

First Slot Machines Arrive at Harrah's Northern California

Harrah's Northern California recently celebrated a major milestone in the development of the property as the first slot machines arrived for installation. Aristocrat Technologies loaded 246 new slot machines into the casino development including some of today's most innovative machines featuring the latest game titles including Lightning Link, Buffalo Gold and Dragon Link.

In addition to new machines and games, Harrah's Northern California guests will benefit from the many advantages and perks of the casino's affiliation with Caesars Entertainment when it opens this spring. Benefits include earning Caesars Rewards member privileges and preferred access to Caesars' resorts and amenities in Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas and around the world.

While players will benefit from the preferred access Harrah's Northern California offers to Caesars Rewards network, Amador County may be the real winner. The casino property is continuing to fill more than 400 full-time roles including table games dealers, slot attendants, security, environmental services technicians, facilities maintenance, events staff, cooks, servers, bartenders, valet attendants and more. Harrah's Northern California has made a concerted effort to hire local and offers competitive benefits packages as well as on-site training and professional development.

Casino Del Sol Receives AAA's Four Diamond Rating for the Eighth Consecutive Year

Casino Del Sol, Southern Arizona's premier resort and entertainment destination, was recently awarded the coveted AAA Four Diamond Hotel designation for the eighth year in a row. Casino Del Sol has maintained this prestigious rating consecutively since the resort opened in 2011.

"We are honored to be recognized as a AAA Four Diamond Hotel each year," said Kimberly Van Amburg, CEO of Casino Del Sol. "This rating reflects our staff's dedication to providing an outstanding experience for our guests, and we will continue this mission at our new hotel, Estrella at Casino Del Sol, when it opens."

According to AAA, hotels at this level demonstrate their commitment to providing every guest with a high degree of hospitality and attentive service in upscale surroundings. Four Diamond Rated properties typically offer an extensive array of amenities and guest services.

Casino Del Sol is part of a select group of establishments within North America awarded this designation. Currently, only 1,722 hotels across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean hold the AAA Four Diamond Rating. Casino Del Sol is one of only eight hotels

in Tucson who hold this title.

"AAA is pleased to recognize Casino Del Sol as a Four Diamond Hotel," said Michael Petrone, Director of AAA Inspections & Diamond Ratings. "These establishments dedicate a significant amount of attention to detail that helps ensure a consistent and memorable guest experience. To uphold the exceptionally high standards required on a daily basis to attain this rating is an outstanding achievement."

Circling Raven Golf Club Announces Significant Course Enhancements

Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel in Worley, ID, recently announced that it has commissioned golf course architect Gene Bates, ASGCA, to develop the master plan for improvements to Circling Raven Golf Club, the award-winning course that is celebrating its 15th Anniversary season this year. The master plan will guide course enhancements and provide a blueprint for future refinements.

"Circling Raven continues to be held in high esteem by golfers and golf course raters, but like hotels, it's important to periodically reinvigorate them so they're the best they can be and are well positioned to maintain high quality and customer appreciation," said Francis Sijohn, CEO of Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel. "Gene Bates did an incredible job designing Circling Raven originally, and we know his vision through the master plan for our golf course will be equally remarkable."

"We are advancing the golf experience at Circling Raven for the next 15 years, with its condition, playability and aesthetics," said Bates, an admired member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects who has authored top courses worldwide. "Each phase of the master plan will be implemented such that the course will be available for play the vast majority of time."

AGS Announces Major Contract Renewal with Chickasaw Nation

AGS recently announced that it has signed a long-term contract renewal with the Chickasaw Nation, securing AGS' installed base of approximately 3,200 recurring revenue games across the tribal gaming operator's 22 casinos in Oklahoma. The deal represents a significantly larger installed base of Class II games than AGS previously had across the Chickasaw Nation's extensive gaming enterprise.

AGS President and Chief Executive Officer David Lopez said, "We are appreciative of our 14-year relationship with the Chickasaw Nation, this opportunity to renew our business with them, and their confidence in AGS."

Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance said, "We are pleased to renew our long-standing relationship with AGS and look forward to furthering our partnership."

Tribal First Acquires Canada's AFN Insurance Brokers

Tribal First, a division of Alliant Underwriting Solutions, has acquired AFN Insurance Brokerage. The acquisition pairs Canada's First Nations insurance leader with the largest provider of insurance solutions to Tribal Nations in the U.S., expanding Tribal First's geographical reach and service profile.

