

Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino Renovates Hotel Towers to Provide All-New Guest Experience

Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino is beginning an over \$8 million renovation project this month to refurbish and renew the hotel and casino's Chukchansi and Picayune Towers in Coarsegold, CA.

Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino opened its doors in June 2003 with Chukchansi Tower opening in August of 2003, followed by the Picayune Tower in 2008. The two towers feature 400 large guest rooms, an indoor/outdoor pool, Serenity Springs Spa and the award-winning Nativo's Italian Restaurant.

The renovation will be conducted in phases – guaranteeing little to no impact on the property's 130,000 monthly guests. Upon completion, the towers' 400 guest rooms will be non-smoking and completely renovated from ceiling to floor with new furniture, bathrooms, flooring and luxury design.

"The goal of this renovation project is to not only give our hotel towers a fresh feel, but to provide our guests with a totally new experience," said Tom Allen, Director of Hospitality for Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino. "Once complete, we will have revamped every guest room, corridor and elevator lobby – complete with new carpet, wallpaper, paint, drapes, furnishings, TVs, feature walls and refinished bathrooms."

The entire project is anticipated to be complete by mid-August of 2019 with improvements made floor by floor, impacting only 30% of the hotel's available rooms at any given time. Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino has partnered with Las Vegas Hospitality Supply (LVHS) for the design and construction, including installation of the two towers' new furniture and amenities.

Through its Chukchansi Cares program, Chukchansi Gold



Resort & Casino is donating the used furniture from the hotel renovation to the non-profit group Wings Advocacy Fresno.

"Wings Advocacy Fresno volunteers work daily to restore hope and dignity to those who find themselves homeless and in need," said Anna Hecker, Board President for Wings Advocacy Fresno. "We can't thank Chukchansi enough for its generous donation."

"Every component of this renovation project has been and will continue to be focused on quality, luxury and hospitality," said B.J. Martin, General Manager of Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino. "Whether our guests are visiting for the day, the evening or longer, we invite everyone to come join the fun and experience a memorable getaway at our world-class destination."

Isleta Resort & Casino Adds New Food Court Options



Isleta Resort & Casino recently announced that Fat Burger is coming to the property as part of a major enhancement of the Resort's food and beverage options. Isleta Resort & Casino will be the new home to New Mexico's only Fatburger franchise location. The venue is expected to open this summer. In addition, Isleta Resort & Casino will be the only

New Mexico casino with a Panda Express located inside. The venue is also expected to open this summer.

Aside from the new venues, the Food Court will have the eateries Isleta guests already know and love, including Chili Ristra, serving Classic New Mexican cuisine, and Chill Coffee & Ice Cream Shop. The resort still offers TIWA Restaurant and Lounge, and Embers Steakhouse, one of Albuquerque's best restaurants.

In addition, the resort is hiring for more than 150 positions. "At Isleta Resort & Casino, we pride ourselves on being one of the premiere employment destinations in New Mexico," said Isleta Resort & Casino CEO Harold Baugus. "We look forward to expanding our team with these exciting developments."

The resort's new food court is another exciting element of its \$40 million renovation, which was launched in 2017. Since then, the resort has completed a new bingo venue, new entertainment showroom, new poker room, new non-smoking room, new grand entrance, and Triple Sevens sports and dance bar.

Circling Raven Golf Club Announces Significant Course Enhancements

Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel 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. The scope of work may include: renovating existing sand bunkers; removing no longer relevant ones; adding strategically placed new sand bunkers; leveling existing tees and possibly creating some new ones to change the experience, challenge, and or shot values and aesthetics; re-grassing greens with a new Bent Grass variety that minimizes Poa Annua grass and its ability to creep into existing turf; expanding the practice facility experience with additional game-honing opportunities; exploring the addition of new golf holes adjacent to the practice area; and identifying an area for destination golf accommodations.

"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."

Casino Del Sol and Casino of the Sun Unveil New Convention Center and Expanded Convention Space



Casino Del Sol recently completed a 9,600 sq. ft. expansion to its existing Conference Center, and its sister property, Casino of the Sun, just opened a brand-new event center, the Sunset Room.

