVG DAILY AGP	85.08	87.95	108.48	91.72
HOLD %	4.57%	4.68%	5.29%	4.89%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	48	48	33	425
COINS IN	4,837,825.00	4,415,865.00	4,005,215.00	40,470,220.00
AGP	215,346.51	223,827.47	196,970.25	1,985,784.14
AVG DAILY AGP	144.72	166.54	192.54	153.55
HOLD %	4.45%	5.07%	4.92%	4.91%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	633	639	719	6,412
COINS IN	25,458,123.02	23,628,085.69	26,430,484.38	240,643,282.76
AGP	1,405,901.50	1,279,163.36	1,354,646.90	12,854,983.61
AVG DAILY AGP	71.65	71.49	60.78	65.88
HOLD %	5.52%	5.41%	5.13%	5.34%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	21	21	12	179
BJ DROP	531,603.50	517,305.25	344,797.90	4,668,323.60
AGP	107,240.50	92,777.25	72,381.90	844,979.60
AVG DAILY AGP	164.73	157.78	194.58	155.13
HOLD %	20.17%	17.93%	20.99%	18.10%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	37	37	29	324
POKER DROP	389,611.50	356,009.50	277,220.00	3,324,595.75
AGP	253,521.50	252,888.75	254,559.00	2,327,538.86
AVG DAILY AGP	221.03	244.10	283.16	236.07
HOLD %	18.39%	18.49%	19.36%	18.32%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	11,638,339.63	11,042,879.27	11,443,737.87	105,640,045.20
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	1,326,640.57	1,117,234.93	1,326,762.71	5,610,412.47
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	16	16	15	17
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	28.00	31.00	30.43
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	4,951	4,944	4,705	43,953
COINS IN	224,239,186.92	212,603,102.26	214,982,317.33	1,874,535,760.01
AGP	20,965,724.75	20,091,457.97	21,040,271.29	178,466,923.01
AVG DAILY AGP	136.60	145.14	144.49	133.65
HOLD %	9.35%	9.45%	9.79%	9.52%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	632	654	805	6,180
COINS IN	31,255,440.75	31,548,747.63	38,877,075.49	288,947,066.61
AGP	2,123,279.95	2,146,147.51	2,704,080.76	19,495,162.15
AVG DAILY AGP	108.37	117.20	108.53	103.84
HOLD %	6.79%	6.80%	6.96%	6.75%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	1,116	1,158	1,360	10,594
COINS IN	72,813,118.83	69,389,915.50	88,384,063.72	658,229,246.74
AGP	4,031,194.36	4,027,044.57	5,042,798.31	37,409,276.31
AVG DAILY AGP	116.52	124.20	119.80	116.23
HOLD %	5.54%	5.80%	5.71%	5.68%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	1,254	1,269	1,255	11,943
COINS IN	127,015,247.54	120,657,123.02	140,797,903.27	1,160,764,713.42
AGP	6,874,730.59	6,141,289.02	7,423,223.89	59,639,948.29
AVG DAILY AGP	176.85	172.84	191.11	164.38
HOLD %	5.41%	5.09%	5.27%	5.14%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	155	159	158	1,464
COINS IN	20,922,225.00	19,311,970.00	25,731,215.00	192,074,021.87
AGP	1,223,837.80	1,178,641.76	1,227,634.49	9,401,106.87
AVG DAILY AGP	254.70	264.74	251.04	211.37
HOLD %	5.85%	6.10%	4.77%	4.89%
<b>OTHER SLOTS*</b>	1,385	1,377	1,466	12,464
COINS IN	114,189,275.99	105,772,032.94	114,709,067.34	987,076,755.11
AGP	6,137,551.97	5,610,349.83	6,256,245.92	53,084,292.14
AVG DAILY AGP	142.95	145.51	137.89	140.19
HOLD %	5.37%	5.30%	5.45%	5.38%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	46	43	44	387
BJ DROP	2,470,793.05	2,330,088.15	2,576,670.70	20,786,345.69
AGP	570,689.30	469,383.40	537,384.70	4,420,137.69
AVG DAILY AGP	400.20	389.85	394.61	375.96
HOLD %	23.10%	20.14%	20.86%	21.26%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	100	100	101	917
POKER DROP	2,008,451.75	1,831,878.75	2,173,887.75	17,607,647.10
AGP	1,741,293.75	1,519,349.75	1,587,525.75	14,569,339.35
AVG DAILY AGP	561.71	542.62	507.85	522.98
HOLD %	23.88%	25.14%	21.39%	22.99%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	43,668,302.47	41,183,663.81	45,819,165.11	376,486,185.81
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	8,096,205.55	7,547,169.28	8,506,696.37	54,558,920.83
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	18	18	20	19
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	28.00	30.95	30.38
<b>*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots</b>				

## CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>Tax Year to Date</u>
<b>1¢ SLOTS</b>	978	985	913	9,114
COINS IN	30,598,568.33	29,526,718.02	30,948,320.10	280,322,767.00
AGP	2,841,605.12	2,690,984.04	2,949,666.19	25,041,379.94
AVG DAILY AGP	93.73	97.57	122.24	90.29
HOLD %	9.29%	9.11%	9.53%	8.93%
<b>5¢ SLOTS</b>	208	216	241	1,969
COINS IN	4,682,273.20	4,363,662.60	5,913,119.75	41,619,147.26
AGP	294,497.78	244,794.52	360,920.53	2,566,583.31
AVG DAILY AGP	45.67	40.48	56.67	42.84
HOLD %	6.29%	5.61%	6.10%	6.17%
<b>25¢ SLOTS</b>	289	290	380	2,786
COINS IN	10,141,611.55	9,233,130.80	15,069,379.75	98,559,086.05
AGP	566,219.76	509,529.18	841,159.67	5,209,976.07
AVG DAILY AGP	63.20	62.75	83.76	61.45
HOLD %	5.58%	5.52%	5.58%	5.29%
<b>\$1 SLOTS</b>	253	252	314	2,300
COINS IN	18,434,329.62	16,609,884.00	23,011,959.00	161,328,417.07
AGP	735,926.54	750,275.78	874,779.19	7,116,803.89
AVG DAILY AGP	93.83	106.33	105.41	101.68
HOLD %	3.99%	4.52%	3.80%	4.41%
<b>\$5 SLOTS</b>	30	30	31	270
COINS IN	1,167,220.00	1,241,730.00	1,641,655.00	12,359,183.00
AGP	80,431.28	82,806.00	88,481.28	659,780.72
AVG DAILY AGP	86.49	98.58	108.00	80.30
HOLD %	6.89%	6.67%	5.39%	5.34%
<b>OTHER SLOTS</b>	243	250	251	2,327
COINS IN	15,706,982.31	14,387,572.86	12,784,087.92	127,800,687.71
AGP	585,774.42	576,970.72	594,775.39	5,777,038.80
AVG DAILY AGP	77.76	82.42	89.66	81.58
HOLD %	3.73%	4.01%	4.65%	4.52%
<b>BJ TABLES</b>	8	8	11	77
BJ DROP	205,003.50	198,487.25	348,378.60	1,947,853.10
AGP	23,264.75	26,870.75	50,701.85	322,420.60
AVG DAILY AGP	93.81	119.96	174.40	137.60
HOLD %	11.35%	13.54%	14.55%	16.55%
<b>POKER TABLES</b>	18	22	22	189
POKER DROP	321,600.50	300,064.50	265,287.25	2,854,944.88
AGP	171,699.50	167,876.25	169,176.50	1,441,234.15
AVG DAILY AGP	307.71	272.53	290.97	250.59
HOLD %	23.43%	25.73%	21.91%	22.45%
<b>TOTAL AGP</b>	5,299,419.15	5,050,107.24	5,929,660.60	48,135,217.48
<b>GAMING TAXES</b>	832,106.17	775,592.93	976,267.33	4,770,305.08
<b># OF CASINOS</b>	6	6	7	6
<b>AVG. DAYS OPEN</b>	31.00	28.00	26.43	30.43
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## MARCH AGP BY DEVICE

### Statewide

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	16,150	\$57,738,352	\$115.33	6.74%
Tables	230	\$2,867,709	\$402.20	22.40%
TOTAL	16,380	\$60,606,061	\$119.35	7.02%

### Cripple Creek

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	4,656	\$11,277,578	\$78.13	6.09%
Tables	58	\$360,762	\$200.65	19.42%
TOTAL	4,714	\$11,638,340	\$79.64	6.26%

### Black Hawk

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	9,493	\$41,356,319	\$140.53	7.00%
Tables	146	\$2,311,983	\$510.82	23.45%
TOTAL	9,639	\$43,668,302	\$146.14	7.34%

### Central City

Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %
Slots	2,001	\$5,104,455	\$82.29	6.32%
Tables	26	\$194,964	\$241.89	18.73%
TOTAL	2,027	\$5,299,419	\$84.34	6.52%

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

# GAMING ♦ UPDATE

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ May 15 • April gaming tax returns due
- ✓ May 20 • Gaming Commission meeting, Lakewood
- ✓ May 21 • Gaming Commission meeting, Golden (Jefferson County Admin Building)
- ✓ May 25 • Memorial Day, Division offices closed

MAY 2009

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