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ICO Meetings Slated

The Colorado Division of Gaming will host internal control officer meetings on Oct. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Wildwood Casino at Cripple Creek and on Oct. 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Riviera Casino in Black Hawk. The Internal Revenue Service will conduct training on Title 31 following the Oct. 7 meeting from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Division Offices Closed

All three Division of Gaming offices will be closed on Friday, Oct. 9 for a mandatory furlough day for State employees and again on Monday, Oct. 12 for the Columbus Day holiday. The offices will also be closed for furlough days on Nov. 27 and Dec. 31.

Commission Action

At its meeting on Sept. 17 in Cripple Creek, the Gaming Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Dostal Alley, Isle Casino Hotel Black Hawk, and Lady Luck Casino Black Hawk
- Renewed the manufacturer/ distributor licenses of IOC-Black Hawk Distribution Company, LLC, and Wolff Gaming, Inc.
- Renewed the operate licenses of Lady Luck Casino Black Hawk and Wolff Gaming, Inc.
- Approved stipulations and agreements with Merit Cripple Creek, LLC, and Wildwood Casino at Cripple Creek, resulting in \$5,000 fines each for processing ATM transactions through a merchandise point of sale system

August AGP Grows but Slows

Revenues at Colorado casinos contined to grow but at a slower rate in August, the second month of new games, limits and hours. Casinos statewide reported \$69.6 million in AGP in August, up 2.1 percent from \$68.2 million in August 2008, but down 8.5 percent from \$76.1 million in July, when revenues topped the previous July by 16.0 percent.

Black Hawk's 18 casinos generated \$49.6 million in AGP in August, up 3.9 percent from \$47.7 million in August 2008 but down 8.9 percent from \$54.4 million in July. Cripple Creek's 16 casinos totaled \$13.9 million in AGP in August, down 1.9 percent from \$15.0 million the previous August and down 7.5 percent from \$14.2 million in July. Central City's six casinos produced \$6.1 million in AGP in August, down 1.9 percent from \$6.2 million in August 2008 and down 8.0 percent from \$6.6 million the previous month.

Casinos statewide paid \$6.4 million in gaming tax proceeds in August, up from \$5.3 million in August 2008 and \$2.0 million in July, as casinos progressed through a graduated tax structure that started in July.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Division of Gaming has received several inquiries as to what tax revenues and subsequent Limited Gaming Fund distributions will look like in the upcoming years. The simple answer is that coming up with those figures is a crapshoot.



But being in government, we cannot give that as an official response, so we have done our best to project forward in an unsettled economy. During the tax setting process in April and May, the Division used a 25 percent growth factor for this current fiscal year. We heard testimony during the hearings and anecdotally outside the hearings that many of the casino operators were using a 10 percent projection or lower. When recently asked by analysts at the State Capitol for distribution projections, we used the 10 percent figure for the current year.

The first two months of revenue figures have been no help in trying to sort out the impact of Amendment 50 on casino and tax revenues, nor should they be used to project out to the rest of the year and beyond. As noted above, the 16.0 percent increase in July was followed immediately by a meager 2.1 percent in August. But the August comparison is not apples-to-apples, because last August had five weekends, a bonanza for casino revenues, and the last weekend of last year was part of the Labor Day weekend. So to get a true indication whether casinos can sustain Amendment 50 growth and the size of that growth, we will have to wait another month and another month and another month. In fact, we will probably need to wait at least 12 months to get a full picture.

For those wanting instant analysis of the impact of Amendment 50, they, like the rest of us, will just have to wait and see.