"Tribal First is dedicated to providing customized insurance solutions to Native governments across North America," said Sean McConlogue, President of Alliant Underwriting Solutions. "AFN brings a longstanding legacy of integrity and strength to our platform, and this alliance will enable us to provide powerful services and solutions that are new to the Canadian market."

"The AFN name is synonymous with strength, customization, and a careful attention to addressing the needs of Canada's First Nations and stands in direct alignment with Tribal First's longstanding mission in the U.S.," said Robert Shearer, Executive Vice President and leader of Tribal First.

Founded in 1998, AFN is a nationally incorporated insurance brokerage dedicated exclusively to serving First Nations across Canada. The Ottawa-based brokerage provides a full suite of products and services that include insurance, risk management, consulting, and employee benefits. AFN has access to leading international carriers and works directly with a large base of retail broker partners.

"This is a powerful strategic alliance that will add considerable strength to the AFN team," said Gil Saunders, Principal at AFN. "Tribal First's large platform, strong market relationships, and dedicated team of specialists will enable us to provide significant value and results to both our broker partners and First Nations clients. Most importantly, Tribal First shares our core objective of designing and delivering customized solutions that are in the best interest of Canada's First Nations."

Saunders and the AFN team will join Alliant and continue to service clients from AFN's Ottawa location.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund Seeking Hatfield Fellowship Applicants

Applications for the 2019-20 Hatfield Fellowship program are being accepted through Tuesday, April 30, 2019. The fellowship program is funded by the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the philanthropic arm of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Each year, the Spirit Mountain Community Fund sponsors a highly motivated and capable Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in a congressional office. Placement of the Fellow rotates through the Oregon congressional delegation to enhance the mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C. and Indian

Country. Fellows are given an invaluable opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, while working on issues that directly affect Native Americans.

The Hatfield Fellow will begin their Capitol Hill experience in November 2019 with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, followed by an eight-month term in an Oregon congressional office. The Fellowship includes a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses.

This life-changing opportunity is extended to tribal members from the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon, as well as members of tribes in Idaho, Washington, and Montana. Preference will be given to members of Oregon tribes. Applicants must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree (or graduating in June 2019) and be at least 21 years of age to apply.

The Hatfield Fellowship was created in 1998 to honor Senator Mark O. Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. For more information about the program or to apply, visit www.thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship.

Aristocrat Further Enhances Oasis 360™ Customer-Centricity with Purchase of Digital Assets and IP from SIC Innovations

Aristocrat has purchased the source code and IP of SIC Innovations as it relates to the casino mobile technology known as PlayerMax™. The result of the purchase is SIC's PlayerMax™ mobile technology is now a wholly owned Oasis 360™ systems product, allowing Aristocrat to further enhance its player-focused offerings to its customers.

Under the agreement, Aristocrat has received all PlayerMax web and mobile source code for exclusive use in the gaming industry. In addition, Aristocrat has received a non-exclusive license to leverage SIC's award winning AvT patent for use within the PlayerMax mobile platform.

Aristocrat Vice President of Oasis Systems Kelly Shaw said, "This purchase is another exciting step forward in our Oasis 360 systems offerings. It enables us to further enhance and expand our Loyalty solutions in the mobile segment, which will allow our customers to engage with their players in an even more meaningful way."

SIC's Chairman of the Board Cody Martinez said, "We are excited with the success of SIC Innovations efforts to design and develop marketing leading technologies and its ongoing impact to diversify and strengthen our overall business portfolio. We look forward to SIC tackling new challenges and creating new meaningful technologies in the near future."

The PlayerMax mobile app, combined with Oasis 360 Loyalty, creates an ideal situation for casino operators to extend the brand beyond the limits of their four walls, maximizing efficiencies and providing an opportunity to reduce overall marketing expenses.

Novomatic Americas Confirms Accelerated Growth Across Key Product Categories in North America

Novomatic Americas recently launched the Panthera™ 1.43 at San Manuel Casino, Barona Resort and Casino, and Cache Creek Casino Resort in California. All are enjoying the commanding presence of the successful Voodoo Fortunes™, Treasures of Tut™, Riches of Babylon™ and Pyramid Fortunes games on the Panthera 1.43 and the VIP Lounge™ Curve, with Barona debuting the VIP Lounge Curve 1.43 cabinet first in the North American market. All themes are reporting strong results across initial installations.

“This year is proving to be exceptional for us with the first days of the Panthera 1.43 on slot floors making a statement,” said Rick Meitzler, President and CEO of North America

for Novomatic Americas. “The games have been a hit so far with customers who enjoy playing our new cabinet with our most popular models available. The Panthera 1.43 provides exceptional player entertainment while maintaining a sleek footprint. Whether in a six-pack or tripod configuration, the Panthera 1.43 delivers on the Novomatic promise of winning technology. Add to that the addition of our sports betting and system placements and this year is starting strong with great strategic importance.”