The all-new 11,000 sq. ft. Sunset Room is located adjacent to Casino of the Sun and can host up to approximately 750 guests. The Sunset Room is ideal for all types of social or business functions, including wedding receptions, corporate meetings, quinceañeras, graduation parties, and more. Guests

booking at the Sunset Room will have the option to utilize Casino Del Sol's award-winning catering service or hire their own outside caterer. The Sunset Room will also host live entertainment.

Already one of the largest in Southern Arizona, the Conference Center at Casino Del Sol boasts an additional 9,600 sq. ft. with the extensive expansion now complete. A second ballroom and additional breakout rooms were added to complement the existing convention space. The design allows for flexibility for a variety of events with several different room configurations. The impressive facility can now accommodate more than 3,000 guests for corporate events, exhibits, weddings, and live entertainment such as boxing and comedy shows. The Conference Center at Casino Del Sol will continue to offer an extensive customizable catering menu.

"We expanded our conference and event center offerings to meet the needs of our guests and our community," said Kimberly Van Amburg, CEO of Casino Del Sol. "Our new and expanded event spaces will allow us to host even more events and accommodate almost any type or size of gathering or corporate function."

The new Sunset Room at Casino of the Sun and expanded

Conference Center at Casino Del Sol adds to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's already impressive meeting space offerings. Now with two ballrooms and plenty of pre-function space, Casino Del Sol boasts almost 110,000 sq. ft. of flexible indoor/outdoor meeting space. This includes unique settings such as the Conference Center terrace, picturesque pool deck and gazebo, and event lawn. With state-of-the-art audiovisual and staging capabilities, first-class service, and attention to detail, Casino Del Sol is well-equipped to accommodate a wide range of events.

Both event space projects at Casino Del Sol and Casino of the Sun are part of a larger hospitality project that also includes a new 90-space RV park, scheduled to open in late June and a new 151-room hotel, scheduled to open this November. The general contractor for these projects is McCarthy Building Companies; the architect is Cunningham Group.



“We are honored and proud of our continued relationship with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Casino Del Sol,” said McCarthy Vice President Operations Kurt Nyberg. “We are grateful for the ongoing relationship and are excited to be involved in these projects.”

Harrah's Northern California Celebrates Grand Opening Weekend



A spectacular drone light show recently lit up the night sky in Amador County, CA as Harrah's Northern California celebrated the official grand opening of Northern California's only Caesars Rewards-affiliated casino.

Drawing guests from across the region, the highly-anticipated entertainment destination hosted round-the-clock promotional giveaways for players and invited guests, who took advantage of the casino's affiliation with Caesars Rewards by earning Reward Credits that may be redeemed across the network's more than 40 casino-resorts worldwide.

Hundreds of guests gathered outside the casino to see the highlight of the grand opening festivities, a custom-designed Intel drone light show. The performance featured 300 Intel® Shooting Star™ drones, which are designed for entertainment purposes and capable of creating more than four billion color combinations to light up the sky.

The Intel drone light show was accompanied by a dynamic 3D projection mapping of the casino exterior and spectacular pyrotechnics display. Designed exclusively for Harrah's Northern California, the projection mapping and drone light show depicted imagery associated with the sumptuous collection of vineyards and scenic vistas in Amador County ahead of transitioning to reveal card suites and dice commemorating the rich history of Harrah's gaming legacy. An over-the-top pyrotechnics display concluded the spectacular event as the Harrah's Northern California logo danced in the night sky.

“This was as much a celebration of opening as it was a ‘thank you’ to the local community and our guests who have been so supportive of the development,” said Buena Vista Rancheria Chairwoman Rhonda Pope-Flores. “The Buena Vista Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians have a long history of hospitality and this was just the start of many celebrations we plan to bring to the community.”

Since opening its doors at the end of April, Harrah's Northern California has welcomed a steady stream of guests and players eager to be among the first to place bets in the casino and explore the new entertainment destination. The property, which broke ground in March 2018, boasts 950 slot machines, 20 tables games, three fast-casual dining concepts and one casual elegant dining venue, Louie Oliver's Restaurant & Bar which features an array of local fare and fresh, farm-to-fork selections. Harrah's Northern California guests benefit from the many advantages and perks of the casino's agreement with Caesars Entertainment, including earning Caesars Rewards member privileges and preferred access to Caesars' resorts and amenities in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and around the world. ♣