

Pechanga Resort & Casino Appoints Bill Anderson as New Vice President of Player Development



Bill Anderson

Pechanga Resort & Casino is pleased to announce Bill Anderson as its new Vice President of Player Development. Coming on board at the state's largest resort casino in July 2011 as its Director of Player Development, he quickly took the lead of the 34-person Player Development Department. Within less than a year, his staff was meeting and exceeding goals not previously seen within the department. Before his tenure at Pechanga Resort & Casino, Anderson held high-level management positions at resort casinos in Colorado, Northern California, Reno and Lake Tahoe.

Anderson has already jumped feet first into his new role with increased responsibility. He looks forward to meeting even more guests, and he and his staff anticipating and exceeding guests' expectations each and every time they visit Pechanga Resort & Casino.

Tim Burke Named Vice President of Gaming Operations at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, FL



Tim Burke

Tim Burke has been named Vice President of Gaming Operations at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, FL. He is responsible for overseeing the resort's slots, table games and poker departments. His appointment was announced by Michael Volkert, President of Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

"Tim's successful track record and innovative ideas will add tremendous value to the long-term vision of Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood," said Volkert.

Burke possesses 33 years of experience in the gaming industry. He joins Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood from the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, NJ, where he served as Vice President of Slot Operations for seven years. During his tenure, Burke established a highly profitable slot department and oversaw more than 150 employees in a highly competitive environment. For 11 years, Burke was Vice President of Slot Operations for Trump Properties (Trump Plaza, Trump Taj Mahal, Trump Marina) in Atlantic City where he operated the casino floors at all three Trump properties, and launched the opening of Trump World's Fair Casino in 1996. He began his career with

Resorts International Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City working his way up from Slots Service Associate to Chief Slot Technician. During this time he opened Lilly Belle Casino in Blackhawk, CO and orchestrated many floor reconfigurations for Paradise Island Casino in The Bahamas.

Soboba Casino Names Scott Sirois as New General Manager



Scott Sirois

Scott Sirois brings years of experience in the gaming industry to his new role as General Manager at Soboba Casino.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected for the position," Sirois said. "I strongly believe our team will make a significant contribution to the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians' legacy of success."

Sirois' foray into the industry began in 1975 when he was a busboy at Boomtown Casino and Hotel just outside Reno. He worked his way through high school and college at the University of Nevada, Reno. He spent 25 years at the Reno casino, rising through the ranks to become its club manager.

Sirois moved to Northern California and served as General Manager of Robinson Rancheria Resort and Casino for more than five years. He helped the property through several remodels and expansions of the facility and its gaming operations. When he relocated to Tucson, AZ, Sirois served as Chief Executive Officer for the Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise which operates Desert Diamond Casinos. He provided six years of leadership for three casinos with more than 1,400 employees. He also provided strategic preplanning for a fourth property in Phoenix's west valley.

Sirois is an enrolled member of the Fond du Lac Band of Minnesota Chippewa Indians.

Potawatomi Bingo Casino Names Hassan Abdel-Moneim First Hotel Director



Hassan Abdel-Moneim

Hassan Abdel-Moneim has joined Potawatomi Bingo Casino as its first hotel director, where he will oversee operations at the 18-story, 381-room hotel set to open in the fall of 2014.

Abdel-Moneim has extensive knowledge in the hospitality industry, and is making a return to Native American casino hotels. He previously served as the Vice President of Hotel Operations at the Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, MI, and as the Director of Hotel Operations at the Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, MN. His career in hotel management also includes jobs with Hilton,

Sheraton and the Millennium Hotel in Minneapolis.

"Hassan brings with him an invaluable level of experience that will help us successfully launch our hotel," said Potawatomi Bingo Casino General Manager Mike Goodrich. "He has helped guide operations at some of the most well respected Native American hotel properties in the country, and we expect that he'll bring that same level of respect to our property."

In addition to his hotel experience, Abdel-Moneim most recently worked to attract and develop business in the United Arab Emirates. He has also worked in Africa and Europe, and is conversant in Arabic and German.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort Welcomes Trevor Trachsel as Director of Compliance



Trevor Trachsel

Trevor Trachsel was recently named Director of Compliance at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. This move is a natural one as he's been in service as a Compliance Agent for the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission since August of 2007. Trachsel is a Siletz tribal member and was raised in the Siletz Community.

Trachsel is responsible for conducting internal audits in tandem with department directors, managers, and supervisors to ensure conformity with the Oregon State and Siletz Tribal Gaming Commissions, Tribal Internal Control Standards, and Chinook Winds' company policies.

With more than 11 years of experience in the casino industry, he brings extensive knowledge of gaming regulation and a collaborative work ethic. With this new position, Trevor can apply his understanding for the necessity of gaming regulation to ensure that Chinook Winds remains in compliance while maximizing profits.

"I'm really excited to bring my skill-set and new perspective to this position" said Trachsel when asked about his immediate plans for the future. "Everybody has done an incredible job at making me feel welcome here. It's a true testament to the team concept at Chinook Winds."