—Ron Kammerzell

COLORAD	O STATE	GAMING S	TATISTICS		CRIPPLE C	CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS							
	<u> August 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u> August 2008</u>	Tax Year to Date		<u>August 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u> August 2008</u>	Tax Year to Date				
1¢ SLOTS	7,723	7,809	8,032	15,532	I ¢ SLOTS	2,003	2,005	2,171	4,008				
COINS IN	334,702,196.70	360,301,533.70	330,040,343.96	695,003,730.40	COINS IN	72,517,870.96	79,545,998.44	69,127,956.12	152,063,869.40				
AGP	30,750,241.43	33,470,824.38	30,840,733.00	64,221,065.81	AGP	6,122,129.74	6,669,599.85	5,660,492.48	12,791,729.59				
AVG DAILY AGP	128.44	138.26	124.82	135.57	AVG DAILY AGP	98.60	107.31	84.11	104.68				
HOLD %	9.19%	9.29%	9.34%	9.24%	HOLD %	8.44%	838.46%	8.19%	8.41%				
25¢ SLOTS	1,955	1,990	2,367	3,945	25¢ SLOTS	748	755	802	1,503				
COINS IN	110,469,384.60	120,733,877.28	137,872,227.20	231,203,261.88	COINS IN	34,939,190.73	37,750,822.05	40,190,274.70	72,690,012.78				
AGP	6,441,769.61	6,955,558.11	7,645,712.34	13,397,327.72	AGP	1,692,377.89	1,791,789.81	1,967,944.08	3,484,167.70				
AVG DAILY AGP	106.29	112.75	105.00	111.35	AVG DAILY AGP	72.99	76.56	79.15	76.03				
HOLD %	5.83%	5.76%	5.55%	5.79%	HOLD %	4.84%	474.64%	4.90%	4.79%				
\$1 SLOTS	2,067	2,092	2,532	4,159	\$1 SLOTS	751	763	883	1,514				
COINS IN	193,681,199.06	209,690,341.55	231,337,750.98	403,371,540.61	COINS IN	49,471,624.85	54,577,134.63	58,790,899.98	104,048,759.48				
AGP	9,995,863.23	10,738,300.99	11,894,449.93	20,734,164.22	AGP	2,331,553.23	2,590,570.21	3,142,205.00	4,922,123.44				
AVG DAILY AGP	156.00	165.58	152.71	163.45	AVG DAILY AGP	100.15	109.52	114.79	106.63				
HOLD %	5.16%	5.12%	5.14%	5.14%	HOLD %	4.71%	474.66%	5.34%	4.73%				
MULTI-DENOM	2,171	2,106	2,154	4,277	MULTI-DENOM	501	520	711	1,021				
COINS IN	203,602,597.23	213,905,989.37	140,357,242.51	417,508,586.60	COINS IN	27,775,738.53	30,054,471.01	27,140,880.68	57,830,209.54				
AGP	9,455,291.11	9,919,377.13	7,306,022.75	19,374,668.24	AGP	1,294,033.37	1,436,502.98	1,507,851.66	2,730,536.35				
AVG DAILY AGP	140.49	151.94	110.26	148.52	AVG DAILY AGP	83.32	89.11	68.41	87.71				
HOLD %	4.64%	4.64%	5.21%	4.64%	HOLD %	4.66%	477.97%	5.56%	4.72%				
OTHER SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,757 110,831,595.17 5,992,830.31 110.03 5.41%	1,769 117,752,082.14 7,120,588.97 129.85 6.05%	1,944 118,488,084.05 6,922,937.39 115.77 5.84%	3,526 228,583,677.31 13,113,419.28 121.94 5.74%	OTHER SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	544 23,955,931.71 1,436,602.17 85.19 6.00%	546 26,334,579.11 1,470,106.64 86.85 5.58%	547 24,273,063.60 1,532,862.55 90.40 6.32%	1,090 50,290,510.82 2,906,708.81 87.46 5.78%				
BJ TABLES BJ DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	133	125	71	258	BJ TABLES	32	32	20	64				
	15,857,435.01	16,517,119.12	3,542,644.85	32,374,554.13	BJ DROP	2,790,033.00	2,581,899.75	663,516.00	5,371,932.75				
	2,201,757.51	2,248,156.07	643,780.60	4,449,913.58	AGP	357,403.50	313,525.25	93,423.00	670,928.75				
	534.02	580.17	294.76	565.50	AVG DAILY AGP	360.29	316.05	150.68	343.83				
	13.88%	13.61%	18.17%	13.75%	HOLD %	12.81%	12.14%	14.08%	12.49%				
CRAPS TABLES CRAPS DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	27	27	0	54	CRAPS TABLES	9	9	0	18				
	7,515,187.50	8,551,099.80	0.00	16,066,287.30	CRAPS DROP	1,256,652.75	1,464,751.75	0.00	2,721,404.50				
	1,307,796.25	1,515,736.55	0.00	2,823,532.80	AGP	214,428.50	254,527.50	0.00	468,956.00				
	1,562.48	0.00	0.00	1,714.35	AVG DAILY AGP	768.56	912.28	0.00	854.48				
	17.40%	0.00%	0.00%	17.57%	HOLD %	17.06%	17.38%	0.00%	17.23%				
POKER TABLES POKER DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	154	155	158	309	POKER TABLES	37	37	36	74				
	4,429,799.74	5,047,932.16	3,181,375.86	9,477,731.90	POKER DROP	785,733.25	754,186.36	519,746.50	1,539,919.61				
	2,834,272.97	3,527,768.91	2,290,401.11	6,362,041.88	AGP	378,476.67	425,718.76	307,446.50	804,195.43				
	593.69	734.19	471.24	675.05	AVG DAILY AGP	329.97	371.16	275.49	356.43				
	22.39%	24.80%	21.60%	23.68%	HOLD %	14.87%	17.97%	17.32%	16.38%				
ROULETTE TABLE ROULETTE DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	\$ 26 2,963,068.50 682,448.75 846.71 23.03%	25 3,327,851.85 665,283.85 0.00 0.00%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	51 6,290,920.35 1,347,732.60 866.43 21.42%	ROULETTE TABLES ROULETTE DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	9 456,450.25 117,932.25 422.70 25.84%	9 592,389.00 117,243.25 420.23 19.79%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	18 1,048,839.25 235,175.50 428.51 22.42%				
TOTAL AGP	69,662,270.77	76,161,594.96	68,201,503.29	145,823,865.73	TOTAL AGP	13,944,937.32	15,069,584.25	14,212,225.27	29,014,521.57				
GAMING TAXES	6,494,361.37	2,071,681.50	5,396,196.86	8,566,042.87	GAMING TAXES	138,996.54	44,219.57	141,499.76	183,216.11				
# OF CASINOS	40	40	42	40	# OF CASINOS	16	16	17	16				