The MacGyver™ slot experience also recently made its U.S. debut at the Golden Acorn Casino and Travel Center on the VIP Lounge™ with installs at Pechanga Resort Casino, San Manuel, Potawatomi Hotel Casino, Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mohegan Sun Casino, and Thunder Valley Resort Casino to follow throughout March and April.

In addition to the Panthera 1.43 product lines and premium licensed games, the first ever Novo Unity II™ electronic table games went live at the Choctaw Resort and Casino in Durant, OK. The Novomatic Americas momentum continues as plans to expand its footprint with new and exciting games across the Oklahoma market moves forward.

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Three Pokagon Band Artists Contribute to Exhibition at Snite Museum of Art

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians recently announced that three of its tribal citizens have created art selected to be part of an art gallery exhibition at the Snite Museum of Art at The University of Notre Dame. The show, *Revisions: Contemporary Native Art*, takes place in O’Shaughnessy Galleries I, II and III and will run through May 18, 2019.



Citizens David Martin, Christine Rapp-Morseau, and Jason S. Wesaw will have art on display.

Martin’s contribution of regalia bead work is a traditional medium, but with a new interpretation. He first began bead work as a teenager, and continues to explore new ways of creating art through it.

Wesaw’s displayed artwork is a textile piece in which he hand-dyed the fabrics, sewed them together, then ornamented the piece with transfer prints of old Pokagon treaties.



Rapp-Morseau has a black ash basket in the exhibit that was commissioned by the Snite Museum. This basket is the first contemporary object by a Pokagon Band artist to join Snite Museum’s collection.

This is her second basket that will be kept in a permanent museum collection; her first is at Epcot at Disney World.



Rapp-Morseau says she’s proud to show that Pokagon people are still making baskets today.

“The Pokagon tradition of black ash baskets is of course incredibly rich, involving many, many talented individuals and families,”

said Frances Jacobus-Parker, visiting curator for the Snite Museum. “I’m very glad that the museum will now be able to represent one example of that local tradition, and that we can do so through Christine’s own particular approach to basket making.”

Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian Celebrates Cherokee Tribes

The National Museum of the American Indian celebrates Cherokee history during the sixth annual Cherokee Days festival April 12-14, featuring the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes – Cherokee Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The free three days of festivities include the installation of the original Treaty of New Echota (1835) with the Cherokee Nation, two banner exhibitions, “The Cherokee Culture” and “A Story of Cherokee Removal,” and a festival full of cultural demonstrations and performances.

The three-day festival showcases the shared history and cultural lifeways of the three Cherokee tribes through various cultural demonstrations such as storytelling, traditional flute music, weaponry, woodcarving, beadwork, traditional games, basket weaving, pottery demonstrations and dance performances. Hands-on activities in the *imagineNations* Activity Center will include making silhouette drawings and miniature gourd necklaces.

Two banner exhibitions will also be on display, courtesy of Cherokee Nation. The first, “Cherokee Culture,” examines the unique culture of the Cherokee people by exploring traditional cooking, traditional sports, language and the arts. This exhibition will be on view during the weekend in the museum’s Potomac Atrium. The second exhibition, “A Story of Cherokee Removal,” shares the story of removal on the infamous Trail of Tears from the Cherokee perspective and addresses the devastating costs of greed and oppression. It also shows how the tribe persevered, adapted and learned to thrive. Featured within the exhibition are historical quotations from witnesses of the Cherokee Trail of Tears, historical timelines and a Trail of Tears route map. This exhibition will be on view in the museum’s fourth floor April 12 - Oct. 30.

Treaties – solemn agreements between sovereign nations – lie at the heart of the relationship between Indian Nations and the United States. Sometimes coerced, invariably broken, treaties still define mutual obligations between the United States and Indian Nations. The National Museum of the American Indian will display the Treaty of New Echota (1835) from April 12 through fall 2019. After the Indian Removal Act was passed in 1830, a small group of Cherokee citizens began to believe that they had no choice but to give up their Nation’s land and move west. Although they had no legal right to represent the Cherokee Nation, they signed the Treaty of New Echota with the U.S. government in December 1835, ceding all Cherokee lands in the east in exchange for lands west of the Mississippi River and compensation. On loan from the National Archives, the treaty will be on view in the exhibition “Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations.” ♣