"We are excited to have Trevor on board with us. Given his background at the Commission he will truly be an asset to our casino team," commented Mike Fisher, General Manager of the Casino properties.

James Mittelbrun Named Potawatomi Bingo Casino's Director of Materials Management

James Mittelbrun has joined Potawatomi Bingo Casino as its Director of Materials Management. He will oversee the casino's purchasing department, managing thousands of relationships the casino has with vendors locally, regionally

and nationally. He will also direct the casino's warehouse and wardrobe operations.

Mittelbrun has extensive experience in purchasing management for casinos and hospitality organizations across the country. In recent years he served in the purchasing departments at the Hollywood Casino in Toledo, OH; the Grand Falls Casino Resort in Larchwood, IA; and the Ameristar Casinos in Council Bluffs, IA, and Kansas City, MO. He has also worked in the hotel industry, as director of purchasing with the Four Seasons property in Santa Barbara, CA.

"Jim's knowledge in purchasing management and inventory control will pay huge dividends as we expand further with the opening of our hotel at Potawatomi Bingo Casino," said Casino Chief Financial Officer Rodney Ferguson. "An organization of our size needs someone with Jim's decades-long background in materials management."



James Mittelbrun

Circling Raven Golf Club's Tom Davidson Named PGA Merchandiser of the Year



Tom Davidson

PGA of America's Pacific Northwest Section named Circling Raven Golf Club Director of Golf Tom Davidson the 2013 PGA "Merchandiser of the Year" for resort facilities.

Circling Raven, tribally owned and operated amenity of the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort in the Idaho panhandle, has now received "Merchandiser of the Year" distinction four times in the last six years. In 2010, Davidson became the first professional from the Pacific Northwest Section to earn National PGA "Merchandiser of the Year" for resort facilities.

"This award is a tribute to everyone at the golf course, the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe," says Davidson. "Circling Raven is a superb golf course, and the people who care for it and our overall operation are extremely talented and motivated to exceed guests' expectations."

Acknowledged for his creative displays, unique offerings and involvement in day-to-day merchandising operations, Davidson was one of 15 award winners out of 1,100 PGA Professionals in Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Alaska to be recognized by his peers.

"Tom is a perfect example of our 'welcome home' approach to customer service," says Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Chief Executive Officer Dave Matheson. "His leadership, business acumen, attention to detail and deft touch managing

staff all contribute to the success and continuing recognition of Circling Raven.”

Davidson is a native of Logan, UT and has been a member of the PGA for 22 years. He and Circling Raven will be recognized at the Pacific Northwest Section Special Awards Ceremony, March 16, 2014 in Vancouver, WA.

MGT Continues Growth With Addition of Scott Winzeler as Chief Operation Officer



Scott Winzeler

Micro Gaming Technologies (MGT) is proud to announce and welcome Scott Winzeler as the company’s new Chief Operating Officer. Scott has over 20 years of international and domestic gaming experience in both Class II and Class III markets.

During his career at IGT, NCR, and VGT, Winzeler has held a variety of responsibilities, including engineering, product marketing, sales and distribution, executive management, and product development, where he has worked closely with gaming industry peripheral suppliers and operators, led expansion and growth into new markets, and transformed organizations with strategic direction and delivery.

“MGT has established itself as the clear leader in promotional software that helps casinos market more effectively, increase profitability, and deliver a better customer experience. I am excited to be part of a company that is so personally committed to its customers and to dynamic growth,” says Scott Winzeler.

Company founder and CEO Mark Bryant says, “Scott’s broad talents, experience, and passion for growth make him the ideal addition to the MGT Team as we increase our offerings to existing customers and build new customer relationships both domestically and internationally.” Bryant added, “As we take the next step forward by adding our real-time promotional software and self-serve redemption functionality directly to video slots, as well as kiosks, I am confident Scott’s leadership will truly help take MGT to the next level.”

Gaming Executive Seamus McGill Makes the Move to Mobile - Signs On as New President of Joingo

Mobile engagement company Joingo recently announced the addition of Seamus McGill to their leadership team. McGill has been appointed as Joingo’s President, tasked to head the sales, marketing, and overall growth efforts of the mobile software company.

McGill comes to Joingo from Aristocrat Technologies, the second largest manufacturer of slot machines and gaming solutions in the world. There, he served a five-year term as



Seamus McGill

Chief Operating Officer of Aristocrat Americas. Prior to his success at Aristocrat, he held the positions of CEO at Cyberview Technology, Executive Vice President of Sales & Marketing at WMS Gaming Inc., and Executive Vice President at Mikohn Gaming Corporation.

The addition of McGill to Joingo’s executive team is a strong indicator of the momentum the company has built in the gaming sector. McGill has deep insight into the importance of mobile technology for casino gaming, and his experience and abilities will help Joingo capitalize on the robust growth the company is experiencing.