BLACK HA	AWK GAM	ING STATI	STICS		CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS						
	<u> August 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u> August 2008</u>	Tax Year to Date		<u> August 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u> August 2008</u>	Tax Year to Date		
1 ¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	21,576,761.36 148.00 9.45%	158.76 957.98%	4,813 223,296,237.32 21,910,781.17 149.39 9.81%	9,491 474,296,974.23 45,140,710.69 156.09 9.52%	1 ¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,017 33,862,856.81 3,051,350.33 96.79 9.01%	3,237,275.20 102.78 930.79%	1,048 37,616,150.52 3,269,459.35 100.64 8.69%	2,033 68,642,886.77 6,288,625.53 101.42 9.16%		
coins in	930 65,868,348.12 4,199,027.20 145.65 6.37%	956 73,590,075.48 4,596,179.15 155.09 624.57%	1,236 84,468,687.00 4,910,135.37 130.36 5.81%	1,886 139,458,423.60 8,795,206.35 153.05 6.31%	25¢ SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	277 9,661,845.75 550,364.52 64.09 5.70%	279 9,392,979.75 567,589.15 65.62 604.27%	329 13,213,265.50 767,632.89 75.27 5.81%	556 19,054,825.50 1,117,953.67 65.92 5.87%		
COINS IN	1,075 126,231,065.21 6,891,861.39 206.81 5.46%	1,087 136,819,021.92 7,379,964.03 219.01 539.40%	1,392 150,536,756.00 7,822,131.54 184.40 5.20%	2,162 263,050,087.13 14,271,825.42 216.65 5.43%	\$1 SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	241 17,978,509.00 772,448.61 103.39 4.30%	242 18,294,185.00 767,766.75 102.34 419.68%	257 22,010,095.00 930,113.39 116.75 4.23%	483 36,272,694.00 1,540,215.36 104.55 4.25%		
MULTI-DENOM COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	1,375 153,625,044.94 7,214,966.80 169.27 4.70%	1,293 160,928,709.51 7,395,056.77 184.49 459.52%	1,200 99,783,816.32 5,150,721.04 140.85 5.16%	2,668 314,553,754.45 14,610,023.57 179.72 4.64%	COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	295 22,201,813.76 946,290.94 103.48 4.26%	22,922,808.85 1,087,817.38 119.76 474.56%	243 13,432,545.51 647,450.05 85.95 4.82%	588 45,124,622.61 2,034,108.32 113.42 4.51%		
OTHER SLOTS COINS IN AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	977 80,655,427.46 4,255,207.86 140.50 5.28%	984 85,200,040.38 5,264,194.24 172.57 6.18%	1,151 87,300,616.59 4,987,679.72 142.20 5.71%	1,961 165,855,467.84 9,519,402.10 159.32 5.74%	AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	301,020.28 41.15 4.84%	239 6,217,462.65 386,288.09 52.14 6.21%	246 6,914,403.86 402,395.12 52.77 5.82%	475 12,437,698.65 687,308.37 47.44 5.53%		
BJ TABLES BJ DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	83 12,342,671.50 1,772,194.00 688.77 14.36%	75 13,048,767.37 1,785,910.32 768.13 13.69%	42 2,607,601.10 509,211.60 397.85 19.53%	158 25,391,438.87 3,558,104.32 739.08 14.01%	BJ DROP	18 724,730.51 72,160.01 129.32 9.96%	18 886,452.00 148,720.50 266.52 16.78%	9 271,527.75 41,146.00 147.48 15.15%	36 1,611,182.51 220,880.51 201.17 13.71%		
CRAPS TABLES CRAPS DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	15 5,448,045.75 938,911.75 2,019.17 17.23%	15 6,228,280.55 1,141,817.55 2,455.52 18.33%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	30 11,676,326.30 2,080,729.30 2,276.26 17.82%	CRAPS TABLES CRAPS DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	3 810,489.00 154,456.00 1,660.82 19.06%	3 858,067.50 119,391.50 1,283.78 13.91%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	6 1,668,556.50 273,847.50 1,496.43 16.41%		
POKER TABLES POKER DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	96 2,995,250.75 2,251,343.06 756.50 25.05%	97 3,570,124.80 2,840,693.40 944.69 26.83%	101 2,285,216.10 1,806,417.10 586.91 22.55%	193 6,565,375.55 5,092,036.46 865.89 26.02%	POKER DROP	21 648,815.74 204,453.24 314.06 19.23%	21 723,621.00 261,356.75 401.47 21.94%	21 376,413.26 176,537.51 271.18 21.77%	42 1,372,436.74 465,809.99 363.63 20.66%		
ROULETTE TABLE ROULETTE DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	\$ 12 2,227,834.00 503,079.50 1,352.36 22.58%	11 2,393,393.80 481,156.30 1,411.02 20.10%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	23 4,621,227.80 984,235.80 1,404.43 21.30%	ROULETTE TABLES ROULETTE DROP AGP AVG DAILY AGP HOLD %	5 278,784.25 61,437.00 396.37 22.04%	5 342,069.05 66,884.30 431.51 19.55%	0 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00%	10 620,853.30 128,321.30 420.73 20.67%		
TOTAL AGP GAMING TAXES # OF CASINOS	49,603,352.92 6,101,086.72 18	54,448,921.09 1,979,466.51 18	47,754,543.71 5,045,253.77 19	104,052,274.01 8,080,553.23 18	TOTAL AGP GAMING TAXES # OF CASINOS	6,113,980.53 254,278.11 6	6,643,089.62 47,995.42 6	6,234,734.31 209,443.33 6	12,757,070.15 302,273.53 6		