“We recognize Seamus’s outstanding track record of taking companies from the start-up phase to a strong growth phase,” said Joingo’s CEO Steve Boyle. “In turn, his coming onboard is acknowledgment of the significant potential and value that mobile holds for the future of gaming.”

“I’m delighted to transition to this market segment, and to do so with Joingo, the company that is best positioned to revolutionize the way casinos interact with their players and guests,” said McGill. “I have no doubt that Joingo has developed the right technology and relationships to succeed, and I’m excited to be a part of that.”

AGEM Announces Appointment of Connie Jones as AGEM Director of Responsible Gaming



Connie Jones

The Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers (AGEM) recently announced the appointment of Connie Jones as AGEM Director of Responsible Gaming.

A 20-year veteran of the gaming industry, Jones previously served as Director of Responsible Gaming for International Game Technology (IGT) and has been dedicated exclusively to responsible gaming for the past 14 years. In her new role with AGEM, she will create the AGEM Responsible Gaming Policy and Plan, provide the global AGEM membership with quarterly reports on responsible gaming technologies and their business implications and represent AGEM with a variety of organizations and at industry events, conferences and trade shows.

“Appointing Connie to the position of AGEM Director of Responsible Gaming is a natural extension of our organization’s efforts and a reflection of the growing influence of AGEM,” said Thomas Jingoli, President of AGEM.

“She is widely considered the pre-eminent expert from the supplier side on problem gambling issues and will continue to be at the forefront of an issue our industry is committed to addressing in a smart and thoughtful way.”

Tribal Chairman Darrel Mike Honored With Community Partner Award



Darrel Mike

Darrel Mike, Tribal Chairman for the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians in Coachella, CA, was recently honored with the esteemed “Community Partner Award” at the 2013 Annual Business & Awards Gala hosted by the Coachella Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Mike, a champion of community service, partnership, and collaborative thinking for the greater good says he is honored to be recognized. “This is a tremendous accolade and I am honored to stand with my fellow city leaders in promoting exciting opportunities for growth in this fine community.”

The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians owns and operates Spotlight 29 Casino, which is one of the area’s leading employers and entertainment destinations. In early 2014, the tribe is set to open a second property called Tortoise Rock Casino in the nearby city of 29 Palms, CA.

The Coachella Chamber’s Annual Business & Awards Gala celebrates the work and achievements of local businesses and individuals to further the goals of the family-oriented desert city, which is considered one of the fastest growing cities in Southern California.

Acres 4.0 Appoints Industry Veteran Todd Fishon to Development Team

Acres 4.0, a player-centric casino solutions provider based in Las Vegas, recently announced the appointment of casino industry operations veteran Todd Fishon to its product development team. Fishon joins the company as a Lead Product Designer for the Kai™ suite of management solutions, where he’ll focus primarily on expanding Kai’s radio free offerings to beverage service and other resort areas beyond the casino floor.

“Todd’s 27-year history in the casino operations business is a huge asset to our product development team,” said Acres 4.0 Chief Operating Officer Roy Corby. “Our Founder John Acres has made it a point to hand select forward-thinking casino operators to build the company, brand and product solutions his 40-year legacy of innovation demands. Having most recently been the Vice President of Casino Operations for the historic luxury resort the Greenbrier in West Virginia, Todd is an expert at VIP casino service and what it takes to



Todd Fishon

ensure each and every guest has a positive, memorable experience they want to repeat.”

Fishon began his career in 1987 running table games at the Showboat Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. In 1992 he started a 15-year career at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut, where he helped open the property as a casino shift manager.

Later, he joined Sol Casinos in Tucson, AZ, as Director of Slot Operations. Prior to joining Acres 4.0, Fishon served as the Vice President of Casino Operations for The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia, a historic luxury resort that commenced gaming operations in 2009.

“While joining the vendor side of the casino business is a new venture for me, I’m thrilled to have my first undertaking as a part of the Acres 4.0 family,” said Fishon. “Working with John Acres and his talented team to positively effect change in this industry is really a dream come true. After nearly 30 years in gaming operations, I know the kind of solutions needed to improve the customer experience and I’m excited to have the chance to help build the tools that will make that possible.”

Remington Park’s Kent Slabotsky Named Vice President at Lone Star Park

Officials with Global Gaming Solutions recently announced Kent Slabotsky, Remington Park Director of Food, Beverage and Procurement, has been named Vice President of Operations of Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, TX. Slabotsky will continue to oversee food and beverage operations at Remington Park in Oklahoma City.



Kent Slabotsky

“Kent has played a key role at Remington Park and will be a welcome addition to the executive team at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie,” said John Elliott, Global Gaming Solutions CEO. “His management style and work ethic fit perfectly with our goals for the property.”

Slabotsky has been employed with Global Gaming Solutions since its purchase of Remington Park in January 2010. He has more than 35 years of experience in the hospitality, gaming and entertainment industry. Previously, Slabotsky served as Executive Sous-Chef for Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino in New Jersey and Turnberry Isle in Florida, Executive Chef for Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut as well as Director of Culinary Operations for the World Wrestling Federation in New York City. ♣