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<u>Device</u>	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %	Device	Number	AGP	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %		
Slots	15,673	\$62,635,995	\$128.92	6.57%	Slots	4,547	\$12,876,696	\$91.35	6.17%		
Tables	340	\$7,026,275	\$666.63	16.85%	Tables	87	\$1,068,241	\$396.08	15.25%		
TOTAL	16,013	\$69,662,270	\$140.33	6.89%	TOTAL	4,634	\$13,944,937	\$97.07	6.40%		
Black	Hawk				Centr	al City					
			Avg. Daily					Avg. Daily			

<u>Device</u>	Number	<u>AGP</u>	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %	<u>Device</u>	Number	<u>AGP</u>	Avg. Daily AGP/Device	Hold %		
Slots	9,060	\$44,137,825	\$157.15	6.74%	Slots	2,066	\$5,621,474	\$87.77	6.25%		
Tables	206	\$5,465,528	\$855.86	17.23%	Tables	47	\$492,506	\$338.03	16.76%		
TOTAL	9,266	\$49,603,353	\$172.69	7.10%	TOTAL	2,113	\$6,113,980	\$93.34	6.53%		

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

GAMING UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ October 9 State furlough day, Division offices closed
- ✓ October 12 Columbus Day, Division offices closed
- ✓ October 15 September gaming tax returns due
- ✓ October 15 Gaming Commission meeting, Central City, 10:00 a.m.

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Statewide